



ST. MICHAEL
Catholic School • Grand Ledge

The Messenger

October
6
2023

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OCT 12

Hearing / Vision
Testing

OCT 13

All School Mass

OCT 16

1/2 Day of School/
Teacher PD

OCT 20

Picture Retakes Day
8am– 1pm

OCT 31

Halloween Parties
2:15pm
2:00pm Parade

NOV 1

All School Mass for
All Saints Day
9am

NOV 3

End of 1st Quarter

NOV 8-9

Conferences 4-8pm

15th Annual Race For Faith Color Run

Race for Faith Color Run Thank you to all my volunteers for making Friday's Color run a blast for the kids. Funny how the Silly String never gets old for the students or teachers! Thank you Prairie Farms for donating chocolate milk, St. Regis Culvert, Inc donation to cover the cost of the Silly String, and Meijer for the \$100 gift card.



Congratulations Madeline and Lily Day for collecting \$599.00!! Madeline and Lily are the winners of the Meijer \$100 gift card! Way to go girls!



This year the Color Run raised \$5,151.00 for our school! Thank you to all our generous families for making this fundraiser a huge success. More pictures on page 6.

Thank you for all your support,

Laurie Mooney,
Coordinator



Our mission at St. Michael Catholic School is to shape each individual to be in union with Jesus Christ by creating a learning community built upon a foundation of Catholic faith.

VIRTUES

CIRCUMSPECTION

DOCILITY

FORESIGHT

JUSTICE

PTO Coffee Fundraiser



Back by popular demand, we will once again have our **La Estrella Coffee fundraiser** in October. The coffee is from fair trade Guatemalan beans roasted locally here in Michigan. It is specially roasted just for us in two blends (medium & dark). It is an extremely high-quality coffee and is sure to please! Watch for an order form coming home with your child next week.

Tuesday Out of Dress Code for a \$1

Tuesday, October 10 will be Out of Dress code for a dollar! For a one dollar donation to Student Council your student can be out of dress code! Help support our Student Council!



Picture Day 2023/24



Makeup Date is October 20th.

If you have questions about ordering contact Customer Service at 1.800.482.0321.

Schoolpictures.com

<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001030462>

Popcorn!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Every Friday we will make popcorn for the students. The cost will be \$1. Popcorn sale proceeds go directly to support the school.

Dear St. Michael Families.

It was so great to see so many of you at the Back to School event last week! We had beautiful weather for a fun night!

Discount coffee for sale! We have an overstock of coffee from our spring fundraiser and would like to get it off our hands before we restock with fresh coffee for our fall sale! If you would like to purchase coffee now at a discount price of \$5 a bag, please email jessicaruthwalter@gmail.com.

Upcoming football parking dates are October 13, 20, and possibly 27 if Grand Ledge hosts a playoff game. Please use the Signup Genius if you are able to help!

Trunk or Treat has been set for Friday October 27, from 2:00-4:30. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

The uniform closet has plenty of sizes! Kids grow fast. If you need more uniform pieces, please let us know.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Science room.

Many Blessings to you and your family!

Ashley Schneider

PTO President

PTO Executive Team

President: Ashley Schneider

Secretary: Cassie Hull

Vice President: Elizabeth Ford

Treasurer: Jackie Nelson

Class Reps

Preschool AM: Cassie Hull/Ashley Schneider

Kindergarten: Becca Lyon

4th Grade: Heather Klopp

1st Grade: Amy Korte

5th Grade: Laura Cleland

2nd Grade: Grace Keyes

6th Grade: Jason Geissler

3rd Grade: Devin Day

7th Grade: Rashmi Travis

VIRTUE WINNERS SEPTEMBER 2023

Preschool: Everly Weststrate is an outstanding leader in the preschool classroom. She always does her personal best and is very helpful with all the students in the classroom. Everly is really developing her leadership skills and is practicing them everyday!

Kindergarten: Dominic Kuhl demonstrates the virtue of diligence. Dominic gives his best at any task he is assigned. He is a hard worker who tries his best, whether it be listening respectfully to his peers at carpet or completing an assignment at his seat.

First grade: Liam Bauer demonstrates the virtue of generosity. He is quick to help me with any task I'm working on and the same for his classmates. Liam is always first to help someone who has lost something, clean up a mess, or even someone struggling with their work. He is always looking for ways to help anyone in our classroom.

Second Grade: Brooklynn Kolmodin demonstrates the virtues of prudence and temperance. Brooklynn is kind to all and stays focused on what needs to be done.

Third Grade: Emma Bauer is cheerful and plays well with others. She shares with others and is caring, especially if someone is feeling down.

Fourth grade: Max Keyes is always setting a great example for the class. He shows many virtues including prayerfulness, orderliness, respect and kindness. It's so nice to hear him sing at Mass. It inspires others to join in and show their faithfulness during worship.

Fifth Grade: McKinley Jandernoa has adjusted well to the demands of middle school. She is also very respectful of her classmates.

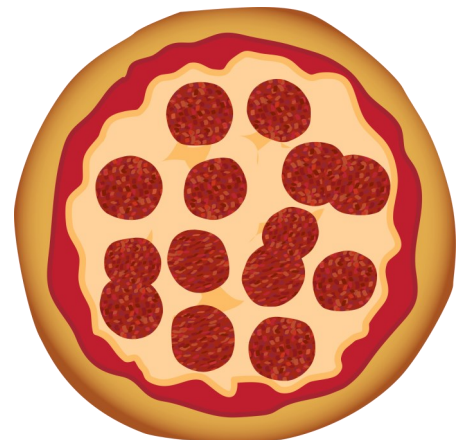
Sixth Grade: Julian Kolmodin- This student has shown great growth the past two years. He is eager to participate in class, share his ideas, and never complains about what is being asked of him. He has a smile on his face every day.

Seventh Grade: Ryan Vieth- This student has shown great industriousness as they balance their schoolwork here with the addition of band class. He has done an excellent job of getting the work that is missing at this time done on his own.

September Virtue Winners



Congratulations to our
September Virtue of the
Month Winners! They won
a Pizza lunch courtesy of
Mr. Sweet!



Race For Faith

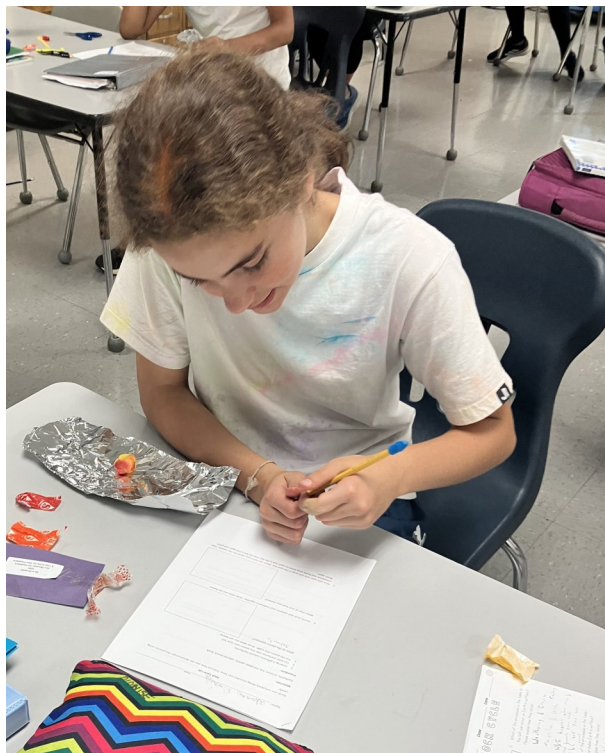


COLOR
RUN
2023



Middle School Highlights

7th Grade students were able to use starburst candy to model the rock cycle in science.



7th Graders gave speeches for student council elections this afternoon. Congratulations to our newly appointed officers!

Ava Montero, President
Elsa Korte, Vice President
Adriana Dionise, Secretary
Isabelle Fuller, Treasurer



DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX 2023 RESULTS

Thank you! In February 2023, parishioners of St. Michael Parish were invited for a second time to take a brief survey to reflect on their individual spiritual growth and engagement with the parish. Thank you to the 193 people who responded to the survey!

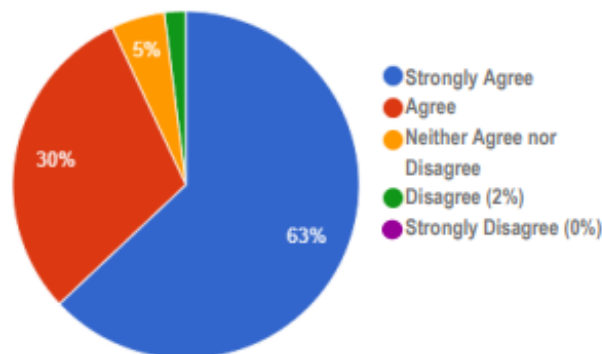
Strong overall results: As with the February 2020 results, there is much to celebrate – 93% of respondents indicated that they Strongly Agree or Agree to the statement, "I would recommend my parish to a friend" (compared to 94% in 2020). And, 100% indicated that they Strongly Agree to the statement that they would recommend their parish school to a friend (compared to 98% Strongly Agreeing or Agreeing in 2020).

Progress on a goal: One of the goals we identified from the 2020 results was that we, as a parish, needed to do more inviting, whether it be invitations to Mass or a parish event. At least for those who responded, we see an improvement. The bar chart below shows that a smaller percentage have not invited someone to something in the past year. That is great news!

Next steps: As with any statistical analysis, we need to recognize that not everyone responds, and that people who choose not to respond may have very different opinions than those who do respond. We also had more people responding in 2020 (490 surveys completed) than in 2023 (193 surveys completed), which can affect results. The parish and school staff and pastoral council members will continue to dig into the results to identify areas for improvement and areas to celebrate.

KEY FINDINGS

Would Recommend Parish:



Recommend Pastor:

93% Strongly agree or agree

Recommend Parish School:

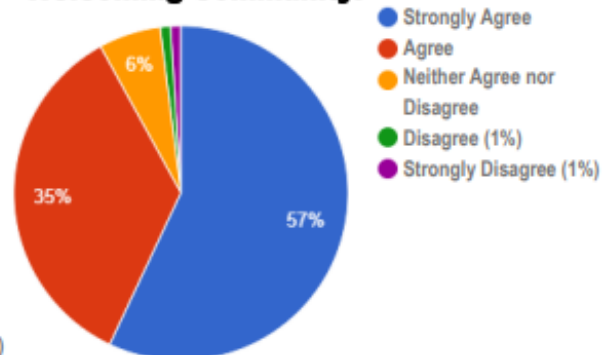
100% Strongly agree

Recommend Parish's Religious Education Program:

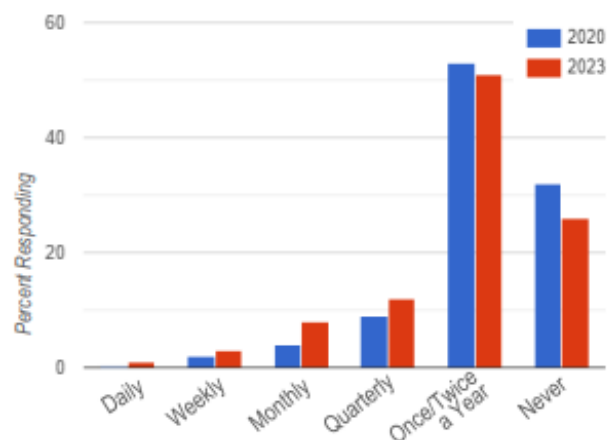
91% Strongly agree or agree

If you would like to learn more about the results, you can contact Laura Castner at 517-627-8493 or lauracastner@stmichaelgl.org.

Welcoming Community:



Invited Someone to a Parish Event:





JR. COUGARS SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

7th & 8th grade teams Oct. 23 to Dec. 18, 2023.

Parent Meeting on 10/19/23 at 6:30pm at LCHS. Tryouts/practices will begin 10/23/23. Practices and games will be at our local Catholic schools. Cost \$150. Physical (dated 4/15/23 or later) required to be uploaded

*Register online through Big Teams Student Central and select graduation year. Team fee will be assessed after teams are formed.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

7th & 8th grade teams Jan. 8 to Feb. 28, 2024.

Parent Meeting on 1/8/24 during tryouts. Practices and games will be at our local Catholic schools. Cost \$150. Physical (dated 4/15/23 or later) required to be uploaded

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CHEERLEADING

Check out our LCHS Instagram page @lchscougarcheer to get all the latest news on Lansing Catholic Cheerleading and our Jr. Cougars program.

Contact Coach Kim Lindberg kim.lindberg@lansingcatholic.org 517-802-7967 with any questions.

CYL/CYAC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

To participate in all Jr. Cougars/CYL/CYAC activities, practices, games or performances, students must be present for the entire day. Students with appointments must bring a note from the doctor in order to participate in that evening's activities. All students must be in good academic and behavioral standing with their school. If a student is deemed ineligible, that student must sit out of all practices, performances, etc. until at least the student is deemed eligible again.



Please visit our website for more information:
<https://www.lansingcatholic.org/jrcougars>