

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



Dinner Night Out - Join us at Elmer's on Monday, March 19th, 2018, 390 SW Adams Ave., Hillsboro, OR, between 6 am-9 pm (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* Our last dinner out at Chipotle raised \$460.85. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations! - We wish to congratulate 5th grader Andrew Kloplic! Drew has passed the school level and the local level of the National Geographic Geography Bee. In April, he will be competing at the state level and will have a chance to qualify for the national competition. We wish him the best!

Thank You! - Thank you to the many parents, parishioners and students that helped to make the Rummage Sale so successful! We especially thank our rummage sale chair Tom Douglas for taking the leadership role. This year the Rummage Sale made about \$6,000. This event benefits our school and community in so many ways. The money earned from the Rummage Sale helps to pay for student activities such as fieldtrip costs, music, art, PE equipment, Library supplies, and much more.

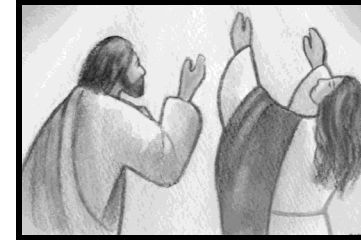
2018-2019 Preschool And Kindergarten Registration - If you have a kindergartener or a preschooler for next year's 3 or 4 year old program, it is time for parents and parishioners to enroll your child for the 2018-2019 school year. As of January 28th, the registration opened to all families. Our morning 4's preschool for next year is 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. Call for a private tour!

Project Second Wind - Visitation Catholic School is participating in the Oregon Food Bank Project Second Wind food drive. The food drive helps to restock the food bank shelves at a time when food donations often slow down. The Project Second Wind food drive begins on Monday, March 12th and ends on March 19th. Visitation's school goal is 600 pounds of food and \$200. For each dollar donated the Oregon Food Bank is able to distribute 4 lbs. of food.

CYO - Congratulations to our 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade St. Francis/Visitation CYO basketball teams! The boys and girls teams have been competing in tournaments the last few weeks and have been very successful. In the City Tournament the 3rd grade girls were 1st place, 4/5th grade girls were 4th place, the 4 grade boys were 4th place, and the 6th grade boys team 1st place. The older grade teams, 7/8th are still in the middle of their tournament.

Auction - This year's School Dinner/Auction, "A Knight in Paradise" will be held Saturday, May 12th. The Friday night auction will be on May 11th. Donation forms are available in the back of church and on the convent basement auction table. Please see our list on items we are hoping to get donated. Also, check out our auction board to see the awesome items we already have donated! For questions, please call Aaron Duyck at 503-806-1191.

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.



“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” — Jn 3:20-21

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MARCH 11, 2018 FOURTH 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	March	11	8:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
			10:00 am	Ricky Crop † by Florence Crop
Monday	March	12	8:00 am	For Those Battling Cancer by Jean Groce
Tuesday	March	13	8:00 am	Elaine (Cruncan) Duyck † by Cecilia Fraser
Wednesday	March	14	8:00 am	Bob & Mildred Crop † by Florence Crop
Thursday	March	15	8:00 am	Debra Jane Vaandering † by Family
Friday	March	16	8:30 am	In Memory of Maurice & Kathy Meeuwse † by The Heckenberg Family
			7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March	17	5:00 pm	Francis Noll † by Family

Weekday Servers:

March 12-15: Kyle Franck and Charlie Funk

March 3rd & 4th

Your Gift to God

Envelopes & Checks: \$5,879.00

Loose Collection: \$379.36

Stations of the Cross Servers, Friday March 16th:
Volunteers



Weekend Masses For March 17th & 18th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Lee LaBonte	Joe Finegan	Alicia Stadelman
Eucharistic Host Minister	Traci Nelson	Mel Finegan	Steve Kloplic
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Donna Heesacker Volunteer	Jennifer Finegan Volunteer	Patty Vanderzanden Genelle Duyck
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Volunteer	Bob Lux Leo Duyck	Gary Hammond John Schmidlkofer
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Jesse Palominos Natalie Stewart Alexander Stewart CB	Kara Finegan Owen Finegan Everett Finegan CB	Andrew Kloplic Lauren Kloplic Maddie Kloplic CB
Music		Kathy Juenemann Tina Purdy	Kathy Juenemann Karen Jackson

Congratulations!

Adeline Jo Hormann, child of Ethan Hormann and Mikaela Van Dyke, baptized Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Save the Date!

The Annual CYO Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 23rd, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the Visitation Parish Center. Menu: Baked or Fried Alaskan cod, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw, green beans, roll. (Grilled cheese sandwich available) Presale tickets: Adults \$15; Children (ages 5-12 yrs.) \$6; \$80 Household (max. 6 people). At the door: \$17 Adults; Children (ages 5-12 yrs.) \$8. *No Take Outs* For tickets please contact Courtney Schaefer 503-324-0421 or Andrea Vandomelen 503-324-3834. The CYO Fish Fry supports the sports program at St. Francis and Visitation Schools.

Meetings

Parent's Club Meeting on Monday, March 12th, 7 pm at the Parish Center.

Auction Meeting on Tuesday, March 13th, 7 pm at the Library.

DC Kids 2018 Meeting on Wednesday, March 14th, 7 pm in the 7th/8th Grade Classroom.

CPO Meeting on Wednesday, March 14th, 7 pm at the Parish Center.

40 Cans for 40 Days Update

We received 419 pounds of food for SVdP this 20th day of Lent. We are at 39.1% of our goal of 2000 pounds, at 782. **Can** we do it? SVdP has a current need of cooking oil, canned corn, Pears, and Peaches. Thank you for your support during 40 Cans for Lent.

~The Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul

CPO Meeting

Community Participation Organization (CPO) Meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at Verboort Visitation Parish Hall from 7 to 830 pm.

Come discuss and address traffic safety, law enforcement, and community livability issues in Verboort with representatives from Washington County Sheriff's Office and Land Use and Transportation Offices. This is your chance to bring up your ideas and help the community get answers.

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for those seeking to deal with their abortion experiences. *"What is most meaningful to me is being free of what was a secret that prevented me from deeply connecting with others, especially my living children."* April 27-29 near Medford, October 23-25 near Eugene, In Spanish November 9-11. Contact Project Aurora at ProjectAurora@aol.com or 541-942-2861. For more information visit www.project-aurora.org or www.rachelsvineyard.org. Financial assistance is available!

Volunteers Needed

Lectors, Eucharistic Host, Eucharistic Cup Ministers, and Ushers are needed on the weekend Masses. Please contact Fr. Michael at mvuky@yahoo.com

Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment is \$4,064,608. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, March 12th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

Choir Practice

Adult and Children's Choir practice on Sunday, March 11th, 5-6 pm. For questions, please contact Sarah Crosby at svandecoevering1@yahoo.com or 503-992-8215.

Annual Senior Citizens Lunch

The Annual Senior Citizens Lunch will be on Sunday, March 18th, 2018, at Noon in the Visitation Parish Center. Social hour from 11am to 12 pm. Parishioners from Visitation, St. Francis and St. Edwards over 60 are welcome.

~Sponsored by The Visitation Altar Society

St. Francis of Assisi, Roy

51st Annual Steak or Ham Dinner on March 11th, 2018 from 11:30am-6pm. St. Francis School, 39085 NW Harrington Rd., Banks, OR. Drive thru take-outs available.

Easter Flowers

The Altar Society will be purchasing Easter Lilies and Azaleas for Easter. If you would like to purchase one as a memorial for a loved one, please send the order below to Margie Vandehey, 36390 NW Long Rd., Cornelius, OR 97113, by March 26th. The cost this year is \$10.00. Any questions, call Margie @ 503-357-7724.

Ordered by _____

Phone# _____

Lilies _____ Azaleas _____ @ \$10.00 each _____

In Memory of _____

Second Collection This Weekend, March 10th & 11th

Second Collection this weekend, March 10th & 11th for Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your donation will help Jesus in disguise through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims.

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)

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto will be gone the month of March due weekday meetings and weekend retreats.

Fr. Jesus is gone March 10-11 for a retreat.

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.

HS Confirmation

Make up class for those who missed last Sunday, March 4 has been scheduled for Sunday, March 11 6-7:30pm in the St. Edward Parish Hall.

Middle School Youth Group

Meets Sunday, March 18, 2018. We will be attending the Parish Mission. Please arrive at 6:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center for a meal and then 7:00pm we will be in the Church listening to Fr. Juan.

RCIA

No Meeting on 6:00-7:00pm Wednesday, March. 14, 2018 due to the St. Edward/St. Francis/Visitation Penance Service in Roy.

St. Edward/St. Francis/Visitation Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 14 at 7pm in St. Francis, Roy. Fr. Michael and the MSpS priests will be available to prepare you for the Easter celebration by hearing your confession. Please join us.

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

“Beautiful Hope” Part III: Hope in Action (pages 70-93)

These 5 stories shared, each with its own personal challenges whether it is a sick child, troubling personal finances, an unexpected pregnancy, an awakening in one’s marital relationship, and dealing with mental illness became an opportunity for each person to put hope into action.

The story that I would like to reflect upon is the story of the young man who was living his dream of being in a musical band, but was in debt due to the lifestyle he choose to live. He was told to tithe 10% to the Church. It was a very odd suggestion especially since he was in debt over his head.

After getting behind the number 10%, he realized it was an issue of trust. If he trusted God, he would be able to do this and so for the first time, he sat down and started to put together a budget. In other words, he started to plan.

This is the point that Rich Karigaard, a contributor of Forbes Magazine, when he wrote his article entitled, “Irrational Act” about the financial benefits of tithing. He begins the article describing that for many of us, when we hear the word, “tithing” it conjures up a image of a televangelist beseeching you to wire \$1000 dollars to an 800 number. The money he croons will return to you ten-fold, in of course, divine time which is eternal.

The article goes on to say that this couple started to give away 10% out of every paycheck. Here’s where the promise comes in—“absent financial worry [this new tither] feels more creative and energetic about his work. Clients evidently like his attitude.”

In this same article, another prominent businessman shared the benefits he received from tithing. Here are some of the things he said—

- “When I began to tithe, I found freedom from my possessions. I don’t hold on to things as tightly anymore.”
- “When you loosen your grip on possessions, you become more willing to take a chance. Entrepreneurial risk is less terrifying.”
- “Tithing requires discipline, but that discipline begins to show up unexpectedly in other areas of my life. When I began to tithe I was able to rise earlier in morning. I’m more patient with people.”
- “Tithing puts you in touch with people in their needs. This is an excellent habit to acquire in business. I guarantee you, if you want to build a company, you have to be in touch with customers’ needs.”
- “When you tithe, you begin to see yourself as a steward of resources. You don’t engage in wasteful spending. You learn to become a ‘bootstrapper.’”

In conclusion, the author writes, “The pursuit of innovation by entrepreneurs willing to give before they get creates discontinuities that shatter the predictable loop of supply and demand. Entropy and monopoly alike are defeated by innovation. That is how capitalism works. It starts with an irrational act of giving.” Mind you, Forbes magazine is a Financial periodical, NOT Religious. But the author says that he does not know why tithing works—it just does.

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From the Desk of Fr. Michael (continued)

I will tell you why it works—because it pleases God. And God blesses those who tithe. There is only one passage in all of the scriptures in which God challenges us to test him. In all the rest of the scriptures— God warns that we are not to go testing him—but there is one single passage in which God invites us put him to the test.

That passage is in the little book of Malachi—the last book of the Old Testament. In Chapter 3 verse 10—God says—“Bring the full tithes...and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

No wonder why one of the Lenten practices is almsgiving, it is placing Hope into action.

Have a Blessed Lenten Week!

~Fr. Michael

