

## VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



**Visitation Back-to-School-Night** - Thursday, September 14th from 6:30 to 8 pm at the gym.

**Dinner Night Out** - Join us at Red Robin on Sunday, September 17th, 2405 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\*

**Jog-A-Thon** - The Jog-A-Thon has been moved to Friday, October 6th. Please help us reach our goal of \$34,000! Any money raised above this will go towards our Capital Campaign for a new school building! If you know of any companies that would be interested in sponsoring our Jog-A-Thon t-shirts (\$150 donation), please contact Gil Luna at [gil.luna99@gmail.com](mailto:gil.luna99@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

**Art Contest** - Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom would like to congratulate Elliott Bielefeld, a student at Visitation Catholic School, who was honored on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at a reception held at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Elliott was recognized for artwork he submitted to our annual Calendar Art Contest. He was one of 13 winners who will be featured in our 2017-18 school-year calendar. The calendar art celebrates Oregon's agriculture and natural resources.

**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. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.

**Called to Protect Class** -Would You Like To Volunteer? Then you will need to take The Called to Protect Class.

### First Time Volunteers

For first time volunteers, you are required to watch the Called to Protect Video and complete a background check (\$15 fee, last for 3 years). See the following for dates and times:

Sept. 15th at 10 am or 1 pm, Sept. 22nd at 12:30 pm or 2:30 pm, Sept 24th at 6 pm (at the Parish Center), Sept. 29th at 10 am or 1 pm. All classes are held in the convent unless noted. Please **RSVP** to one of the above classes by emailing our school secretary at [secretary@vcsknights.org](mailto:secretary@vcsknights.org) or 503-357-6990. Thank you!

### Continuing Volunteers

Online Class needs to be Completed by: School/Church Deadline- November 10th

Thank you to all our current volunteers for the past 2016-2017 school year. This is the time of year when you are required to take a new course for continuation of volunteering. For questions please contact our school secretary at [secretary@vcsknights.org](mailto:secretary@vcsknights.org). Thank you.



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” — Mt 18:15-16

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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

CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Heesacker

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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4-4:30 pm

or by appointment

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday	September	10	8:00 am	Curtiss Vanderzanden † by Melvin & Marie Finegan
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	September	11	8:00 am	Johnny Vandehey † by Jim & Linda Spiering
Tuesday	September	12	8:00 am	For the Living & Deceased Members of the Visitation Altar Society
Wednesday	September	13	8:00 am	Peter Ralph Evers † by Family
Thursday	September	14	8:00 am	Marlene VanDyke † by Gary & Connie Vandehey
Friday	September	15	<b>8:30 am</b>	Debra Jane Vaandering † by Family
Saturday	September	16	5:00 pm	Kaye Meeuwssen † by Marvin & Carolyn Vanaken

**Weekday Servers:**

Sept 11th-14th: Emmanuel Pintor & Marco Torres

**September 2nd & 3rd**

**Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$7,119.00

Loose Collection: \$292.25



**Weekend Masses For September 16th & 17th**

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Sheila VanGrunsven	Tammy Scheenstra	Alicia Stadelman
Eucharistic Host Minister	Lee LaBonte	Lorna Vandecoevering	Cheryl Eckler
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Beth Sahlfeld Traci Nelson	Jennifer Finegan Mel Finegan	Donna Vandehey Don Vandehey
Ushers	Denis Giesbers Lawrence Peters	Gary Duyck Pete Lepschat	Nate Wessels Joe Wessels
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Lena Duyck Sophia Duyck	Chris Carlson Carl Carlson	Eli Pelster Ted Pelster Dylan Jansen CB
Music	Alicia's Group		Leanne's Group

**Religious Education**

The Visitation Religious Education program for grades 1-5 will be held Mondays from 4:00-5:00 in the convent. Our first class will be on Monday, September 11, 2017. We will be following the Blest Are We books, and we have many activities scheduled to help the children grow in their knowledge and faith. If you are interested in having your child join our classes, please contact Genelle Duyck at [503-887-8878](tel:503-887-8878) or [genelleduyck@gmail.com](mailto:genelleduyck@gmail.com)

**Children's Choir**

All children from 2nd to 8th grade are invited to join our parish children's choir. They typically sing once a month on the second Sunday of the month along with Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. Practice will be held on Sunday's from 5:00-6:00. Our first choir practice will be on September 10th at 5:00 in the choir loft of the church. For more information or questions please contact Sarah Crosby at 503-992-8215 or [svandecoevering1@yahoo.com](mailto:svandecoevering1@yahoo.com)

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, September 10th from 9 am to Noon at Sr. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall in Forest Grove. Menu includes: Pancakes, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice, and Applesauce. Adults: \$6; Child \$4; Family \$20. All proceeds go to the St. Anthony Safety Grant.

**Altar Society**

Thank you Evelyn Herinckx, Joyce VanDyke, Pat Hammond, Sharon Giesbers, Patty Duyck and Marie Finegan for decorating the altars. The bouquets are so beautiful.

Thank you to all who have helped with the funeral luncheons and to those who donated salads and desserts so generously. Your help and donations are greatly appreciated.

~Sincerely, Betty, Sharon and Leanne

**CPO 13: Meet your local State Representative, Janeen Sollman, House District 30!**

Meet your State Representative and learn about issues that impact Oregonians, Roy and Verboort residents. Learn how you can get involved in shaping the laws that govern us. Meeting is Wednesday, September 13 at 7 pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement in Roy.

**St. Mary's 47th Annual Quilt & Crafts Fair**

Sept 21st-24th, 2017. Thursday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm. Sunday 10 am-2 pm. Quilt Fair admission (still only) \$1 per person. Lunch served daily at 11 am, except Sunday. For information call 503-429-8841, St. Mary's Catholic Church or [maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com](mailto:maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com)

### **Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Commitment for the Replacement School Campaign**

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment from 258 donors is \$3,885,981 as of September 6, 2017. Thank you for your generosity. The Weston Matching Grant has been achieved and we have qualified for the \$100,000 grant match.

Please begin your donation commitments or if you would like to make a donation as we are beginning the infrastructure projects of a new well in September and septic system this 2018.

Finally, let us begin to pray the Our Lady of Perpetual Help novena as a parish and school community for the completion of our new school.

**O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you! (Then pray three Hail Marys).**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!**

~Fr. Michael

### **83rd Annual Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner Announcements**

- A big "Thank You" to all who helped in making applesauce for our 83rd Annual Dinner.
- Sauerkraut making will be on Saturday, September 16th, 8 am at the Smokehouse behind the Church.
- Potholders - Each family is requested to bring 18 (homemade or store bought potholders). Boxes are located at the entrance of Church and School Office.
- Flyers are in the vestibule of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to support the advertisement of the dinner by taking a few flyers and posting in their place of employment, community event boards, etc..
- For questions please contact Liz Duyck at 503-806-1190.

### **DC Kids 2018**

DC Kids 2018 will be providing Refreshments after the 5 pm Mass and Coffee & Donuts after the 8 and 10 am Masses this weekend (weather permitting). Please help support our kids as they raise money for their educational trip to Washington DC.

### **Steak Fry Hosted By Visitation DC Kids at the Parish Center**

Come join us Saturday, September 30th from 5:00-9:00pm (last tickets sold at 8:00pm). 10oz Rib Eye Steak, baked potato, Corn on the Cob, Green Salad and dessert. Lemonade and coffee is included with your meal. Beer, wine, and soda will be available for purchase. Ticket per-purchase \$17.00/Adult & \$8.00/Child. At the door sales, \$19.00/Adult & \$10.00/Child. Tickets will be available to purchase after all masses, and at the scrip sales desk. Online sales at <http://www.vcsknights.org> Contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449 for any questions.

### **Second Collection, Sept 9th-10th**

There will be a Second Collection on September 9th & 10th for Hurricane Harvey Relief.

### **Priest Travel Dates**

Fr. Roberto is gone September 15-October 12.

Fr. Juan Jose is gone September 25-October 2.

### **House Bill 3391 Forces Abortion Coverage and Expands Taxpayer-Funded Abortion**

The Oregon State Legislature passed a bill that has more to do with force than it does with freedom. House Bill 3391, which has now been signed into law by Governor Brown, forces insurance companies to cover abortion on demand and it forces all Oregon taxpayers to help finance an extremist abortion agenda that does not enjoy majority support.

By insisting on complete insurance coverage of abortion, including late-term and sex-selective abortions, the legislature and the Governor show intolerance of widely held opposing views and will compel thousands of Oregonians to support what their conscience rejects.

Oregonians opposed to House Bill 3391 should lend their support to the Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This measure needs 117,000 signatures to qualify as an initiative for the 2018 election. Visit [www.StopTheFunding.org](http://www.StopTheFunding.org) to sign the petition and find out how you can help reverse some of the harmful effects of the current legislation that implements and expands taxpayer funding for abortion.

### **HS Youth Group Kick Off**

Sunday, September 17 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Visitation parish center for Turkey Olympics. Please bring comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. All are invited.

### **HS Confirmation**

Meets Sunday, September 10 from 6-7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi church basement.

### **Middle School Youth Group Kick-Off**

Middle schoolers in grades 6-8 are invited with at least one parent to attend the Kick-Off Session on Sunday, September 10 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Visitation Parish Center. There will be a parent meeting to go over the schedule, overnight retreat, 2 service projects, and volunteer and chaperone opportunities for the upcoming year 2017-2018.

### **RCIA**

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith, have questions or aren't sure? Or are you ready to start the process of becoming a Catholic? Then call Fr. Michael at 971-217-5335, to set up a meeting. The process in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with our Inquiry session scheduled on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy.

### **Farewell Celebration for Sr. Agnes Marie and Sr. Anne Vandecoevering, SSMO**

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> please join us for 10am Mass and luncheon reception following to express our gratitude and thanksgiving for the many years of service to the Verboort community.

### **Meeting**

Washington DC Kids Meeting on Wednesday, September 13th, 7 pm at the Parish Center.

### **From the Desk of Fr. Michael**

I was recently attending a funeral with my parents. The pastor invited me to concelebrate which included distributing the Precious Blood during Holy Communion. At one point there was a little delay as I was giving the Chalice; the priest Celebrant, distributing the Sacred Hosts, was having a brief conversation, inaudible to me, with two women in line.

After Mass, as I was heading to the parish hall to join my parents for the reception when one of the women met me and told me how upset she was that the priest Celebrant had asked her adult daughter (who was special needs, although nothing in her physical appearance indicated it) whether she was Catholic before giving her Holy Communion.

“Do you know if she did anything to make the priest Celebrant presume that she might not be Catholic,” I asked, to which she replied, “I don’t understand why he should even want to know. Aren’t we all children of God? It was just so embarrassing.”

I assured her that “priests hate to embarrass anyone, especially at the sacred time of Holy Communion, but we have a holy duty with regard to Jesus’ Body and Blood. If the way someone approaches to receive Communion raises a serious question as to whether the person is not Catholic, we have to ask.” I mentioned to her that the Priest Celebrant obviously went to great lengths not to embarrass, since I couldn’t even hear what he said from a few feet away and that once her daughter confirmed she was Catholic, he immediately gave her Communion.

It led to an insightful conversation of the Church’s practice, about the reasons Holy Communion is given only to rightly disposed Catholics (with a few exceptions listed in canon law), about how priests generally approach these situations, and about how to help her daughter comport herself at Communion time so that she would not be asked again. The woman thanked me for spending the time with her and concluded, “Father, we just don’t know these things. It would be great if the Church told us so that we could avoid these embarrassments.”

Her sincere last words have stuck with me. What I had conveyed to her was practical information that most Catholic third graders know about how to receive Holy Communion, but to her it seemed to be a revelation.

### **From the Desk of Fr. Michael (continued from the previous page)**

Therefore, here are some basic things that Catholics need to know:

- 1) How should a Catholic receive? We should make a sign of reverence to Jesus (normally a profound bow of the head while the person ahead receives), say “Amen” to the words “The Body of Christ,” if we are receiving on the tongue, open one’s mouth and extend one’s tongue over the lower lip
- 2) Why would a Catholic priest ever risk embarrassing anyone at Communion time? The simple answer is because we are dealing with Jesus Christ and we love him. Just as we would not hand our baby to a stranger or give our greatest valuables to someone who does not know how to handle them with care, we would not give Jesus to someone who has given us reason to doubt whether he will be treated with supreme reverence.
- 3) Many Catholic priests have made the sad discovery of hosts in Missalettes and in the pews. If this is every discovered, please find a priest immediately. Priests as well as Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion and may I include all of us in the congregation should always be watchful that those who receive Holy Communion, consume it immediately after saying, “Amen.”

Finally, the Church’s wisdom and practice with regard to Holy Communion are far from arbitrary rules of inclusion and exclusion but ultimately directed to the reverence and love of God and the salvation and sanctification of all.

Have a Blessed Week!

~Fr. Michael