

**T**hen the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." — Lk 1:30-32

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**DECEMBER 23, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

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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 23 | 8:00 am         | People of the Parish                            |
|           |             | 10:00 am        | Michael Vandervelden† by Kenny Vandervelden     |
| Monday    | December 24 | <b>4:00 pm</b>  | Jim McCammond † love from Carol & Family        |
|           |             | <b>10:00 pm</b> | Pete & Irene Jansen † by Marv & Carolyn Vanaken |
| Tuesday   | December 25 | <b>9:00 am</b>  | People of the Parish                            |
| Wednesday | December 26 | 8:00 am         | Leo Heineck† by Michael & Carol Barnes          |
| Thursday  | December 27 | 8:00 am         | Barbara Heineck † by Michael & Carol Barnes     |
| Friday    | December 28 | <b>8:00 am</b>  | Nancy Husson† by Maryletta Glasscock            |
| Saturday  | December 29 | 5:00 pm         | Kaye Meeuwsen† by John & Nancy VanDyke          |

**Weekday Servers:**

December 26-28

Katie Nevis & Marianne Loucadies

**December 15th & 16th**

**Your Gift to God**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Envelopes & Checks:     | \$5,683.00 |
| Loose Collection:       | \$411.00   |
| Retired Religious Fund: | \$330.00   |

**Weekend Masses For December 29th & 30th**

| Mass times                         | 5:00 PM - Saturday                             | 8:00 AM - Sunday                          | 10:00 AM - Sunday                         |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Lectors                            | Chris Duyck                                    | Joe Finegan                               | Alicia Stadelman                          |
| Eucharistic Host Minister          | Lee Labonte                                    | Melvin Finegan                            | Genelle Duyck                             |
| Eucharistic Cup Ministers          | Bryon Schmidlkofer<br>Christy Duyck            | Laura Nevis<br>Jennifer Finegan           | Brenda Braxmeyer<br>Patti Vanderzanden    |
| Ushers                             | Dave Heesacker<br>Terry Smith                  | Tom Herinckx<br>Leo Pelster               | Mike Duyck<br>John Braxmeyer              |
| Servers<br><b>CB=</b> Cross Bearer | Madaline Brown<br>Aiden Myers<br>Lily Ramseyer | Anne Nevis<br>Katie Nevis<br>Kara Finegan | Ted Pelster<br>Eli Pelster<br>Ben Pelster |
| Music                              | Bethany & Sarah                                | Bethany & Sarah                           | Bethany & Sarah                           |

**Replacement School**

Our current commitment is \$5,281,928. We have raised \$200,000 to satisfy the matching grant.

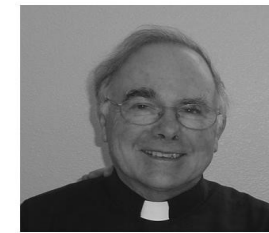
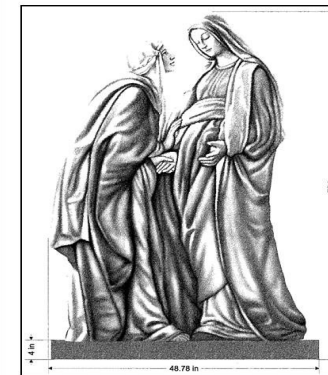
**Replacement School Progress Cam. We now have available on [www.vcsknights.org](http://www.vcsknights.org) a live camera link to view the progress of the construction. Join us to keep updated on the build!**

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.

**New School Bricks For Sale**

**Orders Due January 15, 2019 for first laying!** See insert for order form and ordering information



**Fr. Scott Vandehey Memorial Statue**

Fr. Scott dedicated 52 years of his life to the priesthood serving thousands of his people throughout the Archdiocese of Portland.

Now we have the opportunity to give back and honor Fr. Scott by dedicating a 6 foot statue of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in his memory.

The statue cost is \$13,000 and will be carved out of granite and placed at the school. A mason will create a two-foot pedestal for the statue to rest upon and at the foot of the pedestal will be a plaque that says *“Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, in loving memory of Rev. Scott Vandehey 1939-2018.*

Donations to the Memorial may be made by checks made payable to “Visitation Catholic Church.”

Write in the memo line “Fr. Scott Memorial Statue” or include a note to ensure the funds are allocated to the memorial.

Donations can also be made online at [www.verboort.org](http://www.verboort.org)

**From the Desk of Fr. Michael**

As we enter into the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are greeted with bells ringing as “Glory to God in the highest” is sung much like it did when the choirs of angels announced to the band of shepherds in the pasture.

We welcome Jesus with gifts of love, the gift of an open heart, the gift of faith and fidelity to the Gospel and the gift of a desire to do His will. As the crèche is blessed with holy water and the child Jesus is placed in his crib, may the straws that line the manger be representative of the good charity works that we have offered.

The multitude of thoughtful donations to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and pray for the living and the dead throughout the month of December creates that soft, comfortable, and warm bed for Jesus to lay his sweet and innocent head.

As you and your family and friends gather in celebration of Christmas around this table of plenty and your own table of bounty, may our works of charity not cease at Christmas. Rather create and nurture a habit, an expectation, and a motivation that our giving, our generosity, and our care for others continues throughout the year and beyond the season of Advent and Christmas.

As I have shared many times, the birth of a child into the life of a family, community, and world changes everything. It changes your sleeping habits, your spending habits, your future planning (financial and retirement), and much more. But we make these adjustments, life changing decisions, because we have before us precious life that we are called to care for, love, and nurture.

Likewise, the newborn Jesus is entrusted to us, and we are called to see his innocence, his vulnerability, and his preciousness in others and take care of the needs of those who are around us. My prayer for you and your family this Christmas and New Year is that God may continue to bless you, keep you and protect you and in turn you will extend that same love, compassion, and care to family, friends, and strangers alike.

Blessed Christmas!  
~Fr. Michael, Pastor

**In Gratitude to Fr. Scott Vandehey**

Fr. Scott’s Estate has donated \$47,000 to the parish and \$100,000 to the Fr. Scott Endowment Fund for Tuition Assistance. The additional funds to the Tuition Assistance will ensure that we are able to continue to make Catholic Education affordable. A portion of the \$47,000 to the parish will provide improvements to the Parish Center with the replacement of 3 furnaces and adding 2 air conditioning units for the North and South Dining Hall. This will continue to ensure that the Parish Center is heated and NOW COOL during those warm times of the year. Thank you Fr. Scott for your priestly ministry and generosity!

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**December 24**

4:00pm Children’s Christmas Eve Mass (Verboort) Music starts at 3:30  
5:00pm Children’s Christmas Eve Mass (Roy)  
8:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (North Plains)  
10:00pm Christmas Midnight Mass (Verboort) Music starts at 9:30  
12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass (Roy)

**December 25**

9:00am Christmas Day Mass (Verboort, Roy, and North Plains)

**January 1**

9:00am New Year’s Day, Mary, Mother of God Masses in North Plains, Roy, and Verboort

**Christmas Masses December 24th & 25th**

| <b>Mass Times</b> | <b>4:00 pm - Monday</b>                            | <b>10:00 pm - Monday</b>                                  | <b>9 :00 am—Tuesday</b>                   |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| Lectors           | Linda Oldenburg                                    | Lee LaBonte   | Nate Wessels                              |
| Eucharistic Host  | Jennifer Finegan<br>Genelle Duyck<br>Scott Stewart | Tammy Scheenstra  | Don Vandehey                              |
| Eucharistic Cup   | No Precious Blood<br>Distributed                   | Lee LaBonte<br>Leanne LaBonte                             | Patty Vanderzanden<br>Donna Vandehey      |
| Ushers            | Dave Heesacker<br>Joe Heesacker                    | Gary Freitas<br>Jacob Freitas                             | Joe Wessels<br>James Duyck                |
| Servers           | Owen Finegan<br>Lucas Luna<br>Tom Finegan          | DJ Heckenberg<br>Gavin Sinner<br>Matthew LaBonte          | Caleb Duyck<br>Drew Duyck<br>Robert Duyck |
| Music             | Children’s Choir                                   | Kathy, Karen, Dave,<br>Bryon, Lois, Tina,<br>Tracy & Greg | Leanne’s Group                            |

**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 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.

## **RCIA**

No Sessions December 23rd or December 30th.

## **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**

Enjoy Christmas and New Year's. Next meeting Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 6:00-7:30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Kick Off

## **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.

## **Thanks to All**

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Anthony's would like to thank all of you that participated in the food drive during the Thanksgiving Holiday. During this period, 1476 pounds of food items and \$1000 in donations were collected at the Thanksgiving Day Mass and the school's food drive. We would like to give a special thank you to all the children that participated in this drive. May God bless all of you.

## **Children's Choir**

Choir practice on December 23, 2018 from 11:00—12:00pm. For questions please contact Sarah Crosby at (503) 992-8215 [svandecoevering1@yahoo.com](mailto:svandecoevering1@yahoo.com)

## **Religious Education**

Religious Education will resume on January 7, 2019

## **Middle School Youth Group**

Enjoy Christmas and New Year's with your Family. Next meeting, Sunday, January 6 from 6:00-7:30pm, Come join us for Epiphany Olympics. Bring comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.

## **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:

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

At the Pass—Snowboard/Ski—Mt. Hood—February 16

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## **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 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 [Emmy.Kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:Emmy.Kennedy@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 Break**—Monday December 24—Friday January 4, School resumes January 7, 2019.

## **In Gratitude to The B.P. Lester and Regina John Foundation**

Visitation Catholic School has received a donation for \$26,000 for tuition assistance. We greatly appreciate this gift and the Foundation's commitment to keeping Catholic education affordable for all families regardless of their ability to pay.