

Dear Sample,

Yesterday's first school Mass was truly beautiful! I am so grateful for the many families and guests who joined us as we gathered together in prayer and worship. The Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, and there is something especially powerful about beginning our school year together at the altar of the Lord. May the grace we receive at Mass continue to strengthen us as we grow in faith and strive for holiness throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the parish's Fall Festival this weekend! Be sure to stop by and check out the school's Fair Hair booth—we'd love to see you there!

Peace,

Heidi Gallus, Ed.S.
Principal

ALL SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES & REMINDERS

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended Mass this week! We love walking in faith together!

Here are a **few reminders** to help everything run smoothly and make Mass a great experience for everyone:

- **Student arrival:** All students should walk down the **outside aisles** to place their bags and supplies in their designated area **before checking in** with their teacher.
- **Sitting with your student at Mass:** If you are planning to have your student sit with you at Mass, **please make sure you know which class they are in**. This is especially important if a **grandparent or another family member** will be trying to find them.
- **If you arrive late:** If you arrive late to Mass, unfortunately, we will not have students move once Mass has started.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Important reminders:

- If you haven't turned in your **empty Red Family Folder**, please send it back to school with your student.
- If you need to add money to your **lunch account**, click the link in the bottom resources section titled '**Online Lunch Money Deposit**' to do so.
- Ted Neitzke's Modern Parenting session is **Monday, September 21 from 6:30-8PM** at St. Michael Catholic School. More details below.
- All **Marathon details** from last week's email and Family Folder are available on the school website[here](#).

School Picture Information

- School pictures are on **Monday, September 21**.
- Paper order **forms are going home tomorrow** (Friday) in student folders (K-4) and with middle level students.
- You can also order online [here](#). Enter our **school code**: SMCA2627
- If you order online, you do not need to send the paper form with your student.



REMINDER
Turn in your
**Summer Reading
Challenge Popsicles**
**DUE FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11**
This is the due date for
BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF!
Please put them
in my mailbox
As you collect
the popsicles,
please add them
to my mailbox.
Thank you!
Lynn Johnson

COUNSELING INFORMATION

Please review the following information from our counseling staff:

- [2026-2027 Counseling Letters to Staff & Families](#)
- [2026-2027 Individual Counseling Form](#)
- [2026-2027 Group Counseling Form](#)

MODERN PARENTING NIGHT

Ted Neitzke Parenting Session

- **Monday, September 21, 6:30 PM** - School Gym
- Watch [this video](#) for more information about the event.
- **Earn a non-uniform day for your student(s) by attending.**

Check out these **podcast episodes** before the event:

- [The Digital Delusion](#) - Jared Horvath Neuroscientist & Author.
- [Questions from Parents](#) - (Strategy & Reflection)

CHURCH INFORMATION

Events & Opportunities

St. Michael Catholic Church Fall Festival This Weekend!

- The St. Michael Catholic Church Fall Festival is **this Saturday and Sunday**.
- **Saturday:**
 - Food trucks, bingo, and fireworks.
- **Sunday:**
 - Games, food, shopping and more!
- More information [here](#).



ALL ARE WELCOME
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2026**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 3-10 PM

FOOD & BEVERAGE
3-10 PM: Food Trucks; Burgers & Brats; Beer Tent
4-8 PM: Beer, Bourbon, & Wine Tastings

GAMES
8 AM - 3 PM: Pickleball Tournament
3-5 PM: Bingo (free for ages 18 and under)
3-6 PM: Bean Bag Tournament

RAFFLES
4-6 PM: Meat Raffle
4-8 PM: Rolling Spirits Raffle

ENTERTAINMENT
7-10 PM: Live Music by Boogie Wonderland
8:30 PM: **New!** Fireworks Show

SUNDAY AT 4 PM;
TICKETS \$10 EACH
**Grand Prize
\$10,000 CASH**
+ another \$4,000 in prizes

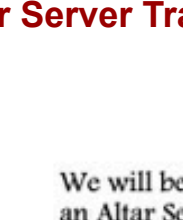
FOOD & BEVERAGE
10 AM - 4 PM: Food Trucks
11 AM - 1 PM: Chicken Dinner (Social Hall);
Chicken Dinner To-Go Meals (Cathering Space)
11 AM - 4 PM: Pie & Lunch; Beer Tent

GAMES
10 AM - 4 PM: Bingo; Cake Walk; Kids Games

SHOPPING
10 AM - 4 PM: Holy Gifts Store
New! Grace & Goods Market
All Your Favorites Under One Tent: Handmade
arts and crafts, toys, country store items, baked
goods, Catholic books, and garden produce.

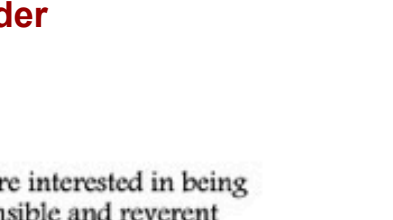
RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION
10 AM - 4 PM: Rolling Spirits Raffle;
Silent Auction; Bucket Raffle
4 PM: Raffle Drawing (win \$10,000)

ENTERTAINMENT
10 AM - 2 PM: **New!** Holy Cow Petting Farm
(sponsored by Holy Gifts)
10 AM - 2 PM: Antique Tractor Show
12-2 PM: Joe Eicher Band
12-3 PM: NFL Watch Party



**LIVE MUSIC BY BOOGIE
WONDERLAND & FIREWORKS**

stmccatholicchurch.org/fallfestival



Altar Server Training Boys 5th Grade and Older

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will be training boys, in 5th grade or older, that are interested in being an Altar Server. Altar servers must be mature, responsible and reverent during Mass.

Students will be scheduled to serve approximately once a month at Sunday Mass. This training is only offered once a year.

If you are interested, [please REGISTER/SIGN-UP](#) to attend ONE of the following training dates at church on:

Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
or
Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Training will take approximately 90 minutes.

Please note: Catholic school students that would like to serve at School Masses and/or funeral Masses **must** attend one of these upcoming training session and are expected to serve at Sunday Mass. There will not be separate training for school Mass only.

To register/sign up or for more information, please contact Cindy at the Parish Office- 612-470-4398 or by email at cwoitalla@stmccatholicchurch.org.



If you are unsure about serving, we encourage you to attend a training session, and then you can decide whether or not you would like to sign up. Many times, it's the students that are hesitant about serving that enjoy it the most! ☺

RESOURCES

- [Online Lunch Money Deposit](#)
- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)