

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



Dinner Night Out - Join us at Izzy's on Wednesday, April 26th, 1071 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy, Hillsboro from 5-9 pm. 20% of proceeds towards the new Visitation Catholic School Building.
Please bring flyer with you to the restaurant in order for Visitation Catholic School to receive credit

Friends, Family & Community Auction - Join us on Friday, May 12, in the gym! Doors open at 6 pm and the first table closes at 6:30 pm. Admission is FREE! Raffles, yummy food, balloon artist. Our Silent Auction will have many fun items to bid on. We hope to see you there!

Auction - Tickets for the 17th Annual Dinner and Auction are now on sale! Reserve your seat online at www.vcsknights.org "A Knight in Paris" will be Saturday May 13th in the Parish Center. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Auction Ticket price: \$40 per person. Meal choices: Roasted Beef Tips in a Rich Beef and Wine Sauce, Handmade Chicken Cordon Blue with Coarse Mustard Sauce or Vegetable Ragout Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms. ~Complimentary bottle of wine with table purchase. *Must be 21 years or older to attend. Thank you for all of the donations already received! The auction is still in need of donations of any type. A Moana basket, Trolls movie, Top Golf gift certificate, items from the movie Sing or two hotel nights at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas are examples of items that we are looking for. We have auction sponsorships available! There are several different levels of sponsorships, suitable for any business. If you know of a business that might be interested please pick up a sponsor packet from the office basement. We look forward to seeing you at "A Knight in Paris"!

Congratulations To Our Spelling Bee Winners! - 1st Place in Upper Grades: Dyllun Grundon. 1st Place in Lower Grades: Jackson Richards. The winners are now advanced to the Washington County Spelling Bee Contest. Great job and we wish you the best of luck!

The Spring Book Fair - You've waited all year for it, now it's here - the Buy-One-Get-One-Free spring Book Fair. Come get some great deals and stock up on books and more! Last day is Sunday, April 23rd 9 am to noon.

School Advisory - Are you interested in serving Visitation Catholic School in a leadership and advisory role? Each year, Visitation's School Advisory Committee (SAC) has two positions that open for a three year term. All parents and parishioners are invited to apply. If you have ideas for Visitation Catholic School you would like to share and are able to assist Father Michael and Carol Funk in this leadership role, you are encouraged to submit your name to the school office at secretary@vcsknights.org Thank you for your commitment to Visitation Catholic School!

Congratulations! - Danica Baggenstos, for her winning essay, "Dairy Farming", entered in the Ag Fest and McDonalds "What You're Made Of" essay contest. Danica won an all-expense paid fieldtrip for the fourth grade to the Oregon Ag Fest special events day in Salem.

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. You may email your order to scrip@vcsknights.org and we will call you when your order is ready.



"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — Jn 20:27b-29

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

APRIL 23, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	April	23	8:00 am	Debra Jane Vaandering † by Jim & Dorie Herinckx
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	April	24	8:00 am	Lester Vandehey † by Dan & Dawn Vandehey
Tuesday	April	25	8:00 am	Sr. Janice Boogaard † by Joe & Bev Evers
Wednesday	April	26	8:00 am	Vera VanDyke † by Extended Family & Friends
Thursday	April	27	8:00 am	Margaret Teufel by Cary Evers
Friday	April	28	8:30 am	Anton & Bertha Nussbaumer † by Richard & Lelani Nussbaumer
Saturday	April	29	5:00 pm	Pete & Irene Jansen † by Bruce & Linda Heintz and Family

Weekday Servers:

April 24th –27th: Dylan Jansen and Marco Torres

**April 15th & 16th
Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$6,859.00
Loose Change: \$895.76
Holy Land: \$503.52
Building Fund for Capital: \$125.00



Weekend Masses For April 29th & 30th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Beth Sahlfeld	Rich Paris	Donna Vandehey
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Albert Vandecoevering	Cheryl Eckler
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Donna Heesacker Scott Stewart	Melvin Finegan Lorna Vandecoevering	Patty Vanderzanden Don Vandehey
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Terry Smith	Gary Duyck Pete Lepschat	Aaron, Andy, Francis, and James Duyck
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Dawson Hoag Mary Crosby Nathan Crosby CB	Irene VanDyke Quinten VanDyke Athena VanDyke CB	Grace Burke Jacob Burke Zach Burke CB
Music	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday and the last day of the Easter Octave. Divine Mercy Sunday is of very recent origins, as far as Church years go. This special feast was first mentioned in the Diary of St. Faustina in the 1930’s.

Speaking to St. Faustina, Jesus spoke, “This Feast emerges from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in my mercy will obtain it” (Diary, 420). St. John Paul instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as a universal feast for the Catholic Church on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Faustina Kowalska as a saint.

Our most recent popes have heavily emphasized the importance of mercy in the life of the Church. St. John Paul II said that, “mercy is the most amazing attribute of the Creator and redeemer.” These words should not be taken lightly.

The firm, no-nonsense German Cardinal, Josef Ratzinger, Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith for 24 years, who is better known as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI offers even more impactful words about the place of mercy in God’s saving plan, “Mercy is the name of God himself; Mercy is in reality the core of the Gospel.”

And, if that wasn’t enough, we have Pope Francis, who will probably be known throughout history as the Pope of Mercy. His papal motto is *miserando et eligendo*, which he translates as “mercifully and choosing.” He speaks about mercy constantly and has introduced an Extraordinary Jubilee Year (there have only been three in the history of the Church)--The Year of Mercy in 2016.

We are being invited to devote ourselves to this “most amazing attribute” of God. Allow me to end by encouraging you to consider prayerfully join me in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy offered at St. Edwards Parish in North Plains this Sunday, April 23 at 3pm with these spoken words of Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well (Gospel for the 3rd Sunday of Lent): ‘If you knew the gift of God!’” Let’s celebrate the gift of Divine Mercy together.

Have a Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!
~Fr. Michael

Altar Society

Spring Potluck Meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Parish Center. Social from 5:30-6 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. Short meeting to follow. Bring salad/side dish or dessert.

Religious Articles

The religious articles cabinet in the back of church has been restocked. First Communion is right around the corner. If you are in need of religious articles, please contact Regina McLoud at 503-357-2584.

The Catholic Sentinel

In the next Catholic Sentinel: Step through Holy Week happenings at parishes across the archdiocese. Read about the impact of Oregon's population boom on parochial schools. Get the latest update on Catholic priorities in the Oregon State Legislature.

IN FOCUS with...

The Dutch Windmill ~ Easter Sunday 2017

Picture/Article by Donna Sepull-Vanderzanden

What a difference 3 months makes in the Herinckx families front yard! David replaced the 95ft. tall Redwood tree with a huge Dutch Windmill, a request of his wife Evelyn. As you may remember, the Sequoia tree was cut down by Greg Vanderzanden on Jan. 28th, and the base was sculpted by Marvin Howard. Now in the spring you can see added windows, a walkway, and lovely yellow daffodils and red tulips adorning the grounds. What a beautiful site to see the windmill turning as the parishioners enter and leave Visitation Catholic Church. Thank you David and Evelyn for enhancing that area with your time and talents.



2nd Collection Next Weekend

2nd Collection next weekend, April 29th & 30th for The Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States.

Celebrate Pauline Gobel's 100th Birthday

Pauline Gobel is reaching the milestone of 100 years young. Come and celebrate with her and her family, Sunday, April 30th at the 10:30am Mass in Roy with a luncheon sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council and Altar Society. No gifts, presents and cards please. Your PRESENCE is a gift itself. But if you would like to make a monetary donation on her behalf, please do so towards St. Francis of Assisi school. All are invited.

Middle School Youth Group

Next meeting Sunday, May 7 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center. End of the Year Party scheduled on Saturday, May 20 from 11am to 1pm at Big AL's for bowling and pizza. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

High School Youth Group

Meets Sunday, April 23 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation parish center. All are invited. Opportunity to earn money for the Mission Krewe 2017, sign up to help serve the Visitation School Auction, Saturday, May 13.

Mission Krewe 2017

\$450 Payment for the airfare is due on May 1st. Please contact Traci Vanaken.

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto will be gone April 21-May 6

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, April 24th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

Choir Practice

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, April 23rd, 5:30-6:30 pm. **No** Adult Choir practice this week.

Visitation DC Kids & Breakfast & Bake Sale

DC Kids Breakfast and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 23rd, 8:30 am – Noon at Visitation Parish Center. Menu Includes: Sausage Patties, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, Coffee & Juice. Adults, Seniors & Young Adults - \$7; Children 5-12 - \$5; Children 4 and under - Free; Immediate Family - \$30. Proceeds to benefit our Education Trip to Washington DC, Spring of 2018.

Meeting

SAC Meeting on Thursday, April 27th, 7 pm at the Rectory.

Baptisms

Jackson Sauer, child of Dane Sauer and Melissa Bigsby, baptized April 22, 2017.

Aliyah Evers, child of Jeremy Evers and Mary Jo Cheek, baptized April 23, 2017.