



St. Michael Preschool News

Growing with God...



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

The Advent Season began on Sunday and marked a new year of the Liturgical Calendar. As a family, these four weeks leading to the birth of Jesus at Christmas offer special moments to prepare, reflect, and celebrate our faith.

What is so beautiful about celebrating Jesus' birth with children is how they help us approach this season with joy, hope, and wonder.

I encourage you to spend time creating shared traditions with your family that also add depth to your spiritual life- attending weekly Mass, adopting a Jesse Tree child in need, making your own Advent Wreath, and using an Advent Calendar, all meaningful shared experiences that live our faith and create lasting memories.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him...Romans 15:13

Advent blessings,

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Important Dates

December 17-19 – Christmas Programs

December 20 – January 5 - **Preschool Closed**
(Christmas Holiday)

Monday, January 6 – **Preschool Reopens**

Week of Jan. 6 & 13– Parent/Teacher Conferences
(date and sign-up provided by your child's teacher)

January 21-26 - **Returning Student Registration** for 2020-2021 School Year

Jesse Tree Donations

Thank you so much for your generous gift donations for children-in-need this Christmas. Your spirit of giving was so greatly appreciated!



Christmas Programs

Please join us for our annual preschool Christmas sing-along celebrations!

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Penguin & Piglet: 11:30 am in the **Church** followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Pooh & Kanga: 11:30 am in the **Church** followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

Thursday, Dec. 19 - Clifford, Rabbit, Owl, Tigger: 11:30 am in the **Church** followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.



From Santa and the Elves

It was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces at our 2nd annual **Santa's Workshop!** And **thank you** for making our first **Scholastic Book Fair** a huge success! From the book sales this week, Scholastic will award us **\$500** which will be used to enhance our classroom and lending libraries as well purchase new learning materials. **Thank you to the Book Fair co-chairs Katie Richards and Anh Dang and all the volunteers for their hard work!**



St. Michael Preschool Registration 2020-2021 School Year *Growing with God...*

Where the joy of learning is nurtured through socialization and play as we grow in our love of Jesus

Half-day Preschool for children ages 2-5, including Transitional Kindergarten

Extended Day Programs: Early Arrival, Lunch Program, and Monthly Adventure Camps

Registration:

Returning Students – begins Tuesday Jan. 21, 2020

Parishioners – begins Mon., Jan. 27, 2020

Non-Parishioners – begins Mon., Feb. 3, 2020

Information Sessions:

January 7, 15, 23 at 10:00 am or call for an appointment 919-468-6110

Program Changes:

- Both 4-Day 4's Classes will be **Monday – Thursday**
- **Discovery Day Fridays*** for the option to add an additional day to your current preschool program (***Pilot Program Coming this Spring**)
- Church Finance Council is currently reviewing **tuition rate changes. Information coming soon!**

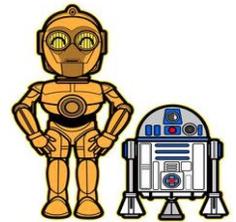
We hope you'll join us for another great year of Growing with God as we pray, play, and learn together.



Adventure Camp

Limited spots remain in our super fun Adventure Camps. These camps are offered to **preschoolers 3 years and older**. Camps will occur **one Thursday and Friday per month**. [CLICK HERE](#) to see which camps still have seats available and to register. *You might have to click "forgot password" if you do not have or know your password for the registration system.

- **Thurs., Jan. 9 – Outer Space**
- **Fri., Jan. 11 – Star Wars**
- **Thurs., Feb. 6 – Instruments**
- **Fri., Feb. 7 – Music**



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Closings and Delays: Our policy is to assess conditions on **St. Michael Campus and the local area to determine closings or delays at the preschool**. We understand this may

not always reflect weather conditions in your area or follow the Wake County School closings or delays, so please use your discretion when bringing your child to school.

Parents will be informed of school closings and delays via our all call communication system through the primary phone, text message, and email provided. If this information needs to be updated at this time, please let the preschool office know.

On delayed openings, Early Arrival and Lunch Programs are canceled and children bring a lunch and attend from 11:00-1:00 pm. This later dismissal time may interfere with younger children's nap schedules, so again, please use your best judgment in sending your preschooler on these days.

Early Arrival & Lunch Programs

Need time to run errands, get to an appointment, or just have some extra time for yourself? We can help! We still have openings in our **early arrival and lunch programs**. Email mlanuti@stm Cary.org to register.



Thank you to those who donated new or gently used books to our **Read and Feed Book Drive**. These books will help build home libraries for the students participating in this important tutoring program. And **congratulations** to the **Huiban Family** who won the \$25 PF Chang's Gift Card as part of the raffle.



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OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
Full Day PreK – Grade 8
Wednesday, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 & Jan. 15;
9:30 - 11am
*Join us for 8:15 a.m. Mass before the tour. No reservations required.

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Middle School Only (Gr. 6 - 8) Open House
Wednesday, Dec. 11; 6 – 7:30pm

St. Michael School providing Christ-centered Catholic education, with a focus on academic excellence, and development of the whole person, through our core values of reverence, service, and leadership.
Website: www.stmcary.org Email: admissions@stmcary.org

Online Applications for St. Michael School Open Jan. 7, 2020

JOLLY ELF TRAIL RUN 2019



Get in the holiday spirit and register for the 14th annual Jolly Elf Trail Run (5K, 1.25 mile & Kids' Dash) to benefit St. Michael School on **Saturday, Dec. 14 at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary.**



You may have noticed the church and preschool have been utilizing new online software. This software is called **Realm** and has now been deployed parish-wide. Realm works best if you create and login using a family account.

Please login to your Realm family account in preparation for:

- 2020/2021 School Year Registration
- Making and tracking Tuition and Extended Day payments online (in 2020/2021)

[Click Here to Create Realm Account*](#) or to create a password if your family already has an account.



*If the system recognizes your email as already having an account, click Forgot Password to create a new personal password.

Create a Realm Account

Joining Realm allows you to update your contact information, manage your giving and much more.