The Messenger

December

2023

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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All School Mass 9am GL Christmas Parade

See PTO letter for Details

DEC 2

Christmas Craft Show 9am-3pm

DEC 6

Advent Reconciliation 3rd-7th grade

DEC 8

All School Mass 9am

DEC 20

Christmas Program 6:30pm in the Church

DEC 21

Christmas is Nearly Here Parties

DEC 22-JAN 7 Christmas Break

VIRTUES

KINDNESS LOYALTY OBEDIENCE

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

The 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade students participated in the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee put on by Council 7311 of Grand Ledge. All the students that participated worked extremely hard and did a wonderful job. The results for the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade competition are as follows:

3rd Place - Mario Dionise

2nd Place - Isabelle Fuller

1st Place - Ava Montero, with the winning word of Phonics - a method of teaching people to read by correlating sounds with letters or groups of letters in an alphabetic writing system.

9th Place - Rylee Hultberg 8th Place - Caden Patterson

7th Place - Will Corbett 6th Place - Caroline Grant

5th Place - Tom Hanson 4th Place - Jude Keyes

3rd Place - Joe Hanson 2nd Place - Reagan Klopp

1st Place - Preston Cleland, with the winning word of sweltering - uncomfortably hot.



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

Christmas Parade



Winter Carnival Update

Winter Carnival Update and Raffle Donations Needed

The Winter Carnival Committee is busy at work making plans for our 2024 event. This year's Winter Carnival will be February 2nd right after school. We invite all students and families to participate in the carnival festivities, including games, food, bounce obstacle, and silent auction!

The committee is currently seeking gift card and dining establishment donations. Please contact Ashley Oneil at aoneil2004@gmail.com if you have any donations for the event. All items should be submitted by December 22nd.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Craft Show / Christmas Program



Saturday, December 2 - 9:00am to 3:00pm In the Fellowship Hall and School

The Craft Bazaar is right around the corner! Come shop at over 70 booths (in the school and church Fellowship Hall/basement) with handmade crafts.

Save the Date!



PTO News

Reminder: we will be participating in the Grand Ledge Christmas Parade tonight! We will meet at 5:30 pm to decorate the wagon and will leave for the lineup at 6:00 pm. If you would like to meet us at the lineup, we are spot 20.

Craft Bazaar is tomorrow! If you are able, please consider donating some time tomorrow before or after checking out the amazing vendors!

Boxes are located in the school through December 8 for our December Service Projects. This year we are collecting items for No Child Without a Christmas sponsored by GLPD and The Fretail Store.

Last but not least, congratulations to our Catholic Schools Week shirt design winner, Elsa Korte! We had so many amazing entries, and it was a very difficult choice! Thank you to all the children who participated!



Spirit Store: https://stores.inksoft.com/st_michael_grand-ledge/shop/home

Craft Bazaar: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AE23A1FE3-45177890-

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PTO Executive Team

President: Ashley Schneider Secretary: Cassie Hull Vice President: Elizabeth Ford Treasurer: Jackie Nelson

If you need any information, have questions, or would like to be more involved, the PTO email address is stmichaelglpto@gmail.com or search our Facebook Page: St. Michael Catholic School PTO.

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 WINNER'S November

Preschool -Nicholas Witter has been an excellent example this month, in the classroom. He has readily participated in all activities with a positive attitude.

Kindergarten- Teo Jandernoa demonstrates the virtue of trustworthiness. Teo is a wonderful helper, always eager to assist in any way he can to improve our classroom and bring joy to those around him. He can be relied on to complete any task asked of him and does it with a cheerful and good-spirited attitude.

- 1st Leigha Barringer demonstrates the virtue of patience. She is able to wait her turn without complaining and even lets others go before her. Leigha never has a bad attitude when it comes to waiting. If things don't go her way, she still has patience.
- **2nd Braylon Schneider** is the virtue winner for second grade. Brayon demonstrates the virtues of fortitude, temperance and prudence. He tries his best, is mindful of his actions and chooses to do right even when it is not easy.
- **3rd -Lucas Orzula** has demonstrated patience at recess with other students who want to learn a new game and play it. He has been regularly overheard telling other students, "good job" or "that was a good one" to give encouragement. Lucas has also shown sincerity and docility in his Mass reflections by reflecting on what Father Jim talks about in the homily.
- **4**th **Cameron Geissler** gives wonderful insight in religion. He shows his classmates how to be virtuous by encouraging them to be honest with one another and with themselves. He has the foresight to weigh options and see what the better outcome will be.
- **5**th **Zoe Cervanaku** Zoe has worked so very hard since entering our school. It has not always been easy, but she continues to work hard and make great strides. She is a great example of perseverance to her peers.
- **6**th **Tom Hanson** Tom can always be counted on to volunteer to help a student or staff member at St. Michael Catholic School. He always shows great responsibility with his actions and deeds, and humility when inside and outside of the classroom.
- **7**th **Jake Travis** Jake has shown us a great degree of curiosity and docility throughout the beginning of this school year. He has been working exceptionally hard and has also been asking thoughtful and thought-provoking questions.

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Virtue Winners



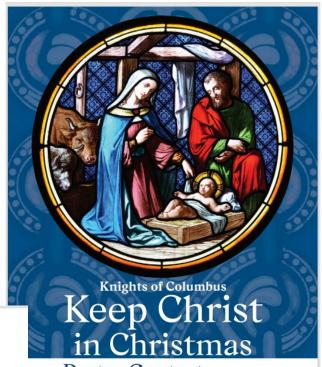
School Happenings

Recently our Preschool and Kindergarten had a Feast, along with making some crafts, to celebrate Thanksgiving.



Mark Your Calendar

Posters Due December 8th. Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest— entry forms were sent home with your student and require a parent's signature. Poster should be approximately 11 x17 inches in size provided by the teacher. Posters are judged by age divisions and become property of the Knights of Columbus. Please take the time to help encourage your students participation in this contest!



Poster Contest



December Service Projects



This year we will be collecting for two local service Projects. items can be brought in after Thanksgiving through December 8.

No Child Without Christmas sponsored by GLPD

GLPD is co-hosting with the Caring Neighbor Foundation to support local families this holiday season. We will be collecting new unwrapped clothes and toys for children.

Fretail Store

The Fretail Store, by Cardboard Prophets is located in the Lansing Mall. All items are free and open to all. We will be collecting personal care items and diapers for donation.

Please reach out to stmichaelglpto@gmail.com with any questions

Donation boxes located in the school hallway across from the office.



Shop with Script this Holiday Season

Scrip Program- We encourage you to check out the Scrip program. Scrip is a fast and easy way for you to earn rebates to apply toward your tuition. If you buy groceries, eat out, shop for household items or pay bills, there is a way for you to earn credit toward your tuition by purchasing gift cards. This program costs nothing to participate. You will earn 86% of the total rebate given by vendors. St. Michael will retain 14% of the total rebate which will go to the school budget to offset administrative costs of the program. Scrip rebates are applied to your tuition monthly from the prior months purchases.

St. Michael Parish offers easy options to purchase your gift certificates:

- Online at www.Shopwithscrip.com. Purchasing online gives you the flexibility of purchasing from hundreds of different retailers. Many of the certificates purchased can be loaded instantly and reloaded electronically once a physical card is purchased.
- <u>Cash & Carry</u> in the parish office five days a week. Gift cards may be purchased on site and taken the same day.

Enrollment is open to everyone; grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, family/friends living out of the area, etc. If you would like to begin earning rebates towards your tuition/fees or would like more information, please contact our Scrip Coordinator,

Kathleen Krancich, <u>517.643.0223</u> or by email at

<u>kathleenmk@gmail.com</u> or the parish office at <u>517.627.2167</u>.

