



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2023



As we begin the month of December, let us reflect on this beautiful song that reminds us of Jesus' birth. We prepare our hearts for Jesus during the Advent season as we reflect on God's precious gift to us. During Advent we are often busy preparing for the holiday festivities; however, God is calling us to take the time to slow down and make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus. We can re-center our hearts around Jesus by humbling ourselves through prayer and loving and serving others.

St. Michael 8th grade students visited Notre Dame High School. Our students enjoyed a day filled with fun activities and experiencing life as a Notre Dame Pio. We are proud of our 8th grade students, and we continue to pray for them as they prepare and approach the next journey in their lives.

St. Michael students celebrated Veteran's Day by attending mass, honoring our heroes, learning about veterans, making thank you cards and crafts, and sharing stories about family



members serving in the military. The St. Michael School Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participated in our Veterans Day mass, presented a special prayer book with names of our beloved veterans, and handed out a heartfelt pin to each veteran. The mass was followed by a small reception for the veterans and their families as a token of our appreciation for their service.



This year our St. Michael School 7th grade students participated in a retreat to strengthen and renew their Catholic faith. They discovered Jesus as a friend and how to build relationships with each other. They were able to explore the life of Jesus through scripture stories and how He wants to have a personal relationship with each of them through personal witnesses. The students then examined their own life experiences and created a memory book of their spiritual journey with Jesus.

The halls of St. Michael School are filled with SAINTS! This year we introduced "HOUSE OF SAINTS" to our 4th-8th grade students. Each house is named after a well-known saint and led by one of our outstanding teachers. Through the House of Saints system, we are excited to foster a community of dedication, team work, and accountability. Our students can earn points for their house through academic and behavioral achievements and house events. Throughout the year, the Houses will have friendly competitions that involve teamwork, academics, athletics, and wits. This adventure not only builds a positive atmosphere, but also encourages cross-grade



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 1ST GRADE PLAY "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING"

interactions for our 4th-8th grade students. The goal is for everyone to work together as a team throughout the year and on house events to build relationships and create lasting memories. GO SAINTS!

The St. Michael School Student Council is helping to make a difference in the Crowley community. They led a heartwarming food drive throughout the school for Ms. Helen's Kitchen, just in time for the Thanksgiving Holidays. This is a beautiful testament to the power of unity and generosity that our St. Michael families live by. Thank you for helping us spread joy and love this Thanksgiving.



Our St. Michael School 1st grade students brought the spirit of Thanksgiving to life in their incredible Thanksgiving Play. The students expressed gratitude and joy with their singing, dancing, poems, and jokes. We are so proud of our students for an outstanding performance.

The St. Michael School Kindergarten class also celebrated Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving feast. They dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans as they enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast together.

November 13th marked National Kindness Day! St. Michael students each contributed to the Kindness chain with their own link of kindness. St. Michael Students combined their links as a symbol of love and kindness that is shared throughout our school community. With one kindness act at a time, we can make a large impact in the world.



St. Michael School held their annual New Students Open House. We invited potential families to visit our school to experience the wonders of St. Michael School's PK3 and PK4 classrooms. Families visited classrooms, met with our PK3/PK4 teachers, participated in engaging learning activities, and collected information about our amazing school. Each child left with wonderful memories and a special craft from our art department. GO FUTURE SAINTS!

Mark your calendars! In the month of December and upcoming months, we have several exciting events planned. We invite our family and friends of St. Michael School to join us for all of these activities.

- Christmas Play "The Elves Impersonator" – December 14th
- Living Nativity – Wednesday, December 20th
- Christmas/New Year Holiday December 23rd-January 5th.
- St. Michael School will resume school on January 8, 2024
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our families.
- Faith Rally Grandparents Day 2024 – February 1st and 2nd
- Krewe de PK4 Mardi Gras Parade – February 8th
- In House Registration for 2024-25 – February 5th-8th
- New Student Registration for 2024-25 – February 14th

As we seek the Light of Jesus Christ during this Advent Season, let us pray to our Heavenly Father to send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we strive to love and serve others. During this time, it is important that we practice the virtue of generosity by sharing God's love, joy, and peace with others. May your Christmas Season be filled with the LOVE, HOPE and JOY that comes with the birth of Jesus. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we approach the New Year and the 2nd half of the school year. May God bless our community and families throughout the coming year.

**God Bless, Your Servant in Christ,
Terri Hebert, St. Michael School Principal**



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL SAINTS ROBOTICS TEAM

SAINTS ROBOTICS

Robotics team competes Saturday Dec 16th in the Lafayette Regional Qualifier Tournament in Lafayette. If they qualify, they will compete in the State Tournament in New Orleans in January.

Friendly competition is at the heart of FIRST LEGO League Challenge, as teams of students ages 9-16 engage in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering – building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem. For the team's Innovation Project this year, they decided to tackle the problem of museum exhibits not being accessible to people with visual, hearing or mobility issues. They have designed a vest that uses vibration to recreate a song for deaf people, a virtual reality museum for people with mobility issues and Braille and tactile models of paintings and sculptures. The team interviewed museum directors from the US and Europe as they worked on their solutions.

Saints Robotics Team Roster 2023-2024

6th Grade: Zeke Schexneider, Christian Melancon, Liam Granger, and Ayden Broussard. 7th Grade: John Keith Hensgens, Xander Richard, Nick Himel, and Logan Ousley. 8th Grade: Grant Regan, Andre Bergeaux, Gregory Dugas, and Ethan Kreuger.



JOSEPH BALDWIN ACADEMY

for Eminent Young Scholars

The 8th and 7th grade students that were nominated for the Joseph Baldwin Academy for Identifying as a high achiever as indicated by their GPA and high standardized test scores were recognized following Mass. The Joseph Baldwin Academy offers highly talented students a head start on their future university careers by allowing them to live like college freshmen for three weeks. The primary goal of the Joseph Baldwin Academy is for students to gain an increased appreciation for the pleasures of education, intellectual engagement, and the college experience.





ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

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LIVE! LOVE! SERVE! AS JESUS DOES.

Our JOURNEY continues with your support to build a CATHOLIC environment for our students to LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE as JESUS does! St. Michael School is a family made up of students, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff and community that work together as one to help keep the school's mission of faith, scholarship, leadership and service alive. Helping to build the St. Michael Annual Fund enables each student to grow in a Catholic environment and to learn through hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based lessons that will help prepare them for their future. Your gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund helps to make St. Michael School's curriculum stronger and helps to ensure committed and highly-skilled teachers for the students. St. Michael School strives to build each student's love for God, themselves, and others! You can help build St. Michael School through giving to the Annual Fund!

Call 783-1410 or visit our web site at www.stmike.net to give a gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund.



Special EVENTS

Please visit our web site at www.stmike.net for a list of all events.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
Friday, Dec. 8, at 8:45 A.M.

Toy Drive: Toys Due to School
Friday, Dec. 8

Christmas Play "The Elves' Impersonator"
Thursday, Dec. 14
St. Michael School at 6:30 P.M.

Living Nativity & Christmas Dough Raffle
Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 P.M.

Christmas & New Years Holiday
Friday, Dec. 22: 11:30 Dismissal
Monday, Dec. 25- Friday, Jan. 5

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Martin L. King Day
Monday, Jan. 15

Teacher/Parent Conference Day
Tuesday, Jan. 16

Faith Rally Grandparents Day 2024
Thursday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 2

Mardi Gras Holiday
Friday, Feb. 9 - Tuesday, Feb. 13



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