

StMCS E-folder 9/4/25

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Dear StMCS Families,

What a beautiful first week of school it has been! We have truly felt the power of your prayers surrounding our students, staff, and community. God’s presence has been evident in the joy of our classrooms, the laughter on the playground, and the spirit of togetherness that fills our halls. We are grateful for His promises and reminded daily that we walk by faith and not by sight, trusting that He will continue to guide and bless our journey this year.

Peace,

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Principal

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Assistant Principal



Rosary for ANNUNCIATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:00 a.m. CT

Join Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in praying the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Annunciation in Minneapolis and for an end to violence against children.

#PrayForAnnunciation

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Prayers for Annunciation
Parents are invited to join together in our Mary Garden on **Friday at 10:00 am** to pray a **Rosary for Annunciation**. Please park along Ash Avenue or on First Street, as the south end of the parking lot is used for Phy. Ed. classes and recess.

St. Michael Catholic Church will be hosting a **Holy Hour of Adoration for Annunciation TONIGHT, Thur. Sept. 4 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Join us for a special evening of prayer, music, and community, as we lift up intentions for Annunciation and all students, parents, and educators at the start of a new academic year.

School Safety Update
We are grateful for our strong partnership with the Wright County Sheriff’s Office and for their added presence at school this week. They will also be with us at our school Mass next Wednesday.

As we begin the school year, our teachers have been reviewing safety protocols with students, just as we do at the start of every year. At Weekly Welcome and Worship on Monday, we will also take time to prepare students for our first school Mass by talking through what safety looks like at church. The main points we will share with students are simple and reassuring:

- Our church is a safe place.
- Be silent so you can listen.
- Always follow the directions of the adults.
- Go where the adults tell you to go (exit out a door, go to the floor, etc.).

We are also working closely with the Wright County Sheriff’s Office to determine the best timing and approach for practicing safety protocols while at church. Once those plans are finalized, we will communicate them with you.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust as we work together to ensure that our students feel safe, cared for, and supported in every setting.

Church Drop-Off and Parking
As we prepare for our first school Mass next week, please be reminded of the following drop-off procedures:

- Students should be dropped off at St. Michael Catholic Church on Wednesdays for school Mass.
- Doors open at 7:15 a.m. for student drop-off. Please have children remain in the car until the doors open.
- Watch the [Church Drop-off Routine video](#).
- If parents are not staying for Mass, students should be dropped off using the drop-off traffic flow.
- Families attending Mass are asked to follow the parking traffic flow.
- Please leave the small parking lot on the west side of the church for staff parking only.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and efficient arrival for all!

Family Folders
As part of our ongoing effort to use digital communication, red Family Folders are sent home approximately once per month. Please review the materials enclosed, remove all contents, and return the folder to school with your child. Folders are being sent home today and include:

- A Marathon letter and pledge envelope
- Picture day order forms
- An StMCS informational magnet
- Twins tickets and [game day information](#), if ordered. (Groups: All tickets are sent to the person who placed the group order.)

Health Office Reminder
All classrooms are nut-free spaces. Since snack is eaten in the classroom, all snacks must be peanut and tree nut free. Thank you for looking out for the health and safety of our students

Volunteers Needed
We are still looking for help with the school Marathon. The most urgent need right now is:

- **Before Marathon Day Sponsor Assistance:** Walk to businesses with flyers and ask if they've received our email/letter and are interested in sponsoring or donation items. Walk to new businesses not on our donor list and see if they are interested in donating items for the event. This needs to happen now through 9/26 and is worth 10 hours of volunteer credit.

Sign up for this and other open spots on the [Volunteer Calendar webpage](#).

LOOKING AHEAD

2025-2026 Important Dates

September 11: Deep Portage Parent Mtg, Gr. 7, 6:30 pm
November 19: First Communion Parent Mtg, Gr. 2, 6:15 pm
February 21: First Reconciliation, Gr. 2, 10:00 am
April 17: Heritage Day, Time TBD
April 19: First Communion, Gr. 2, 11:00 am Mass



- [2025-26 School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Roster 2025-26](#)
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- [School Supplies List](#)
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