

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



Labor Day - The School Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.

First Day of School - First Day of School will be on Tuesday, September 4th. Students will be dismissed at Noon.

Dinner Night Out - The next Dinner Night Out will be at Panda Express, E Baseline & N 19th 2000 Baseline, Cornelius, OR 97113, Sunday, September 23rd, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. Mention Visitation at time of order. Panda Express will donate 20% to Visitation Catholic School's New Building. *Please bring flyer with you to the restaurant in order for Visitation Catholic School to receive credit* Our last dinner out at Coleman's raised \$1,680. Thank you for your support!

Rummage Sale Drop-Off - The next Rummage Sale Drop-off will be on Friday, September 7th- from 1-3 pm behind the Parish Center. We will be taking all items except for: **No** Mattresses, **No** Car seats, **No** Cribs, **No** TVs, **No** non-working small appliances or electronics. For questions please contact Cristal Vega at 503-583-6711.

Scrip - Scrip is available when the School Office is open and after each weekend Mass. You may email your order to scrip@vcsknights.org and we will call you when your order is ready.

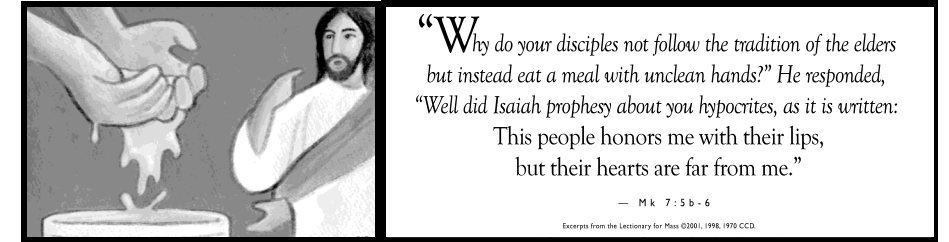
Called to Protect Class -Would You Like To Volunteer? Then you will need to take the called to Protect Class.

FIRST TIME PARENTS VOLUNTEERS

For first time parent volunteers, you are required to watch the Called to Protect Video and complete a background check (\$15 fee, last for 3 years). See the following for dates and times:

Sept. 21st at 12:45 pm, 1:45 pm, Oct. 12 9:45 am, 10:45 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm

Please **RSVP** to one of the above classes by emailing our school secretary at secretary@vcsknights.org or 503-357-6990. Thank you!



SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT

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MUSIC DIRECTORS:
Sarah Crosby: 503-992-8215
Bethany Stewart: 503-705-5429

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday @ Noon

BAPTISMS: By appointment
MARRIAGES: By appointment, at least six months prior to marriage
NEW FAMILIES: Kindly register by calling the rectory

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4-4:30 pm
or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	September	2	8:00 am	Lavern Joseph Spitz † by Melvin & Marie Finegan
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	September	3	9:00 am	Special Intention by Rusty Duffy
Tuesday	September	4	8:00 am	Linda Moreno † by Al Moreno
Wednesday	September	5	8:00 am	Elaine Duyck † by Mrs. Myron Duyck
Thursday	September	6	8:00 am	Harold & Evelyn Vandervelden † by Kenny Vandervelden
Friday	September	7	8:30 am	Theresa Hunker † by Dave & Donna Heesacker
Saturday	September	8	5:00 pm	Donna Smith † by Courtney & Debbie Ballenger

Weekday Servers:

Sept 3: Volunteers (Labor Day)
 Sept 4: Volunteers (First Day of School)
 Sept 5-6: Chris Carlson and Noah Renshaw

August 23th & 24th

Your Gift to God
 Envelopes & Checks: \$2,639.00
 Loose Collection: \$392.00



Weekend Masses For September 8th & 9th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Chris Duyck	Rich Paris	School Children
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Tammy Scheenstra	Genelle Duyck
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Christy Duyck Volunteer	Laura Nevis Jennifer Finegan	Dean Hermance Don Vandehey
Ushers	Denis Giesbers Lawrence Peters	Tom Herinckx Leo Pelster	School Children
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Aiden Myers Kristen Luna Kendrick Luna CB	Katherine Nevis Anne Nevis	School Children
Music	Heather Renshaw Bethany Stewart	Regina McLoud	Sarah Crosby Bethany Stewart

84th Annual Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner Announcements



- Applesauce making will be on Saturday, September 8th, 8 am in the Parish Center. For questions please contact Matt Crosby at 503-789-4834.
- Dinner Chair Meeting on Tuesday, September 11th, 7-9 pm at the Parish Center.
- Sauerkraut making will be on Saturday, September 15th, 8 am at the Smokehouse behind the Church.
- Potholders - Each family is requested to bring 18 (homemade or store bought potholders). A box is located at the entrance of Church.
- Baked Goods Booth - Jars for jam/jelly as well as pickled goods. 8-9 inch disposable pie tins. For questions please contact Lorrina Tunnell at 503-341-0538.

Cub Scouts

Girls and Boys interested in Cub Scouts here at Visitation we will have our season kick off meeting on Wednesday, September 5th at 6pm in the parish center. Meeting times will vary with grade but most meetings will be happening after school. If you have any questions please contact Lance and Kelly Daily at 503-519-3637 or 503-869-9359. Thank you!

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a weekend. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with the weekend on October 12-14, 2018, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

Replacement School

Our current commitment to \$5,203,324. We have raised \$140,778 of the \$200,000 matching fund.

Replacement School Progress Cam. We now have available on www.vcsknights.org a live camera link to view the progress of the construction. Join us to watch the build!

Always seeking heavenly blessings and intercession, please join me in praying the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel to ward off distractions that may keep us from completing the goal at hand.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the Divine Power of God -

thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,

who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

New School Bricks For Sale

Did you attend Visitation Catholic School? What about your children or grandchildren? Or perhaps you have celebrated a wedding or baptism here? Would you like to leave a lasting imprint for the future generations of Visitation Catholic School children? Visitation Catholic School is building a new school and you can help!

We are selling commemorative bricks that will complete the plaza leading to the entrance. Purchase a brick to honor your children or grandchildren, commemorate loved ones, or mark a special event in your life. We are offering two different sizes of brick, and if you would like to make your brick even more special, you can choose from one of 4 different graphics for an additional cost.

Ordering Instructions: Order online at www.vcsknights.org or fill out a form located in the back of church and return to Visitation Catholic School office. Questions? Email bricks@vcsknights.org or call 503-357-6990 for help! The deadline for ordering bricks is January 15, 2019.

Meetings

Parent's Club Meeting and Social on Tuesday, September 4th, 8:30 am at the Parish Center.

Facilities Meeting on Tuesday, September 4th, 6 pm at the Convent (Dining Room).

Altar Society Meeting on Tuesday, September 4th, 7 pm at the Convent (Living Room).

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 8, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 50 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

St. Matthew Catholic Church in Hillsboro will be holding a Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion on Saturday, September 8 at 8:15am.

The memorial will begin with Mass at 8:15am and Rosary in the church.

A procession will follow across the street to the Knights of Columbus memorial grave site for aborted children.

A reception will follow in the parish hall following the service.

Contact person: Georgia Perry, 503-640-8893

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto August 29-September 30.

FORMED.ORG

If you want to enjoy this FREE Catholic resource, please go online to www.formed.org and select "Enter code" link. Input the Parish Code: **HWNN8P** and create your own personal login and password.

Pick of the Month

Fr. Michael recommends to watch Catholic Answers: "The Three Secrets to Sharing the Faith." It is very informative as it instructs us how to apply the Socratic method by 1) asking clarifying questions, 2) listening, and 3) demonstrating first how much you are impassioned rather than how much you know. If you have an hour of time, watch it!

Fr. Juan Jose's recommends to watch "Life for Life" movie on the life of Maximilian Kolbe.

HS Youth Group Kick-off Retreat

To Kick off the New Year, Friday, September 7 thru Sunday, September 9, all teens are invited to join us at Camp Tillikum in Gaston for our Kick-off Retreat. The cost is \$50. Please contact Traci Vanaken-Nelson to register or e-mail: youthgrouptraci@gmail.com.

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, September 16 from 6:00-7:30pm Kick Off at Visitation Parish Center. At least one parent must attend the parent meeting. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis at lanevis@farthing.com

Children's Choir

Choir practice will resume on September 9th from 5-6 in the choir loft. Any child grades 2nd-8th are welcome to join. They typically sing at the 10am mass the 2nd Sunday of the month. They also sing on Christmas Eve at the 4pm mass and the 10am Easter morning mass. If you have any questions email or call Sarah Crosby at svandecoevering1@yahoo.com or (503) 992-8215.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes for grades 1-5 will begin on Monday, September 10, 2018. Classes will be held in the convent from 4:00-5:00 on Mondays. For more information, please contact Genelle Duyck at 503-887-8878 or email genelleduyck@gmail.com.

Thank You!

The Family of Harold Meeuwssen would like to thank those who contributed to Masses, flowers, food and donations in his memory. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in this time of sorrow.

St. Pius X Catholic Church's Annual Blue Mass

Honoring first responders and those that serve our community. Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 at 7 pm. St. Pius X, 1280 NW Saltzman Rd., Portland OR 97229.

Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 9th from 9 am to Noon. Menu includes: Pancakes, Ham and Scrambled Eggs. Coffee/Juice/Applesauce/Salsa. Adult \$6/Child \$4/Family \$20. St. Anthony Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1660 Elm St., Forest Grove, OR 97116. Proceeds go to purchase winter coats for Kids!

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Dear Parishioners,

With Fr. Scott Vandehey's funeral celebration complete, I am able to place my attention upon the current crisis in the Church. Last weekend, all of you received in the bulletin a copy of Archbishop Sample's letter addressing the issue and many of you who attended Fr. Juan's Masses were also blessed with his thoughts.

Both the Archbishop's written words and Fr. Juan's spoken words have prompted thought provoking, challenging, heartfelt, intense, painful, and humbling dialogue. I feel very blessed that many of you feel comfortable to share these understandably raw emotions and feelings with me.

If I had to summarize the nature of the conversations, texts or e-mails, it would be the following questions and statements with my responses:

1) *Father, it is really difficult for me to go to Mass right now.*

I think that we need to look at things from God's perspective and not just our own so that we do not add to His sadness at this desecration of His Church and sacrilege against so many of his sons and daughters by distancing ourselves from Him and His spiritual gifts.

In Fr. Juan's homily, he was reflecting upon past crises in the Church's history. He referenced the persecutions of the Catholic Church in Mexico during 1920's that lead to many priests and religious to sacrifice their lives for the faith. Yet, there were many others who ran away and stripped off their collars and religious habits to save their lives.

This reminded me of another crisis during the Church's history in France when the faithful were leaving the faith due to the scandal of the clergy. St. Francis de Sales wrote that those unfaithful clerics' scandalous actions were equivalent to spiritual murder by destroying the people's faith. He referenced Jesus' words that "Scandals are sure to come" (c.f. Luke 17:1) and Jesus had promised that the one who scandalized would therefore "have a great millstone fastened around his neck and thrown into the depth of the sea" (c.f. Matthew 18:6).

But St. Francis de Sales also cautioned that if we allow scandals to destroy our faith, we essentially tie a millstone around our own neck — as we fall into the temptation that the basis of our faith is solely on the men underneath the cloth, i.e., clergy rather than the God clothed in human flesh who assumed our humanity. We anchor our faith in Jesus Christ!

From the Desk of Fr. Michael (Continued)

2) *What do you think is the cause of the issue: "clericalism", a culture within the clerical ranks of tolerating and looking to a blind eye towards clergy's sin against the 6th commandment, or abuse of power?*

For me all three are interconnected. "Clericalism" is the excessive focus on clergy privilege. This provides an explanation on why some Bishops were more concerned with the rights of the abusive priest rather than on the lives of those who were abused. For this reason, they exercised their power and authority to safeguard the Church from any public scandal of revealing that a priest or bishop had broken the 6th commandment. This led to a cover up which is a clear abuse of power as well as a tolerance and enabling of an immoral sin and at times criminal behavior.

3) *Why haven't the bishops eliminated those who violated their vows with men or women like they attempted to do since 2002 with those who abused minors?*

The most insightful comment that Archbishop Vlazny shared with me was when he was appointed Bishop of Winona, Minnesota, he walked into a challenging situation where he discovered that one third of the pastors were functioning alcoholics.

He said that he had to overcome the temptation of the "maintenance" mentality which was a fear that removal of all those functioning alcoholic priests into rehab would lead to closed parishes, overworked priests who were left to pick up the load, and various other troubles. In other words, the temptation to tolerate this behavior in order to keep parishes open at a time of priest shortages at the expense of the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of the ailing priest and the people of God.

Archbishop Vlazny chose otherwise and he placed those struggling priests into rehab, ceasing the "maintenance" mentality. And what he learned by making that decision was that the people were willing to make the sacrifices of a few inconveniences in the practice of the faith such as a fewer Mass times and even fewer parishes if that is what it took to ensure that they were served by priests who kept their promises and vows.

Please feel free to share your feelings, questions, and concerns with me so we can have a healthy and open dialogue regarding what is occurring in our current affairs of the Church. Also, we must continue to pray for the victims, their families, those who have been deeply wounded and effected by this Crisis, as well as for the Church and all those who are called to serve Her, the clergy and faithful alike.

Blessings and prayers,
~Fr. Michael