

Meeting

Washington DC Kids 2018 Meeting on Tuesday, February 27th, 7 pm in the 7th/8th grade classroom.

Rummage Sale

The 2018 Rummage Sale will be on Friday, March 2nd, 8 am to 9:30 am - \$5 Early Bird Entry Fee; 9:30 am to 7 pm - Free Entry! Saturday, March 3rd, 8 am to 5 pm - Free entry all day! 50% off from 12 pm to 5 pm. \$5 Bag Sale from 3 pm to 5 pm. (Bags provided by Rummage Sale Staff)



VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

1/2 Day of School - 1/2 Day of School on Friday, March 2nd, early dismissal at 11:30 am.

2018-2019 Preschool And Kindergarten Registration - If you have a kindergartener or a preschooler for next year's 3 or 4 year old program, it is time for parents and parishioners to enroll your child for the 2018-2019 school year. As of January 28th, the registration opened to all families. Our morning 4's preschool for next year is nearly full. The 3's preschool and the afternoon 4's preschool have some space remaining, and the kindergarten is about two-thirds full. Registering is important to save your space.

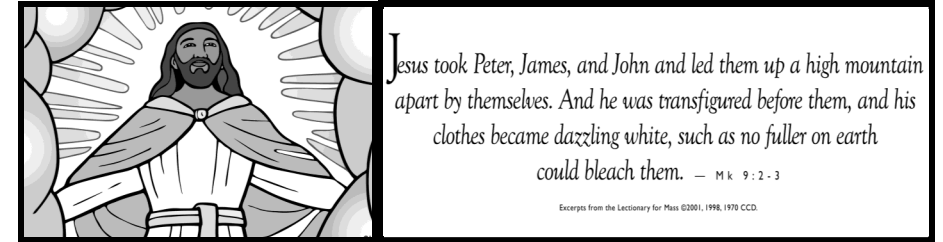
CYO - CYO Fighting Dutch Track and Field is looking for athletes and coaches. Practice starts on Monday March 12th and will be Monday and Wednesdays 5:30-7pm at Neil Armstrong Middle School, (pending FGSD approval). Additional optional training days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is open to Boys and Girls 3rd-8th grade no experience required. Meets are Saturday Mornings from 4/14-5/5, 3rd - 4th grade championships on 5/12. 5th - 8th grade Championships on 5/19-5/20. Price is \$130 and a purple uniform top will be needed. Uniforms are available at Gear Up Sports <http://www.gearupsports.net/fightingdutch/>

Please sign-up at the link: <http://cyostfrancisroyvisitation.bonzidev.com/track>

Any questions please contact Tom Pelster at tjpelster@gmail.com or call/text [971-219-2076](tel:971-219-2076)

Auction - Visitation School will be hosting the 18th Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, May 12th. Do you have a business that you would like to get a donation from or sponsor the auction? Forms are available in the Convent basement.

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.



FEBRUARY 25, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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	February	25	8:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
			10:00 am	Jim McCammond † by Carol McCammond
Monday	February	26	8:00 am	Special Intention
Tuesday	February	27	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Wednesday	February	28	8:00 am	For Sick and Infirm by Parish
Thursday	March	1	8:00 am	For More Vocations by Parish
Friday	March	2	8:30 am	Rudy Landauer † by Larry & Marilyn Landauer
			7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March	3	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass in the Convent
			5:00 pm	For Those Battling Cancer by Jean Groce

Weekday Servers:

February 26-28 & March 1: Natalie Williams and Anela Johnson-Moody

**February 17th & 18th
Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$2,837.00
Loose Collection: \$412.25

Stations of the Cross Servers, Friday March 2nd:
Volunteers



Weekend Masses For March 3rd & 4th

Mass times **5:00 PM - Saturday** **8:00 AM - Sunday** **10:00 AM - Sunday**

Lectors	Chris Duyck	Joe Finegan	Donna Vandehey
Eucharistic Host Minister	Paul Hepler	Mel Finegan	Cheryl Eckler
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Byron Schmidkofer Donna Heesacker	Tammy Scheenstra Jennifer Finegan	Dean Hermance Patty Vanderzanden
Ushers	Joseph Heesacker Dave Heesacker	Pete Lepschat Leo Pelster	Andy, James and Francis Duyck
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Madeline Brown Kristen Luna Kendrick Luna CB	Kyle Hughes Coleman Lux	Ben Pelster Ted Pelster Eli Pelster CB
Music	Bethany and Alicia's Group		Leanne Duyck

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

As many have you have already received, this year's Parish Lenten gift is a book entitled, "Beautiful Hope." It is a compilation of various spiritual authors addressing the following 4 questions/themes:

- Part I—What is Hope? (Feb. 25)
- Part II—Hope in the Church (March 4)
- Part III—Hope in Action (March 11)
- Part IV—Becoming Hope (March 18)

If you are reading along, I will address each part for the next 4 Pastor's Notes. So, Part I: What is Hope? When I read this part, one of the essays really struck a cord with me. Fr. Mike Schmidt authored the first essay which he shared stories of those brave American soldiers who either were shot down or in a POW camp and how they found the hope to survive.

Time and time again, he stressed from their valiant story was that hope is NOT wishing thinking or optimism, but rather it is an act that propels one to persevere, to believe with great conviction that there is meaning to life and it is worth fighting and living for.

When I read this, it reminded me of my own parents' journey from war torn Vietnam in April 1975 when Saigon was under siege and falling. I realize that I have shared their story many times, but every time reminding all the little details of how they escaped and if the timing was off by a few minutes or something did not fall into place, the story and narrative would change.

Often times I have asked my parents how they did it, that is, manage to negotiate a chaotic city with 4 children in toe, arrive at the port and dumping all of the family's jewelry and money in order to board a fishing boat that could only hold 30 people, but instead sheltered 71. Then travel 5 days on the South China Sea without being boarded by pirates, capsizing, getting lost, or caught by the Communist navy and arrive to the Philippines.

And even as the boat was outside International waters and awaiting for the Filipino government to grant permission for political asylum which was not a guarantee until the Catholic Archbishop of Manila intervened and clarified that these were not political refugees that would affect relations with the new regime forming in Vietnam but rather religious refugees. It was then that the boat was granted safe passage to the Philippines.

This was the answer for my parents' decision that they had to escape Vietnam. It was their single belief and conviction that fueled their every decision and action that they would be unable to practice their Catholic faith and religion under a communist regime. This is the virtue of HOPE: to know who we are, to know what values that have been passed onto by the generations before us, and to know that it is worth living and fighting for.

Have a Blessed Lenten Week!

~Fr. Michael

Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment is \$4,064,433. Thank you for your generosity. The Weston Matching Grant has been achieved and we have qualified for the \$100,000 grant match.

The new well and well house are nearly completed. The septic system is in progress and should be completed in four to six weeks.

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.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be held on Monday, February 26th, 6 pm at the Church.

RCIA

Meets 6:00-7:00pm Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 at 6pm St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church basement. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "Catholic Moral Vision".

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, February 26th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

Choir Practice

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, February 25th, 5-6 pm. All children grades 2nd - 8th are welcome to join.

Easter Mass: We will be adding adults to the children's choir for the Easter 10am Sunday mass. If you are interested look in the bulletin next week for practice times. There will be 3 March practices with the adults to prepare for the Easter mass. Contact Sarah Crosby with any questions @ 503-992-8215 or svandecoevering1@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest

Hosted by District 17 Knights of Columbus. For boys and girls ages 9 through 14 years February 25th 2018. Registration begins at 11:30am. Contest begins at 12:00pm.

St. Matthew School Gymnasium

221 SE Walnut Street, Hillsboro, OR 97123

*** Parent / Guardian must check-in and sign Free-Throw Participation/Release Form.

40 Cans for 40 Days

We are off to a good start. SVdP Food Pantry received 91lbs of food this first week of Lent. Last year we donated 2193lbs, Can we do it again? SVdP food requests are on the cross in the back of Church this includes Chili, Canned Corn, Canned diced Tomatoes, and Peanut Butter. We invite each parish household that is able to consider participating in the 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. Thank you for making a difference.

~The KofC and SVdP.

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Juan will be on his 30 day Spiritual Exercises which is required every 5 years from Feb. 2nd to March 5th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Archbishop Catholic Appeal (ACA) 2018

If you would like to donate to the 2018 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, there are extra pledge commitment cards at the entrance of the church. Please fill out and return to the parish office or place in the weekend collection basket. Thanks for your generous support.

Friday Way of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm at Roy, Verboort, and North Plains (in North Plains, 6pm Simple Bread and Soup is served in the Parish Hall)

2018 Parish Mission

Come join us for the Parish Mission, 3 evenings of fellowship and inspirational and spiritual presentations by Fr. Juan Jose Gonzales, MSpS. Fr. Juan Jose will be presenting upon "God's Retirement plan...it is out of this world!"

We will gather at 6pm for heavy appetizers and drinks in the parish hall and 7pm the conference will begin.

Sunday March 18 at Visitation (Verboort)

Monday, March 19 at St. Francis (Roy)

Wednesday, March 21 at St. Edward (North Plains)

Finally, a plenary indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who on an occasion attend a Mission which includes the fulfillment of three conditions within 7 days after the solemn conclusion of the Mission: 1) sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope (see below).

Prayer for the Pope

Let us pray for Pope Francis, our Holy Father. May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. Amen. May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. Amen. May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen.

"Fasting and Abstinence Regulations" for the Archdiocese

- All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday.
- All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk, and fruit juices are allowed.

HS Confirmation

Meets Sunday, February 25, 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

Lenten Service Project is scheduled for Friday, March 2 at St. Edward, North Plains. 6pm we will serve Soup and Bread meal in the hall and 7pm lead stations of the cross in the church. Please contact to Laura Nevis to sign up.