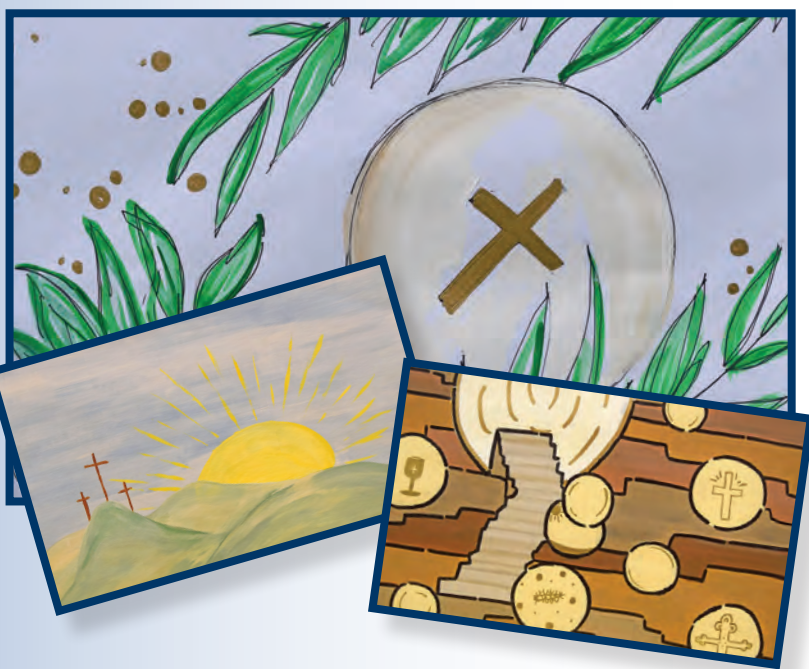




ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MARCH 2023



As we enter into the Lenten Season, we are called to reflect on our relationship with God and His love for us. We are to focus on Jesus' love and sacrifice for us, through prayer, fasting, repentance, and almsgiving. Lent is a time for us to prepare our hearts and grow in our Catholic Faith as Easter approaches. Lent is about the realization that Jesus' sacrifice gives us the grace to live a holy life. **Please take the opportunity during this Lenten Season to grow as a family, to strengthen your love for God, your family, and others.**

Our Ash Wednesday mass marked the beginning of the Lenten Season. Our students, faculty, and family members received ashes to signify that we are sinners and that Jesus is our Savior. It was a beautiful way to begin our Lenten journey.

Throughout the Lenten Season, St. Michael students and faculty pray the Way of the Cross each Friday. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus' journey to the Cross on Calvary. As we pray the Way of the Cross, we are able to unite our suffering with the Cross of Christ and become transformed by His grace.



The Krewe De PreK4 Parade kicked off the Mardi Gras holiday with the children dressing in Mardi Gras attire and riding on elaborate Mardi Gras floats through the gym. St. Michael School students enjoyed listening to the Mardi Gras Mambo while yelling "Throw Me Something!" as the PK4 paraded around the gym and threw traditional Mardi Gras beads. Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler, Saints!



St. Michael School would like to thank the **Crowley Solitic Club for donating "When I Was an Alligator"** to our school library. Thank you for supporting St. Michael School and our students.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL KREWE DE PRE-K MARDI GRAS PARADE



St. Michael School's 2nd grade class explored the city of Crowley for their field trip. Mrs. Elise and Mrs. Alison brought their students to visit St. Michael Church where Father Mikel and Mrs. Eva took the students on a tour of the church, sharing its significant parts and its beautiful history. The students then visited the Grand Opera House of the South where they met Mayor Chad Monceaux. He shared with them the beauty of the historic building and its history. They also visited the Post Office, stopped in at Frosto for ice cream, and walked the historic streets of downtown Crowley. They finished the day at Levy Park to enjoy some pizza and play time.

PK3-4th grade St. Michael Students were visited by Harvey Rabbit and friends. Harvey is a fun and interactive character that inspires students to make good choices. Harvey Rabbit taught the students about good character, positive attitude, to say NO to drugs, and not to be a bully.



We are so proud of our Saints Choir. They were invited to sing at Notre Dame's school mass. They added a beautiful touch to their mass and represented St. Michael well. Mrs. Tina and Mr. Jacob do an amazing job with our students, and we appreciate all that they do. Thank you, Notre Dame, for inviting our choir to take part in your mass and supporting our students.



Our St. Michael School 7th and 8th grade Beta members had the privilege of attending the Louisiana Junior Beta Club Convention at the CajunDome. Several students competed in multiple competitions. **Congratulations to Charlie Hunt for placing in Math and Ella Schmalz for placing in pottery.** Beta members enjoyed a day filled with watching competitions, listening to music, dancing, and meeting new friends.



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Michael School's annual Saints Cake Auction was a great success, raising over \$20,000. This money will be used to improve the athletic program and to support the Saints Robotics and Saints Quiz Bowl teams. Our Saints Robotics team will be competing in Houston in April at the National competition and the Saints Quiz Bowl team will be competing in Chicago at the National competition. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and parties and to the volunteers who gave their time to work the auction. A special thank you to our community for their donations in supporting our students.

We would like to congratulate our St. Michael School 2023 Spelling Bee winners, Henry Hunt (6th-8th grade) and Sam Link (3rd-5th grade).

They will move on to the next level and compete at the Regional Spelling Bee competition sponsored by the Kiwanis Club in Lafayette on March 10. We wish them the best of luck!



St. Michael School 4H is collecting pop tops from cans for the Ronald McDonald House. All proceeds are donated to the Ronald McDonald House. All pop tops are due March 24th. Saints doing their part in helping others.

It is hard to believe that the end of the 3rd quarter is fast approaching; it is only a few weeks away - March 17th. It is important that our students continue to work hard in order to finish the quarter strong. Coming to school on time, studying, completing all assignments, and remaining focused will help them to achieve their goal.

Field Trips! Field Trips! This is our students' favorite time of the year. Our classes are scheduling field trips, so please be on the lookout for any correspondence from your child's teacher about their class field trip.

As we have mentioned before, Lent is a time for prayer. **Every year, St. Michael students pray for each other throughout Lent.** The classes receive a bucket of Lenten Eggs and each egg has a name of one of our St. Michael students, faculty, staff, or community members. We all come together each morning and pray for our St. Michael family. God has given us prayer as a gift to one another.



During Lent, we encourage our students to attend adoration in our school's chapel. Jesus has said "Bring the children to Me." **Student adoration is offered every Friday morning from 7:00-7:50.** This is a beautiful way for our students to form a relationship with our Savior and strengthen their faith.

During the Lenten Season, St. Michael School will continue to strive to bring the Catholic Faith to our students. We believe in educating the whole student by providing them with the tools to grow spiritually and academically. The saying, "It takes a village," rings true here at St. Michael. Our goal is to work closely with our families in order to achieve our mission of promoting faith, scholarship, leadership, and service throughout our school culture. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students.

God Bless, Your Servant in Christ,
Terri Hebert, Principal





rooted IN FAITH united IN LOVE strengthened IN CHRIST we ARE 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

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

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
 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:

4th Quarter Begins
Monday, March 20

Standardized Testing
March 20 - 31

Spring Pictures
Wednesday, March 29

Living Way of the Cross
Wednesday, April 5 at 1:30

Easter Break
April 10-April 14

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