

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



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*

1/2 Day - Friday, September 22nd school will be dismissed at 11:30 am. (In-Service Day)

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! Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

Visitation Endowment Fund - The Visitation Endowment Fund was created and is maintained for the benefit of the students of Visitation School. Approved grant requests have included: Musical Instruments, I-pads & cases, AED and replacement pads, library management software, gym lockers and microscopes. Grant Applications are available in the School Office and can be submitted by any school parent, teacher, or parishioner. Please fill out the grant form completely, attach supporting documents and turn them in to Mrs. Funk for her approval. All Applications are due and need to be signed by September 30, 2017. Any late application may be disqualified.

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. 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 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. Thank you.



“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” — Lk 15:10
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT

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Bethany Stewart: 503-705-5429

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
EMAIL: churchsecretary@vcsknights.org

BOOKKEEPER: Joyce Vanderzanden
PHONE: 503-357-6990
FAX: 503-359-0819
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Web address: www.verboort.org

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	September	17	8:00 am	Marlene VanDyke † by Jim & Dorie Herinckx
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	September	18	8:00 am	Harry Vandervelden † by Kenny Vandervelden
Tuesday	September	19	8:00 am	Special Intention
Wednesday	September	20	8:00 am	Joel Bennett † by Tom & Cary Redwine
Thursday	September	21	8:00 am	Debra Jane Vaandering † by Betty Lewis
Friday	September	22	8:30 am	June & Francis Noll † by Family
Saturday	September	23	5:00 pm	Sr. Clare Vandecoeving 70th Jubilee by Vernon & Elaine Duyck

Weekday Servers:

Sept 18th-21st: Sarah Reichen and Anela Johnson-Moody

September 9th & 10th

Your Gift to God

Envelopes & Checks: \$3,224.00

Loose Collection: \$276.00

Hurricane Harvey Relief: \$2,274.02



Weekend Masses For September 23rd & 24th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Lee LaBonte	Rich Paris	School Children
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Mel Finegan	Paul Heesacker
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Sheila VanGrunsven Christy Duyck	Lorna Vandecoeving Tammy Scheenstra	Patty Vanderzanden Genelle Duyck
Ushers	Jacob Freitas Gary Freitas	Tom Herinckx Dick Herinckx	School Children
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Dawson Hoag Mary Crosby Nathan Crosby CB	Kyle Hughes Coleman Lux	School Children
Music	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Bethany's Group

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Once after Mass, a parishioner approached me seeking clarification on my words that as Catholics we need to evangelize more. She said that when she hears that she immediately thinks that means, “going door-to-door”. I suspect that most Catholics are generally frightened by the word “evangelization.” It conjures up images of street-corner preachers or clean-cut young men in black suits and ties ringing doorbells.

As I explained, as Catholics, we evangelize any time we share with another person the joy of being in relationship with Jesus and his bride, the Church. But at the same time, I am sure it feels awkward to talk about religion as treat our faith as very private.

My experience actually tells me the opposite. As I mentioned in a recent Sunday homily, one of the blessings of being a priest is that I get to meet people at different and various stages in their lives. Usually, it is at funerals, weddings or baptisms that bring about family, friends, and people who otherwise would not be present in church on any given Sunday.

During those occasions, people are very forthright in sharing where they are at in their faith. I have found that many are intrigued by “believers,” especially practicing Catholics as they wonder what makes us tick. They also realize the question of whether or not there is a God, and whether He has a plan for their lives, is a much more important — and even fascinating — topic than the weather!

Yet even accepting all that, we may still feel uneasy. Maybe we don’t feel ready to share how much Jesus and His Church mean to us, because, in all honesty, we are not that passionate about our faith. We go to Mass on Sunday, we say grace before meals, but life is hectic and we don’t go much beyond the basics. We don’t want to “fake” a level of enthusiasm we don’t actually feel. If this description fits us, it’s a wake-up call to prayerfully deepen our own relationship with Jesus.

Or maybe we do feel a passionate connection with Jesus and the Church. We feel deeply grateful for God’s many blessings and the ways He has helped us in difficult times. But we think we lack the words and the expertise to share our experience of faith with others. What if they have questions we can’t answer? Both of these scenarios are very real, but they do not excuse us from attempting to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Evangelization may not be easy, but neither is it terribly complicated.

Here is one initial tip: Listen — and then listen some more — to the person God has put in front of you, be it family member, friend or stranger. What is their personal story, what are the joys and sorrows they carry? Listen with the heart of a compassionate friend, without hurriedly jumping in with judgment or advice. When the moment is right, you can gently share bits of your own life and how it has been touched, healed and inspired by Jesus. It may be a start to something more.

On this Catechetical Sunday, may we teach the faith by sharing our faith to others which is what to evangelize means!

Have a Blessed Week!
~Fr. Michael

83rd Annual Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner Announcements

- Sauerkraut making will be on Saturday, September 16th, 8 am at the Smokehouse behind the Church.
- If you are a chairperson and have changes for the dinner list, please email them to Dana Vandecoevering as soon as possible so we can begin putting the list together. Her email is: dana.vandecoevering@intel.com Thank you!
- 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 & \$10.00/Child. At the door sales, \$19.00/Adult & \$12.00/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.

Thank You!

A huge Thank You to all of the volunteers who helped make Applesauce last Saturday, we were able to make 73 - 5 gallon buckets! It was a successful turnout and I greatly appreciate all of the volunteers.
~Liz Duyck, Dinner Chairperson

Children's Choir

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, September 17th, 5-6pm

Come Pray With Us!

All are invited to come pray with us this Oct. 14th with a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, processing through the streets of Beaverton!

100 years ago Our Lady came to us to ask for our prayers - let us honor her request on this profound 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

When: Sat., Oct. 14 at 12:00 Noon

Where: Corner of SW 1st St. and SW Betts Ave. in Beaverton (across from Beaverton Post Office)

What: We will pray all 4 Mysteries of the Rosary and process with a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

For more info: Call Becky at 503-961-3676; griffos01@comcast.net

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 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.

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto is gone September 15-October 12.

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

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 24 from 6-7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi church basement. HS Confirmation/YG Retreat is Oct. 6-8 at Camp Tillikum in Newberg. Cost is \$50, includes all meals, lodgings, and transportation. Registration is due October 1st. Please contact Fr. Michael or Marianne Meeuwssen.

Middle School Youth Group

Meets Sunday, September 24 from 6:00-7:30pm at Visitation Parish Center. If you are interested in attending the Overnight Retreat at Twin Rocks Camp in Rockaway Beach 4pm Friday, September 29 to 3:30pm Saturday, September 30. Cost is \$25 includes all meals, lodging, and transportation. Registration form and fee due Monday, September 25.

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 27 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 24th 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.

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, September 18th from 4-5 pm in the convent.