

St. Mike's Matters

THURSDAY NOTES

March 2, 2017

Issue #21

This Week's Calendar

TONIGHT	Girls' B-Ball vs Cornerstone (Home) - 3:30 PM
FRIDAY	All-School Lenten Mass -9:00 AM
MONDAY	Stations of the Cross - 8:30 PM
TUESDAY	Girls' B-Ball vs CCA (Home) - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Girls' B-Ball @ McCleary - 3:30
THURSDAY	K-3 Olympia Jr. Programs Canceled Noon Dismissal - No Lunch
NEXT FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL - Curriculum Development Day

Dear St. Michael Families

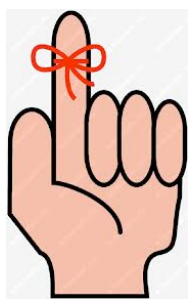


Here we are at the beginning of our Lenten journeys! During this liturgical season we draw closer to God through **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. To assist your family in growing in faith through each of these three areas, your child received a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl and Lenten calendar on Ash Wednesday. As Fr. Cody reminded us at our Ash Wednesday Mass, these resources aid us in experiencing a true conversion of our hearts as we draw closer to God during Lent.

The CRS Rice Bowl program is designed to help families live their faith by experiencing Lenten spirituality through living in solidarity with people in need throughout the world. The calendar contains a prayer or reflection for your family for each day of Lent. It also contains wonderful international recipes for meatless Fridays and stories of hope from all around the world. I encourage you to [download the CRS Rice Bowl app](#) for daily Lenten reflections, a way to track your Lenten fast and more! The [CRS Rice Bowl website](#) contains wonderful recipes from around the world, along with a wide variety of resources for families. The featured recipe from El Salvador is being served in our lunchroom on March 24th to further help our students journey through Lent in the spirit of solidarity.

I will be sharing a Lenten prayer each week for you to pray with your families, inspired by the lives of the saints. I hope that your family is able to grow together in holiness during your Lenten journey. Please know that you are invited to join us during each Monday of Lent at 8:30AM in the gym for Stations of the Cross. This is the perfect way to center ourselves in Christ and engage in reflection as we start our week.

**Lenten Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal**



REMINDER:

NOON DISMISSAL -
Thursday, March
9th - Teacher
Report Card
Planning

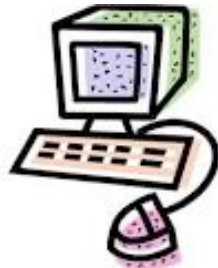
NO SCHOOL - Friday, March
10th, Teacher
Development Day



Stations of the Cross

Please join us every Monday morning at 8:30 during this Lenten season. Feel free to join your student's class or just come straight to the gym.

Microsoft Access Skills Needed



The Pastoral Council would like to invite school parents to help build a database to help categorize the parishioners' ideas related to the strategic initiatives. Please contact Mr. Geraghty if you are have experience using Microsoft Access and you are interested in sharing your time and talents with our parish by joining in this project. The project should take approximately 2 hours. School or parish service hours will be provided.



Book Fair News!

Mark your calendars! The Spring Scholasti Book Fair is coming next week during parent conferences. If you would like to help with the

set up on Monday morning the 13th at 9:00, please email Mrs. Joanis

(jjoanis@stmikesolympia.org) or drop by the library. It's a big job for just one person!

Thanks everybody!

Wednesday 3/15 3:00pm – 6:00pm
(Middle School conferences)

Thursday 3/16 8:00am – 3:00pm

Friday 3/17 8:00am – 1:00pm

SCRIP NEWS

Support PTSA and SMART at the same time!



The SMART auction is asking for several gift cards to finish auction baskets or for smaller bid prizes. Please choose a donation sheet located on Mrs. McGill's office window or buy Scrip from the office.

Buying and donating your gift cards is a win-win. Please come in today.

March Madness Teacher vs Student Game is back!

This is a fantastic time for the whole school! If we sell \$30,000 in gift cards in the month of March, the faculty will play an exhibition game with players from all grades. We would like every family to buy at least one gift card. If so, popsicles will be served!

Important Notice

Olympia Jr. Programs Canceled for Thursday, March 9th

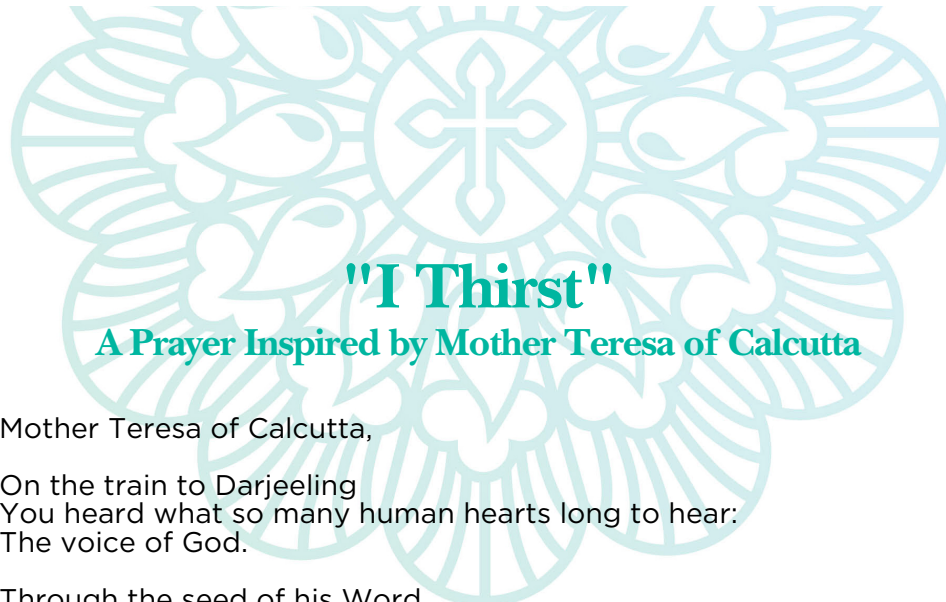
Due to scheduling conflicts (St. Mike's half day), we had to cancel our March 9th OJP program. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

Health Room Alert

We have seen a couple of children at school with pink cheeks and a lacy body rash that may indicate Fifth's Disease (also known as erythema infectiosum) is circulating in our community. Remember that this is a VERY MILD disease for children. You are being informed because rarely Fifth Disease in pregnant women may cause problems for the unborn. If you are pregnant, you may want to discuss Fifth Disease with your doctor.



Thank you, Denise Demers



"I Thirst"

A Prayer Inspired by Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa of Calcutta,

On the train to Darjeeling
You heard what so many human hearts long to hear:
The voice of God.

Through the seed of his Word
You built a movement the world has rarely seen
And so longs for
A movement of mercy
A movement of compassion
A movement of hope shining in the darkest places.

And in each of your Sisters' chapels around the world
There hangs a crucifix:
The suffering, dying Christ
And the words, "I thirst."
These words, a call to action.

We gaze upon your example
Walking off the safe path
To risk all in doing the will of the Lord
For the poorest of the poor.
And we hear the agonizing cry of the one who called upon you: "I thirst."

Have we too not heard the voice of God?

Mother Teresa, you know our hearts
Crying for the one who cries for us.
And as we respond to this cry
In our prayers and in our works,
We ask your intercession:
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

Amen