

St Michael

Catholic Church & School

The Crusader

August 10, 2018

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



Back to School Night - Parents Only

Back to school night has been moved to Tuesday August 21 from 6:30 to 7:30. We have decided to move this informative evening due to the Mass for the observance of the Feast of the Assumption. This is an opportunity for parents to learn what the expectations are for students in the classroom. We will have two sessions: 6:30 – 6:50 parents visit the classroom, 6:55 – 7:10 all families and staff to the gym, 7:10 - 7:30 second round of classroom visits. Remember this is not a time for individual conferences. If you want to discuss the individual needs of your child/children, please schedule a conference time. We look forward to seeing each of you!

Mass

Mass this week was hosted by our eighth-grade class. Our reader was Amy Flora. Petitions were read by Emma Berty. The students who brought up the offertory Henry Staggs, Caden Cowan and Jack Drewes. Thanks to our servers Owen Sickles, Joseph Shiningler and Emily Schafer. The cantors who lead the singing were Matthew Royster, Mary Ellen Stratman, Anna Kunkel, Olivia Capen and Quentin Kiemeyer.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, 8/15, will be lead by our seventh-grade class. Mass for 8/17 will be led by sixth-grade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3 – 24
NWEA Testing

August 14
Hearing Screening PK, KN,1, 4,7

August 15
Feast of the Assumption Mass
8:30 AM

August 16
School Pictures

August 17
Mass 8:30AM
Benediction 2:30 PM

August 21
Back to School Night 6:30 – 7:30
Vision Screening

August 31
Progress Reports

September 4
Labor Day No School

[Very Important Updates in this newsletter](#)

[Back to School Change of date](#)

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.*

Homework Help Available

Homework help is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 7AM. Students must come to the office with homework to be completed. Students without homework to complete will be sent to before care.

Homework help is available to students in 4th through 8th grades on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 3:45. Mr. Farrell is available on Monday, Ms. Murphy is available on Tuesday and Ms. Massingale is available on Thursday.



Birthdays August 1 – 17

Happy birthday to the following students: Nicki Tompkins, Avery McCarley, Caroline Goldstein, Joshua Gordon, Coraline Burke, and Paxton Sharritts

Daily Readings

Monday through Thursdays as part of morning assembly students have been asked to help with the daily readings. The fifth-grade students completed reading this week. Thanks to Cecilia Wilson, Annabell Feeney, Aiden Morris and Paige McCarley for helping this week. Students reading next week:

August 13 – Ruthie Dodds
 August 14 – Ava Sickles
 August 15 - Mass
 August 16 – Abby Reed
 August 17 - Mass



Recycling Relocated

The paper recycling bin has been moved to the north drive near the aluminum recycling bin.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Free and Reduced Lunch applications are now due. If you feel you may qualify for the federal benefit complete the forms that were supplied to you in the move in packets. You may also access the application from our website <http://www.school-stmichaelsgrfld.org/> click on the link for move in day packets. **Without a completed and approved application on file students will be charged the full price for lunch.**

Safe & Sacred

All staff, volunteers, chaperones, coaches and professionals interacting with children in our school must complete Safe & Sacred. This course empowers each of us with the ability to protect all God's children. Successful completion of this course results in recognizing types, signs, characteristics, scenarios, and in general, indicators of suspected abuse. To provide a safe environment for the children at our school, all adults, staff and volunteers, take this online course. You may access the Safe & Sacred website by clicking on the following link: <https://safeandsacred-archindy.org/login/index.php>

"The whole Church, especially the laity, at both the Archdiocesan and national levels, needs to be engaged in maintaining safe environments in the Church for children and young people."

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (2005), Article 10.

Before and After Care

It is not too late to sign up for our Before and After care program. Information for these programs was sent home in our family's move in packet. You may request another packet from the school's office or find the information on our website <http://www.school-stmichaelsgrfld.org/school-families>. Sign up for our new programs and clubs will begin next week. The clubs will begin the week of August 13th. Here is a listing of some of the new after school activities that are available.

1. Cyber Patriots – Cyber Patriots are grades 6-8. Thursdays (Mrs. Capen)
2. Coder Dojo is grades 3-8. Tuesdays (Mrs. Capen)
3. Drama – Casting to begin in November for a musical. (Mrs. Mickler)
4. Physical Conditioning – one day a week for students in 3 – 8 (Ty Hayes) Start date to be announced
5. Greenfield Public Library Storytelling Pre-school to 3rd will be the second Monday of each month (Begins 9/10 – 3:30 – 4:00 and 4:00 – 4:30)
6. Chess club on Wednesday afternoons for grade 5 – 8 Start date to be announced
8. Walking Club Mondays (end of August through October) Mrs. Brinkman (Begins 8/27)
9. Strings with Mrs. Mickler on Thursday for grade 3 – 8 (begins 8/16)
10. Game Club w/Fr Aaron – 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 3 to 5 for grades 5 to 8 (Begins 8/14)

August 14, 28

September 11, 25

October 23

January 8

February 5, 19

March 5

Parish News



Altar Server Training

Altar server training will be held for all Catholic youth in grade 5 and above on Saturday, August 18 at 9 a.m. in the church. If your child is interested in participating in this ministry but cannot attend the training, please contact Christie Murphy at 317-462-4240 or cmurphy@stmichaelsgrfld.org. Current servers are also welcome to attend the training, but are not required.

Youth Ministry Canoe Trip

Our Youth Ministry will travel to Morgan's Canoe and Outdoor Adventure in Brookville on Labor Day, **September 3rd**, again this year. Any member of the parish in grade 8 or above is invited to participate in the mud run and/or canoe. A registration form and waiver are available on our website at www.stmichaelsgrfld.org/Youth-Activities-for-Grades-8-12.

Alumni News

Indiana State University Newsroom

Indiana State University has awarded the University Honors Scholarship to 24 outstanding students who begin their studies this fall.

The students chosen for these competitive scholarships demonstrated high levels of academic achievement throughout high school and during an on-campus interview process. To apply for the scholarship, students were required to have at least two of the following: a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale, a score of 1270 on the SAT or 26 on the ACT and rank within the top 10 percent of their high school class.



The scholarship provides full in-state tuition for four years. Recipients of the University Honors Scholarship are:

Emily Shininger of Greenfield, Ind., graduated from Greenfield Central High School and plans to major in communication. Emily is also a graduate from St. Michael Catholic School.

School Improvement Goals

Catholic Identity All students will gain a better understanding of Catholic social justice teachings.

Math Students will demonstrate greater understanding of math processing skills and content vocabulary to more accurately compute and solve mathematical problems.

Language Arts All students will improve their comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction literature.

Enrollment Increase student enrollment through the implementation of new marketing plan