



# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Celebrating 125 years of  
*faith, tradition, and academic excellence*



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Educating  
Children  
Pre-K - 8th Grade

Open Enrollment  
for 2026-2027

# St. Michael School Staff

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**Mrs. Michelle Biscan**

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**Mrs. Karen Rapacz**

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## Our Mission

St. Michael School is a community of students and teachers that are committed to living their Catholic faith rooted in the worship of God by serving and respecting others while striving for academic excellence, resulting in Christ-like leaders within and beyond our community.

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Email Mrs. Biscan  
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Welcome to St. Michael Catholic School!

St. Michael Catholic School was founded by the faithful and passionate members of the St. Michael Parish Catholic community. This community was founded by dedicated parents pursuing a Catholic based education for their students. This is why our students attend here and why we continue to open our doors year after year. We use our Catholic faith as a driving force to continue to provides quality education to the Northwest Indiana community to the next generation. St. Michael Catholic School provides the tools to thrive for the whole student: mind, body, & soul.

As we continue the legacy of St Michael Catholic School, we pride ourselves in our faith, curriculum, and citizenship!

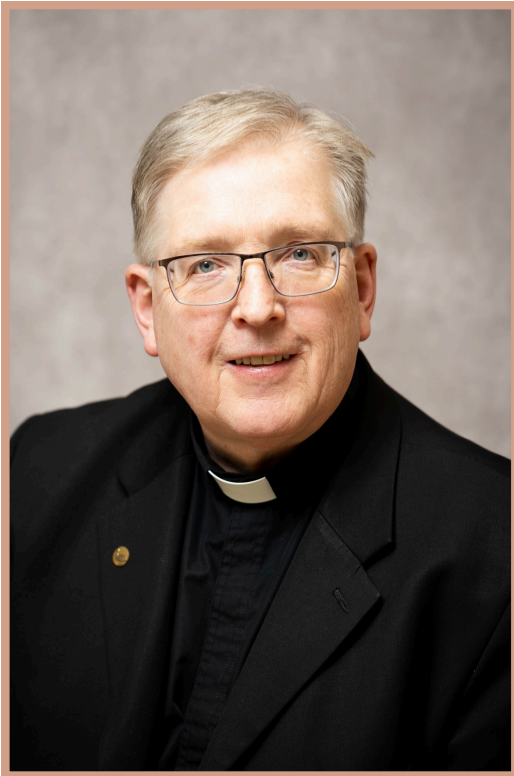
With gratitude,

*Michelle Biscan*

Principal, St. Michael School



# FROM THE PASTOR OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH



Greetings:

I am very grateful that you would consider our parish school, St. Michael Catholic School, as a place for your child to learn and to grow. I myself attended a Catholic grade school in Highland, Indiana. In those days classes were large but we learned well. I remember moving into high school and being amazed how far ahead I was from many of my classmates. That same early success carried on into college and beyond.

The reason I think that this is the case is not only the excellent dedicated teachers but also the learning of good life skills rooted in my faith. This formation in both studies and faith created for me an even sturdier foundation on which I built my life and career.

My parents, who were of modest means, sent six of us through Catholic school when there was no state aid. I remember as a child it was not always easy for them and us, but I thank them for being resolute for all of us, keeping the larger picture of our future success before their eyes. It was the best gift they gave me, those first eight years. I pray that you too find what is offered here a great gift, or as the gospel of Matthew says, "a pearl of great price" that is worth pursuing. (Matthew 13:45-46)

In Christ, our Teacher and Guide,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Martin J. Dobrzynski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Martin J. Dobrzynski  
Pastor





# Discover the Difference a Catholic Education Makes

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL!**



We are delighted that you are exploring our school community. As you browse this eBook, you'll discover how St. Michael School forms confident, compassionate students rooted in Catholic values and prepared for lifelong success. Demonstrating our commitment to your child's future and the continued success of our school, St. Michael Parish invested over \$1.6 million in a complete HVAC system overhaul in the summer of 2025. This significant, forward-looking investment ensures a healthy, comfortable learning environment through high-quality air filtration, continuous fresh air circulation, and individualized climate control in every classroom—supporting the well-being of each student and empowering our dedicated staff to teach at their best.

**READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP? REGISTER TODAY OR SCHEDULE A VISIT.**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOUR FAMILY. PLEASE EMAIL MRS. BISCAN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. [MBISCAN@SMSWARRIORS.ORG](mailto:MBISCAN@SMSWARRIORS.ORG)**

# St. Michael School History

St. Michael School began as a dream rooted in the faith and educational values brought by German immigrants to Schererville. That foundation was established in 1874 with the building of St. Michael Church. The school opened on September 16, 1900, serving students in grades fifth through eighth, and quickly grew to include all grades. Faith was deeply woven into daily life, with children receiving religious instruction at the church.



*St. Michael School 1902*



*St. Michael School 1916*



*St. Michael School 1955*



*St. Michael School 1984*

Today, St. Michael School continues its rich tradition of faith-filled education. For generations, families have entrusted us with their children—confident in our unwavering commitment to Catholic values, academic excellence, and a strong sense of community.

While we proudly honor our history, we also look forward—embracing innovation, technology, and modern teaching practices that prepare students for today's world and tomorrow's opportunities.





# ABC Preschool Program

St. Michael Preschool offers both half-day and full-day programs designed to meet the needs of busy families while providing a strong foundation for learning.

## **3-Year-Old Program - Half Day M, T, W (12:30 - 3:00 PM)**

Our youngest learners grow in a nurturing, play-based environment that supports social and emotional development. Children build independence, learn to share and cooperate, strengthen fine and gross motor skills, and are introduced to early literacy, numbers, and routines—all while developing a love of school grounded in faith.

## **4-Year-Old Program – Getting Ready for Kindergarten**

**All Day, M-F (8:30AM - 3:00 PM)**

**Half Day, M-F (8:30 - 11:30 AM)**

Our 4-year-old program focuses on Kindergarten readiness through structured learning and hands-on exploration. Children strengthen letter and sound recognition, early reading and writing skills, counting and problem-solving, and classroom readiness skills such as listening, following directions, and confidence. Faith, kindness, and responsibility are woven into each day to prepare students for a successful transition to Kindergarten.



Little children, let  
us not love in  
word or talk but  
in deed and in  
truth.

1 John 3:18

**Discover the  
Difference**

Flexible programs that  
support families while  
prioritizing early faith  
formation.





# Elementary School

## (Grades K–5)

Our elementary program lays the groundwork for a lifetime of learning. Students develop essential skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies and religion within a nurturing and structured environment. Teachers engage students through hands-on learning, collaboration, and differentiated instruction to meet each child's needs.

Daily prayer, weekly Mass, and meaningful faith experiences help students grow in faith, responsibility, and a strong moral foundation. Learning is enriched through creativity and real world experiences, including at least one educational field trip at every grade level, giving students opportunities to explore, discover, and connect classroom lessons to the world around them. Kindness, respect, and integrity are intentionally woven into every school day, and when learning brings curiosity, joy, and a smile to a child's face, it goes deeper. This whole-child approach supports academic success while nurturing emotional, social, and spiritual growth forming confident learners, compassionate leaders, and faith-filled individuals.



We love  
because  
He first  
loved us.  
1 John 4:19

### Discover the Difference

An elementary  
experience focused on  
academic growth,  
character formation, and  
nurturing the whole  
child.



# Middle School (Grades 6–8)

Our middle school program encourages critical thinking, independence, and leadership. Students experience a robust curriculum that includes advanced math, science labs, and technology integration, keeping them engaged with the latest learning tools and school-to-home platforms used for classroom instruction and homework

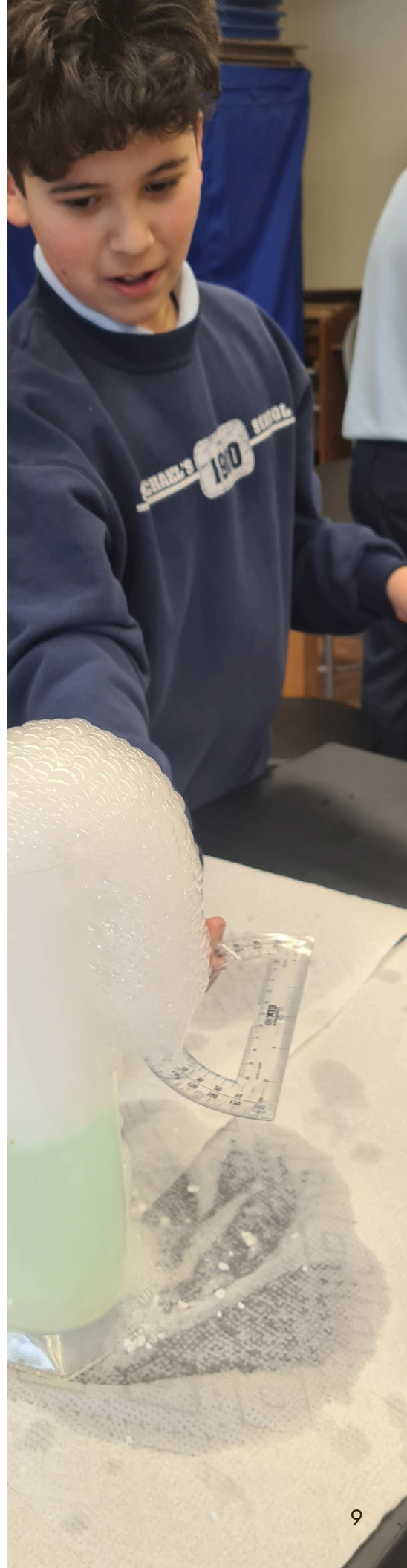
At St. Michael, academics go far beyond reading a book. Our students engage in hands-on labs, peer teaching, and presentations that develop critical thinking and confidence. Middle schoolers also participate in field trips, service learning, weekly Mass, and immersive projects—bringing learning to life while preparing them for high school success.



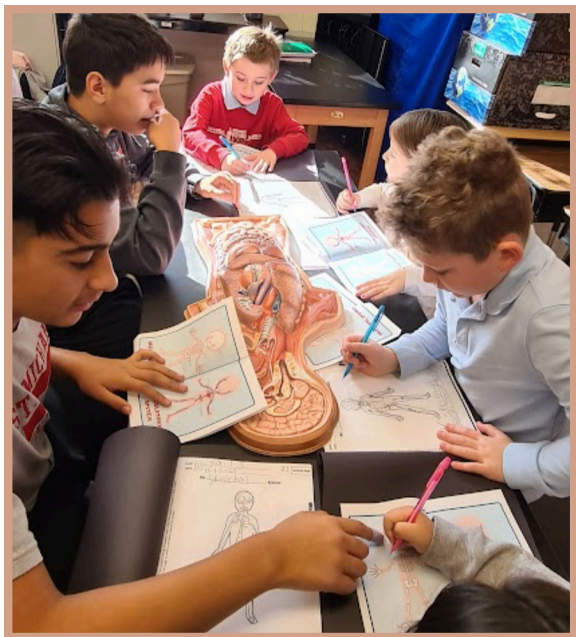
Be strong and  
courageous.  
Joshua 1:9

## Discover the Difference

Rigorous coursework  
paired with guidance  
that nurtures confidence  
and responsibility.







At St. Michael, we believe leadership is nurtured through service. Our middle school students are encouraged and empowered to mentor younger classmates, building confidence, responsibility, and compassion. Through these meaningful mentoring opportunities, students grow as role models. Strengthening our community while developing the character and leadership skills.



The annual 8th grade trip to Chicago features a four-course dinner and an opera or theatrical performance, offering students a rich cultural experience that inspires engagement and broadens their perspective.

## Discover the Difference

Real-world learning experiences that connect faith, service, and discovery.



You are  
God's  
masterpiece.  
Ephesians  
2:10

Graduation year from St. Michael school is filled with tradition, faith, excitement, and family. Creating a deeply meaningful milestone that celebrates growth, achievement, and lasting bonds.



# CYO Sports - Home to the Warriors!

St. Michael School is home to the Warriors, with a long-standing winning tradition in athletic competition. Our athletes are supervised by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), which helps young people reach their full potential by providing well-organized athletic opportunities. At St. Michael School, all students can play sports without going through tryouts or cuts, and every player is guaranteed playing time in every game.

Our Warrior athletes compete in the following sports, starting in 5th through 8th grades.



- Co-Ed Soccer
- Boys' and Girls' Volleyball
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball
- Boys' and Girls' Track
- Boys' and Girls' Cross Country
- Girls' Cheerleading



*Northwest Indiana Catholic Youth  
Organization - <https://www.nwicyo.org/>*



**2025 Holiday Tournament Champions  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

## Discover the Difference

Athletics that emphasize  
teamwork, discipline,  
and sportsmanship  
rooted in faith.



# Academic Enrichment

## Spanish Language Instruction

Students in PreK through eighth grade are guided on a journey of learning and appreciating the Spanish language and culture. From early word identification to sentence structure and verb conjugation, instruction grows with each grade level. With a dedicated Spanish teacher, students build confidence, cultural awareness, and a foundation for lifelong language learning.

### Discover the Difference

Early and ongoing Spanish instruction that builds communication skills, cultural awareness, and confidence.



## Technology Education from PreK - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Our PreK–8 technology curriculum engages students while building digital literacy, problem-solving, and collaboration skills in a safe, guided environment. From foundational literacy, math tools and typing tests. Students learn in ways that make learning fun and accessible while building on every skill. By 8th grade, students complete their program prepared for high school, mastering essential tools such as Google Suite, Canva, and website design.

## Cursive Writing - A Skill for Life

At St. Michael School, students learn cursive writing beginning in 3rd grade. Cursive strengthens brain development, improves fine motor skills, and supports memory, reading, and writing fluency — helping students grow as confident, capable learners.

## Physical Education & Wellness

Our curriculum promotes physical, mental, and emotional well-being while building essential life skills. Through strength, motor skill development, and healthy habits. Using the Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP), each child sets personal fitness goals in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

### Discover the Difference

Intentional cursive instruction that strengthens fine motor skills, literacy development, and academic focus.

# Specialty Classes

## Art & Literature for Middle School and Art Class Instruction for Elementary

Art and Literature come alive in Middle School as students develop artistic skills through intentional art instruction while also exploring literature as both the art of writing and a source of creative inspiration. Through hands-on projects, students express ideas visually, deepen comprehension of classic and contemporary texts, and create artwork that complements and brings literary works to life—strengthening creativity, critical thinking, and self-expression across disciplines.

Art is offered across the elementary grades, giving students the opportunity to explore a variety of art mediums while developing creativity, fine motor skills, and artistic dexterity.

### Discover the Difference

Art education that encourages creativity, builds confidence, and celebrates each child's God-given gifts.



## Music Class for Middle School and Music and Library for Elementary

**Middle School** curriculum offers creative opportunities that inspire self-expression and celebrate each child's God-given talents. Students share their learning through two all-school music programs each year, building confidence and joy in performance. Children with additional musical gifts are encouraged to further develop and share their talents through special opportunities that enrich our school community.

**Elementary students** receive weekly music education along with a dedicated library visit each week. Through reading logs and engaging reading inspiration programs, students are encouraged to develop strong reading habits that support classroom learning and foster a lifelong love of books.

### Discover the Difference

A library that inspires imagination and supports classroom learning.



# FAITH IN ACTION (Grades K–8)

Students live their faith through meaningful opportunities to serve and lead. Children may participate in choir, serve as lectors or altar servers, and gather as a school community for weekly Mass as well as on Holy Days of Obligation. Eighth graders bring the Stations of the Cross to life in a moving, immersive performance for the school and parish community. Students physically embody each scene, creating a powerful experience that deepens faith, responsibility, and leadership.



## Discover the Difference

Faith woven into every  
school day—where  
Jesus is present in  
learning and life.



# A Day in the Life of a St. Michael Student

Starting a new school is an exciting step, and at St. Michael School we strive to make each day structured, welcoming, and supportive for our students and families.

## School Schedule

The school day begins at 8:20 a.m. and concludes with dismissal at 3:20 p.m., providing a consistent routine that balances academics, faith, and enrichment.

## Uniforms

Students wear school uniforms that promote pride, belonging, and focus. Clear uniform guidelines apply to both daily school wear and physical education (gym) uniforms, making mornings simpler for families. Order Uniform here: [Tea Party Studio](#)

## Lunch Program

A convenient school lunch program is available, offering families flexibility while ensuring students are ready to learn each afternoon.

## Communication & Connection

Strong communication is a cornerstone of our community. Families receive a weekly Parent Newsletter from the Principal, Mrs. Biscan every Sunday, sharing upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and any important schedule updates—so you always feel informed and connected.

## Discover the Difference

A school that values partnership with families through clear, consistent communication.

## Additional Information

For full details on school policies, procedures, and expectations, families are encouraged to review the Student/Parent Handbook, your go-to resource for the school year.

Click here to view [Student Handbook](#).



## Discover the Difference

A learning environment where consistency and school pride help students focus on what matters most—growing in faith and learning.





# St. Michael School

## 2026-2027 Year at a Glance

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### August

17 - Welcome Back: supply drop off 4-6pm  
 19 - 1st day of school (K-8th)  
 24 - 1st day of school (preschool)  
 27 - Parent Night/Meet the Teacher @ 6pm

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### September

7 - Labor Day (no school)  
 21 - Q1 progress reports - emailed

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### October

9 - Special Person Day (dismissal @ 11am)  
 21 - Q1 ends  
 23 - Parent/Teacher conference (no school)  
 26 - E-learning Day

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### November

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### December

1 - Q2 progress reports - emailed  
 18 - early dismissal @ 11am  
 21-31 Christmas Break

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### January

1-3 - Christmas Break  
 4 - Classes resume  
 14 - Q2 ends  
 18 - MLK Day (no school)  
 24-29 Catholic Schools Week

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### February

12 - E-Learning Day  
 15 - President's Day (no school)  
 18 - Parent Information Night @ 7pm  
 19 - Q3 progress reports - emailed

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### March

19 - Q3 ends  
 26 - Good Friday (no school)  
 29 - Easter Monday (no school)

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### April

5-9 Spring Break  
 30 - Q4 progress reports - emailed

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### May

3 - E-Learning Day  
 26 - Preschools last day/PK graduation @ 6pm  
 28 - Warrior Day  
 31 - Memorial Day, no school

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### June

1 - 8th grades last day w/ 11am dismissal  
 1 - 8th grade Graduation @ 6pm  
 3 - Last day of school dismissal @ 11am

\*Dates can be subject to change\*

## Discover the Difference

A clear view of the year that supports organization, communication, and family life.



# Parent Involvement

Starting at a new school is exciting, and at St. Michael School we welcome families as true partners in our community. Parent involvement is designed to be clear, manageable, and meaningful, with flexible opportunities to fit your family's schedule.

## **Parent Partnership & Fundraising**

Each family participates in school fundraising with a minimal annual requirement, helping support programs, events, and student experiences throughout the year. Families may choose how they participate, making involvement approachable and flexible.

In addition, each family is asked to complete 10 volunteer hours per school year. If volunteer hours are not fulfilled, an invoice will be issued for any remaining hours. This ensures fairness while respecting the varied availability of our families.

## **Ways Families Can Get Involved**

### ***Fundraising Committees***

Parents are encouraged to share their talents by joining a committee. Both chair and committee member roles are available throughout the year, offering meaningful ways to contribute while meeting other families.

### ***Social Committee***

The Social Committee hosts four low-cost, grade-specific events each year, helping students and families build friendships and feel connected to the school community.

### ***Home & School Association***

The Home & School Association is a year-long commitment that supports all-school activities and events. This group plays a key role in strengthening communication and school spirit.

### ***Classroom Participation***

Volunteer opportunities within classrooms are available throughout the year based on teacher needs and grade level, allowing parents to support learning in a hands-on way.



Discover the  
Difference

Welcoming  
opportunities that help  
new families feel  
connected from day one.

# Join the St. Michael School Family

At St. Michael School, we invite you to discover the difference a Catholic education makes—where faith inspires learning, values shape character, and every child is encouraged to reach their God-given potential.

To learn more about the various scholarship opportunities email:

**Deacon Gary Wolfe**  
**Scholarship and Grant Coordinator**

[gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life](mailto:gwolfe@stmichaelparish.life)

Click here register or to schedule a tour today.

**[Inquiry Form](#)**

We look forward to welcoming your family to St. Michael School!

## Indiana Choice

**[Click here to learn more.](#)**

### Indiana Choice Scholarship Program

The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program provides qualifying families in Indiana with a financial voucher to offset tuition costs at a participating private school of their choice.

The Choice Scholarship Program, also referred to as the voucher program, provides eligible families with:

- Access to financial aid to help cover tuition costs
- Equal opportunity for children to access schools that will challenge, engage, and meet their needs
- Access to a superior education experience through a participating private school

# ST. MICHAEL PARISH

**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY 5 PM

SUNDAY 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

**OVER  
40 MINISTRIES**



**SERVING THE COMMUNITY  
FOR OVER 150 YEARS!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREK-8TH,  
FAITH FORMATION, TEEN MINISTRY,  
ADULT EDUCATION & SO MUCH MORE**

**Are you curious about what life is like at St. Michael Parish?**

Follow us on our Parish Facebook page [\*\*@StMichaelSville\*\*](#) and get a glimpse of all the wonderful things happening here. At St. Michael Catholic Community, we believe in creating an uplifting and joyful worship experience. Our community is vibrant, diverse, and welcoming, and we would be honored to have you join us.

**So come on over and see what we're all about!**

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# Hope to See You Soon!



*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old  
he will not depart from it Proverbs 22:6*

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to visit our website & learn more  
about life at #SMSWARRIORS

## ENROLL TODAY

We Welcome You to Our School!



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