

E.L. Wiegand Foundation Grant Received

We have been very blessed! The E.L. Wiegand Foundation of Reno, Nevada, has awarded a grant of \$45,000 for library furnishings for our New School Library. We especially thank the E.L. Wiegand Trustees for this generous donation. Also thank you to Janice Pelster and the school staff members for working so diligently on this grant request. Equipment provided by this grant will create a welcoming space where students feel comfortable and can become successful learners and users of information. We greatly appreciate the many benefits this grant will bring to our students!

New School Bricks For Sale

Orders Due January 15, 2019 for first laying!

Purchase a brick to honor your children or grandchildren, commemorate loved ones, or mark a special event in your life.

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!

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.

Brick costs—4" X 8" engraved brick \$250 with clipart \$275
8" X 8" engraved brick \$500 with clipart \$525

Replacement School

Our current commitment to \$5,220,879. We have raised \$157,110 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 keep updated on 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.



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— Mk 13:35-36

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT

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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

Benefit Night

Please bring this flyer with you to Elmer's and they will donate
20% of the total purchase to:

Visitation Catholic School's New Building

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:00am — 9:00pm (all day)



Join us at:

Hillsboro Elmer's
390 SW Adams Ave.
Hillsboro, OR 97123



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	December 2	8:00 am	People of the Parish
		10:00 am	Jim McCammond† love from Carol & family
Monday	December 3	8:00 am	Linda Moreno† by The Moreno Family
Tuesday	December 4	8:00 am	Bev Meeuwsen† by Andy & Patty Duyck
Wednesday	December 5	8:00 am	Evelyn Vandervelden† by Kenny Vandervelden
Thursday	December 6	8:00 am	Susie Meeuwsen† by Larry & Brian Meeuwsen
Friday	December 7	8:30 am	Barbara Heineck† by Michael & Carol Barnes
		7:00 pm	Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday	December 8	8:00 am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
		5:00 pm	Bud & Martha Vanaken† by Marv & Carolyn Vanaken

Weekday Servers:

December 3—6

Madelyn Porter & Kara Finegan



November 24th & 25th

Your Gift to God

Envelopes & Checks: \$3,271.00
Loose Collection: \$802.36

Weekend Masses For December 8th & 9th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Scott Stewart	Judy Verboort	School Children
Eucharistic Host Minister	Lee LaBonte	Jennifer Finegan	Steve Klopcic
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Donna Heesacker Traci Nelson	Melvin Finegan Tammy Scheenstra	Dean Hermance Patty Vanderzanden
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Terry Smith	Lawrence Verboort Tom Herinckx	School Children
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Daniel Stadelman Harold Vance Jr Tony Rocha-Vasquez	Kyle Hughes Coleman Lux	School Mass
Music	Bethany & Heather	Regina	Children's Choir

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Advent 2018 Series on Matthew Kelly's "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity."

Part 1 of 3: Chapters 1-5 (pages 1-30)

As it is our custom here, the Parish Advent Book gift has been purchased and will be distributed shortly. Although it was ordered in August, Dynamic Catholic is experiencing some distributing issues due to high volume request, which in itself, a positive sign of the quality of the book.

When the books finally arrive and are distributed, I invite you to read it and as usual, allow my Pastor's Notes be a supplement to the reading material. The book is 15 chapters and about 114 pages. I have divided it up into 3-5 Chapter segments.

So, my initial thoughts when I began reading the first few pages of this book was this must be Matthew Kelly's follow up to last year's book, "Resisting Happiness." Although there were familiar illustrations that I have read before and of course, his catch phrase, "Becoming the best version of yourself" appears, in actuality, it is not a sequel to "Resisting Happiness."

Rather, he establishes in the first few chapters that it is looking at the question of what is true happiness and where does it come. Although it may seem about obvious, we all desire to be happy. However, the world provides us a plan and outline for happiness that fall shorts and worse yet, as we will find out in the later chapters, the world doesn't just lead us in the wrong direction but just plainly LIES to us while making no apologies about it.

However, what struck me are the following 4 questions he poses that he believes begins our journey to discern, reflect, and pray about what and where is TRUE HAPPINESS.

- Who am I?
- What am I here for?
- What matters most?
- What matters least?

In answering these questions, one of the greatest resources we have is Sacred Scripture as we have saintly examples of how he or she answered these questions. With that said, in preparing for this upcoming week's preparation of the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, December 8, I can't help but immediately notice that our Blessed Mother, Mary, actually answers those 4 questions in her response to the Angel Gabriel in her *Fiat*, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

This week, let us prayerfully discern Mary's response to those questions and see how our own personal responses align with hers.

Have a Blessed Advent Week!
~Fr. Michael

Altar Society Poinsettias

The Altar Society will be ordering 20 poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one as a memorial for a loved one, please send the order below to Margie Vandehey by December 22nd. Her address is 36390 NW Long Rd., Cornelius OR 97113. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of _____

Got Kraut? Shirts

Due to the high demand for new "got kraut" apparel I will be placing a special order for those who didn't get the opportunity to purchase any at the dinner. You can choose from child or adult sizes in black, red, heather grey or pink. The cost are T-Shirts \$15, Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$20, Sweatshirt \$25 and Hoodies \$35. They come in most sizes. Please note there is an additional \$5 charge per item that is size 2x or larger. This will be a quick turnaround with orders **due by December 5th at noon**, so items will be received before Christmas break. For questions please contact Heather LaBonte 503-502-9955 or to email your order heather.m.labonte@gmail.com

Christmas Eve—Children's Mass

Calling All... Angels, Shepherds, Three Kings, and Israelites

We Need Your Help! Practice for this years Children's Christmas Vigil Mass will be December 16th after the 10am mass with a dress rehearsal December 23rd after the 10 am mass. If your child is unable to attend or if you have any Questions please contact Lacy Wiley or Emmy Kennedy. If you would like to be a part of the Visitation Parish Children's Mass, please contact Lacy Wiley at 971-322-5778 or lacyjwiley@gmail.com or Emmy Kennedy at Kennedy.Emmy@gmail.com. We would like to continue to update our costumes. Please help us by donating costumes, fabric or even your time to sew new costumes. Thank you!



VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Santa's Workshop — Volunteers needed

December 5th morning (8:30—9:00) and afternoon (12:00—1:00) to assist the Preschoolers and help them wrap presents

December 6th from 8:30—3:00 to assist the K-8 students with shopping and wrapping presents Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper and bows, small boxes (shoe box and smaller) and tape. New unopened gift items that you would like to donate (under \$10 value) are also appreciated. Questions contact Janelle Kelly 503-314-4732 or jjcdkelly@msn.com.

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Friday, December 7
5:30pm Vigil Mass North Plains
7:00pm Vigil Mass Verboort
7:00pm Vigil Mass Roy

Saturday, December 8
8:00am Mass Verboort
9:00am Mass Roy
9:00am Mass North Plains

Mass Times	December 7th— 7:00 PM	December 8th— 8:00 AM
Lectors	Tammy Scheenstra	Joe Finegan
Eucharistic Host	Cheryl Eckler	Jennifer Finegan
Eucharistic Cup	Genelle Duyck Traci Nelson	Melvin Finegan Patty Vanderzanden
Servers	Anne Nevis Katie Nevis	Owen Finegan, Everett Finegan Thomas Finegan
Music	Kathy's Group	

Advent Penance Service

North Plains—Wednesday– December 5, 2018 at 7:00pm



Meeting Schedule

Facilities—Monday—December 3, 2018 at 7:00pm Convent Dining Room

Altar Society—Tuesday—December 4, 2018 at 5:30pm Visitation Parish Center

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates, please welcome them and continue to pray for them on their journey to the Catholic Faith.

North Plains: Mark Phillips

Roy: Kristin Duyck and Karen Schmidlin

Verboort: Deborah Baker, Dillion and Roxanne Smith, Jolee Vandehey, and Jamie Williams

First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation

Parent meeting on Monday, December 3 from 6:00-7:00pm. Please plan on attending books are \$5 each (2 books are needed).

Altar Society

Christmas potluck meeting is on Tuesday December 4, 2018. 5:30pm Social Hour, 6:00pm Dinner followed by a short meeting and our Christmas game. Thank you all for supporting the Altar Society in 2018.

For more information contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608

HS Confirmation

Meets Saturday, December 8 beginning at 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Edward, Dinner and Lesson following in the Parish Hall until 7:30pm. If your sponsor is attending please to RSVP Laura Nevis.

Neighborly Health Notice

With the flu and cold season starting, a friendly and neighborly reminder from the Office of Divine Worship: If you are feeling ill or suspect that you are ill with a contagious disease, you are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation, but instead are advised to stay at home and return to church when you are well. If you are not feeling well, please consider:

- 1) not holding our hands during the Our Father,
- 2) not shaking hands for the Sign of Peace as a smile, nod of the head or bow will suffice, and
- 3) refrain from receiving from the chalice and receive the host during Holy Communion.

These are practical suggestions for prudent and responsible actions for the health and care of your own and other's immune system.

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.

Picks of the Month

Fr. Michael's Pick: Convinced

Run time: 84 minutes

This month 8 catechumens and candidates are taking their first step in the RCIA program with the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance on Dec. 2. Each catechumen and candidate has their own personal story of how they arrived to explore the Catholic Faith. If you have time, introduce yourself and hear their story. But if you want to understand better their story, watch "Convinced" on why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic?

Fr. Juan Jose's Pick: Mary of Nazareth

Run Time: 2 hrs. 41 mins. (Not Rated—Suggest parents preview movie before watching with children) Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

Pray for Seminarians and Vocations

At the entrance of the church, there are ornaments with one of our Portland seminarians and interesting facts about each one. Please take an ornament home and pray for that Portland Seminarian and for an increase in vocations.

Breakfast Today! Support the Mission Krewe

Sunday, December 2, 2018 8:30am to Noon at Visitation Parish Center, Breakfast Fundraiser for Mission Trip 2019. Serving French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Coffee & OJ. Adults \$6, Children (5-12) \$4, Immediate Family \$25. Come support our teens!

HS Youth Group

Next meeting Sunday, December 9, 2018 6:00-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center.

Children's Choir

Choir practice on December 2, 2018 from 4:30—6:00pm. For questions please contact Sarah Crosby at (503) 992-8215 svandecoevering1@yahoo.com

Religious Education

CCD Meets Monday December 3, 2018 from 4:00—5:00pm in the Convent

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, December 2 from 6:00-7:30pm meets at Visitation Parish Center. All are invited. Saturday, December 15 Feed the Hungry Service Project, volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton. Contact Laura Nevis for permission slip.

Local Catholic Radio

A representative from Mater Dei Radio will be speaking at Visitation Church Masses on December 8th and 9th to share exciting details about our local Catholic radio station KBVM 88.3 FM. Two volunteers are needed at each Mass. If you would like to learn more about helping, please call 503-285-5200.

Young Adult Adventures (Vicariate Young Adult Ministry)

ADVENTURES are every THIRD SATURDAY of the month and are open to young adults ages 18-39. Please contact Fr. Rito or Justin Milne for more information at stmatthewsyaministry@gmail.com.

Departure location is St. Matthew's parking lot at 9 a.m., following Saturday morning Mass at 8:15am. \$5 is requested for carpool group leaders.

The next two scheduled are:

At the Prison—Juvy Hall—Portland—December 15

On the Mountain—Snowshoeing—Mt. Rainer—January 20

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Juan will be gone Dec. 19-28