

St. Michael's School News

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Fish Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Fish Dinner last Sunday. Thanks especially to Amy Crain for chairing this event. The success of the event is due to several people:

Food Donations James and Amy Crain, Longhorn Restaurant, Chris and Debbie Rath, Bar-b-que Station, and Holy Family KC Council.

Other Donations James and Amy Crain, Keith and Connie Catron, and Kerry Rothenberry of Courtyard Gallery.

Workers James and Amy Crain, Patrick Crain, Lloyd Boedeker, Dale and Kevin Denton, Chris and Debbie Rath, Richard and Holly Weber, Stephen Franklin, Jimmy and Kathy Gips, Loren Marietta, Danny and Tracey Blank, Tronica Owens, Pam Zengerle, Lourdes Saenz, Connie Boedeker, Madison Cox, Katie Crain, Hannah Weber, Madelyn Weber, John Rath, Hally Gips, Kerstyn Saenz, and Aimsley Blank.

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Thank you to the many, many of you who donated cakes and/or cookies for the meal.

The meal netted \$2,893.02.

*The mission of
St. Michael's Catholic School is
to know as Jesus knew,
to love as Jesus loved,
and to serve as Jesus served.*

Safe Environment

The Diocese of Victoria has adopted the following process for all employees and volunteers who have regular contact with minors:

1. They must complete the online application and background check process and be approved to work by the diocese and the site.
2. They must attend an orientation session regarding the "Code of Pastoral Conduct and the Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors."
3. They must attend the child abuse awareness and prevention training component known as "Safe Kids."

The application form may be completed on-line. A copy of this form is available in the school office. When you have completed this application on-line, please send a check for \$8.00 to the school made payable to St. Michael's School. Anyone needing help completing the application may ask at the school office.

It is very important that you complete this application online BEFORE attending any of the sessions.

The only session for the "Code of Pastoral Conduct and the Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors" and the "Safe Kids" component **in Cuero** scheduled for this year will take place on **Wednesday, September 8th** in our St. Michael's School library, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** Please register for this session in the school office. Additional sessions held throughout the diocese may be found at the diocesan website www.victoriadiocese.org.

God's Many Blessings

Thank you to Mrs. Frances Keseling, grandmother of St. Michael's third grader Emilie and Pre-K4 student Julia, for donating \$15,000 to be used for textbooks and other expenses to start our school year. Her generous donation has helped us get this new school year off to a great start! May God bless her and her loved ones.

Thank you to the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Employee Association and Wal-Mart for donating a backpack full of school supplies to our school. The supplies have been divided among many students. We appreciate their thoughtfulness.

New Traffic Laws

Please keep in mind the new traffic laws that went into effect on **September 1st** of last year. Those most important to our school are HB 537, SB 61, and HB 55. The first law requires **all** occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle. SB 61 requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

Meet our Sponsored Child

For the past four years, St. Michael's School has sponsored a child through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Our "child" is Cristobal, a fifth grade student in Guatemala. Cristobal's parents make their living through farming. Cristobal is the oldest of four children. They live in a wood house with no floors and have no electricity or running water in the home. Their monthly income is \$90 in U.S. currency.

Our students in the past have written letters and made cards for him. He is always very appreciative and sends us letters showing his gratitude. Two years ago we sent school supplies and small toys for Cristobal to share with his siblings. We also send the CFCA a monetary donation each month with which they provide him with clothes, shoes and food. Each classroom has a container in which the students may turn in their change for Cristobal. Each Tuesday at flag-raising, the classes bring their money and add it to the collection. Please remind your child to give, if only a quarter each week, to help Cristobal and his family. If you would like to see any of the letters that Cristobal has sent, or would like any more information, please contact Ms. Roeder.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will hold its annual Jamaica on **Sunday, September 5th**, on the parish grounds, 207 Graham. Mass on Sunday will be at 8:00 a.m. Barbecued brisket with all the trimmings will be served in the OLG Parish Hall beginning at 11:00 a.m. Cost of the meal is \$7.00. The auction begins at 12:30 p.m. There will also be food booths, children's booths, dancing, and a raffle drawing. Tamales will be on sale while supplies last for \$7.00 per dozen.

Arts and Crafts Show

The St. Michael's Home and School Association annually sponsors a pancake breakfast in December. This year's event is scheduled for December 4th at the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Along with the breakfast, we also hold an Arts and Crafts Sale. Vendors are being solicited to sell their crafts, gifts, and gift ideas. Registration forms will be available soon. If you would like to set up a booth yourself, or know someone who might be interested, please take one of these forms. More details will follow as the event draws closer.

Classes will not be held next Friday, September 3rd so that teachers may attend a diocesan workshop in Victoria.

August daycare and lunch bills will be sent next week.

RCIA Classes

Any adults who are interested in joining the Catholic church, or any parishioners from St. Michael's or Our Lady of Guadalupe who have not made their First Communion and/or need to be confirmed, should contact St. Michael's rectory at 275-3554. Classes will begin in September.