

The mission of St. Mary/ St. Michael Catholic School is to develop lifelong learners who value all of God's creation and contribute to their community by living out their Catholic values.

St. Mary/St. Michael Parent Bulletin

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Lent - Pray, Fast, Give

During this first week of Lent our scripture on Tuesday called us to pray. Jesus taught us to pray the Our Father. Fr. Dick explained the prayer during Mass and invited each of us to pray the Our Father with reverence. Pray with your family and individually. One of our focus areas is also to fast from using God's name in vain and always with reverence.

A BIG Winterfest THANK YOU to everyone who participated and donated their time and treasure before and during the event to help make the fundraiser for our school a success! We also want to thank anyone who made donations, purchased and sold tickets. Special thanks to Nicole Riederer for her tireless efforts to coordinate the event. Preliminary numbers estimated at over \$25,000.00! The raffle ticket winners were: Amanda Linsmeier, \$5,000; Gary Reindl \$3,000; Bev Novak \$2,000; \$1,000 Gill girls; \$500 Julie Wiltman, \$500 Keegan West; \$250 Greg Riederer; \$250 Norbie Prizl; \$250 Hayden Bartel and \$250 Carol Waniger.

Congratulations! Two 7th and 8th grade teams competed in the Roncalli Math Bowl after school on Tuesday. A total of eighteen teams of four participated. Our team of Alex, Jesse, Grace and Meagan finished in 7th place. Our team of Levi, Zach, George and Roman finished in 8th place. Great job! A special congratulations goes to Meagan who took 3rd place overall for individual results. (Just 4 points away from the first place winner!)

- ***Lent Service Project:*** The Family Radio Network's 31st annual **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive** to collect personal care and cleaning products for local crisis agencies is going on February 12 – March 5, 2023. Last spring 51 Manitowoc area businesses, churches and schools hosted collection boxes and encouraged staff, students, and friends to donate hygiene supplies to local shelters. \$8,000 worth of supplies were donated, thank you! If your family is interested in donating there is a box outside the office where you can drop off your donation. The donations of hygiene supplies make it possible for our local crisis agencies to concentrate their limited financial resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve. These items are expensive and are not covered by Wisconsin Food Share. This donation helps BOTH the crisis programs and those they serve. Thank you for your help!
- ***Valders Lake to Lake Soccer League 2023 Registration forms*** are available for grades 1-8. If you are interested in having your child participate please contact Casey in the office and she can either email you the form or send home a hard copy with your child.
- ***Registration materials for 2023-2024 School Year - Please register by Friday, March 10 in order that we can have an accurate budget process.*** Materials are now located in PowerSchool. Select "Navigation" (left side column) and click on "Forms" to be completed online. All your information is there under tabs A-D it just needs to be updated. Tab E is removed because that is for child care purposes, tab F is for the state to gather data because our school is a part of the Wisconsin School Choice Program. In August, a Groupvine will be sent out to alert everyone on having the rest of the "Back to School " paperwork completed - online.

Do you know families with four and five year olds? You are our best advertisement for our school. Our goal is to add students in the early grades to keep the St. Mary St. Michael school legacy going. If you know of anyone who will be new to St. Mary/St. Michael, please pass the following link along to them and we will get their process started. There is also a link on our website at [school.stmarystmichael.com](https://gbdioc.powerschool.com/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=9563783)
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- The ***Private School Choice of Wisconsin*** application window for '23-24 opened February 1. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has a number of resources for parents located on their website <https://dpi.wi.gov/choice>. ***Just a reminder***, if you are currently participating in the Private School Choice program, you need to reapply each year and bring in your residency documentation and income if you have a new child applying in the program.
- **Pickleball** -Our third through eighth grade students are learning Pickleball as part of their PE classes. We have two small courts laid out and one regulation side court. Our staff is having fun learning this fastest growing game in the United States. If you would like to learn or have an interest, let us know and we will try to open it up to our families. Ask your children about it.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child/ren's teacher or Principal Schueller at jschueller@stmarystmichael.com God bless your family! - *Staff of SM/SM*