



*Principal's Welcome Letter: Website*

*Our mission at Mount St. Michael Catholic School is to form students in courageous virtue to reason clearly, choose morally, and serve faithfully. With our dedication and commitment to our mission, we strive to develop our students into Catholic leaders serving their communities, churches, cities, and ultimately the world.*

Mount St. Michael Catholic School serves students from our Toddler Montessori Program at 18 months- through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in our Catholic Classical Academy. Our enrollment stays under 200 students and with this smaller, more intimate school environment we can serve students with a low student to teacher ratio, with increased opportunities to learn and grow and become real classroom leaders in a family atmosphere that encourages enhanced participation and individuality in academics as well as spiritual pursuits. Through our intimate environment, we help students shine in all areas, and allow them that “family-like feeling” whereby they create lasting friendships, life-long connections, and create faith-filled friendships that carry them through their lives.

Mount St. Michael stands firm upon the foundation of our “Four Pillars” which make us unique amongst parochial and Catholic elementary schools. Our Four Pillars allow us the ability to aid in the development of our students’ intellectual, spiritual, apostolic, and character formation. Our Four Pillars are:

- Our Daily Sacraments- Daily prayer, Mass, and Eucharist
- Our Catholic Montessori Program from Toddler- Kindergarten
- Our Catholic Classical Academy from 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Our Outdoor/Nature Learning Initiative- Farm to Fable!

Mount St. Michael possesses a clear and obvious Catholic identity, which all of our families participate in through community events, Masses, fundraising events, and special Liturgical celebrations throughout the year. This is God’s school, and the Holy Spirit is highly present on our beautiful campus from the moment you enter the gates and drive up our tree-lined drive!

Students have boundless opportunities here at Mount St. Michael to grow in their faith, pursue their dreams and goals, trust in God’s providence, and discover the

beauty and wonder of a classical education- replete with great works of art and literature, as well as ample opportunities to explore God's divine creations in nature. Nature journaling is prevalent on our campus, visits to the barn and the animals happen daily, exciting gardening is pursued at every grade level, and outdoor classrooms and an amphitheater round out the splendid spaces that we have created to inspire young minds and stir the rivers of creativity that lie within each student!

You may stumble upon a Montessori class diligently taking turns watering the herb gardens by the front office, or you may spy a group of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders excitedly collecting eggs from our 25 chickens! As well, you may witness our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class feeding our sheep- Lulu and Butterscotch, while the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their teacher occupy one of our outdoor classrooms for a history lesson!

Life and learning are precious here at Mount St. Michael Catholic School and we need all of our students' efforts and participation to keep the campus humming!

Today, the halls of Mount St. Michael Catholic School continue to be filled with a fervent energy and a zest for learning, faith, and service to others. Guided by our "Four Pillars" students who walk these halls acquire appreciation for Service, Morality, Truth, Goodness, Beauty, Character, Courtesy, Scholarship, and Spirituality. At Mount St. Michael Catholic School, we believe anything is possible through prayer, faith, collaboration, dedication, and commitment to a life lived in service to others.

Please make an appointment to tour our beautiful campus by calling our office @ 214-337-0244. Otherwise, if you are in our area, please don't hesitate to just stop by and experience the beauty and wonder of our holy and spectacular campus. You will come away inspired, changed, refreshed, and rejuvenated indeed!

Blessings,  
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