

### **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](http://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](mailto: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 \$5,227,720. We have raised \$200,000 to satisfy the matching grant.

**Replacement School Progress Cam. We now have available on [www.vcsknights.org](http://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.



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." — Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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## **DECEMBER 9, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT**

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Sarah Crosby: 503-992-8215

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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	December	9	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:00 am	Rosemary Doris Moreno† The Moreno Family
Monday	December	10	8:00 am	Harold Meeuwsen† The Harold Meeuwsen Family
Tuesday	December	11	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hermens† Their Children
Wednesday	December	12	8:00 am	Lavern Spitz† Gilbert & Nadine Giesbers
Thursday	December	13	8:00 am	Theresa Hunker† Mel & Marie Finegan
Friday	December	14	8:30 am	Donna Smith† Dick & Lelani Nussbaumer
Saturday	December	15	5:00 pm	Elaine Duyck† Cortney & Debbie Ballenger

**Weekday Servers:**

December 10-13  
Lynette Dominguez & Lauren Klopcic

**November 24th & 25th**

**Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$5557.70  
Loose Collection: \$449.10

**Weekend Masses For December 15th & 16th**

<b>Mass times</b>	<b>5:00 PM - Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 AM - Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 AM - Sunday</b>
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Lectors	Sheila VanGrunsven	Rich Paris	Francis Duyck
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Jennifer Finegan	Dean Hermance
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Christy Duyck Beth Sahlfeld	Mel Finegan Tammy Scheenstra	Don Vandehey Donna Vandehey
Ushers	Gary Freitas Denis Geisbers	Bob Lux Leo Duyck	John Schmidlkofer Gary Hammond
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Lena Duyck Danni Hammond Brooklyn Vandehey	Tom Finegan Everett Finegan Owen Finegan	Lauren Klopcic Drew Klopcic Lynnette Dominguez
Music	Leanne's group	Kathy & Tina	Kathy & Karen

**From the Desk of Fr. Michael**

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

Part 2 of 3: Chapters 6-10 (pages 31-70)

Matthew Kelly addresses one of the biggest lies that he believes that the world tell us which is "Holiness is impossible." It is impossible because no human person can endure so much long suffering and pain other than the "Saints" which are called super human. For this reason, if it is not attainable, why try? This is a lie that the world convinces us to be less than excellent.

So how do we avoid complacency in our spiritual life? As many of you know, I am a graduate of Jesuit High School, Class of 1994. One of the two mottos that have impacted me are *Age quod agis* ("do whatever you do well) and *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* ("For the greater glory of God").

What both of these Latin mottos, it has taught me is simply this, don't strive to be mediocre and in everything you do, give it your best. And secondly, do things for the right reasons and not for accolades, praise or adulation of others, but rather because it is favorable in the eyes of God.

When you work hard and it is done for the right reasons, you create and experience "Holy Moments" that Matthew Kelly defines as "an instance where you set aside self-interest, personal desire, and embrace what you believe will bring the most good to the most people in that moment" (35-36).

In other words, when your intentions are ordered properly to a greater good, you are motivated to give it your all. And if you live by this approach, every circumstance, experience, and situation is a new and different challenge you are able to confront and overcome.

So it is not so much being saintly or holy is too much of a lofty goal as it is to see every encounter as an opportunity to be the very best versions of our selves in order to bring out the best outcome in the person and situations around us.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### Christmas Eve—Children's Mass

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

We Need Your Help! Practice for this year's 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](mailto:lacyjwiley@gmail.com) or Emmy Kennedy at [Kennedy.Emmy@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Christmas Program**—Tuesday December 18, 2018 at 6:30 in the Gym

**Christmas Break**—Monday December 24—Friday January 4, School resumes January 7, 2019.

**Scrip**—Scrip is available when the School Office is open from 8:10 am to 8:40 am in the School/ Convent basement and after each weekend Mass. For questions, email [scrip@vcsknights.org](mailto:scrip@vcsknights.org) or call Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.

**Jog-a-thon Results** — Thank you all for your support, we raised \$40,103.56, another school record.



### Pray for a Seminarian

Please pick an ornament from the tree in the back of church and pray for a Seminarian this advent.

### Meeting Schedule

**Capital Campaign**—Monday—December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm Convent Dining Room

**Auction**—Thursday—December 13, 2018 at 7:00 School Library

### RCIA

Meets Sunday, December 9 from Noon to 1pm in the Verboort rectory. We will be discussing, "Mary and the Communion of Saints."

### HS Confirmation

Meets Saturday, January 19 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 at [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com).

### HS Youth Group

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

HS Youth Group Advent Service Project—Sunday, Dec. 16 from Noon to 2pm at St. Edward in North Plains, Christmas Decorating Party. Food and Drink will be served..

### Children's Choir

Choir practice on December 9, 2018 from 5:00—6:00pm. For questions please contact Sarah Crosby at (503) 992-8215 [svandecoevering1@yahoo.com](mailto:svandecoevering1@yahoo.com)

### Religious Education

CCD Meets Monday December 10, 2018 from 4:00—5:00pm in the Convent

### Middle School Youth Group

Saturday, December 15 Feed the Hungry Service Project, volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton from 12:30pm-4:00pm. Contact Laura Nevis at [Inevis@farthing.com](mailto:Inevis@farthing.com) for permission slip.

### 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](mailto: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!



### 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](http://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.

# 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**

