

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Wreaths - The Christmas Wreaths will be ready for pick up in the Parish Center on Tuesday, November 24th, 3-6pm. Email christmaswreaths@vcsknights.org for questions. Thank you!

School Office Closed - The School Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

Rummage Sale Drop-Off - Now accepting gently used clothing, shoes, furniture, toys and books on Monday, November 30th, from 11am to 5pm at the Forester Hall (next to the Parish Center).

Items NOT Accepted - Car seats, baby cribs, playpens, bathroom items, large household appliances, building materials, encyclopedias, mattress or box springs, torn, soiled, damaged couches or chairs, CRT televisions, auto parts, paint/chemicals or any non-working items.

Scrip - Even though we cannot 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!

Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community

Currently \$681,045 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



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." — Jn 18:37

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NOVEMBER 22, 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT**

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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	November	22	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:00 am	Paul Juenemann † by Joan Jansen
Monday	November	23	8:00 am	John Vaandering † by Jim & Dorie Herinckx
Tuesday	November	24	8:00 am	Ted Stanek † by Deb Stanek
Wednesday	November	25	8:30 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Thursday	November	26	8:00 am	Jim McCammond † by Carol McCammond
Friday	November	27	8:00 am	Molly Scheenstra † by The Scheenstra Family
Saturday	November	28	5:00 pm	Jane VanDyke † by Gilbert & Nadine Giesbers

Thursday, November 26th (Thanksgiving)

Reader: Craig Duyck
 Eucharistic Host Ministers: Genelle Duyck & Lani Vandehey
 Server: Travis Duyck
 AV: Nate Wessels

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

November 14th & 15th
 Envelopes & Checks: \$4,138.00
 Loose Collection: \$50.00

Weekend Masses For November 28th & 29th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Lee LaBonte	Chris Wahlberg	Nate Wessels
EMHC—Host	Dean Hermance Donna Heesacker	Tammy Scheenstra Lani Vandehey	Carol Funk Alex Funk
Server	Daniel Bochsler	Katherine Nevis Michael Nevis	Braden Tunnell
Music			
Zoom Meeting	Alex Stewart	Anne Nevis	Zack Pelster Eli Pelster

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Dear Parishioners,

This upcoming week on Thursday, November 26 we as a nation will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Needless to say, Thanksgiving this year has taken a different vibe for a lot of us. Due to a more cautious approach to travelling and gathering, our tables may not be as full as normal like in year’s past. As one parishioner was remarking to me that her family gathering has shrunk from 50+ to less than a dozen. In exasperation, she said, “What are we thankful for this year?”

I did not have an immediate response to her but after some time in prayer and reflection, I am reminded that the FIRST Thanksgiving was held after what some might call a disastrous year. The pilgrims had arrived December 26, 1620. Lacking sufficient provisions and shelter for winter, most settlers became ill within weeks. 10 out of the 17 husbands and fathers died with the “first infection” and of the 17 wives, only three were alive after three months.

By April, more than half of the population had died of disease or famine. These bleak circumstances were punctuated by other forms of human tragedy. For example, William Bradford’s wife drowned as they disembarked from the Mayflower, leaving him a widower with a year-old child.

But thanks to an English-speaking Indian named Squanto, they were able to learn some survival tricks in the New World such as how to tap maple trees for sap, how to distinguish between poisonous and medicinal plants, how to plant Indian corn and fertilize it with dead fish. They had a sufficient harvest and they wanted to give thanks. Despite what almost everyone would have thought would have been the worst year of their lives, the fewer than 50 pilgrims left out of the 110 who had arrived ten months earlier, wanted to give thanks. Why?

They were still supremely confident in God’s providence. Providence comes from the word in Latin to “fore-see,” to “look out for,” and therefore, to “provide.” And they were confident that God, who foresees everything, who always looks out for us even when it might seem like he’s not, would indeed provide, as he did. No amount of personal suffering could shake that faith. No amount of personal hardship could rock their trust in a God whom they knew loved them and was looking over them.

As a result, they decided to have a feast TO GIVE THANKS. They were able to recognize that there were two primary recipients of their gratitude. The first and the principal one was God, who had brought them to this new land in the hope of religious freedom and had just blessed them with a good harvest. The second was others, those who had been God’s instruments in providing for them. And for this reason, they invited Squanto, another English-speaking Indian Samoset, and the chief of the local Wampanoags, Massasoit, to bring their families to share in their joy.

This year’s Thanksgiving can be greatly enriched if we follow the example of those at the First Thanksgiving. Their example encourages us to count our blessings, not to focus on those things that we don’t prefer. To look at life as a whole and see how full the glass is. Their example encourages us to do three things: 1) To count our blessings and give thanks to the Lord of all blessings, 2) to give thanks to all those whose love and actions have given us these blessings, and 3) to share these blessings with others.

So, may I propose the following: whomever you find yourself with you at table, after the meal blessing and expression of thanks to God, invite everyone at the table to name a person or an event that they are thankful for such as a new addition in the family, good health, etc. And finally, think of one way to express that blessing such as if it is a person that one is thankful for write a letter or call them up or if it is an event or good fortune, plan on paying it forward in some type of charitable act or giving. (Note: At St. Edward and St. Francis of Assisi, there is an opportunity for Advent Giving Tree to help needy local families.)

Wishing you and your families a Blessed Thanksgiving this upcoming Thursday!

Gratefully in Christ,
 Fr. Michael

Mass Schedule: Please contact Laura Nevis if you are not on the mass list. Our current gathering limit is 25. We ask that if you are able to attend a weekday morning mass instead of Sunday mass to contact us, so that we can make additional spots available for the community. Parishioners are limited to one Mass a week during the pause. Laura Nevis can be reached at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com

Thanksgiving				
	Church	South Dining Hall	North Dining Hall	School – Knights Club
8:00 Mass	McCammond, Duyck (Craig/Greg), Vandehey (Lani/George), Finegan (Melvin)	LaBonte (Louie), Marco, Evers (Todd/Joe), Vanderzanden (Art), Giesbers (Deny), Vandehey (Walt)	Evers/Scott, Funk, Duyck (Andy), Tunnell, Mayer	Stadelman (Ben/Jason/Lyle), Dooney, Kahler, Louann, Mullally

Weekend of 28 th & 29 th				
	Church	South Dining Hall	North Dining Hall	School – Knights Club
5:00 Mass	Bochsler, Stadelman (Lyle/Michael), Stafford, LaBonte (Lee), Hermance	Vandecoevering (Joe), Vandervelden, VanDyke (Matt), Bonin, Landon, Crosby, Swift,	Vanoudenhaegen, Boogaard, Brown, Maderos, Stewart, Duyck (Tim), Kemper (George) Agustin	Dooney, Marco, Palominos, Braukman (Allen), Giesbers (Gilbert), Groce, Heesacker (Jim), Schouweiler
8:00 Mass	Duyck (Justin), Ericson (Kelly), Lederbrand, VanDyke (Norman), Wahlberg (Mark/Chris), Vandehey(Lani), Scheenstra, Vandecoevering (Bob)	Evers (Todd), Schmit, Vanderzanden (Albert/Josh)	Evers (Joe), Vandehey (Walt), Patton, Evers (Cary), Carlson, Scheenstra, Verboort, Scott Hormann (Keith), Kemper (Keith), Coffe, Kribbs	Duyck (Aaron/Gary/Leo Lux, Lepschat, Mullally, Wybert, Vandehey (Greg), Marco
10:00 Mass	Duyck (Andy), Funk, Tunnell, Wessels, Lizier-Zmudzinski	Burke, Duyck (Chris/Craig), Eckler (James/Richard/Cheryl), Williams	Hammond (Gary/Richard), Luna, Marshall, Meinhardt, Paris, Mayer, Vandehey (Don), Hering	Ratzi, Renshaw, Landon, Juene-mann (Milo), Plep, Jansen

Governor’s Office “Freeze”

From November 18 to December 2, only 25 people are allowed for worship services whether in church or satellite location. During this two-week pause, we ask that if you are able to attend one of the weekday Masses (8am Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday) please sign up with Laura Nevis 503-575-5806. Also, we are reminded that mask/face coverings are REQUIRED with the only exception of a disability or medical reason and please do not gather after Mass and promptly return to your vehicle. Thanks for your cooperation.

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 **5:00pm Saturday Vigil and 8:00am and 10:00am** Sunday Masses in Verboort. Download Zoom.us, enter Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 Password: HolyMass

November: Remembering our Beloved Deceased

November is the month that we are asked to do a Spiritual Work of Mercy and pray for our beloved deceased. Throughout the month, we will be praying for all the deceased inscribed on the *In Memoriam* cards and Banner.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day Mass is FULL. We are no longer taking any more sign ups.

If you would to join us on Zoom for the Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 8:00am Mass in Verboort

<https://zoom.us/j/92984360609?pwd=NIVvRExVM0kyQVVVK2hSbTFWMHNUQT09>

Meeting ID: 929 8436 0609

Pass code: HolyMass

Prayers for Fr. Roberto and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit

Prayer to implore Fr. Roberto’s health through the intercession of Venerable Felix of Jesus Rougier:

Merciful Father, in your goodness, I confidently ask, through the intercession of Venerable Father Felix of Jesus Rougier, for the complete recovery of Fr. Roberto Saldivar, Missionary of the Holy Spirit. Glorify your servant on earth so that all priests, religious men and women, and laity, inspired by his example, may be transformed into your son, Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim. May all be for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity, the holiness of your priestly people, and the building of your kingdom on earth. Amen.

From the 2020 Verboort Sausage Dinner Chair

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped make this year’s unusual dinner possible. This event could not have happened without all the selfless time, energy and creativity from all who volunteered. Let’s hope next year’ dinner will be “business as usual”. Again, my sincere thanks and gratitude.

~Dean Hermance

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Due to the cancellation of the November 15 meeting, we will make up this meeting in December. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

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

No Meeting Sunday, November 22. We will make up this meeting in December. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

H.S. Confirmation (grades 9 and older)

Meets Sunday, December 6 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Mass and Lesson on Sacrament of Eucharist. Please contact Laura Nevis at 503-575-5608 or e-mail: lanevis@farthing.com.

RCIA

No Meeting Sunday, November 22, enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration with your family. Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming Sunday, November 29 at the 9am Mass (private) in Roy. Candidate and Sponsor must attend.

Religious Education

Meets Monday, November 23rd from 4:00-5:00pm in the Convent.

St. Edward Country Christmas Festival

Due to COVID-19, the St. Edward Country Christmas Festival is modified this year. We will ONLY sell wreaths and table arrangements. If you would like to pre-order, please contact Crystal VanderZanden at 503-647-2405. The wreaths and arrangements will be for sale at the St. Edward Parish Hall on Saturday, December 5. More details to come soon. We hope that this will bring some Christmas Spirit during this time. Thank you for your support.

USDA Food Box Program Update

The USDA has stated that there WILL be a Phase 4 that will be from November 1 through December 31, 2020. Pacific Coast Fruit and Sysco have informed us that they will submit proposals that are due on Friday, October 30. Because of this tight transition time, we anticipate Phase 4 food box distribution will be delayed until at least Monday, November 9 or beyond.

Vaandering Family

John Vaandering passed on November 12. There will be a private family service scheduled in Verboort. Please keep the Vaandering family in your prayers.

Altar Society News

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Visitation Altar Society's Fancy Work Sale that was scheduled for Saturday, December 5th has been cancelled.

Congratulations!

Eleanore MacKenzie Clyde, child of Timothy Clyde and Sarah Travelstead, baptized November 14, 2020.

Eleanor Rose Stadelman, child of Benjamin Stadelman and Monica Morgan, baptized November 14, 2020.

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help!

During Thanksgiving week, Visitation Parish will have a food drive at weekend masses Nov. 21 & 22, Nov 28th & 29th and Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov. 26. Items needed such as canned goods include vegetables, fruits, soups, tuna and fruit juices. Non-perishable items such as soaps and toiletries are also needed. Barrels will be provided in the back of church for your donations or bring to the school office. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Your donations help feed those in need in the Forest Grove, Gaston, Verboort and Gales Creek communities. Thank you for your generosity.

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Fr. Michael's Pick: The Saints by Dr. Scott Hahn. The month of November always begins with the celebration of the Communion of Saints, the Solemnity of All Saints. Dr. Scott Hahn covers the Biblical evidence on the Saints and provides answers to the various objections that Protestants make to the Catholic Faith. (Run Time: 70 minutes)

Altar Society Poinsettias

The Altar Society will be ordering 15 poinsettias for Christmas. 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, the order deadline is December 21st. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of _____