

## Replacement School

Our current commitment is \$5,298,988 . 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;

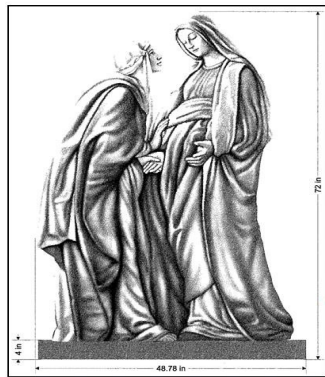
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the Divine Power of God -

thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,

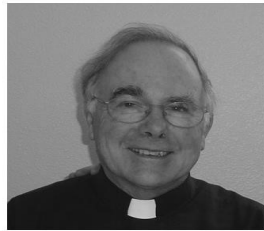
who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## 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.

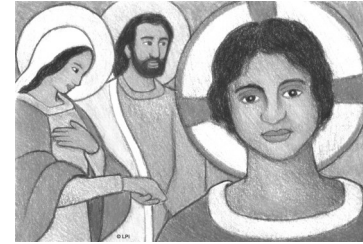
Now we have the opportunity to give back and honor Fr. Scott by dedicating a 6 foot statue of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in his memory.

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)



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

— Lk 2:39-40

Excerpt from the Letterary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 CCC.

**DECEMBER 30, 2018**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**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	30	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:00 am	Della Heineck† by Michael & Carol Barnes
Monday	December	31	8:00 am	Shannon VanDyke Bunyard† by Sister Jean Marie
Tuesday	January	1	<b>9:00 am</b>	Elaine Duyck † by Mrs. Myron Duyck
Wednesday	January	2	8:00 am	Marie Edwards † by Greg Edwards
Thursday	January	3	8:00 am	Donna Smith † by Joan Jansen
Friday	January	4	<b>8:00 am</b>	Lavern Spitz † by Andy & Patty Duyck
Saturday	January	5	5:00 pm	Susie Meeuwsen † by Larry & Brian Meeuwsen

**Weekday Servers:**

December 31, 2-5  
Anne Nevis & Mariah Crop

**December 22nd & 23rd**

**Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$5,303.00  
Loose Collection: 480.25

**January 1st—Solemnity Of Mary the Mother of God**

9:00 AM  
Lector—Joe Finegan

**Christmas**

Envelopes & Checks: \$9,616.00  
Loose Collection: 1,323.78

Eucharistic Minister Host —Tammy Scheenstra  
Eucharistic Ministers Cup —Laura Nevis, Patty Vanderzanden  
Servers — Mariah Crop, Anne Nevis & Katie Nevis

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

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Byron Schmidlkofer	Rich Paris	Todd Schmit
Eucharistic Host Minister	Traci Nelson	Jennifer Finegan	Genelle Duyck
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Christy Duyck Donna Heesacker	Laura Nevis Tammy Scheenstra	Patty Vanderzanden Steve Klopccic
Ushers	David Heesacker Joe Heesacker	Leo Pelster Gary Duyck	Aaron Duyck Gary Hammond
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Daniel Stadelman Harold Vance Jr. Matthew LaBonte	Anne Nevis Katie Nevis Kara Finegan	Liam Plep Noah Renshaw Nolan Marshall
Music	Karen & Alicia	Tracy's Group	Leanne's Group

**From the Desk of Fr. Michael**

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we usually make New Year's resolutions. After the celebrations leading up to Christmas and during Christmas, it is only natural to be resolved to lose weight, get in shape, decrease debt, etc. All are very good things, but they all have to do with our physical welfare.

What I would like to propose to each parishioner at St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and Visitation is that each one of us make one or two *Spiritual* resolutions. Just like we need to tend to our physical health, we also need to pay attention to our spiritual health. After all is said and done, it is our relationship with God that matters most—not how much we weigh or how many miles we can run or how much money we have saved up.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Reflect upon how you can increase your daily prayer time. Perhaps commit to increasing from 10 minutes to 15 minutes. If you need some book titles, may I suggest "Prayer for Beginners" by Peter Kreeft or "Prayer Primer" by Fr. Thomas Dubay or "In all Seasons, For all Reasons: Praying throughout the year" by Fr. James Martin, SJ.
2. Even though technology can be a distraction at times, it also can be a resource too. On your smart device, download the following apps such as "The Word among us" to have the daily reading and reflections at your fingertips and "Jesuit Prayer" which provides additional ways to pray with Sacred Scripture.
3. Recommit yourself to viewing at least 2 programs on Formed.org a month. Fr. Juan Jose and I always have our monthly picks that you can choose from.
4. Perhaps you could commit to coming to one or two daily Masses Monday through Friday or the practice of First Saturday Mass at 8:00am in the Verboort Convent.
5. Cultivate a deeper devotion to our Blessed Mother and commit praying a decade or a full rosary each day.
6. Each parish has an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, St. Edward is the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30am-7:00pm, St. Francis of Assisi is every Wednesday from 8:30am-5:00pm, and Visitation is the first Friday of the month after the 8:30am School Mass. If those times are not convenient, you can always drop by the church and sit quietly for 10 minutes before the tabernacle.
7. If you are in the custom of going to confession once a year or during the season of Advent and Lent, increase the frequency by adding additional opportunity to receive God's Mercy.

As we begin this new calendar year, I wish all of you a very Blessed and Holy Year. My prayer for each of you is that in the new year we may all grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
~Fr. Michael

### **Thank you—Richard & Diane Van Grunsven Family Foundation**

Special Thanks to the Richard & Diane Van Grunsven Family Foundation for their donation of \$15,000 to the New School Project. We greatly appreciate this gift.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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

#### **Fr. Juan Jose's Pick: Mary of Nazareth**

Run Time: 2 hrs. 41 mins. (Not Rated—Suggest parents preview movie before watching with children)

### **VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS**

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

**Job Opening** —Visitation Catholic School is seeking a Teacher Assistant to work part-time. 25 hours a week, 5 hours a day on school days starting January 7th.

This person will work as an assistant to the 4th grade teacher three hours a day, tutor individual students of other grades in reading and math, as well as assist with some recess and other duties. We are looking for an individual who loves teaching and working with students of all ages, is a faith-filled person, has strong organization and good communication skills, is flexible and patient, and works well with others. The person applying should feel comfortable assisting students with learning elementary reading and math skills. If interested, please submit cover letter and resume to the school office or [cfunk@vcsknights.org](mailto:cfunk@vcsknights.org) and request an application. Position is open until filled.

### **New Year's Day Masses**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is January 1. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 9:00am in North Plains, Roy, and Verboort

### **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 class Sunday, Dec. 30, enjoy New Year's! Next class Sunday, January 6, 2019 from Noon to 1pm in the Verboort Rectory, we will be discussing, "The Sacrament of Baptism."

### **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!

### **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 [lnevis@farthing.com](mailto:lnevis@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

### **CCD 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.