



St. Alphonsus Catholic School

The Buzz

Forming Faith and Future

Kristy M. Monsour, Principal

November 20, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 21 -**
Grandparents'
Day 5th-8th
Grade - 12:00 p.m.
Dismissal 5th-8th
Grade Only
- **November 24-
28 -** No School -
Thanksgiving
Break
- **December 1 -**
Students Return
- **December 5 -**
School Mass
- **December 8 -**
School Mass -
Immaculate
Conception
- **December 9 -**
Drama Club Play
and Nativity 6:30
p.m.
- **December 11 -**
Band Concert
6:30 p.m.

We wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Holidays - NO SCHOOL on November 24th-28th. The school office will be open on Monday, November 24th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will return to school on December 1st.

Grandparents' Day 5th-8th

Grandparents' Day for students in 5th-8th grades will be on **Friday, November 21st**. The students will meet their grandparents at St. Alphonsus Church to begin their visit. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will follow in the Family Center. Parking is available between the church and the Family Center or behind the Family Center. 5th-8th grade students must either be checked out by their grandparents after the reception, or we will do a mini carpool for these students at 12:00 p.m. All 5th-8th students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

***Students in PK through 4th grade have a full day of school and will not attend Mass on Grandparents' Day.

Drama Club Christmas Play and 6th Grade Nativity

The Drama Club will be performing "A Christmas Cinderella" and the 6th graders will perform the Living Nativity on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. Please come out and support our Drama Club and enjoy a show.

Petsgiving

This morning was full of wagging tails and happy smiles. Thank you to all the parents who brought pets through the carpool line for our first Petsgiving!





Kindergarten Thanksgiving

Today, our kindergarteners enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving Celebration! They had a great time rotating through different activity stations and making memories. A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all your help!



St. Alphonsus Catholic School The G.R.A.C.E. Program

Giving Religious Access for Children with Exceptionalities

Now Enrolling Students in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade for the 2026-2027 School Year

The G.R.A.C.E. Program is a faith-centered, inclusive special education program designed to meet the needs of exceptional learners in a nurturing, Catholic environment. Our goal is to help every child grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

Exceptionalities Served:

- Autism
- Intellectual Disability (Mild-Moderate)
- Multiple Disabilities
- Down Syndrome
- Other Health Impairments
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Traumatic Brain Injury (ambulatory students)

Program Benefits:

- Individualized placement and small-group instruction
- Opportunities for mainstreaming when appropriate
- Access to related services as available
- Engage with age-level peers and Big Buddies to assist in social skills development
- Supportive, Christ-centered learning environment

Interested in Learning More?

We would love to meet with you to discuss admissions and determine whether the GRACE Program is the right fit for your child.

Contact:
Kristy Monsour, Principal
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We're Hiring! Join Our Team

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of students with special needs? We're looking for dedicated professionals to join our team:

- [Special Education Teacher](#)
- [Special Education Assistant](#)



SAVE THE DATE

daddy + daughter
Sneaker Ball

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

6:30 - 8:30 PM

St. Alphonsus Gym

Tickets go on sale January 5, 2026!



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. See the attached entry form for more details. Entries are due to the school office by **Monday, December 15th**. The Knights of Columbus have provided the poster boards (1 per student). Participants can pick up the poster boards in the school office. Please encourage your child to participate in this wonderful Christmas tradition.

**The Mission of
St. Alphonsus
Liguori
Catholic School is
to form
students in the
Catholic Faith
spiritually,
academically,
physically, and
culturally in an
environment of
academic
excellence.**

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER

Dear Holy Spirit,
Thank You for living in my heart.
Help me grow Your beautiful fruits:

Love - so I care for others
Joy - so I smile even when life is hard
Peace - so I stay calm and trust in You
Patience - so I don't get upset
Kindness - so I treat everyone like a friend
Goodness - so I choose to do what's right
Faithfulness - so I always follow You
Gentleness - so I use soft words
Self-control - so I make good choices

Help me be more like Jesus every
day. Mary, Mother of God, pray for
me. All you holy angels and saints,
pray for me too. Amen.





Counselor's CORNER

November 2025

Ms. Morgan Bueche

A Note from Ms. Morgan

This Thanksgiving, I'm especially thankful for our wonderful students and the amazing school community we are a part of. Spending each day with your children and helping them grow socially and emotionally is a blessing.

In our guidance classes, pre-K and kindergarteners have been learning to recognize their big feelings and express them in healthy ways. First graders learned the difference between tattling and telling, and when it's important to speak up. In second grade, we talked about "awesome actions" and how to avoid "bummer behaviors." Third graders have been all about kindness and what it means to be a good friend. Our fourth graders have been working on impulse control and learning to pause and think before they act. Fifth grade learned about empathy—what it is, how it feels, and how we show it. And in middle school, we've been focusing on taking care of our mental health through healthy habits and self-awareness.

Important Links

[Parent Referral Form](#)

[Elementary Student
Check-In Form](#)

[Middle School Student
Check-In Form](#)

[School Website
Counseling Program](#)

Let's CONNECT!



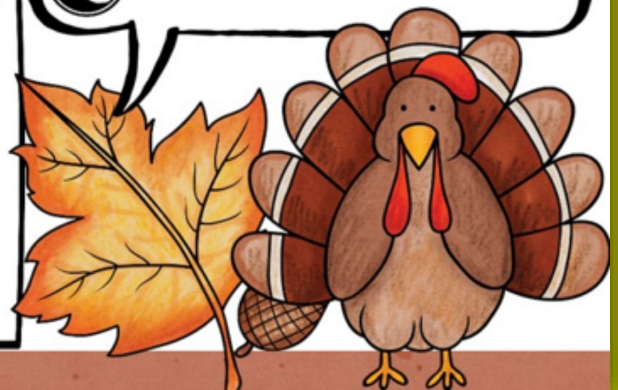
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Happy, Healthy Hornet Tip

Set aside a few minutes each evening to practice gratitude. Try introducing a simple nightly routine where each member of your family shares three things they are thankful for from that day. These can be big (a fun family trip) or small (a funny joke or a good book). Doing this allows you to focus on the positive and present rather than the negative.





JOIN US FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS MARKET

❄️ **DECEMBER 5-6, 2025** ❄️
FRI 12-7 PM ★ SAT 11 AM-8 PM

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI CATHOLIC CHURCH
 PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
 14158 FRENCHTOWN ROAD ★

CRAFT SHOW featuring 30+ vendors
CONCESSIONS sold by Catholic Daughters
Jambalaya, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, sweets, and more
FR. JASON'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAY
KIM CHRISTMAS PARTY - SAT. 12-4 PM

Still accepting vendors!
 Apply today. ★



Remembering Our Children
 Candlelight Service



Join us on Sunday,
 December 14, 2025
 Beginning at 6 PM
 St. Alphonsus Liguori
 Catholic Church

BASKETBALL
MIDDLE SCHOOL
Night
LADY WARRIORS
VS. CABRINI

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
 PLACE: ST. MICHAEL
 TIME: VARSITY @ 5:30 & JV @ 6:45

Paddles for a Cause



St. Michael High School
PICKLEBALL
Tournament
 Presented by Performance Contractors

Divisions	Benefits	Register Now!
Womens/Mens/Mixed Senior Women/Men/Mixed Family/Youth/Juniors Youth (6th-8th grade) Juniors (9th-12 th grade)	  Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital	

JANUARY 10-11, 2026
@ Stacks Pickleball

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST in the Grade division checked below. I realize that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

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GRADE K

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GRADE 1-2

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GRADE 3-4

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GRADE 5-6

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GRADE 7-8

COUNCIL NUMBER _____

Name of Entrant _____

Grade _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) _____

Email _____

Signature of Entrant _____

This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve the Entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to Entrant's said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. **Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council which retains exclusive rights to use said entries in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to the artist.**

Parent/Guardian

Date signed

This Section To Be Completed Knights of Columbus Officials:

Score Sheet

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: A 100-point scoring system is used to determine winners. Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.

Competition Level	Slogan – 30 points	Artistic Merit – 30 points	Overall Impact – 40 points
Council Total: _____			
District/Regional Total: _____			
Jurisdictional Total: _____			
International Level Total: _____			



Keep Christ in Christmas

Poster Judging Fact Sheet

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and grade of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, young people should be included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 Points: Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 Points: Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 Points: Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?

Council's Contact Information

