

Word Among Us

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

Please Pray For:

David Delplanche, private Family Services. Please keep the Delplanche Family in your prayers.

Bea Peters, private Family Services. Please keep the Peters Family in your prayers.

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Scrip - Even though we can not sell Scrip after weekend masses, it is still available to purchase. Please email your order to scrip@vcsknights.org. We can arrange a pick up time or deliver your order to you! We have quick turnaround times and can usually have it ready within 1 day!



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 October 12, 2020. Any late application may be disqualified.



Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community

We made our \$100,000 matching goal. On January 25-26, 2020, a private donor offered a matching fund and **6 MONTHS** later including COVID-19 current climate, we have \$104,398 out of the \$100,000 goal donated.

Currently \$675,045 has already been pledged and donated to create more opportunities for arts and athletics in our community. If you would like to donate, please visit www.vcsknights.org.

Please join me in imploring the help and seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother and pray the Memorare:



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to your protection, implored your help,
or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
But in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." — Mk 9:38-39
Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 198, 1970 CCD.

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2020 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 am
Friday: 8:30 am
Limit 50 per Satellite location, RSVP only till
Covid-19 subsides

CONFESSIONS: By appointment

NEW FAMILIES:

Kindly register by calling the
rectory

BAPTISMS: By appointment
MARRIAGES: By appointment
at least six months prior to
marriage

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	September	27	8:00 am	Deacon Fredrick Schmit by Todd & Kristi Schmit
			10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	September	28	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Tuesday	September	29	8:00 am	Earl Vandehey † by Ernest & Phyllis Pribula
Wednesday	September	30	No Mass	
Thursday	October	1	No Mass	
Friday	October	2	8:30 am	Jacob Walsh † by Herbert & Charlene Vanderzanden
Saturday	October	3	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass in the Church
			5:00 pm	Jane VanDyke † by Rick & Cheryl Jacobson



2020 Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner News

As most of you know, this years' Dinner will be quite different from normal operations. The Archdiocese and myself are extremely aware that your safety is paramount. In this time of COVID 19, even more so. That being said, all Dinner volunteers must adhere to Social Distancing, the use of facemasks and gloves for all Dinner activities. We are also limiting gathering sizes due to COVID so if you show up to a work party and are turned away, it is due to that reason. My apologies in advance if that happens to you. Flyers available in the back of church. A few key dates to remember.

- Applesauce making will be 9/26 @8AM until done. Please bring a paring knife. Need 20 adult volunteers. No children please. Lunch provided.
- All Parish and School Families are asked to place their "\$25 dinner donation" in the collection (mark as dinner donation).

Thank you for your support, Dean Hermance – Dinner Chair

Bake Booth - As of today, September 15, 2020, we are SOLD OUT of all cookies, pies and breads that have been committed to! Please sign up to commit to this fundraiser for Visitation Catholic School. The last day to commit is Thursday, October 1, 2020!

Quilt Raffle - Due to no Bazaar at the dinner this year, we have no way to make the money needed to continue to take care of the church supplies. We are going to raffle off the quilt by asking you to help. Tickets went out in last week's church bulletin and more are available in the back of church or you can call Donna Vandehey at 503-357-7027. Please try to get family and friends to buy some tickets.

A colored picture of the Quilt is in the back of church and in the parish center.

The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Write the name and phone number on the stub and place money and ticket stub in the envelope and place in the small box in church entryway. The box will be emptied after each Mass. Please put your name on the outside of the envelope, in case we have questions.

If you do not wish to participate, you may place the envelope with tickets in the box marked quilt and someone else may use them. Thank you for your support!

Fancy Work Booth - No Bazaar this year, but you can turn in the items you made. We may have a mini bazaar later and sell what we can. May leave in the back of church or contact Leanne LaBonte or Donna Vandehey at 503-357-7027.

Potholder Booth - No Bazaar: You may leave your potholders and prizes in the box in the back of church or the parish center. We have plastic containers and a place to store them till next year. If you need someone to pick-up your items, please call Donna Vandehey at 503-357-7027.

Donations are still being processed/recorded as usual. You may mail contributions to:
Visitation Church,
4285 NW Visitation Rd.,
Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Or go to the Visitation web-site: Verboort.org, click Parish, click giving, enter one-time, Amt, Payment Information, Billing information, click make payment. Thank you to all who have continued to give during this difficult time.

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

September 19th & 20th
Envelopes & Checks: \$3,334.00
Loose Collection: \$21.00
Annual Dinner: \$75.00

Weekend Masses For October 3rd & 4th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Scott Stewart	Tammy Scheenstra	Craig Duyck
EMHC—Host	Dean Hermance Ed Vandecoevering	Jennifer Finegan Lani Vandehey	Genelle Duyck Don Vandehey
Server	Natalie Stewart Zach Stewart	Kara Finegan	Liam Plep
Music	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby		Kathy Juenemann
Zoom Meeting	Anne Nevis Alex Stewart	Carl Carlson Anne Nevis	Nate Wessels

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Fr. Michael’s Pick: So Help Me God: The Promise & Power of the Sacraments by Scott Hahn

In this dynamic Lighthouse talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God’s name and implore His assistance. He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. Dr. Hahn then explains what led him to move from believing in only two sacraments to all seven. In sharing these insights, he connects oaths to the seven sacraments and unveils their mystery and importance. He reveals that the sacraments are the ordinary means by which God empowers us to do His will. You’ll discover that the sacraments don’t make holiness easy, but they do make it possible. Run Time: 61 minutes.

Fr. Juan Jose’s Pick: TBA

Families Assigned to the Church for October 3rd & 4th, 2020

Please notify us at churchsecretary@vcsknights.org or call Donna or Laura if you are unable to attend.

The following families are scheduled for the Church for the weekend of October 3rd & 4th (NEXT WEEKEND), please note that we are on approximately a 3 week schedule.

5:00 PM

Agustin (Ray), Bone (Louann), Bonin (Tom), Braukman (Allen), Crosby (Dianna), Crosby (Matthew), Giesbers (Gilbert), Groce, Heesacker (Jim), Heesacker (Louann), Hermance, Moreno, Mills, Oldenburg, Orbeck, Peters (Paul), Peters (Terry), Schouweiler, Stewart (Scott), Vandecoevering (Ed), Vandecoevering (Joe), Doherty

8:00 AM

Carlson (Carl), Duyck (Aaron), Duyck (Leo), Duyck (Gary), Evers (Todd), Finegan (Joe), Herinckx (Richard), Lepschat (Pete), Lux (Bob), Mullally, Redwine, Scheenstra (Tammy), Schmit (Todd), Vanderzanden (Albert), Vanderzanden (Josh), Vandehey (Lani),

10:00 AM

Burke, Duyck (Chris), Duyck (Craig), Eckler (James), Eckler (Cheryl), Eckler (Richard), Patten, Plep, Schlag, Vandehey (Don), Landon, Mayer, Luna (Gil), Cook (Chris)

Update on MSpS

Please pray for the recovery of Fr. Roberto and Fr. Mario. Fr. Juan will continue with his quarantine. Venerable Felix Rougier, pray for them!

Middle School Youth Group

Next Meeting Sunday, October 11, 2020 at Visitation church 6:00-7:00pm. We gather for Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction for Respect Life. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

H.S. Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meets Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Visitation church 6:00-7:00pm. We gather for Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction for Respect Life. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

H.S. Confirmation

Meets Sunday, October 4 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Baptism. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or e-mail: lnavis@farthing.com to register.

RCIA

Inquiry meets on Sunday, October 4 from Noon to 1:00pm in the Visitation Parish Center. Please contact Fr. Michael for more information.

Religious Education

Meets Monday, September 28 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Convent.

Live Streaming of Masses

The Archdiocese of Portland will continue to live stream the 11:00am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception every week until the gathering restrictions have been lifted. Go to <https://archdpdx.org/live-masses>

St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is live streaming the 10:00am Sunday Mass in Verboort every week. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 Password: HolyMass

USDA Food Box Program Update

Pacific Coast Fruit (PCF) informed the Archdiocese of Portland that USDA did NOT award PCF as a supplier for the food box program in Phase 3. **Effective immediately, there will be NO DISTRIBUTION through our parishes and affiliates.** The Archdiocese is reaching out today to the awarded supplier(s) to offer our parish distribution channel. PCF stated that in November they will apply once again for phase 4. Stay tuned for more details on the next steps. Again, thank you for all your efforts and support of the most vulnerable amongst us.

Altar Society Meeting

The Visitation Altar Society Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th, 2pm in the Convent. Will discuss Mini Bazaar and raffle. Masks required, please park across the street (school pick up)

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Dear Parishioners,

A couple of weeks ago, Archbishop Vlazny sent Bishop Steiner and I a letter from His Eminence Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments entitled, “Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!” Needless to say, it provided much reflection and food for thought, *no pun intended*.

In my discussions with my brother priests, we have heard the common sentiments:

- Frustration, anger and scandal by the way civil leaders have defined church worship service as non-essential, that is, seemingly less important than liquor stores or marijuana dispensaries to name a few that have been allowed to be open and provide full service.
- A “new” normal that some prefer watching Mass making spiritual communions with a cup of coffee in hand and sitting in a comfier seat than a pew or viewing livestream service that they can internet surf scrolling through a more convenient or engaging liturgy.
- Due to limited capacity, only being able to sign up once a month or once every two months to attend in person Church liturgy especially for parishes that have 1000+ families or more.

With that said, please do not misunderstand me as it is an act of charity as well as prudence towards those who are vulnerable and are in the high-risk group to be able to view Mass via online or livestream. However, there nevertheless is a great danger especially in this culture of convenience and consumerism that can seep into our spiritual attitudes and practices a habit of living without Sunday Mass altogether, even virtually.

For this reason, this letter from Cardinal Sarah, is very edifying and challenging insofar that it addresses the importance of calling, teaching, and reminding the faithful that although there is a duty and obligation, the physical attendance and participation at Sunday Mass is essential and necessary as it is centered around relationship and community.

Last week, 34 Middle Schoolers and 2 participating online as well as last Sunday, 33 HS teens with 2 participating online attended the celebration of Mass. For half of the Middle and High Schoolers, it was the second time that weekend going to Mass as they went with their family earlier. There was a desire to go a second time to pray and gather as a community of peers. Furthermore, a specific homily message was delivered to them that applied to their current situation.

From the Desk of Fr. Michael (Continued)

We cannot downplay or look past the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist because the Eucharist is THE Real and True Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is a mind-blowing reality that God loved us so much that He would humble Himself to take on human form. And then even further humble Himself to allow us, His creatures to crucify Him and further humble Himself to hide Himself under the appearances of bread and wine so that we, His creatures, may be nourished and strengthened by Him in Holy Communion.

As I have stated before, no different than a father who spends an hour with his beloved daughter playing “dolls” an activity that she has chosen. The doting father looks past his desire to watch football or tinker with a project in his shop, the father makes the deliberate decision to spend time with his daughter because it is out of love for his child.

Likewise, our God has asked us to engage in an activity of praise, worship and adoration in the Sacredness of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday. We oblige Him and we give to Him our time, talent, and treasure out of a sense of duty because we love Him. And in turn, He loves us even more unconditionally and perfectly.

And so, Cardinal Sarah’s letter, “Let us return to the Eucharist with Joy!” captures what the Christian response should always be with regard to the 3rd Commandment, “Keep holy the Sabbath”, that is, we attend not because we have to, but we want to, out of gratitude and thanksgiving to God OUT OF LOVE FOR HIM.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael
27 September 2020