



St. Michael's School Newsletter

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OUR VIRTUE FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL ... LOVE

During the month of April, we will focus on the virtue of love. God has given us many people in our lives to show us examples of LOVE. Our families, teachers, and friends show us their love every day. Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a pencil, playing a game, or even by saying "thank you". We should always show our love for others because love is about seeing the good in people even when they make us angry. Sometimes the greatest acts of love happen when we are angry, such as not hitting our sibling back or not screaming at our friends. Jesus is always with us and we should always try to remember His most important lesson, the lesson of love, because love is not about us – it is about looking out for the good of others.

*"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."
~Dalai Lama*

**A loving person...
† wants the best for others
† is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
† knows that we are all lovable
† prays for others**

OUR DAILY PRAYER FOR APRIL

Let us now pray...for the virtue of love so that we will never be satisfied until all are satisfied.
Amen.

HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT

Our Holy Thursday retreat is TODAY. The students will remain in their classroom and their teachers will lead the retreat activities. The Grade 5s will perform the Passion Play; however, this will be taped in advance and shown to the students in the classroom.

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY

Friday, April 2nd, is Good Friday and therefore the school will be closed.

The school is also closed on Easter Monday, April 5th.

The three holiest days of the year begin at sundown on Holy Thursday and last until sundown on Easter Sunday. This time is known as the Paschal Triduum. "Paschal" means "of or pertaining to Easter" and "Triduum" is a Latin word meaning "three days".

CHURCH SERVICES

Despite not being able to physically attend the services in the church, we hope you will join in the live-streamed Masses and services.

Confession times –	Holy Thursday from 4:00-5:00 pm Good Friday from 10:00-11:00 am Holy Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am and from 3:30-4:30 pm) in the parish offices.
Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Easter Vigil –	Live-streamed at 7:30 pm Live-streamed at 3:00 pm Live-streamed Saturday at 9:00 pm
Easter Sunday –	10:00 am Live-streamed Mass. Holy Communion will follow the live-streamed Mass beginning at 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. There will be an altar outside the front of the church where Father Rossi and Father DePaul will distribute Holy Communion.

WELCOME BACK!

We welcome back Mr. Roder who has returned to school this week after being away recovering from surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers!

MITE BOXES

Please return mite boxes on Tuesday. Thank you for your support!

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Ben D.
in Grade 5

who has qualified for the CISVA Spelling Bee competition which is being held on April 27th. He was victorious after 18 ROUNDS in our 9th Annual Spelling Bee!

A “tip of the hat” goes to Donna B. in Grade 6 who placed second and Irene L. in Grade 7 who placed third.

Congratulations to all our spellers for working so hard these last few months!
Well done everyone!

A special thank you to Mrs. Tantoncgo for preparing the students and organizing the Spelling Bee and thank you to Mr. Da Silva and Mrs. Roche who were the adjudicators!!!

The Auction is coming soon...

...and we need your help to make it a success!

The yearly Auction is St. Michael’s School’s largest single fundraiser. We are excited to share the news that funds raised will go towards building a new school.

Over six decades ago, parishioners and parents like us sponsored the school our children now enjoy. It is our turn to show support. We appreciate your help!

All donations are gratefully accepted, and these types of donations would be especially helpful:

- Gift cards
- Bottles of wine and fine spirits

- Electronics
- Cash

Donations can be dropped off:

When: Friday April 9th, 2:30 to 4:30 pm
Where: In front of the church - drive through style

For personal donations, please print out the [Auction donation form](#) fill it out, and include it with your donation.

If your company or any company you know of can support us with a donation, the Corporate Sponsor Letter and Donation Form are available on the school's website as well.

More details about the Auction itself will be coming soon, so please stay tuned.

You can always see the latest info on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsauction/>

Thank you for your support,

The Auction Committee

PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES AND REMINDERS

Please contact below parent participation category managers or email

ParticipationHours@gmail.com to sign up!

Crossing Guard – Yard Supervision

School Cleaning (Weekday Evening)

Outdoor Learning Area

Auction

Walkathon

Technology Support - Live Streaming Mass (Weekday Mornings)

Please submit all participated Parent Participation Hours in 2020-2021 School Year by **June 27th, 2021** on ParticipationHours.com.

Thought of the week...

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

~ Mother Teresa