



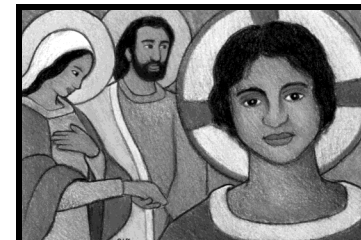
VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

No School - No School on Monday, January 1st. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Dinner Night Out - Join us at Mod Pizza on Monday, January 22nd, 2018, 4554 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro, OR All Day. 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*

Visitation Catholic School Annual Appeal - Visitation Catholic School's 12th Annual Appeal has started. We are hoping to raise \$15,000 to finance school operations and to aid families with needed tuition assistance. The Annual Appeal helps Visitation to continue its tradition of offering a strong academic foundation for all students. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to: Visitation Catholic School, 4189 NW Visitation Rd, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

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@vcsknights.org and we will call you when your order is ready. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.



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

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DECEMBER 31, 2017 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

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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	31	8:00 am	Art Coussens † by Jim & Dorie Herinckx
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	January	1	9:00 am	Marlene VanDyke † by Gil & Nadine Giesbers
Tuesday	January	2	8:00 am	Vickie Lewis † by Family & Friends
Wednesday	January	3	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Thursday	January	4	8:00 am	Special Intention by Eric & Tammy Scheenstra
Friday	January	5	8:30 am	Pete Jansen † by Bruce & Linda Heintz and Family
Saturday	January	6	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass in the Convent
			5:00 pm	Dutch & Betty Vandehy † by Ed & June Vandecoevering

Weekday Servers:

January 2nd-4th: Noah Renshaw and Lena Duyck

**December 23rd, 24th, & 25th
Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$11,938.00
Loose Collection: \$1,422.98

Jan 1st, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 am

Servers: Charlie, Dominic and Alex Funk **CB**

Lector: Beth Heesacker

Eucharistic Host Minister: Paul Heesacker

Eucharistic Cup Ministers: Mel Finegan and Lorna Vandecoevering



Weekend Masses For January 6th & 7th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Sheila VanGrunsven	Lorna Vandecoevering	Alicia Stadelman
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Mel Finegan	Cheryl Eckler
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Donna Heesacker Lee LaBonte	Tammy Scheenstra Volunteer	Patty Vanderzanden John Schmidlkofer
Ushers	Gary Freitas Dave Heesacker	Pete Lepschat Leo Pelster	Gary Hammond John Schmidlkofer
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Lena Duyck Sophia Duyck	Noah Wahlberg Daniel Wahlberg Michael Wahlberg CB	Andrew Duyck Caleb Duyck Dawson Kelly CB
Music	Karen & Alicia's Group		Leann's Group

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

The week leading up to celebration of the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity (Christmas), it is tradition that each day from December 17-23 we acknowledge one of the titles of Jesus. Furthermore, in the liturgical celebration of Mass, each day the Gospel passage provides a different perspective of the Nativity story whether it is from Mary, Joseph, Zechariah, Elizabeth, or John the Baptist.

As I shared on December 18th, the Gospel reflects upon St. Joseph who after discovering that the Blessed Virgin Mary, his wife, is pregnant, he is able to work out a resolution that would safeguard her from death by stoning and shoulder the burden of scandal upon himself. Then the Angel Gabriel appears in a dream to guide him to take Mary into his home and reveals to him that the child is conceived through the Holy Spirit. Open to God's plan, Joseph did what the Angel had instructed.

What has always stood out in my mind is that why didn't the Angel Gabriel upon announcing to Mary at the Annunciation of the Incarnation and the origins of Jesus' conception not immediately appear to Joseph with an explanation. This would have certainly saved Joseph the anxiety, the worry, the confusion, the doubt, and all those emotions that he must have felt wondering the child's parentage.

He must have spent many of sleepless nights for sure. Yet, even after, Joseph arrived at a resolution, the Angel appears to guide him and the absolute amazing thing is that he is open to God's direction. He could have easily responded that he already had a plan to resolve this predicament and followed through with his own plan. But we know that he doesn't because he is obedient as he listens attentively to God.

This is not only a testament to his character, but it is an insight that we all can learn especially as we celebrate this weekend not only the end of the calendar year, but liturgically speaking, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In the upcoming 2018 New Year, our families will likewise face challenges and struggles that will test our faith.

These situations will cause us to experience a plethora of emotions, highs and lows, and it will require us to expend a certain amount of energy, time, and resources for a solution. Throughout it all, let us follow the example of St. Joseph, and not close ourselves off from being open to God's loving hand through the people in the words or actions that direct us in doing is Divine Will and what is in our best interest despite us not realizing it or had planned.

If we do this, we will all strive towards the same togetherness, perseverance, hope, faith, and love that made the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph **HOLY!**

Blessings on this New Year to you and your Family!
~Fr. Michael

Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment is \$4,057,587. 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 the New Well just began drilling on December 5 and the Septic System will follow in January 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.

Meetings

Facilities Meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd, 5 pm at the Convent.

Altar Society Meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd, 7 pm at the Convent.

Cemetery Committee & Cemetery Endowment Board Meeting on Thursday, January 4th, 7 pm in the Parish Center.

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, January 8th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

The Word Among Us

Free copies of The Word Among Us. Daily meditations for January are available at the entrance of church to take home. Sponsored by the Visitation Altar Society.

Linda Hertel Funeral Service

Loretta Hertel's daughter-in-law, Don's wife Linda passed away. Her funeral services have been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 5 at St. Francis of Assisi In Roy. 10:30am Rosary and 11:00am Funeral Mass. Please keep the Hertel family in your prayers.

Harvey Van Dyke Funeral Service

Saturday, January 6th Noon Rosary and 12:30pm Funeral Mass at Visitation.

A Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 19-21, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto will be gone Jan. 8-13, Jan. 17-25

Fr. Juan Jose will be gone Dec. 26-Jan. 7, Jan. 15-19.

Fr. Jesus will be gone Jan. 6-9, Jan. 22-26.

Fr. Michael will be gone Jan. 15-17 (New Ritual of Exorcism Workshop at Mt. Angel Retreat Center).

HS Youth Group

Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center. Kick Off to New Year with Epiphany Olympics. Please wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting dirty! All are welcomed.

HS Confirmation

Meets Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm in **St. Edward Parish Hall (North Plains)**. Please note the location change from this point forward.

Middle School Youth Group

Meets Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm in Visitation Parish Center. Kick Off to 2nd Semester with Game Night. Come and try to beat Fr. Michael and the adult chaperones. All are welcomed.

RCIA

Meets Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy. Fr. Michael will be discussing "Sacrament of Baptism".

Choir Practice

No Choir practice this week. Enjoy the New Year with your family.

Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Committee and Cemetery Endowment Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Lyle Spiesschaert 503-357-5757.

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

The term of three members, Aaron Duyck, Joe Finnegan, and Lacy Wiley will be expiring and there are open spots. I would like to personally thank Aaron, Joe, and Lacy for their dedication and time on the council. I invite all of you prayerfully discern who you believe would be a faithful servant in an advisory role for the pastoral and sacramental care of the parish. Below I have included the qualifications:

- In full communion with the Catholic Church, i.e., baptized Catholic and member of the parish (CCL 512).
- One who exhibits good faith, morals, and prudence (CCL 512).
- One who nourishes a deep prayer life and exhibits an active faith life.
- One who is able to collaborate effectively with others.
- One who values consensus, is open to new ideas, and can set aside personal agendas to listen.
- One who can discern.
- One who can study, reflect, and recommend practical conclusions.

Please drop off your nominations to Donna Heesacker at the school office, call her at 503-357-6990 or e-mail her at churchsecretary@vesknights.org. The deadline is Monday, February 5 at 5pm.

~Fr. Michael