

## VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



**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. Currently, \$8,050 has been raised toward the Annual Appeal goal. Donations can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to: Visitation Catholic School, 4189 NW Visitation Rd, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

**2018-2019 Preschool And Kindergarten Registration** - Preschool and Kindergarten and Registration for 2018-2019 is now open to parishioners and current preschool and school families. Families can register their Kindergartener or Preschooler by filling out the New Student Application/ Registration Form located in the back of church or in the school office. All forms and non-refundable fees (\$75 for preschoolers and first month tuition due by June 22nd and \$100 for kindergarteners) should be turned in to the school office by January 28th after which time kindergarten and preschool registration will be open to all. For any questions, please email [secretary@vcsknights.org](mailto:secretary@vcsknights.org) or call 503-357-6990.

**Need Tuition Assistance? 2018-2019 Facts Schedule For Application Deadlines...** - Apply online today at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) for tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year. **The online application deadline is March 16th** to give FACTS the time necessary to process the data. A friendly reminder to please be sure to fill out your application in its entirety. All documentation (W-2's, tax return, etc.) must be either uploaded, faxed or mailed to FACTS, Grant & Aid Assessment, P.O. Box 82524 Lincoln, NE, 68501-2524. **These steps are very important** to insure your family will be considered for tuition assistance. Any questions on this process please contact the school office at 503-357-6990.

**Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - Alumni Mass Volunteers Needed!** - If you are an Alumni of Visitation Catholic School and would like to help with the 8:30 am Mass on the morning of Wednesday, January 31st, please contact the school office at 503-357-6990 or [secretary@vcsknights.org](mailto:secretary@vcsknights.org). Thank you for your support!

**Special Friends/Grandparents Day - Wednesday, Jan 31** - Volunteers are needed for serving food, set-up and clean-up in the Parish Center. If you are able to help, please contact the school office at 503-357-6990. Thank you!

**Rummage Sale Drop-Off by Appointment** - Drop offs have been successful to nearly filling the first trailer. Thank you to all that have contributed. Please contact Tom Douglas at 731-612-5697 to arrange a mutual time to meet. Generally Tuesday and Thursdays at 3:30 pm.

**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](mailto:scrip@vcsknights.org) and we will call you when your order is ready. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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## **JANUARY 7, 2018 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### **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	January	7	8:00 am	Kaye Meeuwsen † by Phil & Tina Vandehey
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	January	8	8:00 am	Joyce Sample † by Parish
Tuesday	January	9	8:00 am	Harold Vandervelden † by Kenny Vandervelden
Wednesday	January	10	8:00 am	Gerry Vandehey † by Roger & Louann McNurlin
Thursday	January	11	8:00 am	Claudell Giesbers by Jean Groce
Friday	January	12	<b>8:30 am</b>	Pete and Irene Jansen † by Bruce & Linda Heintz and Family
Saturday	January	13	5:00 pm	Gene Lewis † by Family

**Weekday Servers:**

January 8th-11th: Madeline Brown and Christine Anders

**December 30th & 31st**

**Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$6,250.00

Loose Collection: \$376.95



**Weekend Masses For January 13th & 14th**

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Lee LaBonte	Judy Verboort	Francis Duyck
Eucharistic Host Minister	Traci Nelson	Lorna Vandecoevering	Steve Kloplic
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Christy Duyck Byron Schmidkofer	Jennifer Finegan Mel Finegan	Donna Vandehey Don Vandehey
Ushers	Lawrence Peters Denis Giesbers	Lawrence Verboort Tom Herinckx	Mike Duyck John Braxmeyer
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Madeline Brown Kristen Luna Kendrick Luna <b>CB</b>	DJ Heckenberg Katherine Nevis Anne Nevis <b>CB</b>	Noah Renshaw Jolina Wessels Nate Wessels <b>CB</b>
Music	Bethany Stewart Heather Renshaw	Regina McLoud	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby

**From the Desk of Fr. Michael**

During my theological studies at the North American College in Rome, there was a custom that on the Feast of the Epiphany our dorm rooms were blessed. I invite all of you to consider adopting this custom for your own family.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to "Be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return" (adapted from the collect of the Ritual of House Blessing).

Traditionally, above the entrance of the front door, the following is written in chalk:

**+ 20 C M B 18+**

The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. The first is that they represent the first initials of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The second is that it is a Latin abbreviation for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

Below I have provided a text for you to follow if you would like to incorporate this custom in your family life.

**All make the Sign of the Cross.**

Leader/Parent: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: *From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.*

Leader/Parent: Let us now pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**All pray the Our Father...**

Leader/Parent: Let us ask Mother Mary and St. Joseph her husband to pray for us this year.

**All pray the Hail Mary...**

Leader/Parent: O God, we ask you to bless this home, that those who live in it may experience health, peace and goodness. May we always strive for family unity and not division. May we be given the graces to build up your kingdom and may it begin here in our home amongst our family. Amen. *Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above, or next to an entrance: +20 C M B 18+*

Have a Blessed Week!

~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.

Thank you for your prayers for the success of our new well. Enough water was reached at 974 feet and the well is producing at 45+ gallons per minute! In the next few weeks work on the new septic system will be started. We thank God for these many blessings in the New Year

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.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to the Baggenstos Family for donating the beautiful Christmas trees; to Katie Hyneman for the wreaths; to Patty Duyck for the Window decorations and for adding the pretty bows to wreaths. Thank you to all our helpers: Laura & Anne Nevis for putting up the crib set; to the Carl Carlson family, Joyce VanDyke, Dorie and Jim Herinckx, Evelyn and Dave Herinckx, Sharon and Denny Giesbers and Betty Lewis for the decorating. Special Thanks to the Altar Society for the New Nativity Statues and Dave & Don Herinckx for the new stable.

Thank you for donating the Poinsettias; Mel & Marie Finegan, Charles Noll, Marvin & Carolyn Vanaken, Albert & Joyce Vanderzanden, Jean Groce, Rich Paris, Joyce VanDyke, and Frances Koehnke.

### **7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Breakfast**

You are invited to come to the 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Breakfast on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 12 noon in the Visitation Parish Center. The breakfast proceeds help to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation/retreat and the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade OMSI submarine fieldtrip. Adults, Seniors & Young Adults - \$7, Children 5-12 - \$5, Children 4 and under – Free, Immediate Family - \$30. The menu includes: French toast, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, and assorted beverages. It promises to be a great breakfast and will be served by our very own 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We hope you can make it!

### **Choir Practice**

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, January 7th, 5-6 pm. All children grades 2nd - 8th are welcome to join.

### **Meetings**

Parents Club Meeting on Monday, January 8th, 6pm Potluck and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center.

CPO Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, 7 pm at the Parish Center.

Auction Meeting on Thursday, January 11th, 7 pm in the School Library.

### **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.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester with Game Night. Come and try to beat Fr. Michael and the adult chaperones. All are welcomed.

### **RCIA**

Meets Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy. Fr. Michael will be discussing "Sacrament of Confirmation".

### **Religious Education**

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

### **CPO Meeting**

CPO Meeting on Wednesday, January 10th, 7 pm, at the Parish Center in Verboort will feature the Washington County Emergency Management department as they talk about how local residents can prepare for natural disasters.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Nominations**

The term of three members, Aaron Duyck, Joe Finegan, 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@vcsknights.org](mailto:churchsecretary@vcsknights.org). The deadline is Monday, February 5 at 5pm.

~Fr. Michael