



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023



*“The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with JOY, He will be quiet in His LOVE, He will rejoice over you with shouts of JOY.” – Zephaniah 3:17*

Fall is in the air! You can hear the JOYS of laughter in our students as they enjoy this beautiful weather. In the month of October, we celebrate the Most Holy Rosary. This devotion was instituted to honor the Blessed Mother in gratitude for her protection through praying the Holy Rosary. St. Michael faculty, staff, and families have a special devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary. We are blessed to have a strong presence of Our Lady on campus. We are reminded every day of the Blessed Mother’s love and protection. Our Mother Mary offers the Holy Rosary as a gift to us – to bring us comfort, guidance, protection, and to help us grow closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

This year, St. Michael School is being consecrated to the Blessed Mother. Our students, faculty and staff have been praying daily devotions to the Blessed Mother in preparation for the consecration. The Consecration to the Blessed Mother was completed on October 5th, during our Living Rosary presentation.

**We celebrated Our Blessed Mother Mary’s birthday on September 8th.** Our students started the morning off by reciting a decade of the Rosary at morning assembly and singing her Happy Birthday.



Parents of Prayer, POP, then treated the students to cupcakes after lunch. It was a day filled with JOY and thanksgiving to Our Lady!

**In September, St. Michael School had a special visitor, Bishop Deshotel.** We were blessed to have him celebrate Mass with us. He gave a beautiful homily that encouraged our students to live their Catholic faith. After Mass, Bishop Deshotel visited with students and toured the PK3 classrooms. Our PK3 students had a special song for the Bishop as he visited their classroom. Our diocese is so blessed to be under such a wonderful spiritual leader.



**We are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter, and we are so proud of the progress our students have made.** 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 13th and report cards will be mailed home October 18th. 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.

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

**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.



2023-2024 BETA INDUCTION & CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION



**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 to 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. Meghan, Mrs. Lauren, and Mrs. Liz for preparing our students for this act of service.



St. Michael with her dedication to upholding the traditions and mission of St. Michael School. **Congratulations and thank you, Mrs. Penny,** for your continued prayers and support.

**St. Michael's PK4 through 4th celebrated Constitution Day on September 22nd.** The students were allowed to show their patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue accessories to honor our country. Our students learned about the Constitution of the United States during the week and brought it 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. Our 1st runners up are Jack Henry Mahaffey and Mary Frances Aertker. Congratulations to our runner ups! **Our 2023 Rice Festival 2nd grade prince is Joseph Leonards and our princess is Caroline Dore.** Congratulations to both of them, and we know they will do a wonderful job representing St. Michael.

Every year, we dedicate our yearbook to someone special that has given back to our school. **The 2022-23 St. Michael School Yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. Penny Habetz.** Mrs. Penny has given over 35 years of service to St. Michael School as a parent, educator, and religion administrator. Mrs. Penny has shown her love for

**On September 29th, 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 Mikel, assisted by Father Bala, led us in a beautiful Mass. Our choir did an amazing job adding their beautiful singing to our liturgy. 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 8th grade class took a special field trip through the Crowley community.**

They visited the Mayor and city hall to learn how the city of Crowley is run and how the legal system works. They were then treated to Frosto and enjoyed themselves at the city park.

**St. Michael Jr. Beta members elected their 2023-2024 officers and held their Jr. Beta Induction.** Congratulations to the Jr. Beta officers and the newly inducted Jr. Beta members. 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.

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

**"JOY is the sound of love, the color of gratitude, and the song of hope."**



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL MASS & CELEBRATIONS

## FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint and defender of our school. Our celebrant, Father Mikel, led us in a beautiful mass. Following mass, family and friends gathered together with their children to enjoy a beautiful day of picnicking and fun and games. The students had a wonderful day celebrating St. Michael!

**ONCE A SAINT. ALWAYS A SAINT.**



# JR. BETA OFFICERS

**St. Michael Jr. Beta members elected their 2023-2024 officers.** Congratulations to the following Jr. Beta officers: President, John Sarsfield; Vice President, Nick Himel; Secretary, Emma Guillot; Treasurer, Ethan Williams; Chaplain, Molly Hensgens; Historian, Julia Shoffiett; 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 PEP RALLIES! GO BIG BLUE!

# ANNUAL FUND

2023 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL  
**\$83,300.00**  
**THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank our wonderful donors from the 2023 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!**



## Special EVENTS

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

End of 1st Quarter: Friday, October 13th

Rice Festival Fall Break  
Thursday, October 19th, Early Dismissal at 11:30  
Friday, October 20th, No School

St. Michael Night at Notre Dame Football Game  
Friday, October 27th

Saints Spooktacular Dinner Dance & Auction  
at the Grand Opera House of the South  
Saturday, October 28th, at 6:00PM

SPC Trunk-Or-Treat!  
Monday, October 30th

Library Book Fair  
October 30th - November 3rd

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

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Thanksgiving Holiday  
Monday, Nov. 20, - Friday, Nov. 24

Christmas Holiday  
Mon., Dec. 25th - Fri., Jan. 5th

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