MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
December 8, 2016 – January 4, 2017

Mission: To be friendly, respectful, responsible, and Christ-like

Find more information at our website: www.stmichaelswords.org

- This will be the last newsletter for this year!
- **PSIA:** Practices resume January 3, 2017.
- **HSA News:**
  Catholic Life Sweepstakes Tickets: Last drawing will be held after Mass Friday, 12/16 for anyone who has sold 5 books. All tickets must be sold and returned by January 4. **Our current total is $3,820.00.**
  Save the Date: Catholic Schools Week kicks off January 29. HSA will hold a drive-thru dinner after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please offer to help prepare and serve.
  Thank you to those who sold and purchased Little Caesars' pizza!
- Please invite family and friends to join us Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Swords Gym for our annual **Christmas Band Concert**.
- The students of St. Michael will offer as a gift of love to our school family and our community an evening of music and dramatics. All are invited to our annual **Christmas Pageant, Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Swords Gym. There will be a cookie and punch social after the pageant hosted by our HSA.
- Friday, **December 16 is an early dismissal day**, so please plan to have students picked up by noon.
- **Christmas Baskets**: Service Opportunity for adults and children: Saturday, December 17 at the United Church of Christ 8:00 a.m. Please join as a community to prepare Christmas baskets for those in need. Our 8th grade students will take our Thanksgiving food donations to UCC on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Break**: December 17, 2016 – January 2, 2017 - Enjoy your time off with family and friends in celebrating the birth of our Savior. Be safe ringing in the New Year! **Students return to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2017**.
- **Please refer to the back of this newsletter for the Advent Confession schedule and the Holy Day Mass Schedule for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary.**

HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The vision of St. Michael Catholic School is to guide the mind, body, and spirit of the next generation of catholic leaders to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet their full potential as people created in the image of God.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Tournament
12/10
At Nazareth Academy
Games begin at 8:00 a.m.
Swords vs SJS 11:00 a.m.

Next home game January 5
vs Faith Academy 5:30 p.m.

Third Sunday of Advent is this Sunday 12/11, Gaudete Sunday.

***Gaudete* (Latin) means "rejoice". Let us celebrate with joy that the birth of Jesus is almost here! The liturgical color for joy is rose (pink), so wear pink to Mass this weekend and be joyful in anticipation of His coming!**

Learn more about our Catholic faith through the Pastoral Institute
Register now for Spring 2017
Call 361-573-0828x2223

"…She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus…" Matthew 1:20-21