

October 29, 2009

## Saints Celebrate: 'In Christ We Can'...Be Trustworthy!

Saint Michael Lutheran – SGA food drive--FCA Athlete Visit-Student Artist in our Midst -Fall Bazaar



Dear Friend of St. Michael,

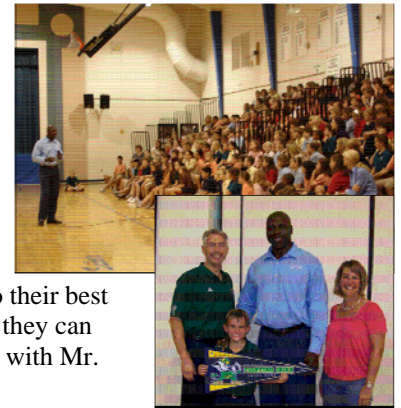


**In October, we are learning that "In Christ we can...be trustworthy!"**

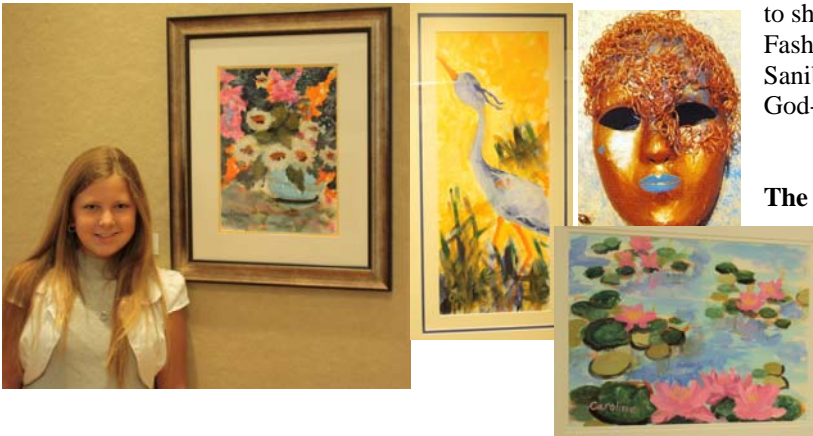
Our students are also learning that we are "blessed to be a blessing" to others. Student Government Association has partnered with the Salvation Army and the Board of Human Care to be a blessing to those less fortunate by conducting a canned food drive at St. Michael Lutheran. They encouraged fellow students to bring in 10 non-perishable food items representative of 10 digits on our helping hands in 10 days. Our main school hallway resembles a Publix supermarket as the students have really stepped up to be a blessing to others! Thanks to their enthusiastic giving, just over two thousand items were collected!

We also were honored to have Mr. Devon McDonald, a retired NFL athlete, visit Saint Michael to share his story of faith with our students. His professional career included time with the Indianapolis Colts and Arizona Cardinals. He also was Captain of the team at University of Notre Dame in 1992 and received an All-American Honorable Mention in 1992. He was named "Unsung Hero of the Year" by Colts fans in 1993.

Mr. McDonald spoke frankly with the students about his life and his choices to use drugs and alcohol and how his faith in Jesus Christ helped him make the choice to stop this destructive cycle and start making positive life choices. Mr. McDonald encouraged the students to always do their best and he stressed the importance of academics and realigning their personal priorities to be the best they can be. He truly was an inspiration to the students and many stood in line to get autographs and speak with Mr. McDonald following his presentation.



Caroline Maschmeier, a sixth grader at SMLS, knows all about being the best she can be. Caroline is a very talented artist who recently was invited to show her artwork at the Art League of Bonita. Caroline also crafts her own line of jewelry and has been asked to show her work at the Lee County Republican Women's Fall Fashion Luncheon and to sell her pieces at the Big Arts on Sanibel gift shop! We are proud of Caroline for using her God-given creative gifts!



**The PTL Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. (evening shopping hours!!) and Friday, November 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The St. Michael gym will be transformed into a "Moroccan marketplace" with tents, billowing fabric and more than 39 vendors such as She3; Mallie Montgomery; Kidzworxx; Massari Fine Arts; Black Cat Embroidery; Preppy in Paradise, and Tastefully Simple, just to name a few, including two St. Michael students

who will display their beautiful items for sale. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping and help support St. Michael Lutheran School. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for this shopping extravaganza!

**We are instructing for life, here and for eternity! That's the St. Michael Difference!**

In Christ,

Robert J. Ziegler Principal, LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator  
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**P.S. The Saint Michael Foundation, Inc. continues to work toward the establishment and funding of various endowments. Check out the "Support St. Michael Today & Tomorrow" program by visiting: <http://foundation.smlcs.org/index.html> .**