

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A ministry of the Church of St. Michael, St. Michael Catholic School is dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and social development for all students. The school will ensure that financial need never prevents any family from receiving a Catholic education. Last year, St. Michael Catholic School began the first year of its re-accreditation process and developed a technology plan to create a 21st-century learning environment.

Last year, younger students began a new tradition of attending weekly Children's Masses with older "Prayer Buddies." Another new twist was added to an old tradition; the annual school marathon became a "Service Marathon." Students lived the Gospel message by performing services that impacted our parish and people around the world. Kindergartners picked up trash and planted trees at Lakefront Park, third graders collected supplies for our Sister Parish in Chimbote, fifth graders had fun cleaning the Church and tying blankets for veterans, and seventh and eighth graders packaged over 60,000 meals at Feed My Starving Children.

Many exciting events will take place in 2009-2010 to celebrate the School's 50th Anniversary, including a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Neinstedt during Catholic Schools Week.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Last year, the Church of St. Michael Music Ministry joined in the parish Centennial Celebration by putting on a Variety Show called "100 Years of Music." The event, which served as a fundraiser for the Music Ministry, included skits and musical numbers from each decade, 1908-2008. The entire Music Ministry, adults, children, and youth choirs collaborated for the finale by performing the popular *High School Musical* hit, "We're All in This Together."

Adult choir has been experiencing an increase in membership and the *Joyful Light Children's Choir* (grades 2-4) and *Radiant Light Youth Choir* (grades 5-8) are continuing strong. A new Teen Choir, created in 2009, will sing at Mass a few times throughout the year. *Joyful Light* fourth graders and members of *Radiant Light* enjoyed an overnight choir camp at YMCA Camp Idhuhapi in Loretto that included rehearsing, Mass, and lots of fun. All choirs sang at the Christmas Eve Masses and performed a half hour prelude beforehand. During its first year, Teen Choir accomplished the amazing feat of getting ten teenagers to sing at the 7:30 a.m. Easter Mass!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation offered five different Bible Studies last year and continued to sponsor an exciting partnership between fourth graders at St. Michael Catholic School and RCIA candidates at the Church of St. Michael. Incoming fourth grade students anticipate the opportunity to pray for and write letters to a particular RCIA candidate. A Lenten Morning of Reflection for Women was also held for the first time.

Families in Action brought holiday cheer to local residents of the Safe Haven homes for troubled youth. On the day after Thanksgiving, parishioners hosted a dinner for all Safe Haven youth, and in December they made decorations and baked cookies at a holiday party.

PASTORAL AND SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The 2008-2009 year saw the growth of many Pastoral and Social Ministries. Prayer Shawl members ministered to many of our most vulnerable parishioners by giving out shawls at funerals, on home visits, and at nursing homes. Additionally, parishioners organized a Lenten Retreat based on the Lenten Gospel readings. Nearly 100 retreat participants spent the day together, sharing not only meals but their personal stories as well.

Time and effort was dedicated last year to the formation of a new Job Transition Ministry, which aims to minister to the unemployed and point them toward helpful resources. The first meeting occurred in July 2009, and the ministry continues to grow.

SISTER PARISH

In February 2009, St. Michael coordinated a Medical Mission to our Sister Parish in Chimbote, Peru. Medical personnel, including dentists, doctors and nurses, provided free medical service for four days. Children who came to receive medical care were given toys that had been collected throughout the year. Watch for information regarding medical supplies needed for another Medical Mission to Chimbote in March 2010.



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Children in Elementary Faith Formation classes put their faith into action by participating in different service projects at each grade level. First graders made Thanksgiving placemats for seniors at local nursing homes, while fifth graders packaged food to be sent to foreign countries through Feed My Starving Children. Sixth graders attended a NET "Adventure" Retreat on Easter Monday and also had fun at a "Heavenly Baseball" event, where they broke into teams (Angels vs. Saints) and answered faith-based questions while enjoying ballpark food like hotdogs, nachos, and popcorn.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Middle schoolers continued to participate in Summer Stretch, a summer service program, and attended several exciting Christian concerts throughout the year, including Righteous B and Popple. This year, middle school students will get to experience a new format for Wednesday night classes. Each student will be part of a small group and receive support in their faith from a small group leader.

Last summer, high schoolers went to Catholic Heartwork Camp in Orlando, FL, where they served the elderly and low-income families and also sorted sheets, towels, food, and clothes to be sent abroad.

Ninth and tenth grade Confirmation class involved small-group sharing, talks from a new speaker every week, and the opportunity to serve a candlelight dinner to the Goldenagers of the parish. The high school program endeavors to challenge young people to love Christ, embrace the life of the Church, and become leaders. Over 75 juniors and seniors came back to help out with Confirmation last year!

High schoolers also continued to run the Holy Grounds Coffee House, where they gathered for concerts, Lifeline nights, and conversation after Mass on Sundays.



FINANCIAL DATA

PARISH OPERATIONS

Statement of Income & Expenses 2008-2009 Fiscal Year	
Income	6/30/2009
Administration	\$ 1,715,156
Faith Formation	87,747
School	1,787,999
Preschool	85,410
Adventures Plus	63,286
Total Income	3,739,598
Expenses	
Administration	\$ 675,166
Buildings & Grounds	282,879
Faith Formation	341,604
Liturgy	7,335
Music	104,396
Pastorial Ministry	57,823
School	2,337,750
Preschool	92,588
Adventures Plus	32,206
Total Expenses	3,931,747
Net Loss*	\$ (192,149)

*Net loss above reflects an accounting adjustment for accrued vacation and sick time of \$224,049. Otherwise we would have shown a net income of \$31,900.

CAPITAL (MORTGAGE)

Debt Reduction 2008-2009 Fiscal Year			
	7/1/2008	6/30/2009	Principal Payments
Education Center	\$ 1,748,433	1,629,999	118,434
Church	762,180	658,116	104,064
Media Center	203,552	197,965	5,587
Total Principal Payments			228,085
Interest Expense			130,173
Jubilee Campaign expenses			43,864
Total Debt Related Payments			\$ 402,122

Jubilee Capital Campaign Results	
Goal	\$ 1,600,000
Amount pledged	\$ 1,028,799
Number of households participating	566

AprilFest Income \$ 59,247



PARISH STATISTICS

7-1-2008 TO 6-30-2009

Registered Households 7-1-08	2629	Baptisms	86
Registered Households 6-30-09	2753	First Communions	161
Faith Formation Enrollment	761	Confirmations	121
St. Michael Catholic School Enrollment PreK-8		Weddings	9
2008-2009 school year	565	Funerals	28



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Dear Members of the Saint Michael Parish Family,

Our Centennial Celebration was a joyful event. It was a time to take pride in the way this parish has responded to meet new challenges. It was also a time of gratitude for our fidelity to Jesus Christ and for our efforts to help others in need.

This celebration would have been hollow, however, if it did not include a commitment to continue our efforts to build the Kingdom of Jesus for generations to come. We do not support this Church merely to help ourselves and our children. We do it to be sure that generations not yet born will have a true spiritual home in Prior Lake.

As you read this Annual Report, you will see how this Church (like its individual members) has been affected by the present financial problems of our nation. However, you will also see how people have made extra efforts in a difficult time to enable us to make real progress in our financial situation. There has been a need to cut back on programs and to delay some projects, but I can assure you that Saint Michael is a healthy Christian community. I believe that this is due, primarily, to the help of God, for this is God's Church even more than it is ours. I believe that God has acted through the people on the parish staff and through the members of our various committees. I also believe that God has been acting through you, the members of this parish family, who have sacrificed so that God's work may continue.

We face challenging times, but with God's help we will be able to "stay the course."

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas Sieg

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