# 2023 Annual Meeting



#### <u>Agenda</u>

Call to Order/Opening Prayer

Nominations to the Vestry

Guest Speaker

Closing Prayer

#### Written Reports Included

Report of the Rector Report of the Preschool Report of the Treasurer 2023-2024 Budget Report of the Senior Warden The Very Rev. Robert Beazley

Mary Foster Parmer

The Very Rev. Robert Beazley

The Very Rev. Robert Beazley Stacey Kinler Chris Snyder

Vesta Batchelder

#### St. Michael's Episcopal Church & Preschool

The Very Reverend Robert W. Beazley, Rector Stacey G. Kinler, Head of School Allison Kenning, Organist & Music Director Greg Williams, Parish Administrator

Vestry Members Class of 2023	Vestry Members Class of 2024	Vestry Members Class of 2025
Vesta Batchelder, Sr. Warden Les Bascle, Jr. Warden Christie Plauche Maureen Tipton	Kristy Beach, Secretary	David Fischer Tara Jacks Dave Smith

# 2023 Vestry Slate



Lucious "Bran" Crowe: I am deeply honored to be nominated for the Vestry at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. As for myself, I was born in Bogalusa, LA (just a short distance away), though I did not grow up around here - instead I grew up all over as my dad was in the Navy for 21 years and we moved quite often. My family ended up in Greenwood, MS where we went to, and active with, the Episcopal Church of the Nativity and I became a confirmed Episcopalian at that same church in 1984.

After being there for a couple of years, I left to go to a technical school in electronics and then on to the University of Southern Mississippi where I graduated in 1990 with a 3.82 gpa in Computer Engineering Technology (think half Computer Science and half Electrical Engineering). I started work in 1991 as a software developer and met my wife, Karen, while working on a project with a customer. We were married at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Bogalusa, LA in 2001.

Fast forward to the last couple of years, where I have been more active and it has been my honor and pleasure to be involved with some of the ministries like Family Promise, the GIFT Capital Campaign, and other activities and aspects where I can give back and help bring some more light into those around me and into the greater world. Along the same line, being a part of the Vestry would let me continue to do that in a more direct way and support the Church in all that it undertakes as well as the spiritual growth and practical needs of the congregation.



My name is Lloyd Magee, and I'll be 71 on August 10th. Although born in Bay St. Louis, I grew up in Gentilly in New Orleans. My father was Baptist, but I attended church with my mother. I got my earliest Christian teachings at Gentilly Presbyterian Church where I was baptized, made my Confession of Faith, and at age 12 joined the church.

Most of my young adult life I was a member of various Presbyterian churches, but did experience periods of inactivity. After going to work for the Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, MS I transferred to New Orleans and resumed worshiping with my mother, who was attending Salem United Church of Christ.

It was at about this time that I met my wife, Barbara, a cradle Episcopalian. While dating we worshipped together at each other's respective churches. As we continued to date and our feelings grew stronger, we began talking about marriage. It didn't take me long to realize that if we were to worship together as a family, it was I who would have to make a change.

I took classes to make my confirmation, was confirmed at St. Paul's Episcopal church in New Orleans, and we were there married in July of 1998. We moved to Mandeville in January of 1999. Since Barbara is a charter member of St. Michael's and helped with its inception, it was natural to worship at St. Michael's when we moved to the NorthShore. We worshiped there until the church began experiencing political strife, and ultimately split, and then moved our membership to Christ Church Covington in 2001. Barbara and I have always involved ourselves in supporting our church and its activities. As I stated earlier Barbara helped start St. Michael's, and while we were there initially she was on the altar guild and school board, and I sang in the choir. We both continued in those ministries when we transferred to Christ Church. Barbara ultimately became the chair of the altar guild, and I sang in multiple choirs. We were both lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Barbara an MC. I was elected to the Vestry in either 2014 or 2015, and served my 3 year term. After years of worship and service to the parish there, Barbara and I moved our letters back to St. Michael's shortly after the pandemic.

Since back at St. Michael's we have continued our service to the church. We deliver the weekly donations to the Samaritan Center and to St. Francis animal sanctuary. Barbara is once again on the altar guild, is a lector, and a greeter. In addition to singing with the choir and being a regular cantor at the 9:00 service, I helped with our Lenten fish fry ministry after being instituted by Fr. Robert, occasionally help Chuck with some of his maintenance work around the church, and recently joined the Kairos ministry. We both helped with our subsequent pumpkin patches, and help where we can with our monthly breakfasts. We both believe strongly in participating in our church's mission and helping and serving where we can. For that reason I offer myself to serve on our vestry. I will continue being of service to St. Michael's, and will help parishioners where and when I can, whether elected to the Vestry or not. Lloyd V. Magee, Jr.



My name is Patrick Robert. I've been a parishioner at St. Michael's for 3 years. I grew up in Jefferson Parish, the youngest of 5 children in a Catholic family. I married an Episcopalian and we have attended the Episcopal church as a family for 38 years. We moved to the Northshore in 2005 before Katrina. In 2016 I retired from 35 years in the field of aircraft maintenance. I was employed by a large energy company where I was responsible for all of the aircraft, maintenance facilities and personnel. I was a representative for the FAA Safety Team, a member of Helicopter Association International and Helicopter Safety Advisory Committee for the Gulf of Mexico.

I worked with aircraft manufacturers on product development and safety initiatives. I held an Airframe and Powerplant certificate and FAA Authorized Inspectors Certificate. I had a security clearance for oilfield and refineries. I enjoy art, most especially three dimensional work, woodworking, and music. I'd be honored to serve on the vestry if elected.



Laura Tobin: John and I have been active members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church since 2008 and have seen it through several changing seasons. In fact, I was on the vestry several years back and served a term as senior warden, so I know what the commitment involves. I can honestly say that I'm more excited about our church's future now than ever before. We have a vibrant, involved and growing parish community, and we're on the threshold of great opportunity. I've been a marketing/communications professional my entire career and believe that my years of experience in that capacity can be beneficial to St. Michael's, particularly now during our Growing in Faith Together capital campaign. At this stage in my personal and spiritual growth, I would welcome this chance to serve my church community and become more involved in parish life. Rector Report - St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Dear Members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church,

It is with great pleasure that I present the annual Rector Report, highlighting the key achievements, attendance figures, and plans for the future of our beloved St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Over the past year, we have witnessed growth and progress in various areas of our church community.

# Attendance:

Our total active baptized membership stands at 213, marking an increase of 37 members from the previous year, despite a decrease of 7. We are thrilled to see this growth and are committed to nurturing the spiritual journeys of our members.

## Communicants:

Among our communicants in good standing, we have 111 adult communicants (ages 16 and over) and 53 youth communicants (under the age of 16), making a total of 164 communicants. This demonstrates the active involvement, commitment, and dedication of our congregation.

# Sunday Services:

Our average Sunday attendance has shown significant improvement, with an increase from 72 to 84. This growth is a testament to the welcoming atmosphere and spiritual nourishment provided by our worship services.

### Special Services:

We conducted 5 funerals, 7 baptisms, and celebrated 1 wedding during the past year. These significant milestones in the lives of our congregants exemplify the support and fellowship we offer during times of joy and grief.

# Holiday Services:

Our Christmas services attracted 191 attendees, a notable increase from the previous year's count of 144. Similarly, our Easter service brought together 164 individuals, surpassing the previous count of 141. These numbers reflect the enduring spiritual significance of these celebrations within our community.

Growing In Faith Together Capital Campaign:

We embarked on the Growing In Faith Together capital campaign and made significant progress. After careful consideration and interviews with three companies, we chose Church Development to lead the campaign. Church Development conducted a comprehensive feasibility study last October-November, which garnered substantial participation. A total of 169 households (representing 60% of the combined Preschool and church households) engaged in personal interviews and surveys, exceeding the industry norm of 10% participation.

# Concerns and Feedback:

Through our study and engagement process, several concerns and desires were expressed by our congregation and Preschool community. Some voiced the need for more classrooms instead of a new worship space, while others highlighted the importance of investing in our church youth, including hiring a dedicated youth minister and providing a designated space for youth activities. Additionally, there was a desire for more frequent and improved church-wide communication. We value this feedback and will incorporate it into our ongoing efforts to enhance our programs and services.

# Financial Forecast:

Based on our annual unrestricted giving of \$228,300 and the results of the Feasibility Study, Church Development has forecasted the following probabilities for our capital campaign fundraising:

- 90% probability of raising \$800,000
- 70% probability of raising \$1,000,000
- 50% probability of raising \$1,200,000

Our financial forecast is based on a professionally-run, three-year capital campaign that encompasses engagement from both our parishioners and the Preschool community. It will involve clear communication, stewardship education, and prayerful discernment.

# Campaign Progress:

We officially launched the Growing In Faith Together capital campaign on March 5. Throughout Lent and into Easter, we held informational events to educate and engage our community. We are grateful to the nearly 30 individuals from both the church and preschool communities who volunteered their time and talents in various campaign teams, including Prayer, Events, Thanks, Youth, Ambassadors, and Communications.

# Commitments and Pledges:

On Commitment Sunday, May 7, households were asked to prayerfully consider contributing 3% of their annual household income for each year of the three-year campaign or a one-time gift of 3% of

their assets. As of July 3, 2023, we have received pledges from 51 households, totaling \$414,685.27. We appreciate the generosity and commitment of our members, which will help us realize our campaign goals.

#### The Plan:

Our capital campaign projects will be implemented in four successive phases, based on the capital raised and availability of funds for construction. We originally anticipated construction to begin this summer; however, after careful consideration, we have moved the start date to March 2024. This adjustment allows us to thoroughly address architectural designs, hydrological reports, permitting, and financing before commencing construction. The four phases involve resurfacing the parking lot and creating an outdoor pavilion, building a new sanctuary, renovating the current church building, and updating the school buildings.

#### Fellowship Engagement:

During the past year, we have actively sought to foster a stronger sense of community beyond Sunday services. Three families graciously hosted Home Communions during Lent, and we aim to increase the number of non-Sunday gatherings to further deepen our connections with one another.

#### Environmental Stewardship:

We remain committed to decreasing our impact on the environment. Efforts to reduce the use of styrofoam have been made, although we continue to address this challenge. With grant funding from the federal government, we have converted all compact fluorescent lights on our campus to LED, resulting in greater energy efficiency. Furthermore, the installation of 88 solar panels (20kW) and an 18kW battery system on our Parish Life Center will significantly reduce our electricity needs.

#### Leadership Acknowledgments:

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our outgoing vestry members for their dedicated service. Vesta Batchelder's invaluable contributions as senior warden, Christie Plauche's remarkable work ethic and fresh ideas, and Maureen Heaslip's commitment to our new church sign have greatly impacted our community. Likewise, Stacey Kinler's visionary leadership at our preschool has ensured its reputation as the highest-rated preschool in our area. Dianne Roser's exceptional engagement with our parents and students goes above and beyond all expectations.

Transitioning into new roles, I want to acknowledge the pivotal role Terri Landry played during her time as a cornerstone of support and guidance. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the years of

service from her. I can't imagine what it will be like to come to the office on Monday and not be greeted by Terri.

When she and I first began discussing her "succession" plan, we never thought we'd find someone so quickly. Beginning last week on July 1, Greg Williams came on as our new Parish Administrator. Greg attends St. Paul's, Lakeview where he is a former vestry member.

# Looking Ahead:

As I enter my fifth year at St. Michael's, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering dedication to sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors, both near and far. Your active involvement and steadfast support serve as a testament to the hands, feet, and eyes of Christ in our community. I eagerly anticipate the next five years and the journeys we will embark on together.

Yours faithfully,

The Very Rev. Robert Beazley Rector, St. Michael's Episcopal Church

#### TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

#### Dear Congregation,

2023 has been a successful financial year for St. Michael's due to the unwavering commitment of the congregation and the continuing fiscal diligence of all the staff across the church and preschool. With our strong leadership and with the advice of the Finance Committee, we maintain a conservative approach in our budgeting methodology and that has contributed to favorable results in our budget execution even with higher costs associated with inflation.

Because we are on a 1 July to 30 June fiscal year to better align with the operations of the preschool, we don't have the complete financial picture from this fiscal year. Based on the 11-month (Jul 2022 – May 2023) performance and the anticipated close out for June 2023, St. Michael's continues to maintain a healthy financial state. I would also like to report that the principal balance owed on the buildings on our campus is down to \$281,994.47 from a high of approximately \$1,500,000. This is our only major debt at this time.

#### A few highlights during the past year that I would like to share:

- The Preschool received \$199,582 in Grant Income as part of the CARES Act and the Employee Retention Credit.
- Even though it has been a turbulent year in the markets, our investments accounts are positive for the year with an investment account focused on short-term fixed investments and mid/long term moderate balanced equity portfolio. Additionally, St. Michael's has been able to capitalize on purchasing Inflationary Bonds through the U.S. Treasury.
- The St. Michael's Endowment and Investment Fund was established with the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) that will allow for planned giving and other gifts to St. Michael's. In the near future, expect to hear more about the details for estate planning and opportunities to contribute if that might be of interest to you.
- The Growing in Faith Together Capital Campaign is underway, and pledges are starting to roll in. As we embark on this journey there are several upfront costs, we have incurred prior to being able to start Phase I. With the St. Michael's reserves, we have been able to pay the initial costs associated with the Capital Campaign and Engineering and Design work prior to beginning breaking ground at some point in the future.
- Based on the findings of our internal audit, we established a St. Michael's cash handling policy and internal controls
- With the addition of a full-time church administrator, we will be moving all accounting services in-house. Although this may be a net zero gain, the synergies of having a full-time position in support of the church and preschool will be extremely beneficial to St. Michael's on several fronts.

Thank you for your continued support to St. Michael's. We have an exciting future ahead made possible by your commitment to our mission. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Snyder, Treasurer

#### SA diadrages Episcopal Church Budget 2023-2024

	2023-2024 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	206 000 00
Pledge Income-Operating Plate Income	206,000.00 3,500.00
School Support Fee	15,000.00
School Acct & Admin Fee	15,000.00
School Supply Fee	5,500.00
Special Events	5,000.00
Flower Income	1,900.00
Short Term Bucket Income Supp	25,000.00
Miscellaneous income	1,200.00
Total Income	278,100.00
Expense	
Accounting Fees	3,850.00
Bank Charges	500.00
Continuing Education & Training	200.00
Garbage Disposal	1,000.00
	1,825.00
Workers Comp Insurance Total Insurance	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Rector Key Person Policy	300.00
Office Expenses	
Background Checks	400.00
Office Supply Expenses	1,500.00
Postage Expenses	550.00
IT & Advertising Services	2,000.00
Total Office Expenses	4,450.00
Outreach	
Cash In The Plate	
Diocesan Assessment	20,559.50
Family Promise Habitat for Humanity St Tamm W	575.00 500.00
Kairos	800.00
Military Care Packages	1,000.00
Prayer Shawls	100.00
Samaritan Center	800.00
Sawanee Seminary	500.00
Total Outreach	24,834.50
Payroll Expenses	
Rector	
Cont. Education	1,000.00
Pension	13,563.90
Insurance (Health/Life)	13,000.00
Rector Salary	70,000.00
SECA Rector-Professional	5,355.00 600.00
Travel & Cell Phone	3,424.00
Total Rector	106,942.90
Church Administrator	
Salary	45,000.00
Health Insurance	11,275.00
Employee Taxes	3,442.50
Pension	2,250.00
Salaries & Wages	
Bonuses/Appreciation Gifts	
Maintenance Worker	5,500.00
Music Director	20,000.00
Children & Youth Director	7,000.00
Nursery	3,500.00
Secretary's Salary	

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Chu	urch Budget	
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		2023-2024 Budget
	Total Salaries & Wages	97,967.50
	Payroll Taxes	2,754.0
	Total Payroll Expenses	207,664.4
	Program Expenses	
	Christian Education	1,000.00
	Fellowship Breakfast Expenses	800.00
	Parish Life Expenses	2,500.00
	Stewardship Support	1,500.00
	Sunday School/Childrens Worship	1,150.00
	Vestry Retreat	1,250.00
	Volunteer Thank You	800.00
	Youth Activities	3,000.00
	Total Program Expenses	12,000.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	
	Church repairs & Maint	19,000.00
	Total Repairs & Maintenance	19,000.00
	Telephone	2,200.00
	Atmos	500.00
	Cleco (Church Building)	6,750.00
	Utilities of LA	3,750.00
	Worship Expenses	
	Altar Expenses	1,200.00
	Church Supply Expenses	500.00
	Flower Expenses	2,000.00
	Music Program Expenses	1,000.00
	Name Tag Expenses	350.00
	Supply Priest Expense	1,200.00
	Baptisms	50.00
	Welcome Committee	100.00
	Worship Expenses - Other	100.00
	Total Worship Expenses	6,500.00
	otal Expense	295,198.9
	Ordinary Income	-17,098.90
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	Interest Income	0.00
	otal Other Income	0.0
	Other Income	0.00

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	Registration					
			HDP Registration		6,000.00	
			Preschool Registrat	tion	40,000.00	
		Tota	Registration		46,000.00	
		Tuiti	on			
			Preschool		1,322,000.00	
			HDP tuition		88,000.00	
			Summer Camp Tuiti	ion	150,000.00	
			Extended Care		100,000.00	
			Tuition Discount		-12,000.00	
			Supply Fee		16,000.00	
			Tuition Refund		-10,000.00	
		Total	Tuition Express Fee	5	-10,000.00	
	Total	Tota Incoi	l Tuition		1,644,000.00	
	Expe		IIE		1,090,000.00	
	-vhe		ool Supply Fee		16,000.00	
			ounting Fees		15,000.00	
			ertising & Developme	ent	1,500.00	
			Charges		1,300.00	
			tinuing Education &	Training	6,000.00	
			pment & Furnishing			
			Playground Equipm		6,000.00	
			Webcams		1,000.00	
			Equipment & Furnis	shings - Other	18,000.00	
		Tota	l Equipment & Furnis	shings	25,000.00	
		Garb	age Disposal		2,500.00	
		Hos	oitality		2,000.00	
		Insu	rance			
			Liability Insurance		46,000.00	
			Workers Comp Insu	irance	3,575.00	
		Tota	Insurance			
		Kitcl	nen & Housekeeping	75,000.00		
			ic Program	300		
			Loan	137,164.00		
		Office Expenses			0.000.00	
			Background Checks		2,000.00	
			Computer Expenses		4,000.00 26,000.00	
			Office Supply Exper	11565	400	
			Postage Expenses Website		400 750	
		Tota	Office Expenses		33,150.00	
			oll Expenses		55,150.00	
			Salaries & Wages			
				Administrative Wages	135,000.00	
				Bonuses/Appreciation Gifts	10,000.00	
				Enrichment Teacher Wages	10,000.00	
				Extended Care	38,000.00	
				Maintenance Worker	11,000.00	
				HDP payroll	52,200.00	
				Substitutes	30,000.00	
				Summer Camp Wages	84,000.00	
				Teacher/Assistant Wages	645,000.00	
			Total Salaries & Wa	Total Salaries & Wages		
			Payroll Taxes Health Insurance Church Pension Contribution Payroll Expenses		70,000.00	
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					1,105,200.00	
		Repa	airs & Maintenance			
			PS repairs & Maint			
				PS Alarm Expense	3,000.00	
				PS Lawn Maintenance	15,000.00	
				PS Pest Control	5,000.00	
				PS R&M Labor	36,500.00	

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Pre	school Budget		
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			2023-2024 Budget
		PS repairs & Maint - Other	19,000.00
	Total PS repair	s & Maint	82,500.00
	Repairs & Mair	ntenance - Other	
	Total Repairs & Main	tal Repairs & Maintenance	
	School Board Discre	chool Board Discretionary	
	Security System	Security System	
	Teacher & School S	Teacher & School Supplies	
	Telephone		5,500.00
	Utilities		45,000.00
	Total Expense		1,618,189.00
Net Or	rdinary Income		71,811.00
Other	Income/Expense		
	Other Income		
	Grant Income		
	Interest Income		
	Total Other Income		0
Net Of	ther Income		0
			71,811.00

# SENIOR WARDEN REPORT ST MICHAELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH JULY 9, 2023

This past year, St Michaels has been blessed with continued growth on Northshore. We have continued to work on our mission to invite families to engage and transform through worship, service, and education. Some of the ways we have accomplished these gifts include:

INVITE: Over the year, we have created a Visitors table under the myrtle trees on front sidewalk. This has created a more open atmosphere. On the visitors table, we included the church calendar and children's activity bags with the Sunday Bulletin. Visitor name tags and each parishioner's name tag are available near the Visitor's table. During the Sunday service, the Vestry person of the Week has been added as a Greeter and usher. A new member orientation was held recently with plans to have it scheduled on the Church calendar. We have included Annual Thank You Beignet Volunteer Appreciation Sunday for our parishioners. The Youth group has included bowling and kayaking trips through the year.

ENGAGE AND TRANSFORM: We have launched a Capital Campaign (**GIFT** "GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER") for the Church and Preschool. The plans of our **GIFT** Capital campaign will be to update our campus of 30 years. This will be accomplished by creating a space to better service our Preschool students and Church members. Our vision for the **GIFT** Capital Campaign is slated for 3 phases of project development and expenses.

Growth and change are a challenge in any situation. We have received wonderful guidance from Peter Kardash and Darryl Prater from Church Development. They have guided the Vestry every step of the way in the development of our **GIFT** Capital Campaign.

WORSHIP: Our worship services have seen an increase in attendance with both services over the last year. This summer we have joined the 2 worship services together. It has been a wonderful experience to witness and be a part of making a joyful noise to our LORD with ALL our parishioners. Our gift of song and music is special thanks to our choir attendees: Terri Lyle Landry, Lloyd Magee, Sabina Martinez and Maya Martinez and Allison's music students. The guidance and talent of our choir director, Allison Kenning is enjoyed by all parishioners each Sunday and our Preschool students during the week.

SERVICE: St Michaels continues outreach with programs as Samaritan Center and Family Promise which is hosted by church twice a year. Other outreach programs include the Pumpkin Patch, Wednesday Prayer service and weekly Preschool chapel. This is also in addition to weekly Church services, Holy week, and Christmas services. At any time during the week, there is a Group from the community using the grounds of St Michaels for help and guidance. EDUCATION: St Michael's Preschool continues to be the premier Preschool on the Northshore. The gifted and loving teachers under the guidance of Stacy Kinler, Preschool director and Dianne Roser, Office manager has been continued to lead St Michaels Preschool.

During the school year every Sunday, Godly Play has been wonderfully attended by our children at the 10:30 service. Alfonso and Anie Martinez have devoted their time and talent to this wonderful ministry for our children.

I have been blessed this year to work with the leadership of Father Robert Beazley and Vestry members of Kirsty Beach, Les Bascle, David Fischer, Dave Smith, Christie Plauche, Tara Jacks, Maureen Heaslip as St Michaels continues to grow and flourish.

Thankfully submitted. Vesta Batchelder



We had a phenomenal 2022-2023 school year with 186 students and a waiting list. This number is lower than last year due to more students enrolling full-time instead of part-time, which is an excellent problem to have. The preschool had 140 full-time students and 18 part-time students. Our Half Day Program had 28 students, most attending four days a week instead of just two. That said, when registration began in January for the 2023-2024 school year, we only offered full-time for both programs. All of our preschoolers will attend Monday-Friday, and our Half Day Program students will attend Monday-Thursday. I'm very excited about this change, and the children will benefit enormously from having a consistent schedule.

St. Michael's is known in our community for its exceptional education and care. For the past few years, turning parents away on registration day has been heartbreaking because our spots fill immediately. Our Growing In Faith Together capital campaign kicked off earlier this year, and our hopes and dreams of expanding are getting closer. There is nothing more I could wish for than not turning a parent away who wants to enroll their child. More classes are needed to serve our community; hopefully, we will have them by next year.

The 2023 Summer Camp had a high registration with 152 campers. Some students enrolled for only one week, while others registered for all seven weeks of summer camp. We limited registration this summer, thinking construction would begin, but construction will start in the spring due to permits. We filled 12 classrooms in past summers, but this summer, we only used 10 in case we had to consolidate into one building and the church classrooms.

I want to thank some of our incredible team. First and foremost, our outstanding Assistant Head of School, Dianne Randazzo Roser. She is the first person parents meet when they tour, and Dianne wholeheartedly forms a relationship with each one of them. Second, Father Robert Beazley! The past three years have been fantastic with Father's support towards the school. Last but not least, Parish Administrator Terri Landry. Congratulations on her retirement, but I will miss her dearly.

We had a successful school year, and I'm grateful to our dedicated staff, Vestry, Campaign Team, and volunteers. Thank you to all for continuing to help make St. Michael's Preschool the Best on the Northshore.

Stacey G. Kinler Head of School