



Parent Teacher Organization = PTO!

Welcome to St. Michael Parish School!

Every parent and teacher is a member of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Meetings are scheduled quarterly and are usually held at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria or may be virtual this year. PTO news is included in all of the school family's weekly **Mustang Messenger**, the school newsletter which is emailed on Wednesday's and the **Mustang Memo** that is sent every Sunday and includes school reminders for the week.

The PTO provides a number of volunteer services and fundraising opportunities for the school throughout the year! PTO organizes and collaborates with the event chairperson(s) on events such as playground duty, teacher appreciation luncheons, Catholic Schools Week events, used uniform sale, Fish Fry bake sale, spring and fall open houses and much more.

PTO works with the school faculty to fund field trip transportation, classroom support tools and technology advancement in the classroom, such as Smart Boards and Google Chromebooks.

The PTO Board can be reached at: stmichaelppto@gmail.com

Please join us for our 1st PTO meeting on Sept. 17th at 6:30 pm details to follow!

PTO FUNDRAISERS

- **WALK-A-THON-** The Walk-a-thon is our most important fundraiser of the year. **100% of all donations and pledges go directly to the school.** The event is held on a Friday in late September at Sharon Woods. Students collect pledges for walking laps around a predetermined trail in the park. Parents are stationed at different check points throughout the trail to help track laps. Parent volunteers walk with the students. Parents are also needed to work the drink and snack stations. The students will eat lunch at the park on this day. You can volunteer for a few hours or the whole day or just stop in to have lunch with the students. Parents are welcome and encouraged to walk a few laps with their children. (Please make sure you are up to date with your VIRTUS training)
- **MAGAZINE DRIVE-** The annual magazine drive is held in October. It is our second largest fundraiser of the year. Students can sell magazine subscriptions to friends and family.
- **PTO Online Shop -** PTO opens their online store typically in July, October and early spring. All items in the shop are either uniform or spirit day approved. PTO receives all proceeds from your purchases.
<https://companycasuals.com/StMichael/start.jsp>

- **LAROSA'S BUDDY CARD**- The LaRosa's Buddy Card sells for \$10 each and the school makes \$4 to \$5 on every card (depending on the number sold). These cards contain 12 coupons for "buy one, get one free". If you are interested in purchasing a card contact Julie Aluotto at julie.aluotto@gmail.com
- **FISH FRY** – PTO and the Knights of Columbus run the weekly fish fry each Friday (except Good Friday) during Lent. This dinner is held weekly from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
- **SCRIP** - Scrip is a program where the school sells gift cards from various merchants and then receives a percentage of revenue back from the merchant. You can use Scrip gift cards to purchase everyday items like food, gas, clothing, travel and other essentials or give as gifts!
 - The revenue generated goes toward helping ease the tuition expense of a student in need, as well as other needs of the parish and school. Orders forms will be sent home at the beginning of the school year and are available on our school website at About Us Support St. Michael Scrip. You can also purchase the Scrip cards from Angie Kiser at angiekiser@yahoo.com or 513-708-1303.
- **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** – The Kroger Community Rewards Program was designed to make fundraising the easiest in town by simply using your Kroger Plus Card. This is how it works: Register your Kroger card online at krogercommunityrewards.com. Enter 80104 or select organization St. Michael Church (Sharonville) from the list and click on confirm. Kroger then gives 4% of all purchases back to St. Michael. All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning awards during the coming year.
- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** – General Mills offers a Box Tops for Education program for schools and it's gone completely digital!
 - Although we will still gladly take any clipped Box Tops you may have or find.
 - Simply download the BoxTops For Education App (available on both Apple and Android) and scan your grocery receipts to receive credit for any items purchased in the BoxTops Program and your donation is automatically entered for the school.
 - Each eligible product that is scanned from your receipt will earn our school at least 10 cents. These Box Top logos are on a wide variety of food and personal care products.
 - If you have any questions on the Box Tops reach out to April Black at ablack@fuse.net
- **USED UNIFORM SALE** – Offers families the opportunities to purchase used uniforms for the student at minimum cost. Please drop off all uniform donations either to the Parish Office or Julie Aluotto's porch (5720 Sovereign Dr Cincinnati, Ohio 45241). Please contact Julie with any further questions julie.aluotto@gmail.com.

PTO Events:

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

In early December the PTO transforms the Assembly Hall into a Christmas Store for the students. Christmas Village provides the students an opportunity to purchase gifts ranging in price between \$2-\$6 for the special people in their lives! Information will be sent home approximately 2 weeks prior to the experience with information and gift tags for the students to fill out prior to shopping.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Catholic Schools Week takes place during the last week in January. This is a very special time for us to celebrate the importance of our Catholic education. Students enjoy many different activities and participate alongside their peers. More details will come home during the school year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check us out on:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelSchoolSharonville/>

Instagram: stmikesharonville and st_michael_art

St. Michael Parish information can also be found on **Facebook, Twitter** and through the Parish App. (See the bulletin for information on downloading the App.)

We thank you, the parents and friends of St. Michael, who give so much, in so many ways, to make our school the special place to send our children!

The 2020-2021 PTO Board

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