

# THURSDAY NOTES

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## This Week's Calendar

FRIDAY	Buddy Mass, Grades 1 & 4 - 9:00 AM
MONDAY	MMO - 8th Grade  Mr. Z Sing-A-Long - Grades K thru 5 - 9:00 to 11:00 AM  2:15 Early Dismissal
TUESDAY	Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast - 2:15 to 3:00 PM  Boys B-Ball JV Only vs Cornerstone - Home -3:30 PM  Passport Club Check Day
WEDNESDAY	Thanksgiving Prayer Serves in the Gym - 11:30  12:00 Noon Dismissal
THURSDAY & FRIDAY	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Thanksgiving Break!</i>



## Thanksgiving Basket Drive "Compassion in Action!"

Many thanks for your loving generosity! This Saturday we will deliver the Thanksgiving baskets to the eagerly awaiting families in our community. **We need as many drivers as we can get!** Please call the school office to let us know you would love to help or just show up.

**Please come to the multipurpose room beginning at 9:00AM on Saturday to pick up a basket or two to deliver with your family.**

Thanks for your support.

## Dear St. Michael School Families:

Living Stewardship transforms lives. Fr. Jim teaches us that there are four marks of a good steward. A good steward:

- Recognizes that everything comes from God and receives God's gift gratefully.
- Cherishes those gifts and uses them in a responsible and accountable manner.
- Shares those gifts with others in a spirit of justice and love.
- Returns those gifts with increase to the Lord.

During this time of year we are called to renew our Stewardship commitment. It is also important to look at why we are giving. There are three kinds of giving: Grudge giving – duty giving – and thanks giving.

Grudge giving says, "I hate to".  
Duty giving says, "I ought to".  
Thanks giving says, "I want to".

There's a story about a young couple who were stranded on a rural country road. They walked to a nearby farmhouse where an elderly couple invited them in and gave them a room for the night. The next morning the young couple rose early and prepared to leave quietly without disturbing the elderly couple. When they reached the living room they found the couple asleep in chairs. The elderly couple had given them their only bedroom.



I have long felt that the people of St. Michael Parish are like this elderly couple. You give because you want to. Our parish and the ministries supported by our parish, including St. Michael School, are very successful because you care. Isn't this great role modeling for our kids? We want them to grow up to be *kind, caring, respectful, and responsible* adults. When they grow up in this type of environment how can they help but *become kind, caring, respectful, and responsible* themselves!

God bless – and thank you for all you do!

Jack Nelson



## Why Do Catholics Make the Sign of the Cross?

*Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect.*

*Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such gestures were ritual ways to show humility before a person of great power.*

*The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity, and acted as a sign of recognition between early Christians who were sometimes forced to worship in secret.*

*Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and call down his blessing on ourselves.*

## Congratulations St. Michael School Graduates!

We are proud of our St. Michael School graduates and their accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. These graduates were awarded special recognition for their athletic abilities.



**Narrows League Most Valuable Player**  
Lisa Chulich Olympia H.S.

**Narrows League Second Team**  
Lauren Herseth Olympia H.S.  
Margeaux Goodale Bellarmine Prep

**2A State Swim Meet**  
Abby Sullivan **1<sup>st</sup> Place 200 meter freestyle** Tumwater H.S.

## Volunteers Needed! Vision & Hearing Screening



The Lion's Van will be here on Tuesday morning December 1st from 8:00-12:00, to conduct vision and hearing screening. Volunteers are needed for even an hour or two. Training is easy! This is a great way to get in your stewardship hours. Must be cleared through the Safe Environment Program.

Leave a message with the office or me if you can help. Thank you - Mrs. Fell, School Nurse

## Snow/School Closures

Stormy weather is here and winter weather is just around the corner.

St. Michael will follow the Olympia School District regarding weather closures/ delayed start times.

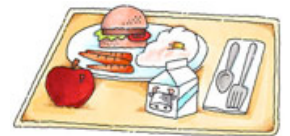
Please be sure and watch KOMO, KING, or KIRO television for updates. The announcement will also be aired on KIRO and KOMO radio and the school voicemail and website at [www.stmikesolympia.org](http://www.stmikesolympia.org).



## Wreath Sale Reminder

The holidays are almost here. Begin the season with a beautiful holiday wreath from the St. Michael 5th grade class. The proceeds from the wreath sale help send the 5th grade to Ashland, OR. The wreaths are freshly made by a local tree farm and are delivered weekly to the school through December 10th. Order forms are enclosed in today's packet.

## Upcoming Hot Lunch Menu



### December 1st, Tuesday

Chicken Patty Sandwich, Green Beans, Potato Wedges, Fruit, Salad, Carrots, Milk

### December 2nd, Wednesday

Papa Murphy's Pizza, Fruit, Salad, Carrots, Milk

### December 3rd, Thursday

Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Peas, Wheat Roll, Fruit, Salad, Carrots, Milk

Reminder: Hot Lunch Menu is posted online @ [stmikesolympia.org](http://stmikesolympia.org)

Happy Thanksgiving



## NO THURSDAY NOTES NEXT WEEK