

### VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS (Continued)

**Special Friends/Grandparents Day** - Special Friends/Grandparents are welcome to join your child at any of these events: All School Visitation Alumni Mass at 8:30 am, special activities at 9:15 am to 10 am in the church, All School Class Performance at 10:30 am in the Parish Center. Lunch at 11:30 am ish... guests will enjoy lunch in the Parish Center with their special child (must pre-purchase or bring a cold lunch), all K-8th Grades. They will then leave after lunch is finished.

**Pop Tab Contest and Penny War** - Our help is needed by the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington. This charity provides temporary housing to families of children who are hospitalized due to serious illness or injury. The pop tabs we collect will be delivered to them and they, in turn, recycle the metal. This service project is an easy way to help your children participate in making a positive difference in their community.

Classes will be competing to see who can collect the most tabs through Thursday, February 1st and the prize is BIG! The class that collects the most tabs will win 3 days of free dress. The second place class will receive 2 free dress days and the third place class will receive one free dress day. The entire school can earn an additional day of free dress if we meet or exceed our school goal of 210 pounds of tabs. Ask your friends, family, and neighbors to collect for you and start bringing in those tabs!

**Also a penny war to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities!** You may be wondering why two collections for the same charity. Last year when our over 200 pounds of pop tabs were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House, they let us know that, while they were grateful for our help, the tabs we had collected would probably equal less than \$20 (the price of aluminum fluctuates and had fallen significantly). We wanted to positively impact this worthy charity to a greater degree, so 1, 2, 3, 4 we are declaring a Penny War!

**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.



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. — Mk 1:19-20

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## **JANUARY 21, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **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	21	8:00 am	Corazon M. Siddayao † 1st Anniversary of her death by Friend
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	January	22	8:00 am	Pete Evers † by Mike & Joyce Ochsner
Tuesday	January	23	8:00 am	Sister Janice Boogaard † by Sister Anne & Sister Agnes Vandecoevering
Wednesday	January	24	8:00 am	Vera VanDyke † by Family & Friends
Thursday	January	25	8:00 am	Susie Meeuwse † Larry & Brian Meeuwse
Friday	January	26	<b>8:30 am</b>	Rudy Landauer † by Larry & Marilyn Landauer
Saturday	January	27	5:00 pm	Harvey VanDyke † Richard & Pat Hammond

**Weekday Servers:**

January 22nd-25th: Andre and Marco Torres

**January 13th & 14th  
Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$2,659.00  
Loose Collection: \$443.25



**Weekend Masses For January 27th & 28th (Catholic Schools Week)**

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Linda Oldenburg	Rich Paris	School Children
Eucharistic Host Minister	Scott Stewart	Mel Finegan	Paul Heesacker
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Traci Nelson Volunteer	Lorna Vandecoevering Tammy Scheenstra	Don Vandehey Genelle Duyck
Ushers	Lawrence Peters Denis Giesbers	Tom Herinckx Gary Duyck	School Children
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Sebastian Lohrer Grayson Landon	Kyle Hughes Coleman Lux	School Children
Music	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Children's Choir

**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\*

**Geography Bee** - Geography Bee on Friday, January 26th, 9:15 am in the gym.

**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, \$8,300 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@vesknights.org](mailto:secretary@vesknights.org) or call 503-357-6990.

**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 January 31, 2018. Any late application may be disqualified.

**Seeking Applicants** - The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon is seeking applicants for anticipated principal openings and anticipated teacher opening in its Catholic schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Information about the openings as well as application materials and directions can be found at this link: <https://schools.archdpx.org/principal-position-vacancies>, or by calling 503-233-8348.

**Open House/ School Carnival** - Join our Annual Open House/School Carnival on Sunday, January 28th from 11 am to 2 pm. All are welcome to our Open House! Come meet our Staff, visit the classrooms, and explore our great campus. Our carnival will have activities for the young and the old including: Fish pond, balloon toss, basketball shots, cake walk and more.

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

Dear Parishioners,

This Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, legalizing abortion. Last Sunday (January 14<sup>th</sup>) at Pioneer Square in Portland, Archbishop Sample led a prayer service and rally for the Right to Life. On Friday (January 19) the annual March for Life occurred in Washington, D.C.

These public displays remind us that abortion is not a private matter, but it has bitter public consequences. Furthermore, as people of Faith and for LIFE, we are also reminded that what may be legal is not necessary morally right. In Justice Thomas's dissent decision which was joined by the late Chief Justice Rehnquist and the late justice Scalia, all three reiterated this very point.

During my studies at Catholic University of America, I enrolled in an elective called "Religious Liberty and US Law." My professor, Mr. Renzo, was a former legal clerk for the late Justice Scalia. Still maintaining a very good relationship, he arranged for the class to sit in on a Supreme Court hearing as well as have a brief audience with Justice Scalia.

I recall how gracious Justice Scalia was taking his time from his busy schedule to meet with us, but also, how reverent he was toward the 2 priests (Fr. Jamin and I) were the only two non laity in the class. He quipped that having a son, Fr. Paul Scalia, a priest from the Diocese of Arlington, he had great respect for what God has called us to do

During the visit, one of my classmates asked in his legal opinion, how would this decision be overturned? Justice Scalia paused and said that if you studied the case, it was framed on the basis of privacy. In other words, the privilege between doctor-patient must be protected and secure especially when weighing medical procedures and treatment.

For this reason, the six Justices who ruled in favor desired to protect the government from infringing on this doctor-patient privilege and privacy. Although he still stands by what was written in the dissenting decision, "that decision was grievously wrong" on a moral level, one possible legal solution is to propose a 28<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment that would afford legal rights to the unborn.

He proceeded to walk us through a basic civic class that we all learned in Junior High that in order to amend the Constitution, the amendment must be proposed by both the House of Representatives and Senate with a 2/3 vote or through the calling of a constitutional convention by the state legislatures which also requires of 2/3 vote.

He emphasized the importance and he was looking directly at Fr. Jamin and I, our moral responsibility as good Shepherds to form the conscience of our people properly so they can make good decisions in their lives and how they exercise the right to vote.

Let us continue to pray that the Truth of the Gospel of Life is heard with an openness and that the Holy Spirit that not only forms the hearts of all can also change it too.

Have a Blessed Week!  
Fr. Michael

## **2nd Collection, Jan 20-21**

2nd Collection this weekend for Catholic Communication Campaign. Your contribution connects people in the United States and around the world to the merciful love of Christ. By supporting this collection, you help to spread the Good News to people around the country and around the world.

## **Priest Travel Dates**

Fr. Roberto will be gone Jan. 17-25

Fr. Jesus will be gone Jan. 22-26.

## **HS Youth Group**

Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center for a Life Nite on "Angels and demons". All are welcomed.

## **HS Confirmation**

Meets Sunday, January 28, 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 28, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm in Visitation Parish Center. We will be discussing "Angels".

## **RCIA**

Meets Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church, Roy. Fr. Michael will be discussing "Eucharistic Devotion and Piety".

## **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!

## **Religious Education**

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-5 pm in the convent.

## **Choir Practice**

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 5-6 pm. All children grades 2nd - 8th are welcome to join.

## **Ash Wednesday Retreat**

February 14, 2018, Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton

Theme: "The Passion of Christ from the Perspective of the Dominican Saints"

Retreat Master: Very Rev. Vincent Kelber, OP, 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Doors open at 8:00 a.m., Suggested Donation: \$40 per person, includes lunch.

To register: email [sisters@olpretreat.org](mailto:sisters@olpretreat.org); call us at [503-649-7127](tel:503-649-7127) or [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org)



*In Focus with.....  
Danielle (Dani)  
Cook*

*Article/Picture by Donna Sepull  
-Vanderzanden*

Dani Cook was born in Hillsboro on July 28, 1975. Her parents are Art & Patty Vanderzanden. Grandparents on her Mom's side: Tony & Doris Unger, & Dad's side Bill & Louise Vanderzanden. Her siblings are: Blaine, Ron, Curt, Brad, Derek, Jason, Garret, herself, Joel, Rachelle, and Josh. She was raised in Verboort, and attended Visitation Catholic School & Forest Grove High, and six months at PCC. She enjoyed being a member of FFA, saying that her teacher was a great inspiration to the students, as he always brought out the best in them. Dani's 1st job was at the Elks Lodge washing dishes. For the last 23 years she has been employed at Bi-Mart, & is now Department Manager in housewares and electronics. She loves working there.

Dani met Christopher Cook at a dance at the Foresters Hall, and they were married on June 14, 1997. Christopher works for Kuni BMW in the parts dept. in Beaverton. Their children are Raymond, Ashley and Courtney. "We have a good family life. Yes, we have our disagreements, but we learn from them," Dani remarked. They have 2 pets: Cookie the cat & KoKo the dog, and they live near the Bard Park area in Forests Grove.

Dani has been the Secretary for Visitation Altar Society for the past 3yrs. She also volunteers with 'Dinners to Go' at the Annual Sausage Dinners. Her hobbies consist of Photography (Especially First Communion & Graduation), making quilts (She has made 5), and spending quality time with her family.

"The happiest day of my life was when my husband decided to go to church with us. It was a turning point in all our lives." "The motto I try to live by is something my Dad taught me years ago." He always said, "No matter what the task is, always do your best." As I grew up my Mom was my hero because she is such a strong person who taught me how to be a servant." As for my dreams, "I am looking forward to being a grandmother some day!"

Thank you Dani for your time, and sharing your life with those who read this article.

**Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign**

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment is \$4,063,537. 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 completed and the Septic System is beginning this February 5, 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 defense 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 -

thrust into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,

who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Meetings**

Finance Meeting on Thursday, January 25th, 6 pm in the Convent.

SAC Meeting on Thursday, January 25th, 7 pm in the Convent.

**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

**Fiesta Dinner**

The Washington DC Kids will host a Fiesta Dinner on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 from 5 to 8:30 pm. Homemade Tamales, Rice and Refried Beans. Lemonade, Coffee, and Dessert is included with your meal. Pre-Sale tickets: Adults \$10; Child (10 & under) \$5. At the door: Adult \$12; Child (10 & under) \$7. Child meal Cheese Quesadilla, Rice & Beans. Pre-sale tickets at [www.vcsknights.org](http://www.vcsknights.org) Pre-sale ends Thursday, February 1st. Thank you for your support!