



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2024

IN ALL THINGS Give Thanks

As we begin the month of November, we focus on the traditions that this month brings in our Catholic faith. November is devoted to honoring the Saints and praying for the souls in Purgatory. This reminds us that we are joined in union with the Communion of Saints. During this time, we should reflect on our lives and strive to live as the Saints did. The Saints were ordinary people who lived their lives with devotion to loving God with their whole heart, mind, and soul, and loving their neighbors as themselves.

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is important to give thanks for the graces and blessings that God has bestowed upon us throughout the year. The end of the month also marks the beginning of our Advent season, a time when we prepare for the coming of Christ. Throughout November, the students and faculty will be practicing the virtue of stewardship. Stewardship is giving back to God by using the gifts and talents He has given us to care for the world and those around us.



Ceremony led by our 8th-grade students. Father Anand blessed a beautiful Sacred Heart of Jesus statue, a special gift from our 8th grade students. They then led the student body in song as they

St. Michael School continues to offer our students the opportunity to live out their Catholic faith. We honored St. Margaret Mary, the visionary to whom the Sacred Heart devotion was entrusted, with a special Enthronement

processed through the halls singing, "How Great Is Our God" while delivering paintings of the Sacred Heart to each class. This special occasion celebrates our school's declaration of Jesus as King of our school and the entrusting our hearts to His Most Sacred Heart.

St. Michael School embraces our mission of SERVICE. During the 1st quarter, our 7th and 8th-grade students collected donations for Ms. Helen's Soup Kitchen. As leaders of our school, our Student Council delivered and helped organize the contributions at Ms. Helen's. This was an amazing experience for our students and showed them how to show kindness and compassion to those in need. St. Michael School is proud of our students for living out their mission of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.



Our St. Michael students did an amazing job in the 1st quarter. We are proud of all their successes. We had 120 students make the Principal's List and 127 students who made Honor Roll. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and dedication! Principal's List students were treated to breakfast in the library as a reward for their great achievements. Keep up the hard work!

St. Michael students honored our Blessed Mother and the Rosary by gathering in the gym to pray the Living Rosary. The 5th-grade Bell Choir played the bells as a special treat while celebrating the Blessed Mother. This was a beautiful tribute to Our Lady. "I promise my special protection and the greatest of graces to all those who shall recite The Holy Rosary."





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF SAINTS BLUE & GOLD HALLOWEEN!

The International Rice Festival is a wonderful community event. The 2nd graders had several great hands-on lessons about the rice industry, including planting, growing, and harvesting rice. Our **2nd grade Prince, Sam Higginbotham, and Princess, Lucy Hetzel**, participated in the International Rice Festival Jr. King and Queen pageant. They both did an amazing job representing St. Michael School, and we are proud of them. Our 2nd grade class also participated in the **Rice Festival Children's Parade float competition and won 1st place!** Thank you to our 2nd-grade parent volunteers for your hard work in making these events special for our 2nd grade students.



We are so proud of our **Saints' Quiz Bowl Team**. They have had a great start to their season. They competed in the ESA quiz bowl tournament and took 1st place. Henry Hunt also took 1st place for individual points. We would also like to recognize that Henry Hunt was selected as the NAQT's Player of the Week for his performance at the ESA Middle

School Fall Invitational. For the third year in a row, our Quiz Bowl Team has qualified to compete in the National Championship in Chicago. Congratulations to our Quiz Bowl Team!

Saints fall sports have come to an end, with some big wins. Our 8th grade girls' volleyball team finished the season with a winning record and as runner-ups in the Middle School Christian League. We also congratulate our 7th/8th grade football team for finishing the season as runner-ups in the Christian League Division II. Our student-athletes continue to impress us, with the 6th grade flag football team taking home the Christian League Championship, and our 5th-grade team being League runner-ups. We are proud of all our student-athletes who participated in volleyball, football, flag football, and cheer. **Thank you to all the volunteer coaches who gave their time in developing these athletes' skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and love of the game.** We are now looking forward to watching our basketball and soccer teams! Go SAINTS!

Our Saints Football team played the Rayne Catholic Tigers for our annual "Pink" game. This year, our student body joined in and dressed in pink to show their support for the fight against cancer. That evening, our Saints Football team came away with a victory over Rayne Catholic. All proceeds were donated to Miles Perret Cancer Services to help those fighting cancer. **SAINTS SERVING OTHERS!**



Our St. Michael School 4-H Club celebrated 4-H week by decorating the school with festive decorations and organizing fun activities, such as a special 4-H themed dress day and an interactive game for the student body. Thank you to our 4-H members for bringing the spirit of 4-H to our campus.

Our students enjoyed an evening at the **SPC Trunk or Treat** event. Thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who participated in the Trunk or Treat festivities and gave the students a real treat. We also paired the night with our **Book Fair Family Night**, where families could bring their children to trick-or-treat and then visit the Book Fair. In addition, our amazing faculty and staff dressed in "Saints" athletic gear for Halloween. Continuing with the Halloween fun, St. Michael's Student Council sponsored a pumpkin decorating contest. There were some amazing entries! Congratulations to all our winners! We look forward to making more memories with our students.

St. Michael School PK4 students dressed as adorable scarecrows and visited the residents of Southwind Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. They visited, sang precious songs, trick-or-treated, and shared a special treat with the residents as they spread the Halloween spirit.



St. Michael is dedicated to teaching our students how to be kind, compassionate, and loving toward one another. We are also focused on teaching each child how to succeed academically by instilling responsibility, hard work, and dedication. With Thanksgiving and Advent approaching, our challenge to our families, students, and faculty is to acknowledge the blessings God has given us and to give Him praise and thanksgiving.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students and faculty. Let's practice the virtue of stewardship as we continue to strive to be kind and compassionate. Let us also recognize the good in others as we show gratitude for God's blessings. May God continue to bless our community and families throughout the year.

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



2ND GRADE AT THIBODEAUX FARMS LEARNING ALL ABOUT THE RICE INDUSTRY

SAINTS

4H OFFICERS



Meet the 4-H leaders at St. Michael School! Leading the Saints 4H club to new heights are: President: Katherine Richard, Vice President: Camille Doré, Secretary: Parker Dugas, Treasurer: Avery Gary, Reporter: Olivia Thompson, and Community Project Reporter: Ryen Ardoin. 4-H is more than a club; it's a journey that equips young leaders with skills to thrive throughout life.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT



SATURDAY
16
NOVEMBER
10:00AM-5:00PM
\$5 ADMISSION
ADULTS 18 & OVER
CHILDREN ARE FREE

SAINTS
Holiday Market
ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL GYM
805 E. NORTHERN AVENUE
EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

COME & SHOP WITH OUR VENDORS

MODISH STITCHES BY EL	FOREVER LINX'D TOGETHER BY SELINA
TOUPELO CRAFTS	CAKE BAR
MONOGRAMMING & MORE	ENGRAINED
LOUISIANA GIFT AND BATH CO.	MERCH BY MAGGIE
THE MEN'S SHOP ON 3RD	PLANNED 2 PERFECTION
SARAH LOUISE BOUTIQUE	POISE AND PERSONALITY
4 TWENTY 4 MENSWEAR	PUDDLES & LACE
VOGUE LA VIE	SHUT THE FRONT DOOR DECOR
ROXIE ANN'S	SALTY GRACE HOME
GERARD ZAUNBRECHER WOODWORKS	WREATHS, ETC BY RENEE
	COLLECTIVE CLAY CO
	CAJUN JACK PEPPER JELLY

Open House

PRE-K3, PRE-K4, & K
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20, 2024
5:30-6:30 PM



ST. MICHAEL ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2025

We would like to thank our wonderful donors for their support of the St. Michael Annual Fund. Through your support, St. Michael School is able to give each child the opportunity to receive an excellent Catholic education taught by a highly-qualified faculty and staff. The 2023-24 Annual Report was mailed to you and enclosed is an Annual Fund envelope for the 2025 appeal. Please take the time to open your hearts to help continue making St. Michael School a leader in Catholic education. *God Bless you and your family!*



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



Special EVENTS

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

SPC Saints Holiday Market in the Gym
Saturday, November 16th, 10AM-5PM

1st Grade Thanksgiving Play
Thursday, November 14th, 2:00PM

New Student Open House PreK3, PreK4 & K
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5:30-6:30

Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday, November 21st, 8:45AM

Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, Nov. 25, - Friday, Nov. 29

Christmas Play
Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 6:30 PM
St. Michael School Gym

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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

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

Martin L. King Day
Monday, January 20

Teacher/Parent Conference Day
Tuesday, January 21



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.