

Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Our Middle Schoolers will be make up Blessing Bags out of donated goods. Blessing Bags will be distributed to parish families for giving to the homeless as you encounter them. Extra items and bags will be donated to the Homeless Programs of The St. Vincent de Paul Society.



You can help! Donations of Cash or Goods are needed!

If you would like more information please call or email Laura Nevis 503-575-5608 or Inevis@comcast.net



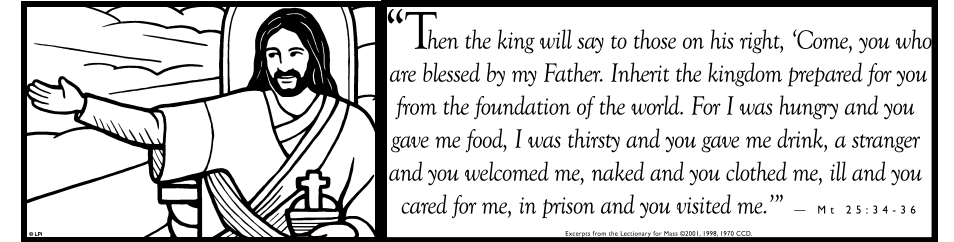
A Project of the Middle School Youth group from St. Edward, St. Francis, & Visitation Catholic Churches

Our Goal is 200 bags...

We could use cash or goods! Each bag costs approximately \$10

We need the following:

- Water Bottles
- Protein/Energy Bars
- Razors
- Chapstick
- Travel size mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Sanitary/Baby Wipes
- Socks
- Hot Hands
- Travel Tissues
- Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags



NOVEMBER 26, 2017
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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	November	26	8:00 am	Art Coussens † by Jim & Dorie Herinckx
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	November	27	8:00 am	Agnes Coates † by Family & Friends
Tuesday	November	28	8:00 am	Gerry Vandehey † by Walt & Margie Vandehey
Wednesday	November	29	8:00 am	Special Intention by Eric & Tammy Scheenstra
Thursday	November	30	8:00 am	Jane Kindel † (Bill & Bernice's daughter) by Parish
Friday	December	1	8:30 am	Vera VanDyke † by Family & Friends
Saturday	December	2	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass in the Convent
			5:00 pm	Pete & Irene Jansen † by Bruce & Linda Heintz and Family

Weekday Servers:

November 27th-30th: Ben, Eli & Ted Pelster

**November 18th & 19th
Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$2,382.00
Loose Collection: \$357.97



Weekend Masses For December 2nd & 3rd

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Lee LaBonte	Lorna Vandecoevering	Alicia Stadelman
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Mel Finegan	Cheryl Eckler
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Byron Schmidlkofer Volunteer	Tammy Scheenstra Jennifer Finegan	Paul Heesacker Genelle Duyck
Ushers	Lawrence Peters Denis Giesbers	Leo Pelster Pete Lepschat	Aaron, Andy, Francis and James Duyck
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Kristen Luna Kendrick Luna	Kara Finegan Owen Finegan Everett Finegan CB	Lucas Luna Larissa Luna Dylan Jansen CB
Music	Karen & Alicia's Group		Leann's Group

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Forest Grove Lighted Parade - Please come join us! Saturday, December 2nd. Parade Starts at 5:00pm, please be at the staging area by 4:30pm to enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies. Look for the Visitation Catholic School Float which is a Tractor and covered trailer float. This is a family event, the children will be riding on the float, and parents will be walking to pass out candy. Please bring a bag of holiday themed candy to pass out. Any questions please contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449 or fineganfarms@msn.com

Dinner Night Out - Join us at Izzy's Pizza on Wednesday, December 6th, 2017, 1071 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy, Hillsboro OR 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*. We received a check for \$450.00 from The Bites.

Santa's Workshop Wednesday & Thursday December 7, 2017 - Santa's Workshop is an event where Visitation School Children shop for their immediate family members Christmas Gifts. Gifts cost from \$1.00 to \$6.50 each. Each child will have so much fun shopping, picking the perfect gift and then bringing these special treasures to a volunteer to wrap.

Donations Needed: Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper and bows, small boxes (shoe box size and under), tape and gift tags. Please drop-off your donation in the Convent basement, or call Janelle Kelly at 503-314-4732 to arrange pick up. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed! We have been very fortunate for all of our wonderful Parishioner volunteers. I hope you will consider joining us for another year of Christmas Fun! Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 – Santa's Helpers, 8:30-10am and 12:00-1:30pm Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017– Santa's Helpers (shop with the kids and wrap presents) 8:30am – 3pm. Clean up, take down & put away 3:00pm until finished. If you can help volunteer or have any questions please contact *Janelle Kelly* or jjcdkelly@msn.com

Rummage Sale Drop-Off - We will be holding our next Rummage Sale Drop-off on Saturday, December 9th 8 am to 12 noon behind the Parish Center. We will be taking all items except for: NO Mattresses, NO Car seats, NO Cribs, NO TVs, NO non-working small appliances or electronics.

Scrip - Scrip is available when the School Office is open from 8:10 am to 8:40 am in the School/Convent. You may email your order to scrip@vesknights.org and we will call you when your order is ready. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

As I shared in my September 3, 2017 Pastor's column, this school year the Archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools has selected the theme of Catholic Social Teaching. Since our Catholic school students are learning the 7 principles: 1) Dignity of the Human Person, 2) Community and the Common Good, 3) Rights and Responsibilities, 4) Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, 5) Dignity of Human Work, 6) Stewardship of Creation and 7) Solidarity, Laura Nevis (Middle School Youth Group Coordinator) and I decided to include this as part of our teaching for the Middle School Youth program.

As I explained in the column regarding the 5th principle of "Dignity of Human work" it is important to teach our children the value of hard work because:

When we complete our homework or project, it builds confidence, self-esteem, and self-worth. For this reason, taking short cuts or cutting corners by copying another's work, cheating, or not completing one's homework or project from start to finish does not affirm the dignity of work nor affirm one's own human dignity.

The same rationale also applies to addressing in a charitable way towards panhandlers who are seeking a monetary handout on the side of the road. Although it might make us feel better to throw some loose change, it is in fact demeaning of his or her human dignity. Human self-esteem, self-worth, and confidence are built up when we provide opportunities to put in a good and hard day's work.

For this reason, many will remember that those who were standing on the street corners or on the sidewalk on overpasses, offered the service of washing car windows, offering produce or flowers to be purchased from their gardens. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

If we are compelled to help, we can live out the corporal works of mercy of feeding the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless by putting together a car package. It could be a family project of placing in a zip lock bag: a 8 oz. bottle of water, a pair of socks, some snacks/fruit, and a card with contact information of some social agency such as food bank at St. Matthew or St. Anthony and SOS Shelter in Hillsboro and hand that out.

So for this upcoming Advent Service Project, the Middle School Youth Group will be putting together ***Blessing Bags for the Homeless***. For the next two weekends, Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 9-10, they asking either for \$10 cash donation or donations of the following items:

Water bottles, protein/energy bars, razors, chapstick, travel size mouthwash, toothpaste, sanitary/baby wipes, socks, hot hands, travel tissues, and gallon size zip lock bags.

On Sunday, December 10 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center, they will gather and assemble the Blessing Bags. Their goal is to assemble 200 bags to be donated. If you are interested in helping out, there is a flyer at the entrance of the church.

Have a Blessed Week!
~Fr. Michael

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 will be gone Nov. 28-Dec. 8, Dec. 18-29.

Fr. Juan Jose will be gone Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Advent Penance Services throughout the Vicariate

Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00pm in Verboort (St. Edward/St. Francis/Visitation)

Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30pm in Forest Grove (St. Anthony of Padua)

Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00pm in Hillsboro (St. Matthew)

Additional Individual times during weekdays:

Monday and Friday 5:00-6:00pm St. Alexander in Cornelius

Wednesday 8:45-10:00am and 6:45-8:30pm St. Matthew in Hillsboro

All Souls Book of Remembrance

In our Catholic Tradition, November is a special time for remembering family and friends who have departed from this earthly life. Parishioners are invited to remember deceased loved ones by writing their names in the Book of Remembrance, located in the front of the church. The names inscribed will be kept in the prayers of the entire parish community throughout the month of November.

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, December 10 Advent Service Project from 6-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center. We will be producing Blessing bags that St. Vincent de Paul will distribute. If you would like to donate, you can donate \$10 (cost of the bag) or the following items: water bottles, protein/energy bars, razors, chapstick, travel size mouthwash, toothpaste, sanitary/baby wipes, socks, hot hands, travel tissues, and gallon size zip lock bags. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis.

HS Youth Group

Meets Sunday, December 3 for Life Nite lesson on St. Francis of Assisi, "Man of prayer and man for the poor" from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Visitation Parish Center.

Sunday, Dec. 17 from noon to 2:30pm, Advent Service Project Christmas Caroling and Visiting home-bound on a tractor pulled cart. Please meet at Visitation Parish hall and bring warm clothes. Pick up is at St. Francis church. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

HS Confirmation

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

Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment from 260 donors is \$3,910,692. 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 November and septic system this 2018.

Continuing to seek 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 protection 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 -
cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

RCIA

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy. Fr. Michael will be discussing the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance. Please bring your sponsor.

Congratulations To The Following New Servers Commissioned:

Madeline Brown, Liam Daily, Katelynn Evey, Jacob Lepschat, Aidan Meyers, Harold Vance, Andrew Duyck, Kyle Franck, Lucas Luna, Aiden Moore, Jesse Palominos, Ben Pelster, Liam Plep, Noah Renshaw, Gavin Sinner, DJ Heckenberg, Jady Thomas, Natalie Williams, Jasmin Garcia-Reynoso, Andre Torres, Linda Valenzuela-Alvarado

Children's Choir

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, November 26th, 5-6pm. All children grades 2nd - 8th are welcome to join.

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, November 27th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

Sr. Alison Green, SSMO

Sr. Alison has been dealing with abdominal pain for the past few weeks. Her medical doctors have recommended surgery. She is undergoing surgery on Monday, November 20. Her recovery time will have her back after the New Year. Please keep Sr. Alison in your prayers.

Altar Society

Altar Society Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. 5:30 pm Social Hour. 6:00 pm Potluck. Short Meeting to follow. All are welcome!

Meeting

Auction Meeting on Tuesday, November 28th, 7 pm at the Convent.

Looking for a Great Christmas Gift?

Fr. Scott's Book: Verboort, A Priest and His People is available for \$55 at the school office, 503-357-6990. All monies are donated to Visitation Tuition Fund.

Rental Property Available

St. Francis of Assisi parish is renting a 1360 square foot home that is 3 bedrooms and 2 bath with attached garage across the street from the church on 39080 NW Harrington Road, Cornelius, OR 97113. The rental amount is \$1795 a month. If interested please contact Dan Spiering at 503-324-6933 to inquire and fill out the application which includes a \$35 fee.

Our Lady's Luncheon Tea And Silent Auction

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters at Our Lady of Peace Retreat at 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton will be hosting Our Lady's Luncheon Tea And Silent Auction in honor of Our Lady of La Salette on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The Auction begins with bidding at 11 a.m., followed by Luncheon from Noon to 2 p.m. \$40 per person; tables for 6 or 8 are available for purchase. To reserve tickets, please call 503-649-7127 or sisters@olpretreat.org

Altar Society Poinsettias

The Altar Society will be ordering 25 poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one as a memorial for a loved one, please send the order below to Margie Vandehey by December 18th. Her address is 36390 NW Long Rd., Cornelius OR 97113. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of _____

