



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

Dear StMCS Families,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2026 together, we are grateful for your continued partnership in the education of your children and for the trust you place in us each day. Registration for the 2026–2027 school year is now underway, and we look forward to continuing this important journey with your family. *Reminder: Please complete your registration by next Friday, January 16.*

This Sunday marks the close of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In Matthew 3:13–17, we are reminded of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, when the heavens opened and the Father proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." May this Gospel renew our hearts as we continue to grow in faith and discipleship together.

Peace,

Heidi Gallus, Principal

WEEKLY UPDATES

All School Weekly Updates



Items Needed

We are still in need of donations of items for the PreK–4th grade Catholic Schools Week service projects. The list of items is available for sign-up on the [Volunteer Calendar](#) on the special events tab. Thank you for helping make this project possible!

Winter Enrichment

There is still space in Snowshoeing and KidzArt. Classes start next week, so register by Monday 1/12. Information and registration links [HERE](#).

Kids Club No School Day and Spring Break Registration

Kids Club is offering care for students in grades K-6 on the Monday, January 19 Staff Workshop Day and the two week Spring Break/NCEA Convention.

- **Monday, January 19 Staff Workshop Day:** Registration and information is available [HERE](#), and is due by Monday, January 12.
- **Spring Break** care is available Monday, March 30–Thursday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 7–Friday, April 10 (closed April 3 & 6 for Good Friday & Easter Monday). Registration and information is available [HERE](#), and is due by Friday, January 30.

Catholic Schools Week

- If you have not yet filled out your students' Catholic Schools Week field trip permission slip, please do so as they were due on Wednesday. Permission slips were emailed to the primary parent on Monday, January 5.
- Catholic Schools Week t-shirts are available for purchase for interested students. The CSW shirt or another StMCS shirt must be worn on the January 30 field trip day. [Order Information](#)
- The Knights of Columbus are partnering with us to help kick off Catholic Schools Week with a breakfast on Sunday, January 25! We are looking for volunteers to help serve. Sign up on the [Volunteer Calendar](#) if you can help!

Staff Update

- Connie Buchal has worked in our kitchen since the start of this school year. Because of changes with her family, her last day will be tomorrow. Thank you, Connie, for your service to StMCS!
- Congratulations to Sophie Hazen (middle level math teacher) who got engaged this fall! She will be getting married this summer and moving. This math position for the 2026-2027 school year is posted [here](#). Please share with anyone you know!

Honoring Our Nation And Those who Serve

St. Michael Catholic School would like to honor all who have served or are currently serving our country during Catholic Schools Week. All past and current military are invited to attend school Mass and a short program immediately following Mass in their honor on Wednesday, January 28. Mass begins at 7:40 a.m. and the program will last about 30 minutes. Military guests who are unable to attend mass, but would like to attend the ceremony please be in the gathering space at 8:30 am. All military guests are invited to stay after the ceremony for refreshments.

To help us plan for this event, please RSVP if you are military personnel and will be able to join us for the ceremony or if you have a guest that you invited that is able to join us.

Please RSVP to Gina Olson at golson@stmccatholicsschool.org or 763-497-3887 ext. 503 by Friday, January 23.



RECLAIMING Sundays

RECOVER SUNDAY AS A DAY FOR THE LORD AND FAMILY



"The Holy Spirit asks us to step out of our comfort zone, and a lot of times we find that works very well after Mass."

In January's video of our Reclaiming Sundays series, Catholic parents Mike and Krysten Fulcher recall the warm welcome they received as newcomers to their parish, and how that experience has inspired them to seek out new families to invite into a community of faith. Let's reclaim Sundays for the Lord and our families.

RESOURCES

OTHER INFORMATION

Flyers and Community Info



Extreme Faith Camp

Registration is open for STMA Catholic Youth Ministry's Extreme Faith Camp. Early Bird pricing ends January 31. [Flyer](#)

Vatican Unveiled Exhibit

From January 10 through February 1, the Mall of America will host an extraordinary exhibit featuring the largest collection of saint and papal artifacts outside of Rome. Presented by the Archdiocese of St. Paul–Minneapolis in celebration of its 175th anniversary, the exhibit includes items ranging from centuries-old Papal Bulls to personal belongings of St. Teresa of Calcutta, as well as Swiss Guard artifacts to name just a few. A visit offers a unique opportunity to learn Church history, grow in faith, and experience the Catholic faith shared powerfully in what is traditionally a secular space. Learn more [HERE](#).

RESOURCES

Quick Access Links



- [Online attendance form](#)
- [Scrip order form](#) - next order due 1/9
- [2025-26 School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Roster 2025-26](#)



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