



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2023



Our 124th school year is off to a wonderful start! As we incorporate this year's theme "St. Michael School is JOY... Just...like Jesus! Obedient...like Joseph! Yes...like Mary!," we hope to imitate Jesus throughout our daily lives in spreading God's JOY. The Holy Family is a wonderful model for us to imitate as we live out St. Michael School's mission. We will also focus on His beloved Mother, Mary. **This year, the students are working on their Consecration to the Blessed Mother.** Our Mother Mary invites us to bring our hopes, needs, and prayers to her, so she can bring them to her Son, Jesus. Our Mother Mary offers us protection, comfort, and compassion, through our most difficult challenges. She is God's precious gift to us.

St. Michael School 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. **Our goal this year**

is to provide our students an educational environment that is faith-filled, positive, and filled with JOY. The St. Michael faculty and staff are committed to bringing our Catholic faith to all our students. We know it is important to teach the whole child: spiritually, emotionally, and academically. We extend a special welcome to our families! We are so excited and blessed that you are part of our school community. We are dedicated to forming a positive relationship with all our families in order to help each child succeed. God is Good, All the Time!

We have had a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. We would like to welcome our new students and families. Thank you for trusting us to educate your child in his/her faith and academics. Our students have returned with a joyful attitude and with an eagerness to learn. Our students will continue a tradition that has been with St. Michael School for many years. Every morning during morning assembly, they begin their day by singing "I'm A Student of St. Michael." Continuing this tradition shows that our students are dedicated and proud to be a SAINT. They have filled the halls with joy, bright smiles, and laughter.

Our faculty and staff started the school year with two wonderful days of in-service. The first day was filled with going over school policy and handbooks. The second day the faculty and staff were able to participate in a beautiful spiritual retreat led by Mrs. Laurel Huval. We focused on the JOYS of having a Servant Heart. We discuss how as educators we are called to extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. It was a beautiful day filled with inspiration, reflection, and music. During these two day, we were treated to lunch by our Saints Parent Club. Thank you SPC for your continued support.

We would also like to welcome our new teachers and staff members. We are so happy to have them part of our team and thank you for answering the call to be educators and part of the St. Michael family.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY MEET & GREET



This is the sixth 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. Thank you to Mrs. Pam Kirsch (director), Mrs. Priscilla Leonards (assistant director), and the staff of ATB for their continued dedication and work with this program.

Back to School Supply Night was a success! Our teachers worked hard in preparing their classrooms. They put their hearts into decorating their classrooms, so they can be warm and inviting to their students. Our SAINTS cheerleaders welcomed our guests onto campus and our 8th grade students helped in the classrooms. It was great to see families on campus as they visited their child's classroom and met their teachers. Students' faces glowed with excitement at seeing their friends, classrooms, and teachers.

Our St. Michael School students started the first two days of school excited about the new school year. Their teachers spent these two days getting to know their students, reviewing classroom

rules and procedures, and getting their students ready for the school year. They had fun and engaging activities that allowed our students to ease into the school year.

St. Michael School celebrated the Assumption of Mary with a beautiful mass, with Father Mikel Polson as celebrant. We celebrate this special mass to recognize that The Blessed Mother was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life.

St. Michael School celebrated our annual Back to School Mass with 8th grade and PK4 buddies. The mass began with our 8th grade students processing into mass with their PK4 buddies. This is a wonderful tradition and we are so proud of how the 8th graders and PK4 students participated in Mass. **Throughout the year our 8th grade and PK4 buddies will participate in fun and exciting activities together. This year we added a new tradition of blessing our fall athletes. Father Mikel, recognized and blessed each of our student athletes, coaches, and equipment for the season.** In addition to blessing our students, Father Mikel blessed Saints paintings that were painted by our faculty and staff. It was also a joy to see the number of guests that attended mass with us. Our celebrant, Father Mikel, offered a beautiful Mass welcoming us to the new school year. The music was done by Mrs. Tina Reaux, Mr. Jacob Freyou, Mr. Michael Boudreaux and our wonderful choir. They made the liturgy so special with their beautiful voices.

8TH GRADE RETREAT



St. Michael School always looks to our 8th grade students as leaders. This year we wanted to give our 8th grade students the opportunity to prepare themselves spiritually for this very important role, by having them participate in an 8th grade retreat. Father Michael Vidrine and Deacon John Dugas led the retreat with talks on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and Finding your Joy in Living Out God's Purpose. The students participated in prayer, small group, reflections, meditations, skits, and Holy Mass. They also had the opportunity to spend some time in adoration and receiving the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation. This was a beautiful day for our students to grow in their faith, along with building a closer relationship with God and each other.



SPANISH is back! This year we decided to bring Spanish back into our curriculum. Mrs. Jennifer Vondenstein is now our PK4-5th grade Spanish teacher. She is working with a curriculum that will introduce our students to the Latin culture along with teaching them Spanish. It is great to walk around campus and hear our young students greet each other with "Hola".



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



St. Michael Cheerleaders led their first St. Michael School Little Saints Cheer Camp! The day was filled with campers learning chants, cheers, and a dance. Our St. Michael School Cheerleaders made the day even more fun by including games and spirit competitions. The cheer campers will participate at the first Saints Pep Rally with our Saints Cheerleaders. **GO SAINTS!**

The St. Michael School Football Team also led their first St. Michael Little Saints Football Camp. Our little football campers participated in learning football techniques and skills. The campers ran through a variety of drills to help them with their agility, speed, and skills. We think the football players and coaches had just as much fun as the campers. **GO SAINTS FOOTBALL!**



Our fall sports seasons have begun. Our student athletes are currently playing in the following sports: tackle football, cheer, volleyball, cross country and flag football. **Please visit our school website at www.stmike.net for schedules of events.** Come out and support our SAINTS players as they strive to represent St. Michael School in their events. **GO BIG BLUE!**

Thank you to everyone for a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing our students with an academic education filled with Joy, Love, Faith, and Compassion. We will strive to serve with a JOYFUL Heart to meet the needs of our students. May God continue to bless our St. Michael families, faculty, staff, and students as we continue to give Him glory and praise throughout this school year.

God is Good!
Your Servant in Christ!

Terri Hebert
St. Michael Principal



SAINTS 8TH & PRE-K4 BUDDIES





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FACULTY STARTING OFF SCHOOL STRONG

2023 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL
\$83,302.00

THE 2023 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 2024 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 2022-2023 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 www.stmike.net for more events & news!

We have several exciting upcoming events that we would like to invite our St. Michael families and friends to attend:

Theology of the Body – Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 6-7

A Parent Overview: St. Michael School parent and area Catholic School parents are invited to attend this meeting. This meeting is to educate and enhance the understanding of Theology of the Body and how it pertains to our students. The meeting will be held at the St. Michael School gym.

Mass with the Bishop – Thursday, Sept. 14th at 8:45 in the gym. We will have a school mass with Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. PK3-8th grade will attend and family and friends are invited to attend.

Saints Pep Rally – Thursday, Sept. 14th at 12:15 in the gym. Our Saints Cheerleaders will put on their first Pep Rally of the season. Our Little Saints Campers will also participate in the Pep Rally to cheer on our Saints Football team.

Constitution Day – Friday, Sept. 22nd at 8:45 in the gym. Our PK3-5th grade students will celebrate by performing their songs and skits. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Beta Club Induction Day – Tuesday, Sept. 26th, at 2:05 in the gym

Feast of the St. Michael the Archangel School Mass and Picnic – Friday, Sept. 29th. Mass will begin at 10:00 in the gym and followed by a picnic with our St. Michael families. PK3-8th grade students will attend and family and friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Students' lunches will be provided by the cafeteria.

