

# THURSDAY NOTES

December 3, 2009

Issue #11

## This Week's Calendar

<b>FRIDAY</b>	All-School Mass - 9:00 AM  St. Nick's Day - Stories in the Library  4th Grade to Mother Joseph Care Center - 10:30 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MMO - 6th Grade</b> <b>2:15 Early Dismissal</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Immaculate Conception All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Reconciliation Service Grades 3 - 8 - 8:30 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Report Cards Go Home</b>  <b>TUITION DUE!</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Buddy Mass, Grades 2 & 7 9:00 AM



## Dear St. Michael School Families:

As we enter this Advent season it is a good time to pause, reflect, and give thanks for all our blessings. It is also a good time to look at our priorities and to give thanks for those that matter most – our families.

A good place to start being thankful is at the dinner table. Offering thanks does not make food into something it isn't, but it does make the eaters into something they may not have been – thankful. A grateful heart is a thankful heart; a thankful heart grows in love and faith in God. All we have, all we are, is a gift to us from God and we need to be thankful.

I am thankful to all of you for the faith and trust you place in us each day when you drop off your children at school. We have amazing kids at St. Michael; products of terrific homes. Thank you for being outstanding role models for your children and for teaching them that even though we want them to do well in reading, writing, and arithmetic, it is their spiritual development that is most important. It is important to teach them to be thankful and for our children to realize that all our blessings are from God.

May God bless you all,  
Jack Nelson



## Senior Mass - Luncheon - Christmas Program

Our annual Senior Luncheon will be Thursday, December 17th. The Mass of Anointing will begin at 11:00 AM in the church and will be followed by the luncheon at 12:00 (in the school gym). Invitations have already been mailed to our seniors. Our Christmas program, "Christmas TIME," will follow the luncheon at 1:00 PM for our guests.

*If a relative or friend (ages 65+) did not receive an invitation and would like to come, please contact the school at 754-5131 to make a reservation.*

## The Giving Tree:

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The Giving Tree is up in the foyer! This year we will be supporting two very important parish ministries: **St' Vincent DePaul and Pregnancy Aid'** We are asking for new and/or gently used blankets( as well as children's socks( underwear( and t-shirts' Please feel free to take a tag o+ of the giving tree and place your unwrapped gi, under the tree' Thank you for your stewardship e+ort'





## Sacrificial Giving Renewal

Several weeks ago you received the St Michael Parish Annual Report in the mail. It is truly remarkable what can be accomplished by "Placing God first in all things." St Michael Parish is a beacon of hope for many. It is truly inspiring to imagine how many hearts and lives have been touched by our many ministries.

During the month of November our parish asks us to make our annual pledge of financial support. Please join in and be a "partner in the mission" in sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the greater glory of God. You can do this by filling out and returning your pledge commitment card. It is imperative that all school families return their pledge card as soon as possible.

Together let us gratefully acknowledge that all we have and are comes from God and make our stewardship pledge a choice of the heart.

## VFW Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students. They were honored recently at the VFW Junior Essay Awards Program. Well done!



### 3rd Grade

Anna Cannon, Emily Church, & Ryan Garza

### 4th Grade

Joel Brennan, Monica Tsien, & Peyton Uznanski

### 5th Grade

Raven DeMatas, Charles Musante, & Mikel Gomez

### 6th Grade

Claire Sullivan, Sophie Parody, & Cameron Kwiecniak

### 7th Grade

Kapua Neizman, Gillian Dente, & Addison Jeske

### 8th Grade

Teresa Thierer, Kaylah Pangelinan, Alex Mathews, & Ragan Minor

**Way to go!**

## Wreath Sale Last Chance!



Tomorrow (Dec. 4) is your last chance to order our lovely Christmas wreaths, garland, boxes, etc. Please fill out a St. Michael School 5th grade Christmas wreath and garland order form (next to office window) and show your support for the 5th grade class.

Last pick up dates are Dec. 8th & 10th.



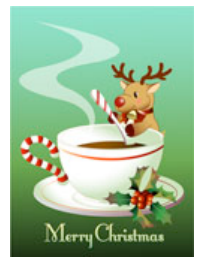
## H1N1 Update

We want to give you an update on our status with the H1N1 flu as we approach the winter months. Around the middle of October we experienced a 15-17 percent absenteeism which included cases of confirmed H1N1 flu.

The good news is that since the first part of November our absenteeism has consistently been significantly lower. This is due in part to our staff being diligent in our school cleaning & hand washing procedures but, most importantly, because you as parents have responded to our request to keep students home if sick.

So, we want to thank you for following our procedures and keeping the school informed so we can report accurately. We are not out of the woods yet but I will continue to monitor as we go into the winter months and keep you updated on any new developments from the Health Department. Thank you!

## Got Scrip for the Holidays?



What an easy way to shop for Christmas! Think of all the time you'll save not having to shop, wrap, mail, etc. Plus you are helping our environment at the same time by not using all that paper and packaging! Wow!

We are fully stocked to meet all your gift card needs! Stop by the office any time.

On Friday, 12/11 meet the Scrip ladies in the parking lot to get your caffeine fix with free coffee and fun! Think Scrip for the holidays!