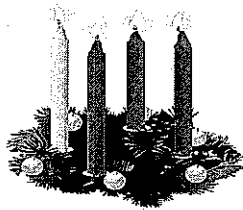


St. Michael's School News!

December 2025



Advent began on Sunday, November 30th. As we await the birth of Jesus, let us remember to be ready and open to Jesus' presence in our lives. The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Love with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Christmas Program

Practice has begun in preparation for St. Michael's School Christmas Program "The Inn Crowd". Dress Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, December 10th at 1:30 p.m. (following the Christmas meal) with our main performance on Friday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. All students should be at the church at 6:30 p.m. on December 12th to dress for the program. We will be serving hospitality after the program and ask all 5th/6th grade parents to help with hospitality. All families are asked to bring a pan of bars, a dozen cookies, or a dozen sandwiches.



Penance Services

St. Michael's students in grades 4-6 will attend a penance service on Wednesday, December 17th at 8:30 a.m.



Jingle Bell Shoppe

St. Michael's School has been asked to take part in the Jingle Bell Shoppe on December 5th. If you have any items to donate to sell at the Jingle Bell Shoppe, please drop them off at school by Wednesday, December 3rd. Donations should be new items that can be sold as gifts for \$1.00-\$5.00. Students typically shop for parents, siblings, and grandparents. St. Michael's School students will also be able to shop.

December Family Fun Night

Our December Family Fun Night is Thursday, December 4th from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. We will be painting Christmas Ornaments. A Taco/Nacho Bar will be served for supper.

Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation begins Wednesday, December 24, 2025 and runs through Friday, January 2, 2026. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

November Calendar Winners

Calendar winners for the month of November: Doug McNamee (\$50); Lloyd Steinmetz (\$50); Geri Walz (\$50); and Wayne Ahmann (\$50). Congratulations!

Rome Pilgrimage

Please keep all of those joining Jane Kozitka on her Retirement Pilgrimage to Rome in your prayers. Jane Kozitka, Juanita Zimmerman and Fr. Andrew will be gone December 1st through December 12th.

Pie Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped make St. Michael's School's Thanksgiving Pie Sale a success. Thank you for selling pies, mixing and rolling dough, filling pies, baking pies, boxing pies, cleaning up and distributing pies. We appreciate all you do!

We received a \$1,000.00 through Catholic Untied Financial; Sugar donated from Crystal Sugar; and Evaporated Milk for Affinity Plus of Mahnommen.

694 pies were made. Pies sold for \$12.00 each for a total of \$8,328.00. Preliminary expenses totals are still being worked on and will be reported later. Nice Work Everyone!

We do still have pies to sell if anyone would like one or two or many. Apple- 16, Strawberry Rhubarb- 10, Pumpkin-27.



Christmas Wreath Sale

St. Michael's School has 13 Christmas Wreaths available to sell. Wreaths are \$28.00. Please contact the school office 218-935-5222 if you would like to purchase one.

Calendar

Dec. 3- Faculty Meeting 3:15 p.m.
Dec. 4- Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00 p.m./ Principal Meeting
Dec. 5- Midterm/Jingle Bell Shoppe
Dec. 8- Mass 8:30 a.m.
Dec. 10- Christmas Meal 11:30 a.m.; Dress Rehearsal 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 13- Christmas Program 7:00 p.m. Arrive at 6:30
Dec. 16- Advisory Council 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17- Penance Service 4-6 grades 8:30
Dec. 24-Jan.2- Christmas Vacation
Jan. 4- Epiphany Party 11:30 a.m.
Jan. 5- School Resumes