

March 5 2025

ST. MIKE'S NEWS

LENT BEGINS TODAY

A black and white photograph of a crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, resting on a textured, fabric-like surface. The thorns are sharp and intertwined, forming a circular shape. The background is a fine, woven texture.

A time to reflect,
repent, and renew.

St. Michael the Archangel School Living the Jubilee in Lent 2025

Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your
whole heart... (Joel 2:12)



Behold, now is a very
acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of
salvation! (2 Cor. 6:2)

The Lenten season at St. Michael School promises to be one in which we will grow in faith, love and especially **hope** in this Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. We invite all to participate in the traditional Lenten practices and activities below in a spirit of trust in God who promises new life at Easter. Our Lenten observances take on special meaning this year as we strive to connect them with the Jubilee principles of sabbath, forgiveness, justice, liberation, and jubilation.*

Lenten Jubilee 2025 Activities at SMS

+ **Prayer:** participation at Mass, celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, learning and praying the Jesus Prayer, special classroom reflection activities

+ **Fasting:** at the MS, sacrifice of the lunchtime snack cart along with encouragement of individual fasting activities that help us:

- 1) Remember that God is more important than anything or anyone
- 2) Get rid of some bad habits that keep us from God

+ **Almsgiving (doing good deeds):** Along with your individual works of kindness and charity, our school community will engage in two works of charity:

- 1) **World Mission project:** donations to the Vincentian Fathers' carpentry school in Kenya. The project adds dormitories and kitchen space. The school trains homeless and those released from prison in carpentry skills to help them better their lives.
- 2) **Local project:** Cops N' Kids Book Drive for children & community in the area

More details for both to follow!

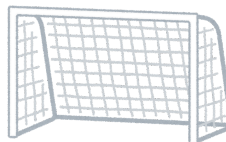
***In the next newsletter, we'll look at how the Jubilee principles are at work in our Lenten Plan.**

Stay tuned! For now, let's begin our BLE – Best Lent Ever!

Parents & other adults: if you want more information about the Jubilee and its meaning for Catholics today, join Mrs. Christina Durback for a special session, Tuesday, March 11, 1 – 2:30 in the Coll Room at the MS Campus. All are welcome! No RSVP needed; just show!

Soccer Club Registration is OPEN!

Soccer Club registration is open! Is your child interested in soccer and wants to see what it is like? Sign them up for the soccer club through Nexplore. Our instructor will teach them the fundamentals. They will learn how to dribble, pass, and score while building lifelong friendships and healthy habits.



This club will begin Tuesday April 1st and will run ***Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30***. This club is open for Grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. It will last 8 weeks and is **limited to 15 spots**.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

HSA Corner

Upcoming Events:

Mother/Son Event: April 11th 6-8PM

St. Luke's Sports Rink & Field house

Flyer on Page 6

“Paint & Sip: Mom’s Night Out”

w/ Artist Roey Ebert

March 29th 6:30-8:30PM - ES Gym

\$40 per person: BYOB

Includes Appetizers and Painting

See Flyer on Page 5

sip sip
hurray



SAVE THE DATE

Second Trimester Ends

March 7th

Spirit Dress Down Day

March 7th

Third Trimester Begins

March 10th

ES Assembly: Visiting Author and Illustrator

March 10th

Stations of the Cross - ES

9am - March 10th

First Reconciliation

St. Josephs Church

March 15th 10AM

Stations of the Cross ES

9AM - March 17th

St. Patricks Day Dress Down

March 17th

\$1 for Mercy Special

Learning Center

St. Joseph’s Church

Confirmation

March 18th 4:30PM

Second Trimester Report Cards

March 19th

School Closed

March 21st

First Reconciliation

Assumption

March 22nd 11:30AM



Wednesday Folder Sneak Peek

For those that attended the Father/Daughter Dance: Pictures from that evening will be in your daughter's blue folder.

ES: Extended Care Invoices

CYO News

Congratulations to the 5/6 Boys Blue Basketball Team on being the District 2 Runner-up! Many thanks to Dave Eddinger for leading this outstanding group. Great season boys!

Spring activity schedules are being finalized. Practice schedules should be coming out in the next few days. You should hear from your coaches on TeamSnap. **Track & Field and co-ed volleyball will start practices the week of March 16th. Rosters will be finalized on March 15th.** Please reach out if you need to add or drop an activity. colfitzpat@gmail.com

CYO Play Schedule. Tryouts and first rehearsal March 28th (3rd grade and above can try out for parts. But all 3rd graders and above should come to this rehearsal even if you do not wish to try out for a part. **2nd grade will be ensemble only and will be part of full cast rehearsals**)



April 4th (full cast),
April 11th (full cast),,
April 25th (Leads/HALF cast),
May 2nd (full cast),,
May 9th (full cast),
May 16th (full cast),



Possible adds May 14th and May 21st
Mandatory Dress Rehearsal May 30th
Shows May 31st 7 PM and June 1st at 2 PM

Tryout materials will be posted on Teamsnap this week. **ATTENTION PARENTS! Our theater program is very strong and therefore we have a large cast this year! We are looking for a few more volunteers to help, particularly with the younger grades, at practice.** You do not need theater experience for this role! No singing required, just an extra set of helping hands. Please reach out to colfitzpat@gmail.com even if you can only help with 1-2 dates.

We can take turns!



Paint and Sip Moms' Night Out

WITH ARTIST ROEY EBERT

SATURDAY MARCH 29

6:30-8:30PM AT THE ES GYM

*Bring your own beverages for a
fun night!*

Light refreshments will be available

\$40/PERSON SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE



REGISTER BY MARCH 20

ST. MIKE'S
HSA PRESENTS



Mother & Son SPORTS NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
6-8 PM



ST. LUKE'S SPORTS RINK
3323 SEVENTH STREET
WHITEHALL, PA 18052



\$20 PER FAMILY



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