

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
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Dear Parishioners,

It deeply saddens me to inform you that the 2019-20 school year will be the final school year at St. Michael. Due to declining enrollment, and budgetary concerns we are no longer able to keep the school open responsibly. The financial cost to educate a student at St. Michael School, based on enrollment and staffing levels, has recently reached \$15,000 per student. I have accepted the recommendation of the administrative council to close the school. I have informed Bishop LeVoir and he has accepted this recommendation.

As I stated, we are all saddened that it has come to this, but I do promise that we will be making the 2019-20 school year memorable to the students, staff, families, and parishioners. Thank you for everything you have done for fulfilling the Churches mission of preaching the Word of Christ by means of a Catholic school and I am looking forward to one last great school year at St. Michael's.

At this time the parish is in a very good situation and hopes to be for years to come, to provide good financial subsidy for families choosing a Catholic school educational choice for their children at neighboring Catholic schools. Some of these catholic schools include St. Raphael's School in Springfield, St. Mary's School in Bird Island, New Ulm Area Catholic Schools in New Ulm, St. Mary's Catholic School in Sleepy Eye, and St. Anne's School in Wabasso. The St. Mary, Sleepy Eye, school community also provides transportation options for students. Over the next year, I hope to assist you in discovering the Catholic school choices for your children in the near vicinity.

I pray and hope that next year will be one in which we can together celebrate the many years of faith-filled Catholic education provided by and to the many individuals that have entered and attended St. Michael's Catholic School.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski