



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2023

GIVE Thanks WITH A GRATEFUL heart

In the month of November, everyone has certainly been enjoying this beautiful fall weather, and we are reminded of the many traditions this month brings in our Catholic faith. November is devoted to honoring the Saints and praying for the souls in Purgatory. This reminds us that we are joined in union with the Communion of Saints. During this time, we should reflect on our lives and try to live as the Saints did. The Saints were normal people that lived their lives with a devotion to loving God with their whole heart, mind and soul. We are all called to live our lives in the same manner.

With Thanksgiving approaching, it is important to give thanks for the graces and blessings that God has bestowed upon us throughout the year. The end of the month also marks the beginning of our Advent season. During this time, we prepare for the coming of Christ. As we go through the month of November, the students and faculty will be practicing the virtue of stewardship. Stewardship is giving back to God by using your God-given gifts and talents to take care of the world and others.



Our St. Michael students did an amazing job in the 1st quarter. We are proud of all our students' successes. We had 119 students make the Principal's List and 112 students who made Honor Roll. Congratulations to these

students for their hard work and dedication to their academics. Principal's List students were treated to breakfast in the library as a reward for doing such a great job. Keep up the hard work!

St. Michael students honored our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. The student body gathered in the gym and prayed and participated in the Living Rosary. The 5th grade Bell Choir played the bells as a special treat in celebrating the Blessed Mother. This was a beautiful tribute to Our Lady.



The International Rice Festival is a wonderful community event. The 85th International Rice Festival Queen, Sadie Zaunbrecher, visited our students and shared her adventures as queen. The 2nd graders had several great hands-on lessons about the rice industry: planting, growing, and harvesting of rice. They even took a field trip and visited the Hundley Farm to get a closer look on how the rice industry works. They enjoyed jambalaya and rice crispy treats as a special treat. Thank you to the Hundley's for opening up their family farm to our students. Our 2nd grade Prince Joseph Leonards and Princess Caroline Dore participated in the International Rice Festival Jr. King and Queen pageant. The grade also participated in the Rice Festival Children's Parade float competition and won 1st Place! Thank you, Mrs. Elise, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Alison, and the 2nd grade parent volunteers for your hard work and making these events special for our 2nd grade students.

Our 8th grade students also went on an adventure exploring the rice industry. They visited the LSU Ag Center and Kelly's Landing. They learned about the rice industry and the important role it plays in our lives. They explored the John Deere museum and learned about the history of the museum and Kelly's Farm.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL TEAM 2023-2024

We are so proud of our Saints' Quiz Bowl Team. They have had a great start to their season. They competed in their first competition of the year at ESA and took 2nd place. Also, Henry Hunt took 2nd place for individual points. For the second year in a row, our **Quiz Bowl Team** has qualified to compete in the National Championship in Chicago. **Congratulations to our Quiz Bowl Team!**

The fall sports have come to an end, but not without some winners. **Congratulations to our 6th grade girls' volleyball team for winning the League Championship.** We are proud of all our athletes who participated in volleyball, football, flag football, cross-country, and cheer.



We held a special 8th grade night in which we recognized our 8th grade volleyball players, football players, and cheerleaders. Thank you to all the volunteer coaches that gave their time in developing these athletes' skills,

teamwork, sportsmanship, and love of the game. We are now looking forward to watching our basketball players! Go SAINTS!

Our students enjoyed an evening at the SPC Trunk or Treat event. Thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who participated in the Trunk or Treat festivities and gave the students a real treat. Our amazing faculty and staff dressed in "Games" themed costumes for Halloween. Continuing with the Halloween fun, St. Michael Student Council sponsored a Pumpkin decorating contest. We are always looking forward to making more memories with our students.



St. Michael students and families attended the Notre Dame football game for St. Michael Night. The students enjoyed the game and cheered on our Notre Dame Pios. The St. Michael Cheerleaders did a great job cheering for the Pios, alongside the Notre Dame cheerleaders during the 3rd quarter.



Our Saints Football team played Rayne Catholic for our annual "Pink" game. Before the game, our cheerleaders held a "PINK GLOW" pep rally for the student body. This year, our faculty and staff joined in on the fun as they performed TikTok dances with the cheerleaders. The gym was filled with excitement and SAINTS spirit! That evening our Saints Football team came away with a victory over Rayne Catholic. All proceeds were donated to St. Jude's hospital in the fight against cancer. GO SAINTS!

St. Michael School PK4 students brought back a fun tradition. The students dressed as adorable scarecrows and visited the residents of Southwind Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. They visited, sang precious songs, trick or treated and shared a special treat with the residents as they spread the Halloween spirit.

St. Michael School Saints Parent Club held an amazing event that brought our school community together. The SPC Spooktacular Dance and Auction was an amazing success! Guests arrived in festive Halloween costumes, which set the tone for the evening. The night was filled with music, dancing, and a live auction. Thank you to our amazing SPC, everyone who donated items, and all our guests for your continued support of St. Michael School.

St. Michael is dedicated to teaching our students how to be kind, compassionate, and loving towards one another. We are also focused on teaching each child how to academically succeed by instilling responsibility, hard work, and dedication. With Thanksgiving and Advent approaching, our challenge to our families, students, and faculty is to acknowledge the blessings God has given to all of us and to give Him praise and thanks.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students and faculty. Let's practice the virtue of stewardship as we continue to strive to be kind and compassionate towards others. May God continue to bless our community and families throughout the year.

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



PRE K-4 SCARECROWS VISITED & SANG FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWIND HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

SAINTS OFFICERS



4-H

Meet the 4-H leaders at St. Michael School!

Leading the Saints 4H club to new heights are: President: Katherine Richard, Vice President: Camille Doré, Secretary: Izabelle Reiners, Treasurer: Helen Link, and Reporter: Olivia Thompson
4-H is more than a club; it's a journey that equips young leaders with skills to thrive throughout life.



SPOOKTACULAR FUN!



STUDENT COUNCIL

St. Michael School Student Council Officers for the 2023-2024 school year! Meet the young leaders who will be shaping the future of our school: Luci Mixon, President; Jackson Lee, Vice President; Jack Dudding, Secretary; Colton Benoit, Treasurer; Keagan Valdetero, Reporter; Maddox Morgan, Chaplain; Henry Hunt, Parliamentarian; and Wyatt Price, Sergeant at Arms
Congratulations to our officers! We can't wait to see the incredible impact they'll make as they represent our student body.



Open House

PRE-K3 AND PRE-K4
TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 2023
5:30-6:30 PM



ANNUAL FUND

ST. MICHAEL ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2024

We would like to thank our wonderful donors for their support of the St. Michael Annual Fund. Through your support, St. Michael School is able to give each child the opportunity to receive an excellent Catholic education taught by a highly-qualified faculty and staff. The 2022-23 Annual Report was mailed to you and enclosed is an Annual Fund envelope for the 2024 appeal. Please take the time to open your hearts to help continue making St. Michael School a leader in Catholic education. *God Bless you and your family!*



Special EVENTS

Please visit our web site at www.stmike.net for a list of all events.

Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday, November 16th, 8:45AM

1st Grade Thanksgiving Play
Thursday, November 16th, 2:00PM

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

New Student Open House PreK3 & PreK4
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5:30-6:30

Christmas Play "The Elves Impersonator"
Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 6:30 PM
St. Michael School Gym

Living Nativity
Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 PM

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Christmas & New Years Holiday
Monday, Dec. 25, - Friday, Jan. 5

Martin L. King Day
Monday, January 15

Teacher/Parent Conference Day
Tuesday, January 16



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