



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2024



**St. Michael School Catholic Schools Week was a success. We celebrated the 2024 Grandparents' Day with the 20th Annual Faith Rally "Let the JOY of JESUS IGNITE Our Faith!" FAITH-FAMILY-FUN!**

**Catholic Schools across the United States come together during Catholic Schools Week to celebrate Catholic Education.** Catholic Schools observe the week with school masses and faith-filled activities for students, families, and community members. Through these events, we focus on the value of Catholic Education in our young people and its contribution to the church, local communities, and the nation.

**St. Michael School celebrated Mass during Catholic Schools Week with the entire student body attending, PK3-8th grade, and after mass we recognized special individuals that contributed so much to making St. Michael great!**

Each year we recognize individuals who are an outstanding believer and supporter of Catholic education. This year's **St. Michael Supporter of the Year is Father Mikel Polson.** Father Mikel has generously given his time, talents and service to our school for the past 12 years. He has been a leader in faith, academics, and growth. With his spiritual guidance, St. Michael School has been able to offer our students a rich catholic education. He has been instrumental in developing and supporting the addition of our PreK3 classes. He is our faculty and staffs' biggest fan and has offered our administration guidance and support as we continue to grow. He is a blessing to our families, church, community, and St. Michael School. Thank you, Father Mikel for your love and support of St. Michael School.



Annually, the faculty selects a teacher to honor as the St. Michael Teacher of the Year. **This year's Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Christine Leleux.** Mrs. Christine promotes our school's mission, keeps current with best practices in education, leads in implementing school wide activities, contributes to the spiritual growth of students, embodies Christian values, and is a role model for not only our students but the school community.





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In the words of her colleagues, “She is exciting and fun in and out of the classroom to help keep the students learning and growing.” She loves St. Michael School and speaks positively about the school and her co-workers. “She is fair, kind, considerate, dedicated and loves her students!” “She is a dedicated educator who goes the extra mile to give her students the best chance for growth.” “I admire her ambition to always grow herself in order to better serve her students.” Others continue to say: “She is a motivated participant in school events and dress days.” “She is always positive and willing to go beyond her duties to share her gifts and talents.” “She is fabulous at thinking of ways to keep her students engaged and learning.” Mrs. Christine has been an integral part of this faculty, always working hard finding ways to help students succeed. She is a dedicated and loving mother of Patrick, Christopher, and Catherine. Our students and St. Michael are blessed to have her as part of our family.

We have many support staff members that play important roles in the daily activities of our school. We appreciate each one of them;



however, we have one special support staff member that goes above and beyond while doing her job. Our **St. Michael Support Staff Member of the Year is Mrs. Aimee Gaspard.** She demonstrates dedication and loyalty to St. Michael, it’s students, families, faculty and staff through her actions and willingness to help others. In the words of her colleagues: “She is often referred to as the heartbeat of our school.” She is always willing to go above and beyond to help in any way she can.” “She wears many hats and steps into any role needed.” Other colleagues go on to say: “She is always willing to provide support even when she is busy with her other tasks.” “I know I can always count on her to have the answer or put in the hard work to find the answer.” “She puts up with all of our craziness!” It is evident that Mrs. Aimee loves her job and St. Michael. She is the wife of Chris Gaspard and they have two amazing children Emily and Lance and a beautiful daughter-in-law Katie. The hat she most enjoys wearing is “Gigi” to her granddaughter Evelyn.

**Our week of celebration ended with a two-day Faith Rally and Grandparents’ Day celebration “Let the JOY of JESUS IGNITE Our Faith!”** The students’ performances were amazing and uplifting, from PK3-8th grade! The students performed songs, dances, and cheers proclaiming their love for Jesus and the joy of celebrating their faith for the grandparents, parents, family, and friends. These two days are the most spiritual uplifting days of the school year because our students proudly entertain their grandparents, family and friends. They celebrate their love for them and for Jesus! After the Faith Rally, grandparents were able to visit their grandchildren in their classrooms. The generosity of our



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grandparents has been a wonderful gift to the school through the years. **This year, our grandparents and other guests lovingly contributed over \$8,000 in an offering from the heart. Thank you for your continued prayers, love and support for our students and St. Michael School.**

**St. Michael students and teachers celebrated the 100th day of school on January 25th.** Students celebrated 100 days of learning by having a special dress day, enjoying treats and fun activities in their classrooms.

**St. Michael's Robotics Team WON 2nd in Robot Performance and 1st in Robot Design LEGO League Robotics State Tournament!**



They competed against multiple Louisiana teams. The competition included robotic design, programming, engineering projects, and teamwork. Congratulations to our Robotics Team. Thank you, Mr. Tim and Mrs. Tammy, for all you do for our students!

**2nd Quarter ended and the Principal's List and Honor Roll** were announced during morning announcements. We have some hard-working students that strive for excellence, and we are so proud of them. As a treat, students that earned the Principal's List were treated to lunch for a job well done! We are proud of all our students and their academic achievements.

**St. Michael Saints 4H students had a great showing at the Acadia Parish & District 4H Jr. Livestock Show.** Our Saints 4H members proudly showcased their stunning livestock and emerged victorious with some well-deserved wins. The dedication and passion our students displayed towards these beautiful animals were truly inspiring. Their hard work and commitment to excellence truly shone through. **Congratulations, SAINTS 4H!**

In-House and new student registration has been opened for the 2024-2025 school year. **With heartfelt appreciation, we thank you for choosing St. Michael School and entrusting your precious children to us.** We are proud of our school and our dedicated faculty and staff. We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve the families of St. Michael and the children entrusted to our care.

God bless St. Michael, God keep St. Michael!  
Your Servant in Christ,  
**Terri Hebert, Principal**



**St. Michael School basketball season has come to end.** All of our student athletes worked hard and competed well. **Congratulations to our St. Michael Saints 6th/5th grade girls' basketball team for winning the Lafayette Catholic School League, Division I!** Great job, girls!

**Thank you to all the basketball coaches for their dedication and the time they gave to their players. WE APPRECIATE YOU! Softball, baseball, tennis, track, and golf season is now underway.** Please come out and support our student athletes. **Good Luck, SAINTS!**





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**FAITH LOVE CHRIST ONE!**

Through FAITH, LOVE, and CHRIST we can continue to build a MAGNIFICENT Catholic environment for St. Michael School students! St. Michael School is a family 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!

## St. Michael School Annual Fund

<b>ARCHANGEL SOCIETY</b>	<b>\$5,000 &amp; ABOVE</b>
<b>ST. MICHAEL BENEFACTOR</b>	<b>\$2,500 - \$4,999</b>
<b>ST. MICHAEL ASSOCIATES</b>	<b>\$1,000 - \$2,499</b>
<b>ST. MICHAEL FOUNDERS</b>	<b>\$500 - \$999</b>
<b>BLUE/GOLD CLUB</b>	<b>\$250 - \$499</b>
<b>SUPPORTER OF ST. MICHAEL</b>	<b>\$100 - \$249</b>
<b>FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL</b>	<b>UP TO \$99</b>

Please Contribute to the St. Michael School Fund today by sending your gift to:  
**St. Michael School Fund • 805 East Northern Ave. • Crowley, LA 70526**  
 or you can give on-line by going to: [www.stmike.net/giving/ways-give.html](http://www.stmike.net/giving/ways-give.html)  
 If you would like to discuss other giving opportunities, such as tuition assistance, memorial gifts, or planned giving to St. Michael School, please call Holly Broussard at 337-783-1410.

# Special EVENTS

Please join St. Michael School as we celebrate these special events:

**Krewe de PreK Mardi Gras Parade**  
 Thursday, Feb. 8, at 2:00 in the gym

**Mardi Gras Holiday**  
 Friday, Feb. 9 - Tuesday, Feb. 13  
 Return to school on Wed., Feb. 14

**Ash Wednesday Mass**  
 Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 8:45 a.m.

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