

Second Graders make their First Holy Communion

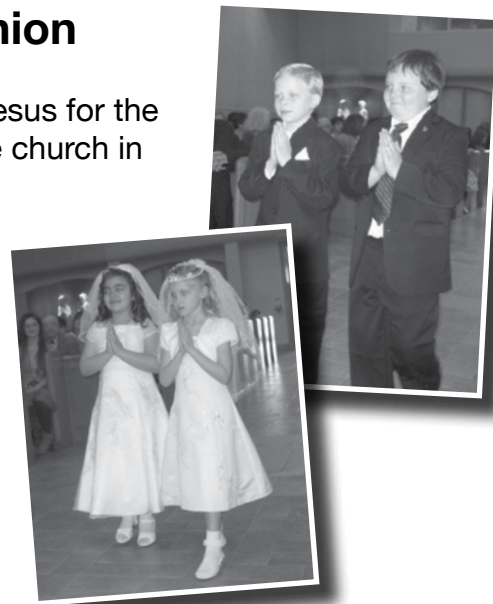
It was a beautiful sunny day for our second graders as they received Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist on Saturday, May 7. The children entered the church in pairs looking angelic in their beautiful dresses and suits.

Father Pete Colletti was the main celebrant at both masses, with Father Joe Marnich and Deacon Carl Winterich assisting at the morning mass, and Father Walt Jenne and Deacon Neal Novak at the afternoon mass. Father Pete gathered the First Communicants around the baptismal font for the homily. He told the children that they belong to God from their baptism and now they will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. "This is a day to be happy, there is nothing more beautiful than being one with Jesus," Father Pete told the children.

All of the students had a part in this very important mass. There were readers, bell ringers, and singing leaders, and all of the children brought up a canned food item for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. Everyone was made to feel that this was the day the Lord had made!

A big thank you to the teachers that prepared the children for this important day; Miss Lasecki, Miss Paolucci, Miss Scott and Mrs. Nemeth.

Please join us in congratulating all of our First Communicants!



The Messenger

A newsletter for family and friends of St. Michael School

Spring 2011



Eighth Graders Confirmed with the Holy Spirit

On Friday, May 13, 88 candidates, comprised of St. Michael School and PSR students were presented with the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Most Reverend Roger W. Gries, OSB conducted the Mass that was co-celebrated by Father Pete Colletti and Father Walt Jenne.

Following the Mass, a reception took place in Rappe Hall where Bishop Gries posed with the newly confirmed young men and women. Special thanks to the St. Michael School fourth grade and St. Michael Church seventh grade PSR families who worked hard to provide a lovely reception.

Our newly confirmed are welcomed and loved by their school and Church communities. We pray that as young Catholic adults, you will continue to grow in the love of Christ and faithfully continue your spiritual journey. Trust in God's love and rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance in your daily living. God bless you.



A Look Ahead...

May	
20	Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. Dad's Day Celebration – Preschool & Jr. Kdg
25	Last Day for Preschool 4's
26	Donuts for Dad – 7-8:00 a.m. Last Day for Preschool 3's
27	Last Day for Jr. Kindergarten Las Day for Hot Lunch
29	No School - Memorial Day
June	
3	Last Day for Kindergarten Kindergarten Extravaganza
7	Installation of Student Council Officers Grade 8 Early Dismissal – 11:15 a.m. Grade 8 Graduation – 7:00 p.m.
8	Field Day – Grades 1-7
9	Last Day and Early Dismissal for Grades 1-7 – 11:00 a.m.
23	School Office Closes for Summer

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

August	
10	School Office Opens
18	Parent Orientation - Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten at St. Basil - 6:30 p.m. No Children please Meet the Teacher - Grade 1 at St. Basil - 6:30 p.m. Please bring your children
22	Parent Orientation Grades 2-4 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 5-8 - 7:45-8:45 p.m. Please bring your children
24	First Day of School - Grades 1-8 Full day Meet the Teacher/Hands On Kindergarten
25	Kindergarten Boys and Girls 1/2 day each group
26	Kindergarten First Full Day of School Welcome Tea - St. Basil Campus All are welcome!
29	Hot Lunch Program Begins Parent Meeting for new band parents
30	Pre-3 Meet the Teacher Jr. Kindergarten Student Orientation
31	Pre-4 Meet the Teacher Jr. Kindergarten First Day of School

September	
1	Pre-3 Meet the Teacher
2	Pre-4 Meet the Teacher



Miss Margaret Campisi,
Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Michael School,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. Looking over the year, I am amazed at the wonderful activities and experiences that our students have participated in so they could grow academically and spiritually. As we are getting ready for summer break, I would like to thank you for all of your prayers and support in helping St. Michael School provide a wonderful educational and spiritual experience for all of our students. Have a safe fun filled summer and we look forward to seeing you in August!

God's Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. Margaret Campisi
Principal, St. Michael School

2011 Night at the Races

This year, the Fundraising Committee took a more casual approach to fundraising and it proved to be a success! The Night at the Races was held on Saturday, April 2 at St. Basil's Family Life Center. There were 420 parents and friends in attendance and they enjoyed a wonderful evening together. Besides the exciting races, the evening also included side boards and a silent auction. Congratulations to some of our side board winners, including Denise Freeman and Jim and Katie Onders. Your contributions helped make the event a huge success by raising \$32,000! Your generosity will go a long way to better the education of the children of St. Michael School. We look forward to seeing you next year and making Night at the Races even better. Thank you for your support.



St. Michael School Mission Statement

Achieve in Life
Believe in Christ
Care for Others



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What's New? @the St. Basil Campus

Preschool continues to be very busy in the classroom as the students complete a variety of activities. The month of April focused on Lent and prepared for Easter. The Easter Celebrations in preschool are always lots of fun and consist of age-appropriate activities. The morning 4-year old class enjoyed their time with the other St. Basil Campus classrooms when the students came together our weekly Lenten prayer services. May brought about Mother's Day celebrations, launching of homemade rockets, a Father's Day Celebration with Jr. Kindergarten, and then finishing our final set of end of the year activities. The end of the year celebrations brought both morning and afternoon classrooms together. The children and their families were given the opportunity to enjoy each other's company at the Independence pavilions. Preschool wishes everyone a very safe and fun-filled summer!

Jr. Kindergarten is making their way into Kindergarten. The next five weeks will encompass the completion of the alphabet, (letter formation, sound and sign language), an appreciation for New Life and all the other gifts GOD has blessed us with, especially our MOMS and DADS. The exploration of the Solar System, how plants grow, the life cycle of a butterfly, and in Math- skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's.

In addition to all the new concepts, we will be starting to tie everything together, along with our shoelaces, and pull the knot tighter to make the bridge to kindergarten stronger. **KINDERGARTEN HERE WE COME!**

Kindergarten performed a play from SuperKids titled "The Glum Princess." In Math, the students learned about fractions and how to "fair share" with objects. For example, 24 bears going fairly to three kids means they each get eight. Students enjoyed "sight word sundaes." They also had a raffle for Honduras. A fun day was Grandparents' Day. They are looking forward to the end of the year Extravaganza followed the next day by a picnic at Elmwood Park!

First grade celebrated Holy Week by making pretzels and sharing the Pretzel Prayer. Moms made the dough and the students had a chance to roll them and shape them into praying arms. Later, they were enjoyed as a delicious snack after they were baked. Students continued strengthening their reading skills by reading with buddies. In Math, they have begun adding and subtracting double digits without regrouping. In Science they each made a hypothesis as to what best cleans up an oil spill and then they tested their guesses. At the end of the year, each first grader will receive a "Class of 2018" t-shirt for field day. A special thank you to all of our SMILE friends for sharing the gift of reading with us!

**Did you forget to register your 3 and 4-year old preschooler?
Do you know someone who is looking to register in a K-8 program?
We have openings in both programs.
Call (216) 524-6405 for a tour or to pick up forms for registration.
We would love to share the St. Michael School experience with you!**



What's *New?*
@the Main Campus

Second grade has been busy in their sacramental program with participation in Jesus Day, receiving our Lord in First Holy Communion, and honoring the Blessed Mother Mary in May Crowning.

Third grade finished their unit on immigration and early settlers with a project. Students presented their projects orally through power point and posters. They are working very hard to master their multiplication facts and moved onto double and triple digit multiplication.

Fourth grade students memorized poems and recited them to the second, third, and fifth graders for April, poetry month. The Independence Garden Club came in May to help students learn to plant. It was a fun activity and all had a great time! Their last field trip was to the Natural History Museum. They took a walk back in Ohio history from the ice age to the present. Their hands-on activity helped identify artifacts from Native American Culture.

In Science, **fifth graders** are learning about ecosystems and how living things in an ecosystem interact to survive. They enjoyed a field trip to the Rocky River Nature Center, where they saw their class work “come alive.” The students completed their study of the seven sacraments, with the study of Holy Orders. The end of the school year centered on the parts of the Mass. They have wrapped up their extensive study of fractions. Learning about decimals will show the connection to fractions. Both homerooms have enjoyed reading Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry. They gained sensitivity about World War II and its effects on occupied countries. Students also enjoyed playing Chess, Mancala, and a variety of other games during indoor recess.

Sixth graders have been very busy. A Lenten meditation booklet was completed in Religion. Students reflected and their prayers were based on thought-provoking questions related to each of The Stations of the Cross, which was the central theme of the reflection booklet. They ended the year with several projects. In English, the students did a research project on future careers, which included a PowerPoint presentation, written report, and an oral presentation. In Social Studies, they created the most amazing African Masks. The students chose a book and completed a paper bag book report for Reading class. In Music, groups researched families of instruments and completed an oral presentation and written report.

Seventh graders have practiced several prompts throughout the school year, which helped them when they took their Writing Proficiency Test. Students also presented their persuasive speeches, which were very interesting and covered several topics. The seventh graders also acted out scenes from The Outsiders, a book that was read in class together. Social Studies class worked on the Renaissance and then focused on the Reformation. The class studied troubles faced in the Catholic Church as well as other religions that emerged during this time. Six seventh graders participated in the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held at Cleveland State University. The following students placed:

Jonathan Paravano	Health and Medicine: 3rd place Hearing Different Hertz of Science
Kailey Baca	Biology: 3rd Place Growing Radishes in Chlorine
Elizabeth Meler	Physics: 2nd Place Electric Voltage of Fruits and Vegetables
Molly Onders	Health and Medicine: 2nd Place The Healthiest French Fry
Elena Paparizos	Environmental Science: 2nd Place Removing Oil from Bird Feathers
Chloe Ochocki	Behavioral Science: 2nd Place Can Anyone Multitask?

In addition three students received special awards from various organizations: Jonathan Paravano, Elena Paparizos, and Chloe Ochocki.

Eighth Grade finished reading The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupery. The students also wrote and performed poetry. The focus in Religion was the beginning of the Early Catholic Church. Confirmation was held on May 13, which was a beautiful celebration of our bond with the Holy Spirit. Social Studies worked on the beginnings of the Civil War. They looked closely at slavery and the works of people who tried to end it.

Junior High Students presented the Living Stations in St. Michael Church on Good Friday. It was a presentation that truly helped us remember the gift that was given to all of us and reminded us of the love that Jesus has for us.

A Special Thank You from the St. Michael P.T.U.

Dear Parents,

We’ve had a very positive, fun-filled and busy school year! Here’s a brief recap of some of our activities:

We ...

... sponsored a float in the Independence Home Days parade. We won “Best Float” with our entry “Our Love for God is Out of this World!” that became the theme for our school year

... welcomed the faculty and staff back to school with a brunch and stocked the lounges with supplies

... participated in the St. Michael Parish Festival

... hosted the following receptions: Welcome Tea, Donut Sunday, First Reconciliation, Open House, Confirmation, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad

... provided gifts for First Communion and Confirmation

... held the following fundraisers: Pumpkin Fest, Scholastic Book Fair, Holiday Shoppe, Mixed Bags Sale, Malley’s Easter Sale, as

well as our year-round fundraiser, Market Day

... remembered faculty and staff with gifts at Christmas

... hosted the following community-building activities: Breakfast in Bethlehem, Family Fun Bowling Day, CSW luncheon for faculty and staff

... provided treats for all grades throughout the year

... partially funded field trips for grades K-8

... provided the convenience of ordering school supply kits and Summer Solutions workbooks

As the school year draws to a close, we will be....

... hosting a Graduation reception and provide gifts to families graduating their last child from St. Michael School

... awarding four scholarships (\$500 each) to 8th graders who will be attending Catholic High Schools!

It has been my sincere pleasure serving as PTU President for the last four years. Although admittedly, it was a lot of work it was also a lot of fun! I was blessed with the support of my husband Dennis as well as our daughters, Laura and Jennifer. Working with Sherry Mazzola, Karen Priemer, Jacque Marshall, PJ Malnar and Sharon Gallagher for the past two years has been a joy. Their willingness to help was unceasing and much appreciated.

I would be remiss if I also didn’t acknowledge the support of Fr. Pete, Mrs. Campisi, and the faculty, staff and parents of St. Michael School. Their help certainly made my job easier! St. Michael School truly is blessed.

I look forward to working with the new board and wish them much success.

Wishing you a fun-filled, restful summer!

God Bless,
Sue DiGeronimo, PTU President

May Crowning



Main Campus
May 11, 2011



Good Luck and Best Wishes to the Class of 2011!

St. Michael School is proud to congratulate its graduating eighth graders as they move on to their chosen high schools this fall.
We will miss you and we wish you much success in high school and beyond!



Alexis Anderson
Early Decision Award
Hathaway Brown School



Adam Anielski
Independence HS



Marissa Artrip
Independence HS



Kevin Basalla
Padua Franciscan HS



Julia Bejjani
Walsh Jesuit HS



Ethan Blaze
Independence HS



Brian Calvey
Independence HS



Kyle Canda
Holy Name HS



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Independence HS



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Amanda Csuhran
BBHHS



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Holy Name HS



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Lauren Eggers
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Nick Jackson
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St. Ignatius HS



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Padua Franciscan HS



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Honors Scholarship
Padua Franciscan HS



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Normandy HS



Franklin Ludwig
St. Ignatius HS



Charles March
St. Ignatius HS



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