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Dear St. Michael Families and Friends,

November 28, 2018

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break. Spending time with family and friends is always a special blessing. The next few weeks will be filled with many special events as we celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus. I would like to invite each of you to our Advent Prayer Service on Monday, December 3rd, at 2:00.

Monday evening, our second graders will celebrate their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers. Our school Reconciliation Service for students in grades 3-8 will be Thursday, December 6th.

Due to a funeral on Friday, we are moving our school Mass to tomorrow morning at 8:15.

Next Wednesday is our monthly Spirit Day/Penny Power. Students may come to school wearing St. Michael spirit wear. Any loose change brought in for Penny Power will help offset classroom projects and/or special events.

Yours in Christ,

Principal

## Important Dates to Remember

### December

- 3** First Reconciliation—7:00 p.m.
- 3-4** Christmas Village
- 6** Reconciliation Service
- 18** Christmas Program—1:15 and 7:00 p.m.
- 20** Last Day of School
- Christmas Break December 21—January 2, 2019**

# Parish News

## Say Cheese!

It has been almost five years since our last parish directory, and since we are celebrating our parish Centennial in 2019, this is a perfect time for another one! We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our parishioners. Our new directory will be a smaller version that will not include any activity pages; instead, it only includes the staff section, the family section, and the family roster. The exciting thing about this type of directory is that we can update it every 6-9 months, or as needed, as long as we have at least 15 families to be photographed! All participating families will receive an updated directory. Please be a part of our new parish pictorial directory—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

You can sign up **NOW** for photo sessions. You can sign up for a session on our website at [www.saintmichaelchurch.net](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.net), contact the Parish Office at 563-6377 or by email at [kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net](mailto:kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net), or in the Gathering Space after Masses. Every participating family/household will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8" x 10" photo.

Our photo sessions are scheduled for January 3-5, 2019 and January 9-12, 2019. Weekday hours are 2:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday hours are 9:30-3:00 p.m. If necessary, we will schedule additional dates.

**Can you help with our event?** We are looking for some volunteers to help sign parishioners up after Masses and check parishioners in for a couple of hours at the actual photo sessions. If you can help, you can sign up on our website, or you can contact Kaylene Schwab, Communications Coordinator, at 563-6377, ext. 305 or at [kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net](mailto:kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net). Thank you!

## Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is looking for more volunteers! CLOW is held weekly at the 9:30 Mass and also rotates between 5:00 and 11:30 Mass. We are especially in need of cantors and presiders, but will take volunteers for lectors and shepherds too! All the roles have detailed guides. The cantors have recorded music they sing along to; the presiders follow a guide with activities designed for each Sunday - the supplies are even provided! The lectors read from a children's lectionary that we send a link to. **Seventh and eighth graders make great lectors and cantors** (they can even earn service hours)! Please join us! Contact us at [stmichaelclow@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelclow@gmail.com).

# Centennial News

## Celebrate the Centennial with the Cincinnati Cyclones!

Got plans for Saturday night, January 5<sup>th</sup>? No? Good! Join us for fun and fellowship as we take our Centennial Celebration on the road to the Cincinnati Cyclones game. January 5<sup>th</sup> is a "throwback night," which means tickets are only \$10 and items such as hot dogs, pizza, beer and soda are just \$1 each.

Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Just fill out the form below and send it cash or check into the parish office or through the collection basket.

Questions? Contact Les Shawver, [les.shawver@gmail.com](mailto:les.shawver@gmail.com) or 513-607-8076. We look forward to seeing you there!  
#stMike100

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 each = Total Payment Included: \_\_\_\_\_

# PTO News

## Christmas Village

**Ho, Ho, Ho...!**

Christmas is quickly approaching and while some of us have just started thinking about shopping, our Christmas Village elves have been hard at work all year getting ready for our shop!

Rudolph has his nose brightly lit looking for volunteers to help in the shop on December 3rd & 4th during school hours... He's taking roll call for the exciting positions of gift wrappers and cashiers! Please consider coming in to share this magical day with the students. Please click the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA4A72CA20-christmas2>

**Exciting News: Christmas Village will be open to parents, staff, friends and community on Tuesday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00-7:00 p.m.!**

Any questions can be directed to Karen Foltyn at [Kfoltyn6@gmail.com](mailto:Kfoltyn6@gmail.com).

## SCRIP Sales

PTO will be selling gift cards after Masses the weekend of December 1-2. A limited selection of cards available for immediate purchase, and there will be order forms for your convenience. Cash and checks will be accepted!

# Cub Scout News

## Lion Cubs Wanted: ATTN Kindergarten Families

St. Michael's Cub Scout Pack 96 welcomes Kindergarten Families to Lion Cubs! This family-centered program focuses on fun, family values, growth in citizenship, service to our community, and more fun! If you can join us at our annual Christmas party on Friday, December 14, please let us know by using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ea5a92fabff2-christmas> or by e-mailing Cubmaster Jeremy Helmes, [jhelmes@gmail.com](mailto:jhelmes@gmail.com).

# Mustangs Serve News

## December Volunteering Opportunities

*There are so many great ways to volunteer during the month of December. In our house, we have each child pick out a non-profit organization and we make a donation in their name to their charity of choice. It is a great way to get the whole family involved! Here are a few local family friendly volunteering ideas:*

**The Healing Center “Christmas Parties”.** The Healing Center provides help to residents of greater Cincinnati when challenges invade their lives by offering practical (food pantry and clothing/household items), social, and spiritual support to over 4,000 guests per month. The majority of the guests are families with young children. Visit their website [HERE](#).

**When:** The first two weeks of December. Various dates and shifts available.

**Where:** The Healing Center, 11345 Century Circle West, Springdale, OH, 346-4080. Located behind Best Buy in Tri County.

**Volunteer Description:** The Healing Center will be transformed into a beautiful winter wonderland in December to provide the guests with an amazing Christmas experience. There are a lot of great volunteer opportunities from volunteering at the arts and crafts table, helping Santa, distributing gifts, and helping with games.

**Sign Up:** Click [HERE](#), and then click on “Christmas Parties at the Healing Center 2018”.

**Operation Give Back “Holiday Store”.** This non-profit, located in Blue Ash, serves about 35 students daily in a warm and friendly facility. OGB also sponsors Whiz Kids weekly literacy hour, weekend movie nights, summer tutoring, weekly food pantry, training and coaching for parents, Back to School supplies for 300 children, and a Holiday Store, which provides presents to 1,500 children. OGB reaches economically-disadvantaged kids in the Sycamore School District, as well as Stewart Elementary School in the Princeton School District. This past fall, Mustangs Serve partnered with OGB for their Back to School supply event and it was a huge success! Visit their website [HERE](#).

**When:** The first two weeks of December. Various dates and shifts available.

**Where:** Either at their Holiday Store location (6245 Creek Rd., Blue Ash) or at Operation Give Back (10891 Millington Ct., Blue Ash.)

**Volunteer Description:** Volunteers are needed to partner with shoppers, greet families, help with prayer, registration, and clean up. If you are unable to volunteer, please visit their virtual Giving Tree! The families of these children have registered to shop, and they have listed just some of their holiday wishes. Click [HERE](#) for the virtual Giving Tree.

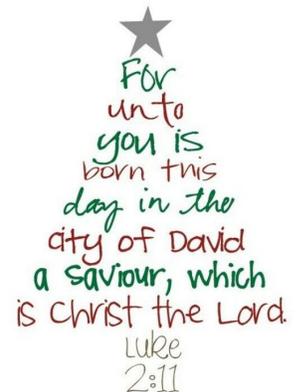
**Sign Up:** Click [HERE](#) to volunteer at the Holiday Store.

**Sharonville Elementary “Adopt-a-Family”.** Many of the Sharonville Elementary families are struggling this holiday season. If you are interested in helping out our neighbors down the street, they would love our support and love. We have such a generous community and can make a huge impact by helping to spread some Christmas cheer! For more information, please contact Jenny Powers, 513-864-2645 or [jpowers@vikingmail.com](mailto:jpowers@vikingmail.com).

**St. Michael Parish “Giving Tree”.** The Giving Tree works with various local organizations to determine needs, organize donations, and distribute gifts during the Christmas Season. Be sure to grab an ornament (or two, three..) to help make someone’s Christmas season a little brighter!

**Mustangs Serve “Facebook Page”.** Be sure to check out the Mustangs Serve Facebook page for other ideas to volunteer your time and talents this Christmas season. I am continually sharing needs on this site from trusted organizations that are doing great things locally! Click [HERE](#) to check out our Facebook page.

*“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10*



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If you have any news that you would like to share with our St. Michael Parish School community, please email Kaylene Schwab at [kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net](mailto:kaylene@saintmichaelchurch.net).