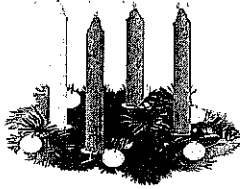


St. Michael's School News!

December 2024



Advent begins on Sunday, December 1, 2024. 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 Peace 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 Last Noel**". Dress Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 1:30 p.m. (following the Christmas meal) with our main performance on Friday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. All students should be at the church at 6:30 p.m. on December 13th 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 open faced sandwiches.



Penance Services

St. Michael's students in grades 3-6 will attend a penance service on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

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! 760 pies were made. Pies sold for \$12.00 each for a total of \$9,120.00. Preliminary expenses total \$2,740.48 for a total profit of \$6,379.52. Nice Work Everyone!



Jingle Bell Shoppe

St. Michael's School has been asked to take part in the Jingle Bell Shoppe on December 6th. The Catholic Caughters volunteered to work the booth for us. If you have any items to donate to sell at the Jingle Bell Shoppe, please drop them off at school by Wednesday, December 4th. 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

Please take time to enjoy your family time as Christmas approaches and invite your loved ones to the Christmas Program on December 13th.

Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation begins Monday, December 23, 2024 and runs through Wednesday, January 1, 2025. School will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

**Early Out December 20th
12:45 Dismissal**

New Floor Resurfacing

The St. Michael's Advancement Team and St. Michael's Finance Council have made arrangements to have the St. Michael's School downstairs flooring resurfaced. This will take place over Christmas Vacation.

Help Needed!

With the floor resurfacing project, we need volunteers to help remove the tile in the school library/resource room. Please let Mrs. Chalich know ASAP if you are able to help with this project. A date will be set when we have volunteers available.

Snow Removal

We are in need of immediate help with snow removal (snow blowing) for St. Michael's School and St. Michael's Church. Snow removal needs to be started between 6:00-6:30 a.m. on school days and Mass days and takes a couple hours to complete. Compensation will be provided.

Snow Removal Duties Include: Use of Parish Lawn Tractor. **School:** Snow blow and brush sidewalks around school, sidewalk in front of school parking lot and sidewalk from Jefferson Avenue north 1 block. Snow blow basketball court and garage driveway. Shovel steps at East and West doors. Salt steps and sidewalks if needed. **Church:** Snow blow and brush sidewalks around Church and Parish Office. Snow blow Fr. Andrew's driveway. Shovel steps at Parish Office. Salt steps and sidewalks if needed.

Please let the school office or parish office now if you are able to help us out.

November Calendar Winners

Calendar winners for the month of November include: Nathan Hanson (\$250); Shirley Sweep (\$50); Julie LaVoy (\$50); Delores Ahmann (\$50); and Diane Schultz (\$50). Congratulations!

Motorcycle Raffle

Congratulations to **1st Place Winner (Motorcycle)** Megan Askelson of Waubun, MN; **2nd Place Winner (\$2,500 Cash)** Jason Brevik of Williston, ND; and **3rd Place Winner (Scooter)** Evan Lindblom of Greendale, WI. **A total of 163 tickets were sold for a profit of \$16,300 less the \$2,500 cash prize. \$13,800 will be deposited into the Faith Family Future Capital Campaign Endowment Fund.** Thank you to Dave and Marilyn Bauer for the donation of the motorcycle.

Calendar

- Dec. 2- Faculty Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- Dec. 6- Midterm/Jingle Bell Shoppe
- Dec. 9- Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 10- Penance Service 9:30 a.m. 3-6 grades; Advancement Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11- Christmas Meal 11:30 a.m.; Dress Rehearsal 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13- Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17- Advisory Council 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20- Early Out 12:45 Teacher In-Service
- Dec.23-Jan.1- Christmas Vacation
- Jan. 2- School Resumes
- Jan. 5- Epiphany Party 11:30 a.m.

