



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2024



*"I promise my
special protection and
the greatest of graces
to all those who shall recite
The Holy Rosary."*

Fall is in the air! Fall brings a crisp new feeling of wonder and hope. The air starts to get cooler and the leaves start to change; this is **a time for reflection and anticipation of what's to come.**

In the month of October, we celebrate the Blessed Mother and Most Holy Rosary. This devotion was instituted to honor the Blessed Mother in gratitude for her protection through praying the Holy Rosary. Last year, St. Michael School was consecrated to the Blessed Mother. This year, we will consecrate ourselves to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is in line with this year's school theme: St. Michael School Celebrating 125 years of...Trusting Our Hearts to Jesus. Father Mark will visit St. Michael School on October 16th for the enthronement of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus for our students, faculty, staff and school. We will give our hearts to Jesus in order to better serve and love others. The purpose of the enthronement is to help us to live a life centered on Jesus Christ in our home, at school, at work, and in recreation. "Jesus, I Trust in You."



We celebrated Our Blessed Mother Mary's birthday on Friday, September 6th. Our students started the morning off by visiting St. Anne's chapel during morning assembly and singing her Happy Birthday. Parents of Prayer then treated the students to cookies after lunch. It was a day filled with JOY and thanksgiving to Our Lady!

We are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter, and we are so proud of the progress our students have made academically and behaviorally. Our faculty and staff have been working hard to help each student succeed spiritually, academically, and socially. **The end of the first quarter is October 11th, and report cards will be mailed home October 16th.** Please take the time to go over your child's report card with them and celebrate their successes. PK3 through 1st grade do not receive letter grades; their progress is monitored from a skilled-based assessment. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, please contact their teacher.

It has been a tradition at St. Michael School for our **8th grade students to participate in the First Friday Devotion of Reparation to the The Sacred Heart of Our Lord.** Father Bala celebrated a beautiful mass with our 8th grade students as they worked on their devotion. Thank you, Father Bala, for giving your time to our 8th grade students and helping them grow in their faith.

Having students bring the word of God to others is a blessing that St. Michael School is able to offer our students. Our students do this through prayer services. In the month of September, both 3rd grade classes were able to share their message with others. The first prayer service brought the **Bible story of "Jesus Loves the Children"** (Mark 10:13-16) to life for our PK3-3rd grade students. The second prayer service reminded us that God calls all of us to be fishers of men in the gospel story of **"Follow Me, and I Will Make you Fishers of Men."** (Matthew 4:19). Prayer services offer our students the opportunity to walk in Jesus' shoes and understand His love for us. Thank you, Mrs. Lauren and Mrs. Lizzie, for preparing our students for this act of service.





2024-2025 BETA INDUCTION & CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION



St. Michael PK4-4th grade celebrated Constitution Day on September 20th. Our students learned about the Constitution of the United States during the week and brought it to life in their performances. Family and friends filled the gym to watch each class perform a patriotic song to commemorate Constitution Day.



In the month of October, the Crowley community celebrates the Rice Festival. It has been a tradition for two of our 2nd grade students to be selected as prince and princess. These students are

selected to represent St. Michael School at the Rice Festival Jr. King and Queen pageant. Congratulations to our runner ups, William Harmon and Evelyn Desormeaux. Our 2024 Rice Festival 2nd grade prince is **Sam Higginbotham** and our princess is **Lucy Hetzel**. Congratulations to both of them, and we know they will do a wonderful job representing St. Michael.

On September 27th, St. Michael School celebrated the Feast of the Archangels with a special mass and picnic. St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint and defender of our school. Our celebrant, Father Mark assisted by Father Bala and Father Anand, led us in a beautiful Mass. Our choir did an amazing job adding their beautiful singing to our liturgy. Father Mark also blessed scapulars and presented them to our 8th grade class. Following Mass, family and friends gathered together with their children to enjoy a beautiful day of picnicking and fun on our school grounds. The students had a wonderful day celebrating St. Michael as their patron saint.

Our Catholic Faith is the root of our St. Michael School community. We have opened up so many opportunities for our students and families to grow their faith and get closer to God. **St. Anne's chapel is open to our students daily during morning arrival.** Our students flock into the chapel to participate in adoration, prayer, song, and worship of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We have also continued our tradition of sending home Our Lady of Fatima statue for families or classes to pray for our school community. We also send home the Vocations Cross for families or classes to pray for an increase in vocations. These are just a few ways that our school community comes together to pray and serve others.



Our **Student Council** understands how important it is to serve others. They sponsored a special dress day to **support Father Bala's chapel building project in India.** Our school community raised almost \$1,400 to go to this wonderful cause. We often take for granted that we live in a community that has churches and chapels that we can go to worship Our Lord. This was a beautiful way we can be a part of giving others the same opportunity.



The **St. Michael Saints 4-H club** hosted a special dress day at the end of last year to benefit Foster the Love. It is an organization that supports foster children and their caregivers. Our 4-H members packed up the care bags, and they will be delivered to Foster the Love. Another beautiful way our students are giving to those in need. **Saints serving others!**

Enrichment is an important part of our students' school day. This year our students are offered **Art, STEM, Spanish, PE, Library and Music.** Our enrichment teachers go above and beyond in order to tap into our students' creativity, love of reading, and physical abilities. St. Michael School prides itself in educating the whole child – spiritually, academically, socially, and behaviorally.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of St. Michael School. May God continue to bless our families and community as we go through the year. God is Good!

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

"Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you."

Psalm 84:12



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL MASS & CELEBRATIONS

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

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The students had a fantastic time celebrating St. Michael!

ONCE A SAINT. ALWAYS A SAINT.



JR. BETA OFFICERS

St. Michael Jr. Beta members elected their 2024-2025 officers. Congratulations to the following Jr. Beta officers: President: Emma Guillot, Vice President: Evelyn Hensgens, Secretary: Adelyn Stelly, Treasurer: Ethan Williams, Chaplain: Isabel Link, Historian: Amelia Guchereau, Service Project Chair: Xander Richard. The St. Michael Jr. Beta Club participates in leadership conferences, community service, and academic competitions. We are proud of these newly elected officers and all members of the Jr. Beta Club.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL SAINTS CHEER & FOOTBALL! GO BIG BLUE!

ANNUAL FUND

2024 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL
\$82,237.00
THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our wonderful donors from the 2024 Annual Fund for their amazing support. Through your support, St. Michael School is able to give each student the opportunity to receive an excellent Catholic education taught by a highly-qualified faculty & staff.
God Bless you and your family!



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Special EVENTS

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

End of 1st Quarter: Friday, October 11th

Rice Festival Fall Break
 Thursday, October 17th, Early Dismissal at 11:30
 Friday, October 18th, No School

SPC Trunk-Or-Treat! & Book Fair Family Night
 Wednesday, October 30th

Library Book Fair
 October 28th - November 1st

All Saints Day School Mass
 Friday, Nov. 1st, 8:45AM in the gym

Saints Parent Club Dance & Auction
 Saturday, Nov. 2nd

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

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

Christmas Holiday
 Mon., Dec. 23th - Fri., Jan. 3rd



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