



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2022



"Jesus, teach me to follow you in humility, filling every task with love." – St. Theresa

Fall is in the air! We have been blessed with beautiful weather and our students and faculty have been enjoying it by spending extra time outside playing, as well as holding classes outside. We are also excited and grateful that we are able to welcome our family and friends on campus for our many special events.

October is the month of 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. St. Michael School has several locations on campus that give our students the opportunity to pray the Holy Rosary. We are blessed to have a chapel, a Rosary garden near the office, and a garden with a beautiful statue of Our Lady near the PK3 classrooms. We are reminded everyday 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.

We are only a week away from 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. The end of the first quarter is October 14th, and report cards will be mailed home October 19th.

We recommend you discuss your child's progress with them and encourage them to always do their best and remind them that everyone's best looks different. 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.



We continued our celebration with Parents of Prayer handing out cupcakes to our students, while singing Happy Birthday to our Mother Mary.

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

Having students bring the word of God to others is a blessing that St. Michael 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. **Mrs. Elizabeth's class brought the bible story of "Jesus Loves the Children" (Mark 10:13-16)** to life for our PK3-3rd grade students. **Mrs. Lauren Leonard's class 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.



St. Michael's PK4 through 4th grade celebrated Constitution Day on September 16th. The students were allowed to show their patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue accessories to



CONSTITUTION DAY 2022! CELEBRATING THE USA RED, WHITE, & BLUE!



honor our country. Our students learned about the Constitution of the United States and invited family and friends to come and watch each class perform a patriotic song to commemorate Constitution Day.

It has been a tradition for two of our 2nd grade students to be selected as prince and princess. Each student goes through an interview process and among them a prince and princess are selected to represent St. Michael at the Rice Festival Jr. King and Queen pageant. **Our 1st runners up are Tate Fontenot and Lucy Lemoine. Our 2022 Rice Festival 2nd grade prince is Hayes Richey and our princess is Mia Clark.** Congratulations to both of them and we know they will do a wonderful job representing St. Michael.

St. Michael School's mission is to promote growth in faith, scholarship, leadership, and service, and to build a faith community rooted in gospel values, centered on the Eucharist. We have parents that support this mission and want to help us to strengthen each of our student's Catholic faith. These parents formed a group, **Parents of Prayer (POP)**. Their role is to assist the school in bringing the Catholic Faith to our students on campus through adoration, reciting the rosary, and proving teachings of the virtues and saints. **We have opened up our chapel for parents to come in monthly to recite the rosary; they also supervise adoration for our students every Friday morning.** Parent volunteers come into each classroom monthly to discuss how they can live their faith by practicing the virtues and learning about the saints. Our 7th and 8th grade students come together as our Campus Ministry learning how they can live their faith as young adults. They are taught the importance of reverence, how to love and respect God and others, and how to live their Catholic faith. Thank you to the parents and faculty and staff who help develop our students' love for God and His teachings.

St. Michael is always proud to show our support for the Notre Dame Pios. Our 2nd grade Prince and Princess and St. Michael cheerleaders rode in the Notre Dame homecoming parade, showing their Notre Dame pride. St. Michael's faculty and staff also participated in the ND Gumbo Cookoff, placing 2nd for people's choice.

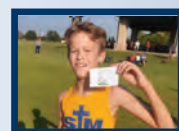


St. Michael School's fall athletic events are coming to an end.

The St. Michael School athletes have been participating in tackle football, volleyball, flag football, cheer, and cross country. These

athletes have represented St. Michael and their sport through hard work, good sportsmanship, leadership, and dedication. We are proud of all of our athletes who participated in the team sports. They worked together and formed everlasting bonds, whether they won or lost. **Our 5th grade volleyball team went undefeated and won their league championship!** St. Michael students, **Wyatt Price, has excelled in cross-country.** He has

competed in several cross country meets and has placed in the top 5 out of all the middle school cross country participants. **Thank you to all of our coaches for sharing their time and talents with our Saints!**



We would like to thank Mr. Erik Lee for his dedication and service to St. Michael as athletic director. Mr. Erik has accepted another job opportunity and has left St. Michael. **Coach Dale, our current PE teacher, has accepted the position of athletic director for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.** We are looking forward to all the wonderful things he will bring to our athletic program.

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the 1st quarter. It has been a great start to the school year. There have been several positive changes that are in line with the school's mission and expectations. St. Michael School is a school of excellence and prides itself in having a rigorous curriculum that encourages our students to push themselves to be the best they can be.

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



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. SPC treated the students to popsicles. 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 2022-2023 officers. Congratulations to the following Jr. Beta officers: Ella Schmalz-President, Elliot Viator-Vice President, John Sarsfield-Secretary, Lillian Lawson-Treasurer, Lawson Monk-Chaplain, Maddox Morgan-Historian, and Audrey Morgan-Service Project Chairman. 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 PREK4 CELEBRATE GERMAN DAY!

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2022 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL
\$81,427.00
THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our wonderful donors from the 2022 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 for a list of all events.

St. Michael Night at Notre Dame Football Game
Friday, October 14th

End of 1st Quarter
Friday, October 14th

Rice Festival Fall Break
Thursday, October 20th, Early Dismissal at 11:30
Friday, October 21th, No School

Halloween Class Parties!
Monday, October 31st

Library Book Fair
October 31st - November 4th

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

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, Nov. 21, - Friday, Nov. 25

Christmas Holiday
Thurs., Dec. 22nd - Wed., Jan. 4th



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