



You may have seen Christian when he occasionally fills the role of St. Michael's Facilities Assistant. He did volunteer outreach on two mission trips with the St. Michael's youth, to New Orleans and to the Yakima Indian Reservation.

At the end of Christian's years in middle school, he was chosen as the Portland Public School's Outstanding Latino Student. This year, he

graduated from LEP (Leadership Entrepreneurship Public Charter High School) and will be attending George Fox University in the fall with a double major and focusing on pre-law with a life goal of becoming an immigration attorney.

Christian's high school achievements include Outstanding Achievement in Athletics for soccer (wearing #10 and playing defense for Madison High school); Outstanding Academic Peer Support; Outstanding Achievement Principal's Award; and at the LEP graduation on June 8, he gave the 2014 Class President and Valedictorian addresses.

On June 10, he passed his driver's test with a very high score. I mention this as I was his driving mentor. After each driving practice, my advice to him was, "Don't drive like me."

KATE THOMA-HILLIARD (BY ERIN HESS)

Kate has been at St Michael's since she was two years old. She attended the Chinese classes for children that were held in the lower level on Saturdays before ever coming to church. She has served as an acolyte and crucifer at the 9:00 liturgy for many years.



On June 10, Kate graduated from Cleveland High School. She was VERY active. to say the least. At Cleveland, she did the IB diploma program, sports (cross-country, track, soccer), music (alto sax, bassoon, clarinet in the jazz band and symphonic band, and was valedictorian. She will be attending New York University's (NYU) campus in Shanghai, China, this fall and will study electrical engineering in a four-year program.

Kate has been part of the Mandarin Immersion Program thru Portland Public Schools since kindergarten. She has also been tutoring a couple of students at the elementary-school program in Chinese for the past couple of years.

Her interests are sports (playing soccer), Chinese (she spends a lot of time listening to Chinese music and watching Chinese TV/films), drinking tea, and being with her friends. Her family — Mom (Pat Thoma), Dad (Michael Hilliard) and her younger sister Alisa — will surely miss Kate as she begins the next steps in her life. Congrats, Kate!

STEVEN PARKER (BY ERIN HESS)

Son of Rick and Nancy Parker, we have Steven. He's that tall, handsome man you might have seen at church every Sunday. He works at St. Michael's as the Facilities Assistant. Steven is a lifer. He's been involved with just about everything St Michael's has to offer.



He was born into St. Michael's and baptized as a baby by Father John. He has participated in Sunday School, Joyful Noise, Vacation Bible School, and Youth Group. He participated in *Yes To Baptism* and *Confirm not Conform* and was confirmed by Bishop Hanley. Don't forget about the Mission Trips! He went on those, too. Steven and other youth went to Yakima in 2010 and New Orleans in 2012.

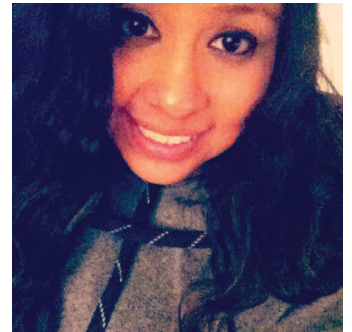
Steven graduated with honors from Grant High School. God has blessed him musically. Steven was very active in Band during both middle and high school. He plays the saxophone, guitar, piano and who knows what else. In addition to working at St. Michael's on Sundays, Steven works as an office assistant at Schroeder Law Offices.

He will attend U of O in the fall. At this point, he is planning to study Computer Science. His Freshman Interest Group focus will be Italian! That's a new thing for him, as he studied Spanish in middle and high school. He thought it sounded fun and interesting. His mom describes Steven as a geek/nerd/whiz. I think he is a totally rotten kid whom I adore. His mom agrees :) Good luck, Steven!

REBEKAH ANNE LUCY TABLER (BY ERIN HESS)

Bekah was born on December 15, 1995, in a small village near Guatemala City during the last months of that country's civil war. She left Guatemala in June of the following year, and immediately a peace accord was signed.

Rebekah's family has been attending St. Michael's for most of her life. She was baptized by Father John on St. Michael's Day in 1996 and has been living in a state of grace ever since. She was joined in 2000 by her brother Colin and currently resides in Sandy, Oregon.



Rebekah graduated from Estacada Early College on June 12 and will be attending the Oregon Culinary Institute in September. Her goal is to someday open her own restaurant.