



St. Michael

CATHOLIC CHURCH

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

October 8, 2023

Most Rev. Ronald Hicks, Bishop

Rev. Daniel E. Hoehn, Pastor

Rev. Jacob Kolawole, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Dan Aderholdt

Deacon Dan Simmet

PARISH OFFICE

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Website www.stmichaelcommunity.org

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Hours

Monday - Thursday8:30 am ~ 4:30 pm

Friday.....8:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

SCHOOL OFFICE

(630) 665-1454.....(630) 690-1491 (Fax)

314 W. Willow Ave, Wheaton

FAITH CENTER

Religious Education Office

(630) 682-3650.....(630) 690-3324 (Fax)

317 W. Willow Ave, Wheaton

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for Sunday5:00pm

Sunday.....7:15am, 9:00am, 10:45am

Monday-Friday.....6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday.....8:00am

Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil for Holy Day.....5:30pm

Holy Day.....6:30am, 8:00am

12:15pm, 7:00pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Adoration

Open 24-hours daily.

Access only with a key fob.

Call Parish Office at 630-665-2250

to obtain a key fob.

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday.....4:00pm ~ 5:45pm

Saturday.....8:30am ~ 9:30am

Or by appointment



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43



Find it quite interesting that the chief priests and elders respond so quickly when Jesus asks them the question, “What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They respond without hesitation because the answer is obvious: “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death.” Jesus phrased the question in such a way that the answer was inescapable.

What I find interesting is the fact that – unbeknownst to the chief priests and elders – Jesus was referring to them. *They* are the wretched men who deserve a wretched death.

The landowner in the parable is God. The vineyard that he planted represents the people of Israel whom the Father tended with special care – by leading them out of slavery, by feeding them in the desert, by defeating all their foes and giving them the Promised Land. This special care is represented in the parable by the hedge around the vineyard and by the lookout tower, which were meant to protect the vines from predators.

The servants who were sent to obtain the produce represent the prophets — whom God raised up at various times to remind the Chosen People to turn back to God; to remind them of the need to bear fruit. The greedy tenants who killed for the sake of the inheritance represent the chief priests and elders who time and time again put the prophets to death – as Jesus recalls in his lament over Jerusalem: “*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you...*”

The chief priests and elders see the truth clearly when the problem is evaluated from a standpoint of disinterestedness rather than from self-interest; when there is nothing at stake; when seeing the truth doesn’t involve any need for change on their part.

How difficult it can be to see ourselves clearly when there *is* something at stake; when acknowledging the truth might necessitate some sort of change.

Every one of the items mentioned regarding the vineyard in the parable was an improvement that was meant to enhance production. Notice that the vineyard was planted. The owner didn’t simply find a patch of wild grapes and put a fence around it. Notice that in the first reading, according to the prophet Isaiah, the owner planted the choicest vines. The hedge was a

fence to keep out animals. The vat was a receptacle that was used in harvesting, to catch the grape juice. The tower was a vantage point from which one could watch for thieves and marauders. When all this was done, the owner leased it out to tenant farmers. He had very good reason to expect an abundant harvest. But this was not to be. By the end of the story, the owner had not collected a single cluster of grapes. The parable was clearly aimed at the religious leaders of Israel. But it has some real meaning for your life and mine. We are very much like those tenant farmers. We have been entrusted with a part of God’s vineyard. We have been afforded ample opportunity to lead useful and productive lives. Each of us has been given some advantages. We did not create them, nor did we cause them. They may have been gifts from parents, or from our culture. Those who possess those gifts deserve no credit. Those who do not have them are not to be blamed. Our only responsibility is to accept them and use them in the right way. It seems to me that there are two attitudes to have regarding life’s advantages. First we can look on them as our own, to be used or misused as we desire. The tenant farmers in the story did that. When the owner sent servants to collect, they would not pay. When he sent his son they plotted to kill him and take the vineyard for themselves.

The second attitude we could take toward our advantages is to look up on them as an endowment, belonging to God, entrusted to us for the benefit of others. That’s what the owner wanted for his tenants. He entrusted them with his vineyard. He wanted them to use it, not steal it. He wanted them to provide well for their families, but also he wanted them to pay the rent. God expects the same from us. He has entrusted us with advantages. They are in our hands now. We can use them as we will, but they belong to him. We can use them, but we must pay rent. The way we do that is to use these advantages not only for ourselves, but for the benefit of others also.

Fritz Kreisler was one of the most renowned violinists in his day. He died in 1962. In his later years, he said to a small group of friends, “I was born with music in my soul. I did not acquire it. It was a gift from God. Therefore I never thought of the money earned from it as really mine. I never even bought a home with it. This gift has been the primary difference between me and the homeless. That is the crux of the matter: Ownership, or stewardship? Self-seeking, or self-giving? Sooner or later you must make up your mind: by which philosophy do you intend to live?”

Prayer Ministry

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

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Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

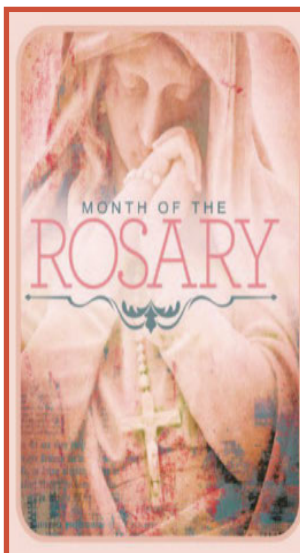
- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Saturday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR October 8 — October 15

- 10/8 Sr. M. Thadine Kaminski OSF
Sr. Donna Marie Baier OSF
- 10/9 Sr. Anita Beloin OSF
Sr. Paula Bingert OSF
- 10/10 Fr. Néstor F. Sánchez
- 10/11 Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh O.S.A.
Fr. Joseph McCormick O.S.A.
Fr. John Merkelis O.S.A.
- 10/12 Seminarian Joshua Solarz
- 10/13 Deacon Thomas Rachubinski
Deacon Donald Randolph
Deacon David Raskowski
Deacon Thomas Rehak
Deacon Philip Rehmer
- 10/14 Seminarian Gregory Gray
- 10/15 Sr. Lourdes Boyer OSF
Sr. Sue Bruno OSF
Sr. Maria Bui OSF



PRAY THE ANGELUS AND THE ROSARY

Join your fellow parishioners each day at noon in the Marian Grotto to pray the Angelus and Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

Feel free to bring a chair, if needed. In inclement weather, the group meets in the Church. All are welcome.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

6 MONTHS

HAIR STARTS TO GROW.
WEIGHT IS ABOUT 22 OZ.
BABIES BORN AT THIS AGE HAVE SURVIVED, EVEN WEIGHING LESS THAN A POUND.*



Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

John Adamek	Dale Foreman	Victoria Holmen
Elaine Adamek	David Fountain	Peterson
Eleanor Agan	Connor Giles	Vicki Piccolo
Dan Bates	Brice Grudzien	Tony Pisciotto, Sr.
Josu Beruete	Giancarlo Herrera	Ray Reynertson
Peg Birt	Robert	Rita Richards
Steve Blagaich	Hoppenstedt	Margaret Riggs
Marianne Bluhm	Dawn Jacobsen	Sheryl Rutkowski
Yecenia Bosley	Miki Kern	Mike Sambo
Brandon "Bubba" Brewster	Barbara Krzyzewski	Steve Schultz
David Brummett	Margaret Kuhn	Anne Marie Schneider
Kathy Brummett	Al Liskey	Tobias Siennetts
Michael B. Calamia	Andja Lozancic	Ann Smith
Althea G. Dades	George Lozancic	Stroner Family
DePratt Family	Theresa Lozano	Dominic Thomas
Jack Dshida	Juan T. Lozano, Jr.	Andrew Valadka
Joe Duckworth	Wilma Mabilangan	Carole Weber
Carol Ferri	Robert Mucerino	The Wulffe Family
Frank Ferri	Cathy McGuire	Sr. Mary Clarine
Teresa Fillman	Joanne Metoyer	Young, SND
Theresa Fogarty	Nancy Mackowiak	Greta Zilch
	Joan Peters	

To inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member, call the Parish Office at (630) 665-2250 to add or remove a name. Due to privacy laws and family preferences, the names of the sick and the deceased can only be published in the bulletin with specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.



Michael Fazio
Nephew of Karen (Jon) Rood

Therese Midha
Mother of Kristina Midha

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For

Requested By

SUNDAY, October 8

7:15AM + Marion Murray	Maribeth & Phil Kerr
9:00AM + Herb Wehling	David & Joan Coghlan
10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners	

MONDAY, October 9

6:30AM + Yolanda Gentile	Family
8:00AM + Dyan Carlson	Knab Family

TUESDAY, October 10

6:30AM + Virgil Turner	Deacon Dan & Martha Aderholdt
8:00AM + Ronald Wojcik	Mariann & Frank Yanan

WEDNESDAY, October 11

6:30AM + Theodore Bryda	Family
8:00AM + Patrick M. Connolly	Jim Hughes
+ David Kohley	Kohley Family

THURSDAY, October 12

6:30AM + Salvatore, Angelina & Bernie Tacito	Family
8:00AM + Angie Cratty	Draths Family

FRIDAY, October 13

6:30AM + Chester Bryda	Family
8:00AM + Erin McGuire	Erin's Brothers

SATURDAY, October 14

8:00AM + Elaine Hauser	2025 Diaconate Class
5:00PM St. Michael Parishioners	

SUNDAY, October 15

7:15AM + Daniel Zierk, Sr.	Martha Burmaster
9:00AM + Brian Hanslik	Philip & Maribeth Spittler
10:45AM + Dorothy Witt	Elaine Luse

For information regarding recently departed parishioners and others, please consider subscribing to email notifications from local funeral homes.

 <https://www.williams-kampp.com/obituaries/obituary-listings>

 <https://www.hultgrenfh.com>

Around the Parish



Thursday, October 12th, 6:00PM, Church
MASS & DEDICATION CEREMONY — Join us for Mass as St. Michael Parish celebrates the completion of the Lavin Learning Center. Bishop Ronald Hicks, Celebrant.

Thursday, October 19th, 3:30–7:30PM, West Parking Lot (Versiti Bus)
BLOOD DRIVE — See registration information in ad on Page 6. Look for the Versiti Blood Donor Bus in the parking lot on West Street. Appointments are encouraged; walk-in welcome! Photo ID required.

Thursday, October 19th, 4:00-5:00PM, Church
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING — **Grades 5–8** — Liturgical Ministry opportunity for Teens. See Page 6 for sign up information.

Friday, October 20th, 9:30-11:00AM, Faith Center
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP BOOK CLUB — Join us as we read "An Introduction to the Devout Life", by St. Francis de Sales. We will discuss Part Two, Chapters 13-21 and Part Three, Chapters 1-5.

Saturday, October 21st, 9:00-10:30AM, Bridal Room
PRAYER SHAWL GROUP — Come by and see what we're all about! Skill level is beginner crochet/knitter & up! Questions? Contact Barb Loiacono at bal5@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, October 22nd, 4:00PM, Church
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH CONCERT SERIES — Featuring William Phemister, Emeritus Professor of Piano at Wheaton College. Share the joy of music and invite your friends! Admission is FREE! Free will offering received.

Saturday, October 28th, 8:00AM, Mass at St. Michael Church
EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION FOR LIFE Begin with Mass at St. Michael; procession concludes at St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn. See Page 6 for sign up information!



Mass & Dedication Ceremony

ST. MICHAEL PARISH
CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION
OF THE LAVIN LEARNING CENTER

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12 - 6:00PM

BISHOP RONALD HICKS
CELEBRANT

Around the Parish

Blood Drive



Thursday
October 19
3:30pm - 7:30pm

To make an appointment, visit scan the QR Code, go to www.versiti.org/IL, or call/text Camille from Versiti at 847-305-9998. Held in the bus.



Appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome! Photo ID required.

This blood drive is sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Church and The Knights of Columbus



St. Michael Prayer Shawl Ministry

Upcoming Meeting:
Saturday, October 21st
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
in the Bridal Room

We are a ministry of women who come together to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be blessed and then distributed to anyone who needs the comfort of God. All levels of stitchers are welcome.



Altar Server TRAINING

Liturgical Ministry for Teens -
Be an Altar Server!!

One of the best opportunities for students in grades 5-8 to serve the church is to be an Altar server. Students fill an important role in the Mass and grow closer to Jesus in their ministry. Please prayerfully considering having your student sign up to be a server. Training will be offered on:

Thursday, October 19th - 4:00-5:00 pm in the Church

[Click here](#) or scan the QR Code to sign up for a training time



Questions? Contact Colleen Brodhead at 630-462-5043

Sunday, October 22

At 4:00pm

St. Michael Catholic Church

The program will include settings of 14 well-known hymn tunes. Attendees will enjoy singing each hymn after Phemister plays his composition of that tune.

William Phemister,
Emeritus Professor of Piano
Wheaton College, Illinois

The music of J.S. Bach opens and closes the program.

Admission is FREE
A free will offering will be received.

Eucharistic Procession for Life

Presented by the West DuPage Deanery

New Route This Year!

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 28

- 8am Mass at St. Michael, Wheaton
- 2.9-mile Eucharistic Procession and
- Benediction & Reception at St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn

To sign-up, scan here:



St. Michael Women's Faith Group

Fall Book Club

Friday, October 20th
9:30AM to 11:00AM
Faith Center

"An Introduction to the Devout Life"
By Saint Francis de Sales

This week we will discuss:
Part Two, Chapters 13-21
Part Three, Chapters 1-5

Weekly Playdate

WEDNESDAYS, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

1ST FLOOR OF THE FAITH CENTER
317 W WILLOW AVE, WHEATON, IL 60187

The Women's Faith Group invites you to join us at our weekly play date! We welcome all parish and school parents with kids from newborn babies through kindergarten age. Feel free to come for the whole time or just stop by for a bit to say "Hi". There will be crafts, music, and fellowship.



SAINT MICHAEL WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP



SAINT MICHAEL
WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP

Prayer Partners Schedule and Topics

November 2nd - All Souls' Day and Purgatory

December 7th - How to Pray the Angelus
& Discuss Advent Traditions

January 11th - The Meaning of the Eucharist and Adoration

February 1st - How to go to Confession and Lent Ideas

March 7th - How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

April 4th - The ABC's of Mass

May 2nd - Marian Apparitions

We will meet the First Thursday of each month in Room 114 in the Faith Center from 9:30-11:00. All women of the parish are welcome to attend! Kids are welcome, too. We will have some toys available for the children. We will start each session praying a decade of the rosary over the God Box that holds intentions of the parish and the school. Then, we will discuss the topic for that month. We hope you can join us!

For more information, please sign up on Flocknotes and/or e-mail Gina Carroll sjginacarroll@yahoo.com.


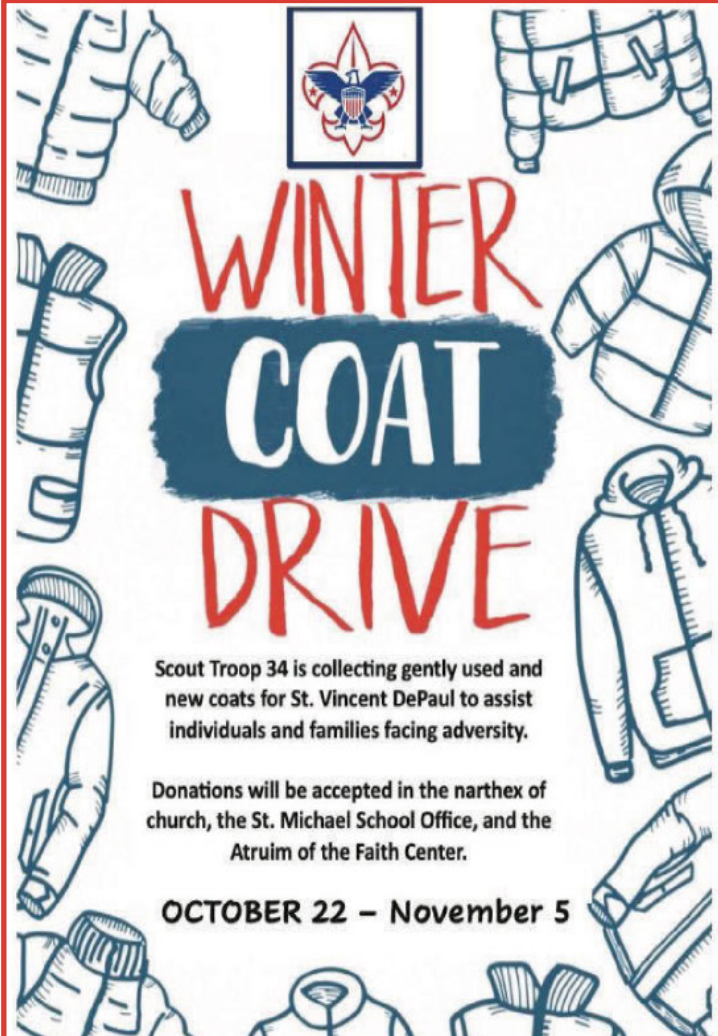


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Boy Scout Troop 34 is selling wreaths and other fresh decor from Northwoods Wreaths again this year. Help our Troop while decorating your home for the holidays!

Please go to our website:
<https://go.wreathsaleapp.com/bsa-troop-34-wreaths-2023>



WINTER COAT DRIVE

Scout Troop 34 is collecting gently used and new coats for St. Vincent DePaul to assist individuals and families facing adversity.

Donations will be accepted in the narthex of church, the St. Michael School Office, and the Atrium of the Faith Center.

OCTOBER 22 - November 5

Around the Diocese

28th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

"I Am the Bread of Life"
- John 6:35

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS
CONFESSION
ADORATION • MASS
EXHIBITS

2023
SPEAKERS



Rev. Richard Simon



Justin Fatica



Raymond de Souza



Rev. Timothy Anastas

Saturday, November 18

8:50 AM - 4:00 PM

at Holmes Student Center
Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, IL



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MAKE IT MARMION OPEN HOUSE

**All 5th-8th grade boys and
their families are invited!**

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18

6:30 PM

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5

1:00 PM



Parish Support

Stewardship Report

As of 9/29/23

September Offertory Budget \$150,000

September Envelopes \$ 74,301

September Online Giving \$ 59,497

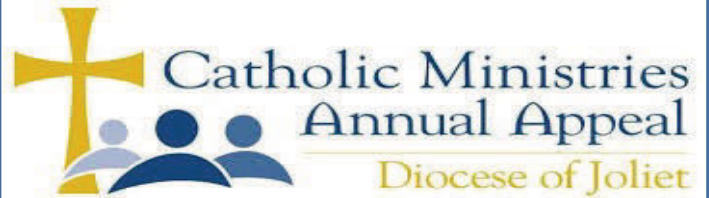
Total \$133,798

Total Over (Under) < \$ 16,202 >

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!



Thru 10/1/23	2023	2022	Inc/Dec	2022 (Final)
Goal	\$176,900	\$171,600	\$5,300	\$171,600
Amount Pledged	\$259,178	\$243,783	\$15,395	\$267,594
Amount Paid	\$245,589	\$226,635	\$18,954	\$263,709
Balance Due	\$13,589	\$17,148	(\$3,559)	\$3,885
Donor Count	579	586	-7	626
2023 Rebate	\$48,082			

PARKING In an effort to accommodate our seniors and members with special needs, we ask you to refrain from parking in the main parking lot adjacent to the church/school and the parish office parking lot during Church services.



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Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

Bulletin Submission Deadline & Requirements

October 22nd Bulletin Deadline:
Friday, October 13th

Send items to:



communications@stmichaelcommunity.org

Please send content that can be used in a 1/4 and 1/2 page format, as full-page space availability is limited. Earlier printing deadlines occur before holidays.



St. Michael Parish

So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to us at:

310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton IL 60187

www.stmichaelcommunity.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: _____

_____ New Parishioner _____ Returning to Parish

New Parishioner Form On Website
Please complete and return to Parish Office.

_____ New Address _____ Interested in becoming Catholic



WE ARE CALLED

Updates from Principal Ferguson & St. Michael Parish School

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LEAD.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBL Y PRAY, AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOSTS, BY THE POWER OF GOD THRUST INTO HELL SATAN AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS WHO PROWL ABOUT THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.

AMEN.

"THANK YOU!"

Thank you to our AMAZING community for coming together to raise funds for our Science Lab through the "Lancer Dash!" Every year, our incredible Parent Organization pulls together this fundraiser with prizes, t-shirts, and rousing encouragement. We count our parents as one of our greatest blessings at St. Michael and thank each and every one of you for your gift of time and talent! Thank you!

To our Lancers...WOW! You were incredible! You ROCKED the Lancer Dash! Actually...you broke EVERY RECORD! EVER! Thank you for the outpour of support. You raised more than DOUBLE our goal and are truly making every science dream we had come true. Plus, you brought your running shoes, can-do attitudes, bright smiles, and the rain-never-bothered-me-anyway-fun to the run. We couldn't be more proud or more grateful. Go, Lancers!



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JOIN US FOR AN INFO SESSION & TOUR OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL INFO TOURS
9AM on 10/24 & 10/30
PRESCHOOL 3s, 4s, & 4PLUS OPTIONS

KINDERGARTEN INFO TOURS
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ALL-DAY or HALF-DAY OPTIONS

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