



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

Dear StMCS Families,

As we move into the final week of the second trimester, I want to encourage all of our students to finish strong. This is an important time to stay focused, complete assignments with care, and continue striving for growth—both academically and spiritually. Thank you for the support you provide at home to help your children persevere and do their very best! (Thursday, March 5, is the last day of the trimester, and there is no school on Friday, March 6, as it is a staff workshop day.)

We are also blessed with a special opportunity for our parish and school community next week. St. Michael Catholic Church will host the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) for a three-day Parish Mission, March 2–4, 2026. Each evening from 7:00–8:30 PM will include prayer, praise, and inspiring reflections designed to renew and strengthen our faith.

In addition to the evening mission, the CFRs will be spending time here at school during recesses and lunches and will be visiting every classroom. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to encounter joyful witnesses to the Gospel and learn more about religious life and service to the Church.

You can learn more about the CFRs and our Parish Mission [here](#). We hope your family will be able to join us for this meaningful time of renewal and grace.

Peace & blessings,

Heidi Gallus, Ed.S.

Principal

WEEKLY UPDATES

All School Weekly Updates



Catholic Schools Raffle

A huge thanks to all the families who sold Catholic Schools Raffle tickets. We sold 1259 tickets, raising \$12,590 in support of StMCS. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to the Curt & Shawna Zachman family - our school's grand prize winner of the Build-a-Bear gift card, selling 105 tickets! Great job, Zachman family!

To comply with gambling laws, please return all unsold tickets by March 20 so we can turn them in. Thank you!

Sharing and Caring Hands Donations

During Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a school community, we practice almsgiving through our Lenten Food Drive for the Hanover Food Shelf. An additional opportunity has been presented, and while it is not meant to replace the food drive or any current efforts, we offer it as another way to share God's love with those in need.

Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis provides food, clothing, shelter, transportation assistance, medical and dental care, and more to over 20,000 people each month. They also offer transitional housing for families, including 100 fully furnished apartments. Recently, they have experienced shortages of several essential household items, and we are invited to respond as we are able. Some of our 6th graders have the opportunity to serve at Sharing and Caring Hands each month, and this is a meaningful way for our entire school community to support this mission.

Lent reminds us that what may seem ordinary to us can be a great blessing to someone else. Below is a list of current needs (highest need listed first):

Linens (New or Gently Used):

- Bedding – Sheets and pillowcases (Please place in a bag and clearly mark the size: K, Q, F, or T)
- Washcloths
- Towels

We kindly ask that all used linens be laundered and neatly folded.

Kitchen Items:

- Dishes/Bowls
- Eating utensils
- Pots/Pans
- Cooking utensils (please no sharp knives)

New Items Only:

- Pillows
- Socks

The founder of Sharing and Caring Hands, Mary Jo Copeland, has been described by many — including George W. Bush — as “America’s Mother Teresa.” What a beautiful opportunity it is to support a mission that serves Christ in the poorest of the poor!

As you do your spring cleaning, we invite you to consider donating some of your “treasures” to bless another family. Items can be dropped off in the bin at church or in the office at school.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us live out the spirit of Lent together!



Bids for Kids Updates and Reminders!

Classroom Basket Donations Are Due TOMORROW! Thank you to the many families who have already donated to our classroom baskets. The deadline to donate items or cash for all classroom baskets is **tomorrow, February 27**. To learn more or participate, visit our [website](#) or contact your classroom coordinator.

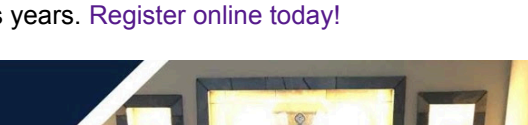
Ticket Giveaway! Tomorrow is the **last chance** to enter the New Family/New Attendee Gala Ticket Giveaway! We're excited to offer two complimentary B4K Gala tickets to parents or guardians who are either newly enrolled for the 2025–26 school year or have not attended the B4K Gala in the past. This special giveaway is made possible by New Century Service. Click [here](#) to enter!

Last Call for Sponsors! Do you own a local business or work for one? Please consider supporting our school by becoming a Bids for Kids sponsor! Sponsorship information can be found on our [website](#).

Gala Tickets Are On Sale and Going Fast! Don't miss your chance to buy tickets - only 250 tickets are available. While the deadline to purchase tickets is April 8, please note that we have already sold nearly half and this event has sold out early in previous years. [Register online today!](#)

OTHER INFORMATION

Flyers and Community Info



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Grades: Rising K - 6th
Campers are grouped by grade
Location: St. Michael Catholic School
14 Main Street North, Saint Michael, MN 55376
Dates & Time: June 22 - 26, 2026 | 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Cost: \$290 (before discount)
Payment Plans Available up until 4/23/2026
Sibling Discounts at [INVENT.ORG/CISAVE](#)
Camp Director: Tori Bartos | [tbartos@stmicatholicschool.org](#)

Interested families may enroll in extended care through St. Michael Catholic School Summer Kids Club. For more information on the option, please reach out to: Stephanie Steinhilber, Program Coordinator | [stebarto@stmicatholicschool.org](#)
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RESOURCES

Quick Access Links



- [Online attendance form](#)
- [Scrip order form](#) - next order due 2/27
- [2025-26 School Calendar](#)
- [Staff Roster 2025-26](#)



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