



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2021



**December is a beautiful and important month in our Catholic faith and formation. We celebrate Advent and Christmas, all focusing around the birth of Jesus Christ.** Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus to be born again in our hearts. As Catholics, we see it as a special gift; it gives us the opportunity to take the time to sit and listen and receive God's graces. During the Advent season, we are often busy getting ready for the holiday festivities; however, God is calling us to take the time to slow down and make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus. We can recenter our hearts around Jesus by humbling ourselves through prayer and loving and serving others.

**St. Michael's 8th grade students were able to visit Notre Dame High School.** Our students enjoyed a day filled with learning, fun activities, and experiencing life as a high school student. We are proud of all our 8th graders and continue to pray for them as they move closer to the next phase of their life.



We are so blessed to have our students participate in Prayer Services. **Our prayer services offer the opportunity for our students to learn the Bible stories.** Ms. Sarah Mallory's

2nd grade class reenacted "The Wedding at Cana" (John 2:1-11) for the PK-3-3rd grade students. This Bible story reflects on how even Jesus listens to his Mother. Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding in Cana, after the Blessed Mother asks Him to help the wedding couple. Thank you to all parents and family members that attended.

**St. Michael students celebrated Veteran's Day by learning about veterans, making thank you cards and crafts, and sharing stories about family members that are veterans.** Veterans are important members of our community, and we are grateful for their service and sacrifices.

**St. Michael held their annual Food Drive during November.** Our 8th grade Religion classes designed and decorated boxes and displayed them in the gym. Students brought in a generous amount of non-perishable food items to be donated to Ms. Helen's Soup Kitchen and Crowley Christian Care. **Our Saints displayed our mission of... Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.**



**We have an amazing Saints' Parent Club that knows how to take care of our teachers and staff.** They graciously surprised our teachers and staff with a coffee bar by Louisiana Bean. They also treated our faculty to a delicious Thanksgiving lunch. We are so thankful for our parents and the love and support that they express to our faculty.

**St. Michael celebrated a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass. It was wonderful to see our 2nd- 8th grade students in the gym participating in an act of thanksgiving.** After mass, we recognized the Joseph Baldwin nominees. These students received this recognition for having scored at the exceeding level on the subtests of the ACT Aspire. We also announced our 5th and 8th grade Students of the Year.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 1ST GRADE PLAY "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING"



We would like to give a special congratulations to **Ellen Richard, our 8th grade Student of the Year, and Claire Brodhead, our 5th grade Student of the Year.** Ellen and Claire exemplify what a St. Michael student

represents: faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. We are very proud of all of these students and their special recognitions. After mass, these students were treated to breakfast for their outstanding accomplishments.

Our 1st grade students were so precious in performing their **Thanksgiving Play for the student body.** They were dressed in their Native American and Pilgrim costumes. Our students and family members were entertained with several songs and a Thanksgiving story narrated by our 1st grade students. We are proud of the amazing job they did. Thank you, Mrs. Caroline and Mrs. Rhonda, for preparing your students for this wonderful performance!

#### **Our PK3 Playground is finished and looks amazing.**

Our PK3 students have been enjoying playing in their own special area on the new equipment. The new playground equipment has been designed to help the students with balance and motor skills while having fun! Thank you to everyone involved in making this possible.

**At St. Michael, academics** is an important and fundamental part of our school culture. We pride ourselves in giving our students the best education and opportunity to succeed. We are proud of the students who demonstrated academic excellence for the 1st Quarter by being on the Principal's List and making the Honor Roll. Our Principal's List students were treated to donuts for their hard work and dedication.



**Notre Dame High School hosted a St. Michael Night** at their home football game. Our St. Michael cheerleaders were invited to cheer alongside the Notre Dame Cheerleaders during the 3rd quarter. St. Michael students had free admission if they wore a St. Michael shirt. Thank you, Notre Dame, for a wonderful evening of Friday Night Lights!



**Our annual SPC Christmas Dough Raffle kicked off at the end of November!** SPC uses this money to give the students treats throughout the year and a big end of the year FUN DAY, as well as many other special events! They also provide teachers and staff with lunch each nine weeks and other special treats throughout the year. If you want to help SPC continue to provide St. Michael with these special treats, please go on our Facebook page and purchase your tickets, or call the office for tickets. **Five winners will receive \$1,000 each.** There are also special incentives for our students for the amount they sell. Thank you SPC for all you do for St. Michael School!

Mark your calendars because we have several exciting events in December. Our first event is the **3rd grade/Kindergarten Christmas Play "Rudolph Rides Again."** The performances will be Dec. 8th and 9th. Our 3rd Grade and K teachers have been doing a great job preparing the students. We are looking forward to watching them perform on stage and showing us their acting skills. It will be a great way for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit. **As Catholics, we can't forget the real reason we celebrate Christmas which is to welcome Jesus into our hearts.** Our 8th graders will perform **The Living Nativity** in order to help us to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and God's love for us. The performance will be Wed., Dec. 15th at 1:30 in the gym. The drawing for the Christmas Dough Raffle will be held after The Living Nativity.

As we seek the Light of Jesus Christ during this Advent Season, let us pray to our Heavenly Father to send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we strive to love and serve others. Let us also practice the virtue of generosity by sharing the peace of God with the people we encounter. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students and faculty. May God continue to bless our community and families throughout the coming year.

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





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL SAINTS ROBOTICS TEAM



# JOSEPH BALDWIN ACADEMY

## for Eminent Young Scholars

The 8th and 7th grade students pictured were nominated for the Joseph Baldwin Academy for Identifying as a high achiever as indicated by their GPA and high standardized test scores. The Joseph Baldwin Academy offers highly talented students a head start on their future university careers by allowing them to live like college freshmen for three weeks. The primary goal of the Joseph Baldwin Academy is for students to gain an increased appreciation for the pleasures of education, intellectual engagement, and the college experience.



## NEW PLAYGROUND PRE-K3 AT PLAY





ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

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## ST. MICHAEL ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2022 IN CHRIST TOGETHER WE CAN!

**TOGETHER with 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 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 make a St. Michael School education GREATER!

**Call 783-1410 or visit our web site at [www.stmike.net](http://www.stmike.net) to give a gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund today.**

## Special EVENTS

Please visit our web site at [www.stmike.net](http://www.stmike.net) for a list of all events.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass**  
Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8:45 A.M.

**3rd & K Christmas Play "Rudolph Rides Again"**  
Wed., Dec. 8, and Thurs., Dec. 9  
Rice Theatre at 6:30 P.M.

**Toy Drive Toys Due to School**  
Thursday, Dec. 9

**Living Nativity & Christmas Dough Raffle**  
Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1:30 P.M.

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

**2nd Nine Weeks Ends**  
Friday, Jan. 7

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

**Martin L. King Day**  
Monday, Jan. 17

**Teacher/Parent Conference Day**  
Tuesday, Jan. 18

**Mardi Gras Holiday**  
Friday, Feb. 25 - Tuesday, March 1



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