



**Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,**

As the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, I am reminded of his words - "For it is in giving that we receive." I am so very proud of the generosity and solidarity our Catholic community has shown to those suffering from Hurricane Florence.

Thank you for your contributions to the Catholic Charities matching fundraiser. Together with St. Michael School and Cardinal Gibbons, over \$30K was raised.

I am also grateful for the giving hearts of my fellow Catholic school educators, who at the Raleigh Diocese Professional Development Day raised over \$4000 and 750 pounds of school supplies for our Catholic Schools along the coast, many of which still cannot reopen. Please see Msgr. Doug's letter below for ways we can continue to offer support. Thank you!

**Fall blessings,**

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

There are two very important events that will take place this weekend at St. Michael. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

First, in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, our neighbors in Eastern North Carolina desperately need our help! Donations for these hurricane victims will be collected **this weekend Oct. 6-7**. Please bring non-perishable food items, water, cleaning supplies, toiletries, baby diapers, wipes and baby food to the U-Haul truck in the St. Michael Parish Center parking lot before and after all Masses. We are partnering with Catholic Charities and since the recovery is in the early stages, there is still a tremendous need.

Second, St. Michael is joining more than 1,100 other churches across the nation in hosting the **October 7 Rosary for Our Nation at 4 pm in our church**. Our nation and our church need our prayers; please join us if you can. If not, please say a rosary wherever you are. Thank you for your support!

**God bless,**

**Monsignor Doug**

## Important Dates:

- October 10, 11 – Church Morning
- October 17, 18 – Picture Day
- October 22, 23 – Vision Screening
- October 29, 30 – Fall Festival
- October 31 – **Preschool Closed**

## Fall Festival

Halloween is a popular holiday among young children. Many have probably already decided what their costumes will be.



On **October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**, your child may wear a costume to school. Please guide your child to select a costume with nonviolent themes, and please do not bring accessories of a violent nature to school.

The **three, four, and five-year-old classes** will **parade in costume**, if they wish, around the **Parish Center**. Following the parade, children will participate in "Fall Fun" activities, learn about Halloween safety, and trick-or-treat with their class.

**Immediately following drop off, parents and friends are invited to the Parish Center to watch the parade and join in a sing-along.**

## Church Morning

Church Mornings provide the children with an opportunity to go to church, learn church etiquette, and learn more about our Catholic faith. Our first **Church Morning** will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 10** and **Thursday, Oct. 11**.



The children will learn about All Saints' Day, St. Michael, St. Anthony, and St. Francis. **We will ask them to bring their favorite stuffed animal from home to be blessed.**

Parents are always welcome to observe church morning gatherings.



## Adventure Camp

Our super fun Adventure Camps continue in November. These camps are offered to **preschoolers 3 years and older**. Camps will occur **one Thursday and Friday per month**. [Register here](#) or in our preschool office.

- **Thursday, Nov. 1st – Secret Spy:** Discover invisible ink, make fingerprint cards, and experience a spy obstacle course.
- **Friday, Nov. 2nd – Super Hero:** Calling all Superheroes! Have fun creating your own superpowers.



## School Improvement Committee

This past week, our School Improvement Committee had its first meeting. Members included myself, St. Michael Preschool room parents, Miss Coleen, and Miss Michele. We generated ideas for our third annual Art Show in February- a family friendly evening of fellowship and fun. Look for more information to come home leading up to this special event.



If you would like to join the committee, or just attend a meeting, we will **meet again on Wed., 11/7 at 12:45 pm**. Hope to see you there!

## Project Enlightenment Workshops



Project Enlightenment offers workshops for parents of young children birth through kindergarten. Topics include discipline techniques,

communication, child development and more. Registration is available on their website at [www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net](http://www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net)

## Vision Screening

Good vision is important to your child's education. That's why a special vision screening program, sponsored by Prevent Blindness, is being held in our preschool on **October 22 & 23, 2018**. The test takes less than one minute and is totally non-invasive. The photo screener takes a photograph of the child's eyes while they simply watch flashing lights on a camera.



If you **do not** want your child to participate in the screening, please email me at [lciesla@stmmary.org](mailto:lciesla@stmmary.org) prior to the screening dates. If you have any questions about this program, please call (919) 755-5044 or 1(800)543-7839, or visit [nc.preventblindness.org](http://nc.preventblindness.org)

## Picture Day

On **October 17 & 18**, children will have their **individual pictures** taken. A proof and order form will be sent home shortly after, and retakes may be requested.

If you would like to have **siblings photographed together**, please plan to **arrive at school by 9:30 am** to meet with the photographer and then escort your children to class.



## Social Media

If you don't already, please follow us on...

**Twitter:** @stmcpreschoolinc

**Instagram:** @stmcpreschoolinc

**Pinterest:** /stmichaelcary/st-michael-preschool

**Facebook:** StMichael Cary - please friend this account and find a link to the Closed Group there.

**Post with #stmichaelpreschool and #stmichaelcary**

