



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024



“JOY to the World!” As we begin the month of December, let us reflect on this beautiful song that reminds us of Jesus’ birth. During the Advent season, we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus and reflect on God’s precious gift to us. 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. “Let Heaven and Nature Sing.”

Having the opportunity to celebrate mass with our students at St. Michael Church is a true blessing. Our students, faculty, and families gathered together for the All Saint’s Day Mass held at St. Michael Church. We are so grateful for this special opportunity to celebrate as a faith community. Following the All Saints Day Mass, we were honored to recognize our accomplished 8th grade student athletes that participated in football, volleyball, and cheer. It was a privilege to honor them as they grew in faith, scholarship, leadership, and service throughout the season.



We are truly a faith-filled school community that is blessed with supportive parents and community. Our Saints Parent Club sponsored a night of excitement, “Saints Saturday Night”. It offered an evening of fun, music, dancing, a few bidding wars, and a true sense of community that raised over \$75,000 to benefit our school, students and faculty. Thank you SPC, we are forever grateful for your love and support.

Every year, our **St. Michael 8th grade students visit 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 Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts participated in our Veterans Day mass, presented a special prayer book with names of our beloved veterans, gifted them with a St. Michael key chain, and prepared a special treat for them following mass. St. Michael School appreciates our Veterans for their dedication and service.

St. Michael School has an outstanding 4-H Club. Congratulations to all our 4-H members that participated and placed at Achievement Day. They placed in the Achievement Day Theme Contest, Duct Tape Contest, and Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Keep up the amazing work!



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 1ST GRADE THANKSGIVING PLAY

Congratulations to the Saints Quiz Bowl team for qualifying for the National Championship in Chicago, IL.

This is the 3rd year in a row that they will be traveling to Chicago for this prestigious competition. Their knowledge is impressive and it covers a wide range of topics: history, geography, philosophy, and more. We are so proud of our Saints Quiz Bowl team!

Mrs. Allison Gary's 2nd grade class brought the bible story, The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), to life for our students in their beautiful prayer service. Just as our Blessed Mother, believed that Jesus would turn water into wine, we too should believe in his mercy and love. This is a wonderful way for our students to live out their faith.

Our 4th-6th grade St. Michael Students collected a generous amount of nonperishable food items for Ms. Helen's Soup Kitchen. Our 8th grade Saints Campus Ministry took these items to Ms. Helen's Kitchen and helped organize and stock their shelves. These students were able to experience firsthand at the vital work that is being done there and learning about the impact it has on those in need. This is a beautiful testament to the power of unity and generosity that our school 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.

St. Michael Saints Student Council got into the Thanksgiving spirit by spending the day reading to our Little Saints, "How to Catch a Turkey." They also had a special visitor from the 1st grade Thanksgiving play, Bert the Turkey. Bert joined the students for a lively Turkey Dance bringing holiday cheer to all of them. Thank you to our Student Council members for making our Little Saints feel so special.

Every year St. Michael School nominates **7th and 8th grade students to The Joseph Baldwin Academy for Eminent Young Scholars.** This year seventeen students were recognized for scoring at the 95th percentile or above and/or exceeding level on their TerraNova standardized tests. These outstanding students were treated to breakfast for their excellent achievement. The academy offers these students a head start on their future university careers by offering educational experiences that challenge the students in ways that go beyond the traditional junior high school curriculum. We are extremely proud of these students and their achievement.

Our 2nd annual Saints Parent Club sponsored "Saints Holiday Market" was a huge success. The St. Michael School gym was transformed into a festive holiday market that offered our community the opportunity to shop with our local vendors. Thank you to all of our vendors and shoppers for a day filled with holiday spirit and great community support.

Our St. Michael Students had an inspiring visit from a former NFL pro football player and coach, **Mr. Mike McCoy, with McCoy Ministries.** He spoke to our students about making positive life choices. His visit brought a message of Faith, Hope, and Encouragement in a world and culture that often says otherwise. We are grateful for his guidance on leading a life of purpose and resilience.





7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS TO THE JOSEPH BALDWIN ACADEMY FOR EMINENT YOUNG SCHOLARS 2024-25

St. Michael School held their annual New Student Open House. We invited potential families to visit our school to experience the wonders of St. Michael School's PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten classrooms. Families visited classrooms, met with our PK3/PK4/K 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. Please visit our web site at www.stmike.net to see our school calendar.

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**

Saints Saturday Night



4H ACHIEVEMENT DAY WINNERS • MILLION WORD READER • SAINTS QUIZ BOWL



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 2025-2026

NEW FAMILY APPLICATIONS

OPEN ON MONDAY, FEB. 3, 2025
ON-LINE AT 7:00AM



ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2025

LET THE JOY OF JESUS IGNITE OUR FAITH!

At St. Michael School, the joy of Jesus is at the heart of everything we do. It inspires our mission to nurture students in a Catholic environment where faith and learning go hand in hand. **Through your support of the Annual Fund, we can continue to provide an exceptional curriculum led by dedicated teachers who ignite faith, inspire excellence, and challenge our students to grow every day.**

Your generosity fuels more than academic success—it fosters spiritual growth, leadership development, and a deep sense of purpose. Together, we are empowering the next generation to live as compassionate, confident individuals with faith-filled hearts and minds.

Let the joy of Jesus guide us as we build a school rooted in Catholic values and a commitment to excellence.

Join us in making a lasting impact today!



Support St. Michael School's Annual Giving Fund! Your gift strengthens Catholic education and directly impacts our students' futures. **Simply scan or click the QR code to donate today**—your generosity ensures a bright future for generations to come!

ANNUAL FUND



Special EVENTS

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

Automatic Current Student Enrollment for 2025-26 & New Student Applications for Current Families
Monday, Dec. 16th

Living Nativity
Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 1:30 PM

School Christmas Mass & Adoration & Confession
Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 8:45 AM

Christmas Parties & 11:30 Dismissal (NO AtB)
Friday, Dec. 20th

Christmas & New Years Holiday
Monday, Dec. 23, - Friday, Jan. 3

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLIDAYS:

Martin L. King Day
Monday, January 20

Teacher/Parent Conference Day
Tuesday, January 21

Celebrating 125 Years Mass with Bishop Deshotel
Thursday, Jan. 16th

Faith Rally & Grandparents Day 2025
Thursday, Jan. 30th & Friday, Jan. 31st



St. Michael Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the organization. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, and other organization-administered programs.