



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2021

Go Saints 2021
2022
 ST. MICHAEL

Our 122nd school year is off to a great start! As we incorporate this year's theme "Rooted in Faith, United in Love, Strengthened in Christ - We are One," we hopefully can become aware that God empowers us through Faith, Love, and his beloved Son, Jesus Christ! We are also focusing on the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of God, and

Understanding, which are given to us by God. With these gifts, we are able to face the struggles of life and appreciate the blessings. St. Michael has a rich tradition of faith, scholarship, service, and leadership which enables us to build a faith community rooted in gospel values and centered on the Eucharist. We extend a special welcome to our new families! We are so blessed you are now part of our school community. **God is Good, All the Time!**

These past two years have been challenging due to COVID-19. As we did last year, we will continue to work on ways to best implement the COVID-19 mandates and restrictions while focusing on educating our students. Our faculty and staff are so happy to see and hear the laughter of the children on campus. **It is a blessing we are able to teach them face to face. With God's guidance and strength, we are certain that each child will receive the best education possible with love and compassion.** God allows challenges and difficulties in order to help us grow in our faith and love for Him and others. We will embrace these challenges and allow them to strengthen us. Our faculty and staff started out the school year with a beautiful spiritual retreat focusing on healing and the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We've learned that with God's grace and the Holy Spirit's guidance, we can work together to overcome life's challenges. We also welcomed our new teachers, aides, and staff members. We are so happy to have them as part of our team and thank you for answering the call to be educators and part of the St. Michael family.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY IS ONE TO ONE IN GRADES K - 8TH IN EACH CLASSROOM

This is the fourth year for our **After the Bell (ATB)** extended-day program which operates as a service to our families who have students enrolled in our school. **The program hours run from 3:30-6:00 p.m. on regular school days.** During this time, students are given the opportunity to complete and receive assistance with homework. It also provides fun recreational and social interaction activities. We are so happy to offer this service to our families. Thank you to Mrs. Pam Kirsch, our director, and all of the staff of ATB for their continued dedication and work with this program.

It is so exciting to be able to say that our Pre-K3 wing is now open. We are so happy to have the opportunity to offer this program to our families. Those that attended our New Parent Orientation were able to take a tour of our school and new PK3 facility. **Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Ellen are our wonderful PK3 teachers.** They have put a lot of time and energy into creating a wonderful learning environment for our 3-year old babies. The PK3 program is geared towards learning through play. We are looking forward to watching our young St. Michael students grow through faith, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Back- to- School Supply night was a success! It was great to see families back on campus and enjoying each other's company. Families were able to enjoy a small concert by Mr. John Angotti while visiting with one another. We even had a few of our students bless us with their singing talents. Thank you, parents, for making the evening a success.

We were able to celebrate our Back- to- School Mass with 8th grade and Pre-K4 buddies. We are so proud of how the 8th graders and PK4 students participated in Mass. It was also a joy to see parents and families able to join in on the celebration. Our celebrant, Fr. Mikel, offered a beautiful Mass welcoming us to the new school year. The music was done by Mrs. Tina Reaux and Mr. Jacob Freyou; thank you for your special talents. After Mass, **Father Mikel walked through St. Michael School and blessed the classrooms and students.**



We are pleased to say, as of today, we are able to have parents and families attend our **weekly school mass**. We are still limited on the number of people that can gather in the gym, so mass will only be opened to the families of the students that are participating in the gym. The rest of the student body will participate in Mass in their classrooms via Zoom. We will continue to alternate weeks with 3rd-5th and 6th-8th attending Mass in the gym. **Masses this year have been moved to Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. in the gym.**





BACK TO SCHOOL MASS WITH 8TH GRADE AND THEIR PRE-K 4 BUDDIES

We are praying for all the families in Southeast Louisiana affected by Hurricane Ida. If you are interested in helping or donating, please contact **Catholic Charities** or the **4H office** for the "Fill the Trailer" Donation Drive.

Our sports seasons have been adjusted back to pre-Covid schedules. The traditional fall sports: football, cheer, volleyball, and soccer will resume this year as normal. As always, our goal is to provide our students with a high-quality athletic program, one that will provide them with the opportunity for positive growth and development. **Thank you to all the volunteer coaches for stepping up and giving their time in order for our students to be given this opportunity. Go Saints!**



Thank you to everyone for such a great start to the school year and welcoming me back. I have had a tremendous amount of support and prayers, and it is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the faculty and staff for helping with the transition of my new position as principal. **May God continue to bless our families of St. Michael School as we continue to give Him glory and praise. God is Good!**

Your Servant in Christ,

Mrs. Terri Hebert
St. Michael Principal

SAINTS 8TH & PRE-K BUDDIES





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOYING THE LIBRARY

2021 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL

\$73,517.80

THE 2021 ANNUAL FUND WAS A SUCCESS DUE TO YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT. Thank you to all our St. Michael School supporters for your generous gifts. Your generosity makes St. Michael School the state-of-the-art Catholic school it is today and will be into the future. **THE ANNUAL FUND HELPS TO MAKE ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY AND FACULTY THE FINEST IT CAN BE FOR THE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS.**

We hope to increase our Annual Fund in 2022 and to keep moving forward with the help of our parents, students, alumni, community and all supporters. **You can give a gift to the Annual Fund or a Memorial Donation in a loved one's name at any time by contacting Holly Broussard at 783-1410 or by visiting www.stmike.net and select Annual Giving.**

The 2020-2021 Annual Report will be mailed out soon with a list of our donors and memorials. Thank you for your blessed support and generosity of St. Michael School.

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Special EVENTS

Visit our web site at www.stmike.net for more events & news!

St. Michael School Mass: 3rd, 4th, & 5th
Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 8:45 in the gym

Saints Pep Rally
Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 12:00

St. Michael School Mass: 6th, 7th, & 8th
Wednesday, Sept. 15th, at 8:45 in the gym

St. Michael School Mass: 3rd, 4th, & 5th
Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, at 8:45 in the gym

Saints Pep Rally
Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 12:00

Feast of St. Michael School Mass
Wednesday, Sept. 29, TBA

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Rice Festival Holiday
Thursday, October 14, Early Dismissal at 11:30
Friday, October 15th, No School

Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, Nov. 22, - Friday, Nov. 26

Christmas & New Years Holiday
Monday, Dec. 20, - Friday, Dec. 31

