

St. Michael's News

April 7th, 2023

Monthly Virtue Focus

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

St. Michael's School Website

Please see our website for more information, forms, and the school calendar.

Upcoming Events and Activities

Easter Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Please take note of the special liturgies taking place over the next few days.

Holy Thursday: 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday: 11AM Stations of the Cross; **3PM** Sacred Liturgy

Holy Saturday: 9PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass: 8:30AM (School Mass); 10AM; 12PM; 5PM

For further information, please see the attached flier.

Easter Sunday School Mass

WHEN

Sunday, April 9th, 8:30am

WHERE

St. Michael's Church

MORE INFORMATION

The school choir are asked to sing at our 8:30AM Parish Mass on Easter Sunday. The students are asked to wear their Sunday Best for this joyous celebration.

All families are encouraged to attend.

Mite Boxes

As we approach the end of our Lenten season we ask that you return your child's mite box with donations for our seminarians when you can. Students or parents can drop these at the school office at their convenience.

PEC Elections

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Parish Education Committee elections are coming up in May and there will be two positions open for nomination!

If you are interested in standing for election or have any questions, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee: Anita Manalo 604-218-2855 anitamanalo1219@gmail.com or Jenny Finnegan 778-954-8473 finnegan.jenny@gmail.com.

ELIGIBILITY: Those eligible to hold office must be practicing Catholics, who are approved by Monsignor Rossi, and have reached the age of twenty-one (21).

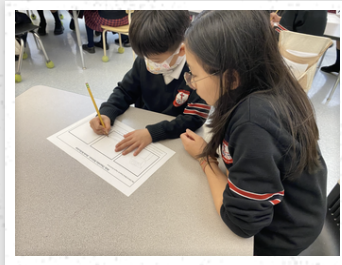
PARENT PARTICIPATION HOURS: Having a PEC role fulfills the required 60 hours of parent participation, and enables you to work closely with our Pastor, our Principal, and other parents to support the operations of the school and the nourishment of Faith in our St. Michael's Parish Community.

NOMINATION FORMS: Forms will be available at both the school office and the parish office in the coming weeks.

Holy Thursday Retreat



Stations of the Cross



Story Visualization



Agape Meal

The students and staff of St. Michael's School participated in a full-day retreat today. Thank you to our staff for preparing the stations today. Thank you to the grade 5 class and Mr. Cavaliere who lead us in the Passion Play. It is so wonderful that parents could join us for the Passion Play. We hope you all are able to participate in the liturgies these holy days and we pray that you have a blessed Easter.



Peter in the courtyard



Last Supper



Passion Play - Crucifixion

Parent Participation Opportunities

Looking for hours?

Here are Parent Participation Opportunities for the month of April.

- Church Ground Keeping for April
- Wash Sports Pinnies
- Auction Evening

Please contact the Participation Coordinator via email at participationcoordinator@gmail.com if you are interested.

Parent Association News

PA Participation

If you are in need of participation hours, we need you to come and help at hot lunch. We have many families completing their participation hours but still need help to be able to run hot lunch. Please contact Sarah at sme.parentassociation@gmail.com to help.

Parent Association Positions

Please contact Sarah if you are interested in any position within the PA for the next school year. Even if you don't know what position but want to be a part of PA planning, email sme.parentassociation@gmail.com.

Parent Association Website

St. Michael's Fundraising News



Auction News

Silent Auction Opens Online April 11

This year the Auction will be both online (Apr. 11-21) and in-person (Apr. 22). The online silent auction opens Tuesday, April 11 on the [32Auctions website](#). Feel free to spread the word – anybody can join in on the fun and pick up great deals on really cool stuff.

Donations Still Accepted Until April 11

If you have anything you'd like to donate (and thank you in advance), please drop it into the donation box by the school office or in the church. Also, we'd appreciate it if you'd please print and fill out a [donation form](#) to accompany any donations.

Donation Ideas

If you'd like to donate but aren't sure what to give, here are some things we'd love to receive:

- Bottles of wine and fine spirits (we still need a lot more!)
- \$25 gift cards (we're looking for at least 50 more)
- \$100 gift cards

It's super easy to buy wine online and donate it to the Auction! Simply follow [these instructions](#) to purchase online from Everything Wine – all you have to do is choose a wine or fine spirit, pay for it, and [fill out a donation form](#). We'll take care of the rest.

Thank you for your support!

Class Competition

Keep the donations coming so the kids can win great prizes:

- Extra recess: Class with highest participation (largest number of families who make a donation)
- Pizza party: Class with the highest overall donation amount

All gift card donations are eligible for the class competition. Here are the latest totals with the leaders in bold:

Kindergarten: 5 donations, total value \$595

Gr. 1: 4 donations, total value \$945

Gr. 2: 5 donations, total value \$690
Gr. 3: 7 donations, **total value \$1,137**
Gr. 4: 8 donations, total value \$2,658
Gr. 5: 6 donations, total value \$880
Gr. 6: 7 donations, total value \$1,551
Gr. 7: **11 donations**, total value \$1,530

Looking to Get Your Volunteer Hours?

We're looking for volunteers to help out during the Auction, as well as at Theatre Under the Pews (TUPS), the child-minding service that looks after kids while their parents are at the Auction.

Kids love being at TUPS – they can come dressed in their PJs, watch a movie, play games with friends, and more. But we need adults to supervise, so we're looking for volunteers. You can get 6 hours for a full shift, 3 hours for a half shift, and an additional hour for doing a criminal record check (at no cost). If we don't get enough volunteers, we will have to cancel TUPS.

For Auction night, we need volunteers to handle the following roles: door greeters, handing out catalogues, setting up, and cleaning up after the event.

If you're interested, please email stmichaels.auctioncommittee@gmail.com.

Check out the Facebook page for all the latest info:

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

Upcoming Dates

April 7th: Good Friday - No School

April 9th: Easter Sunday; **8:30AM School Mass with choir**

April 10th: Easter Monday - No School

April 11th: Confession for Grade 5, **Online Auction begins**

April 12th: Immunizations for Grade 6; Zone badminton tournament for Gr. 6/7

April 13th: Kindergarten Assembly: Love

April 14th: 9AM School Mass; 3PM Used Uniform Sale

April 16th: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 18th: Confession for Grade 4

April 21st: 9AM School Mass; Archangel Floor Hockey Cup; **Online Auction Closes**

April 22nd: Parish Auction



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Father in Heaven, into Your hands I commend my spirit. As I gaze upon the crucifix and see Your eternal Son looking to You in Heaven, I unite myself with His eternal surrender to You. My Lord, Jesus, draw me into Your surrender and help me to make Your perfect prayer my own. I love You, Most Holy Trinity, and pray that I may share in the eternal reality of Your love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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