



St Michael

Catholic Church & School

September 17, 2021

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Michael Mass

The feast of St Michael is September 29th. Our parish community has a dinner fundraiser celebration beginning at 6:00 PM. To assist with set-up, the school will dismiss at 12:00PM/Noon on the 29th. We will not be offering

aftercare on the 29th. Please plan for your child's pick up on this day.

COVID REMINDER

A couple of reminders to help keep our students and staff safe:

1. If anyone in your household has been tested or is going in to be tested and is awaiting test results for COVID your child/children should not be sent to school. Once the negative result has been given your child may return immediately. If a positive result has been returned your child will need to follow the quarantine procedures in this newsletter.
2. Each student is expected to bring **three masks to school daily**. We continue to operate in a mask optional environment but want to ensure if a mask is needed that each child has a mask to wear.

Attendance

If your child will be absent or arriving late to school, please send a message to school@stmichaelsgrfld.org or contact the school office at 317-462-6380 by 8AM. If your child will be arriving late please leave the message that includes whether your child will need a hot lunch or peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Our lunch orders are due to Greenfield Central School by 8:30.

September 20 – 24 Ladies Club Food Pantry Drive (See flyer in this newsletter)

September 25 – Mum Pick UP -This is a Saturday! 10 AM – 2PM

September 29 – Feast of St. Michael Early Dismissal at 12:00 PM NO AFTERCARE

September 27 – 30 Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

October 1 – eLearning Day

October 4 – 15 Fall Break

October 20 – Picture Retake

Daily Health Checklist

- ✓ Temperature greater than 99.5
- ✓ New or worsening cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Repeated shaking with chills
- ✓ Muscle pain
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Nausea//Vomiting/Diarrhea
- ✓ Had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with or who may have symptoms associated with COVID 19

Mission Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, St. Michael Catholic School encourages our students to grow in their Catholic faith, achieve academic excellence and become responsible citizens.

Mass, Adoration and Benediction

Every Friday the students and staff of St. Michael join with Fr. Aaron Jenkins in the celebration of the Mass. Mass begins at 8:30 AM. We welcome family and friends to participate in the Mass with us.

The Mass on September 17 was led by the 2nd grade. The readers for Mass were Novie Sickels and Levi Dellacca. Bennett Meek, Zoey Price, and Vivian Whisenand the Prayers of the Faithful. Our servers for the Mass were Aaron Lake, Ellie Lake, and Arturo Tafoya Sanchez

Adoration and Benediction are part of our very busy Friday. Classes schedule time on Fridays for silent prayer and reflection in the church as part of Adoration. We end our school week with Benediction. Benediction begins at 2:30 PM in the church. We invite you to join us each week as we celebrate in prayer.

Mass on September 24th will be hosted by 8th grade. Our servers will be Shepherd Dodds, Nicki Tompkins, and Sammy Naegeli.

MUMKIN PICK UP DAY – SATURDAY, 9/25

Thank you very much for making this parish/school fundraiser a success. Our goal was to sell 750 mumkins, instead with your help we sold 800 mumkins. Now it's time to pick up what has been purchased.

1. The child/seller picks up all the mums he/she sold and delivers the mums to the customer.
2. Mumkin pick up will be from 10AM – 2PM on September 25th.
3. To pick up your mums you will enter the parking lot from North Drive (next to Nolan Hall) and proceed in a single file line to the gym entrance.
4. A volunteer will come to your car and then pull your order
5. Exit the parking lot near Fr Aaron's home onto Madison
6. ***We will have a yet to be determined pick up area for sellers who are picking up 20 or more mums.***

Please note: If you cannot pick up your order on this day please contact the school office immediately.

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2021

We are preparing for our annual Veteran's Day Program and would like your assistance. Below is a message from Mrs. Capen and our tech team.

Veteran's Day Pictures – Link has been corrected for sharing

Dear Family and Friends of Veterans:

We are trying to put together a picture presentation to go along with "Armed Forces on Parade". Please use the link to the Google Folder and put your armed forces personnel picture in it. Please name the image with the name and branch of the military person. Thank you!

drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yOo-j8cnMn0eDSAlGg62oezWro9wIMyP?usp=sharing

Pictures are due October 1.

Lunch Program

Fresh and nutritious lunches are available to the children. Children will order their lunch each day. Another option for children is to bring a lunch to school. Under the current federal guidelines all school lunches are free. If a child chooses to bring his/her lunch and needs to purchase a milk, there is a .40 charge. ***It is still a requirement that families who feel they qualify for free lunches fill out a free and reduced lunch form and return it to the school office. You will find the free lunch application in your family packet.***

**Daily menu options include:

Entrée Choice (Protein + Whole Grain Rich item) 1 Fruit, 1 Vegetable, 1 Low-Fat Milk Daily, Water Daily

**Lunch Menu September 20-24**

Monday 9/20 - Popcorn Chicken, Bag of Chips, Steamed Broccoli, Diced Peaches, Milk

Tuesday 9/21 - Chicken & Noodles, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk

Wednesday 9/22 - Pizza Bar Papa John's Pizza, Steamed Corn, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday 9/23 – Beef Tacos or Walking Tacos, Tortillas/ Chips Refried Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

Friday 9/24 – Mini Pancakes w/ Syrup, Sausage Links (2), Baby Carrots, Banana, Milk

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Birthday September 18-24

9/19 – Nicholas Lewis





Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 27 - 30

As we approach the end of the first quarter, we will be conducting parent teacher conferences. Out of an abundance of caution we will conduct the conferences virtually again this year. Our conference times will run from 3:30 until 7:30 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Wednesday is the Feast of St. Michael, we have an early dismissal, school will be dismissed at 12:00 PM. We will conduct conferences from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Wednesday. To schedule a conference, go to:

www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73372D900A2C3EF3-fallsignups. *Click on the tab for your child's class. Please check to make sure you are scheduling your conference with the correct teacher!*



School Pictures

Students received their school pictures on Thursday, September 16th. If you did not receive the correct order or if you did not receive an order but had purchased one, please contact the office for assistance. Picture retake day is Wednesday, October 20th in the morning between 8AM and 9AM. If your child was absent or not enrolled this will be the opportunity for your child to get school pictures taken. Individuals who request picture retakes must turn in the pictures he/she wished to have replaced with new pictures. More information will follow as we approach October 20th.

Help us reach our goal!

Ladies' Club is hosting a food drive from Sept. 20-24th for St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry.

We need your help!

Items most needed: peanut butter, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, and cereal.

Any canned fruit or vegetable

Any canned tuna or salmon

Boxed dinners (including mac & cheese)

No glass jars please!

GOAL: 150 items

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Can You Help?

I am going on a mission trip over Fall Break to the Native American Christian Academy in Sun Valley, Arizona. One of the items they are needing are uniform pants sizes 8, 10, 12, 14. If you have any of these sizes to spare at your house, I would love to share them with these Native American children.

Sincerely,

Miss Murphy

COVID Updates and Protocols

******Please note that these protocols change frequently because of updates from the board of health**

Self-Screening

1. Students and staff should self-screen prior to school or extracurricular activities.
2. Upon arrival each day student temperatures will be taken.
3. SYMPTOMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
4. If staff/student experiences a fever or other symptoms listed above, a doctor's note will be considered for return to school if the diagnosis is non-COVID-19 related. The staff/student has to have a doctors' note to return with other than covid as a reason for symptoms and be symptom free for 3 days
5. If staff/student experiences COVID-19 symptoms, as listed above, and does not visit a doctor, staff/student must remain at home for 10 days after first symptom(s) appear AND three days of being fever free without the use of fever reducing medication, AND three days of improving symptoms.
6. Any staff or student who is symptomatic or who has been identified as a direct/close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 positive case, must follow the most current guideline established by The Indiana State Department of Health prior to returning to any in person school activity.
7. To encourage students to stay home when they are ill, awards and incentives for perfect attendance have been discontinued for the 2021-2022 school year.

The above guidelines, established by the Indiana State Department of Health, regarding returning to school after an illness are subject to change. The most current guidelines from the ISDH can be found here: [ISDH COVID-19 Return to School Guidance](#).

Positive COVID-19 Test

1. If staff/student tests positive for COVID-19, they must remain at home in isolation for 10 days after the first symptom(s) appear AND three days being fever free without use of fever reducing medication, AND three days of improving symptoms.
2. If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, he/she is to report results to the principal. The principal will notify the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and begin the contact tracing process.
3. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the principal will be notified by the person receiving that information. The principal will communicate with the parent/guardian regarding the positive result.
4. Students and staff will only be notified of positive cases if they are identified as a close contact.

Negative COVID-19 Test

1. If a symptomatic staff/student tests negative for COVID-19 and were not part of contact tracing, they must remain at home three days being fever free without use of fever reducing medication, AND three days of improving symptoms.
2. If a staff/student test negative for COVID-19 and were part of contact tracing refer to the section below. Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School.

Contact Tracing and Exclusion from School

1. Assigned seating should be used in classrooms and cafeterias to assist staff when conducting contact tracing (if there is a positive COVID-19 case).
2. A close contact is unvaccinated and identified via contact tracing as being within three feet for longer than 15 minutes (with or without a mask) of a positive COVID-19 person.
3. Testing is recommended for all close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases. Close contacts who test positive, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, should be managed as a confirmed COVID-19 case.
4. Per instructions from the Hancock County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Health (7/7/2021): "Schools may determine their masking plan for return to school, but COVID is a communicable disease. We are still managing a pandemic and schools are required to report positive cases (contact trace) and quarantine those who are unvaccinated and deemed as close contacts."
5. Asymptomatic individuals, unless fully vaccinated or recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, who are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case shall quarantine until: 14 days after the date of last exposure; or 7 days after date of last exposure with a negative PCR test result occurring on day 5 or later, following additional precautions for days 8-14.
6. Precautions include monitoring for symptoms, wearing a mask at all times around other people, and maintaining at least six feet of distance from others at all times unless otherwise directed by state or local health authority.

Office Protocol

- Office personnel will be provided with the decision-making process for sending students/staff home. This guidance is subject to change, but will incorporate current recommendations as established by the ISDH via the [COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree](#).

Cafeteria

1. All cafeteria staff will follow the SMCS personal health and safety recommendation for mask wearing.
2. All meals will be served in the cafeteria.
 - Serving lines and other common touch spaces will be sanitized between each meal group
 - Dining room tables will be sanitized between each group
 - Touch-free bottle fillers are accessible to all students and staff.
 - Hand sanitizer available in the cafeteria for student and staff use.
 - Food products from home for individual student lunches are allowed but students are not to share food from home.
3. Visitors, including family members, are currently not allowed in the cafeteria during lunch or physical education times.