



ST. MICHAEL
Catholic School • Grand Ledge

The Messenger

Jan
16
2026

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 19

MLK Day No School

Jan 23

End of Quarter 2

Jan 25

CSW Mass/ Academic Fair

Jan 30

All School Mass
Winter Carnival 3:00-
6:00pm

Feb 10

Early Childhood
Information Night
6:00pm

Feb 12

School Valentines Day

Feb 13

No School Teacher PD

Feb 16

No School President's
Day

Feb 18

All School Mass/Ash
Wednesday

St. Michael Registration is Now Open

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

An email was sent to all families today for re-enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. As in years past we are offering an early enrollment discounted fee; after February 28 the fee will increase. Also, we have increased the family enrollment fee to \$150. It has been a few years since this fee has increased. Now that we are utilizing the FACTS system there are some additional fees required that we have bundled into one fee.

New this year: there is not a separate registration fee if you have a pre-schooler and a K-8th grade student. Please follow the instructions in the email. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the school office.

God Bless,

Nathan Sweet
Principal

See page 8 for Financial
Aid Information.



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VIRTUE JANUARY

**PATRIOTISM
PRAYFULNESS
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY**

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.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

January 25-30, 2026

Sunday – CELEBRATE OUR PARISH-ACADEMIC FAIR

- Student projects, along with coffee and donuts in gym after 11 AM Mass

Monday – CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY-PJ DAY -Out of Dress Code (ODC)

- Make prayer cards for parishioners
- Guest Speaker

Tuesday –CELEBRATE STUDENTS/FAMILIES-DRESS FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER (ODC)

Wednesday – CELEBRATE VOCATIONS-WEAR COLORS OF THE CHURCH (ODC)

- Students will wear any color that matches the Liturgical Seasons.

Thursday – CELEBRATE OUR NATION-THROWBACK THURSDAY (ODC)

- Dress from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s
- Dads Dishing Breakfast

Friday –CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL-ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY

- Wear new Spirit Wear Shirts with dress code bottoms
- All School Mass @ 9:00
- Bingo in the Fellowship Hall
- Winter Carnival 3:00-6:00

VIRTUE WINNER'S DECEMBER 2026

Kindergarten- George Beardslee demonstrates the virtue of gratitude. He is a thoughtful student, always giving support to those around him. George is attentive to the needs and feelings of his peers. He displays an appreciative and caring attitude towards everyone around him.

1st/2nd - Caelum Zehnder demonstrates the virtues of Justice and Temperance. Caelum is hardworking, helpful, easy to redirect when needed, and almost always has a smile on his face.

3rd - This student demonstrates the virtue of kindness and loyalty. They are also a good role model for reading and Mass buddies and show reverence during Mass. This student has shared their talents with classmates and students in other grades. This student follows directions showing obedience. Congratulations Addie Oneil

4th - Brooklynn Kolmodin - Brooklynn shows her faith by singing loud and proud in the church choir. She is always willing to put aside her own needs to help someone else. She goes out of her way to make sure people feel included and to feel seen. Her joy for life is contagious.

5th - Lily Day - This student was chosen for our virtuous student of December because of her sense of affability, kindness, and orderliness. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face and a happy and kind word for everyone she meets. She has done a tremendous job of keeping things organized as they transition into changing classrooms in the middle school wing.

6th - Violet Witter - This student was chosen for our virtuous student of December because of their sense of affability, courtesy, and kindness. This student's tremendous kindness is shown by being aware of how everyone around them is feeling. If someone is having a bad day, they pick their classmate up with nice comment or witty joke. They are able to work in any group for any project and are so supportive of all of their peers.

7th/8th - Sawyer Nelson - This student was chosen for our virtuous student of December because of his sense of industriousness, perseverance, and gratitude. This student always does an amazing job of getting down to work and working hard until the job is done. If he has a question or some trouble, he is always good about asking for help and are so thankful for that help.



January PTO News 2025-2026!

Catholic Schools Week t-shirt order forms have been sent home if you would like to order extra shirts they are due at the end of the month.

Dads Dishin' Breakfast will be on Thursday 1/29, a sign up was sent out and the link is below.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm.

Signup for Dad's Breakfast:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AE23A1FE3-61556968-dads>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach us at stmichaelplto@gmail.com

God Bless,
Elizabeth Ford
PTO President

Executive Board

President Elizabeth Ford
Vice President Cassie Hull
Secretary Becca Lyon
Treasurer Jackie Nelson

Room Reps

Preschool Tu/Th	Halley Beardslee	Preschool	MWF Katie Helfmann
PreK	Katie Helfmann	Kindergarten	Ashley Schneider
1st/2nd Grade	Jessica Walter	3rd Grade	Amy Korte
4th Grade	Laura Cleland	5th Grade	Devin Day
6th/7th/8th Grade	Heather Klopp		

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Winter Carnival

3:00 – 6:00PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

WATCH FOR WINTER CARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS COMING HOME IN JANUARY!

The Winter Carnival is two weeks away! We are looking for **volunteers** to help the event run smoothly. Please see the link below to volunteer.

Volunteer sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AE23A1FE3-59446768-winter#/>

Join us for carnival games, including the popular cake walk, from 3:00-5:00 pm followed by a Magician at 5:00pm to end the event. Concessions will be available throughout the carnival as well! Silent Auction will close promptly at 5:45pm with raffle winners announced shortly after. **Raffle Tickets** were sent home last week; please reach out if you need more!

5:30 Silent Auction Closes and Raffle Winners Drawn

Winter Carnival– Yetie Raffle & Silent Auction Baskets



Don't forget to turn in your Yetie Raffle Tickets

Not pictured: stainless steel growler/tumblers, Lions playing cards, and St. Michael koozies.

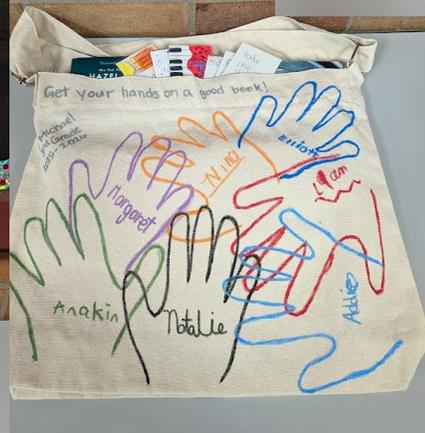
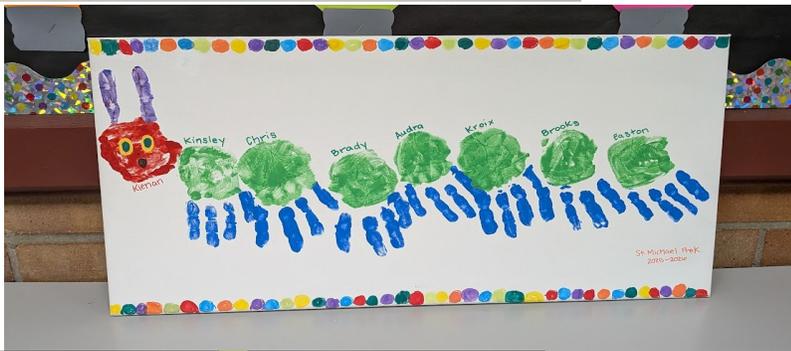
Themes for the Class Auction Baskets, Pictures on page the next page.

Class Auction Baskets:

- Baking Basket (T-Th Preschool)
- Gardening Basket (MWF Preschool)
- Children's Basket (PreK)
- Movie Night Basket (Kindergarten)
- Home Sweet Home Basket (1st)
- Game Night Basket (2nd)
- Date Night with a Book Basket (3rd)
- Outdoor Basket (4th)
- Prayer Basket (5th)
- Pamper Basket (6th)
- Holiday Basket (7th)
- Cornhole Set (8th)



Winter Carnival Auction item



Applying for Financial Aid for 26-27

Applying for Financial Aid for 2026-2027 is OPEN in FACTS.

Applications are in your Family Portal. Please click on the Financial Aid Tab. More aid is available this year thanks to the Saints and Scholars Campaign. Please apply!

There is a \$35.00 fee payable to FACTS through their online application process for Financial Aid.

The link is available December 1, 2025 thru March 1, 2026.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2026.

Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS online, by fax or mail to complete the financial assistance process:

1. Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
2. Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation can be uploaded online through the FACTS online form or mailed to the address below. Please be sure to include the applicant ID on all faxed or mailed correspondence.

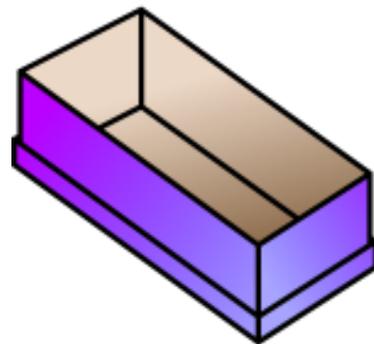
FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
P.O. Box 82524
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

If you have questions about the financial assistance process through FACTS, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-441-4637. Diocese of Lansing, Financial Aid Advisor, 517-267-2107. Or call Mr. Sweet at 517-627-2167.

Art Supply Request

Shoeboxes wanted. Any size. Clean, undamaged condition. We are collecting them for Art projects (tiny houses & shoebox theater). Please feel free to contact Mr. Conway if you have any questions. His email is lloydconway@stmichaelgl.org, phone number 517-488-4663.

Thank you,
Lloyd Conway



2026 Girl Scout Charity Dance

Thursday, January 29th

6:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Gerard Church
4433 W. Willow, Lansing, 48917



Come to the **Enchanted Forest** dressed as your favorite woodland creature, fairy, animal, or princess! There will be dancing, crafts and snacks!

Girls, any age, whether a girl scout or not, are invited to attend!

Cost: \$5.00 per person
& a personal care item

St. Gerard Girl Scout Troop 30152 is collecting **personal care items for the Lansing City Rescue Mission**. Please bring any of the items below to the dance: deodorant, feminine hygiene, shampoo, body wash, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

