

Church of St. Michael



Dedicated to spiritual growth, academic excellence, and social development, the mission of St. Michael Catholic School is to prepare our students to live the Gospel message in an ever-changing diverse world.

Annual Report July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

As a ministry of the Church of St. Michael, we strive to ensure that financial need never prevents any family from receiving a Catholic education. Blessed by generous donors, we are able to continue our tuition assistance plan as needed. Last year, St. Michael Catholic School was re-accredited by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accreditation Association. Additionally, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis recognized our school "for its commitment to teaching the fullness of Catholic faith, values, and practices and to integrating these core values into all academic subject areas."

Little Angels Preschool enrollment continues to hold steady at 90% of capacity. The preschoolers love school, and students' parents are our biggest advocates. Technology permeates our school with SMARTBoards in all 2nd–8th grade classrooms. Of great significance as we create a 21st century learning environment is the implementation of our 1:1 Laptop Program, where each 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student received a laptop for home and school use. Our annual "Service Marathon" continues to afford our students the opportunity to "live the Gospel message" as we serve others in need during this annual fundraiser. Student service projects impact our parish and people around the world.



Finally, we are exceptionally proud of our school "family." Our parents serve in many capacities, whether as School Advisory Board or Parent Connections members, or as volunteers in classrooms, lunchroom, and on the playground. St. Michael Catholic School is blessed by our family of supporters!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Over the past year, four different choirs continued to lead the parish in song at weekend and holiday Masses. The Joyful Light Children's Choir participated in a mini-choir camp last fall, and Radiant Light Youth Choir attended an overnight Choir Camp. Both choirs reached out to the community by caroling at St. Gertrude's on Valentines Day. A highlight of the year was singing at the Sunday Mass during Catholic Schools Week when Archbishop John Nienstedt was the visiting presider! Membership in the Teen Choir, which finished its first year, continues to grow. The Adult Choir kicked off their season with a vocal workshop, sang for the Faith Formation Christmas Play, and went Christmas caroling at local nursing homes in December.



GENERAL OPERATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we were able to purchase two new heating/air conditioning roof-top units for the school gym. The restrooms in the gym were also refurbished, and handicapped doors were installed at church. During the past year, we redesigned the parish website, published the Parish Pictorial Directory, offered online registration and payment for Faith Formation classes for the first time, collected email addresses and began to send out all-parish email blasts, and implemented a new electronic calendar. Please let us know your email address if you have not already done so.

STEWARDSHIP

The Parish Council began a visioning process to enable the parish to form a clear vision of what God is calling us to do at the Church of St. Michael. The process began with a shared vision meeting last spring and will continue this fall. A Development Subcommittee was formed to create and implement a plan for the future, including endowment enhancements. The Discipleship Committee was formed in order to better focus on the time and talent portions of stewardship and to support other parish ministries in their volunteer needs.

SISTER PARISH

Last year, the Church of St. Michael coordinated another Medical Mission to our Sister Parish in Chimbote, Peru. In five days, forty-one volunteers from across the US and Canada saw over four thousand people. Two 40-foot shipping containers were sent with over \$700,000 worth of items. We also conducted three campaigns—Business Development in Fall 2009, Homes in December 2009, and Education in February 2010—and hosted the 13th Annual Twin Cities Gathering.

PASTORAL & SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The many pastoral and social justice ministries at the Church of St. Michael continued to grow last year, and several new groups were formed. The Respect Life Committee is working to renew and reignite the culture of life in our parish. As part the full calendar of events planned for this year, they will sponsor a first Friday rosary for life and have adopted a day for 40 Days for Life. Also new are the Pink Prayer Warriors, a breast cancer awareness group, formed in order to offer women and men who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and their spouses, significant others, and families the support they need during this new transition in their lives.

Last year, the St. Michael Military Support Group joined the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon campaign to connect military members and their families with community support, training, services and resources. The first major Beyond the Yellow Ribbon event was hosted here at the Church of St. Michael and attended by many members of the community. It has now become a coalition and continues to grow and prosper. The parish also joined the Depression Support Coalition, a group of south of the river faith communities that serves the needs of those suffering from depression.

The BeFriender Ministry has also grown in the past year. We currently have twenty-one BeFrienders, including four men, who are trained and able to serve the community with a listening presence for those who are facing a crisis.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Among the many programs offered for adults, we conducted five different Bible Studies, toured the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Science Museum, offered a Women's Morning of Reflection, co-sponsored the St. Michael Day Celebration and Mardi Gras, began a new group for young adults, and provided both monthly and seasonal copies of *The Word Among Us*. With the purchase of a new media display unit, we increased our CD selection in the parish library.

In the area of Family Ministries, the Giving Garden, sponsored by Families in Action, provided over 800 pounds of fresh produce to the CAP Agency. We offered the Early Catholic Family Life program, held a graduation party for youth and young adults at Safe Haven, conducted a Vacation Bible School program for over one hundred and fifty children, and had a story time twice a week at Joseph's Coat through the summer months. Working with Faith Formation, Girl Scouts and Premiere Dance, we provided fifty bags of food for Thanksgiving to the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Preschool and Kindergarten Faith Formation classes put on their annual Sunday morning Christmas Program. During Advent, children in 1st-6th grade Faith Formation classes donated nearly \$2,000 to Alpha Pregnancy Center through their Baby Bottle Campaign. In Lent, students prayed the Stations of the Cross outdoors. For a first-ever "Saints and Heroes" night, 4th graders prepared presentations on different saints for the 1st graders. 2nd graders attended a First Reconciliation Workshop and a special retreat in preparation for making their First Communion. 6th graders enjoyed watching *Facing the Giants* for their movie night. Children in all elementary Faith Formation classes put their faith into action by participating in different service projects at each grade level.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Middle School Faith Formation program implemented a new curriculum and format last year. As part of the program, students participated in small group discussions, listened to great speakers, and attended the Tony Melendez and Andy Cloninger concerts held at the Church of St. Michael. Memorable youth ministry events included an evening at Minnesota Harvest Orchard, the annual SnowBall dance and two winter lock-ins, the Summer Stretch program and Ski Club. Our Director of Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry also directed the Faith Formation Christmas Play, which featured children from 1st grade through Confirmation.



After Confirmation this spring, many youth continued to take on active roles in the parish by returning as small group leaders, Eucharistic ministers, or retreat helpers. Ninety-one people went to Catholic Heart Work Camp; the graces they received from daily Mass, adoration and prayer enabled them to work hard serving others, whether teaching mentally challenged kids to ride bikes, doing carpentry projects, or working in warehouses. During the year, teens prayed the rosary with Keystone residents, worked with the mentally challenged, and packaged food at Feed My Starving Children. The Coffee House continued to be a popular place to gather every Sunday. New events this year include a sleigh ride at Rock Island and a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in WI.

FINANCIAL DATA

PARISH OPERATIONS

Statement of Income & Expenses 2009-2010 Fiscal Year	
Income	6/30/2010
Sunday Envelope	\$ 1,549,984
General Operations	164,537
Faith Formation	94,521
Day School	1,977,559
Total Income	3,786,601
Expenses	
General Operations	\$ 678,915
Buildings & Grounds	260,751
Liturgy/Music	106,607
Pastorial Ministry	52,780
Faith Formation	306,404
School	2,382,318
Total Expenses	3,787,775
Net Loss	\$ (1,174)

CAPITAL (MORTGAGE)

Debt Reduction 2009-2010 Fiscal Year			
	Mortgage		Principal
	6/30/2009	6/30/2010	Payments
Education Center	\$ 1,629,999	1,502,077	127,922
Church	658,116	548,022	110,094
Media Center	197,965	86,632	111,333
Total Principal Payments			349,349
Interest Expense			103,394
Jubilee Campaign expenses			24,600
Total Debt Related Payments			\$ 477,343

Mortgage Debt by Year

6/30/2007	\$ 2,998,545
6/30/2008	2,714,165
6/30/2009	2,486,080
6/30/2010	2,136,731

AprilFest Income \$ 52,008



PARISH STATISTICS

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Registered Households 6-30-10	2600	Baptisms	75
Faith Formation Enrollment for 2009-2010	841	First Communions	142
St. Michael Catholic School Enrollment PreK-8		Confirmations	113
For 2009-2010 school year	553	Weddings	9
		Funerals	27

Age demographics of parishioners—June 30, 2010

0-18 yrs	34%	45-54 yrs	15.3%
18-24 yrs	8.5%	55-64 yrs	8.2%
25-34 yrs	8%	65+ yrs	7.8%
35-44 yrs	18.2%		



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Dear Members of the St. Michael Parish Family,
When Jesus returned to his Father at the Ascension, he commissioned all of his disciples to continue his work to spread the Good News of salvation in word and deed. This is not the responsibility of the clergy alone. It is a challenge that Jesus has given to us all.

It is my job, as pastor, to do what I can to carry out this commission myself and to help you, as Catholic Christians, to respond to this same Great Commission. Like all parishes, the Church of St. Michael has also hired dedicated staff members to assist you, recognizing that we all have different needs and talents that affect how we can fulfill the responsibilities the Lord has given us.

As you look at this annual report, you will see many ways in which your efforts have helped to carry out the commands of Jesus within this parish. Nothing in this report is the result of my work alone. None of it is the result of the work of your parish staff alone. This report reflects what we have been able to do together, as a Catholic Christian Community. I thank you for the ways in which you, the parishioners, have shared your talents and your treasure to help make this parish a vibrant and a truly Christ-centered congregation. At the same time I ask you to continue your generosity so that the good things accomplished in the past can increase in the year ahead.

I realize that fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus is never easy. It is even more challenging during these days when so many suffer from the burdensome economic conditions in which this nation lives. Now, especially, we must be willing to bear the increased burdens to ensure that the Good News of salvation continues to be proclaimed here, in word and deed.

Sincerely,
Fr. Thomas Sieg

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