

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



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.

No School/Zoom - Friday, December 4th is an Accreditation In-Service work day.

Old Spaghetti Factory Fundraiser - Place your online pickup or delivery order from The Old Spaghetti Factory at OSF.com using the code: SCHOOL. When you order online: December 7th-9th, 2020 use the code at checkout and they will donate 10% or your total purchase to Visitation Catholic School!

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



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— M k 13:35-36

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NOVEMBER 29, 2020 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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	29	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:00 am	Florence Crop by Andy & Patty Duyck
Monday	November	30	8:00 am	Jim Spiering † by Melvin & Marie Finegan
Tuesday	December	1	8:00 am	Terry Smith by Joyce VanDyke
Wednesday	December	2	No Mass	
Thursday	December	3	8:30 am	The Walsh Family by Todd & Kristi Schmit
Friday	December	4	8:00 am	John Hamlin † by The Knights of Columbus
Saturday	December	5	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass in the Church
			5:00 pm	Gertrude Duyck † by Family & Friends

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

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

November 21st & 22nd
 Envelopes & Checks: \$3,323.00
 Loose Collection: \$77.00
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$100.00

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.

Weekend Masses For December 5th & 6th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Lee LaBonte	Judy Verboort	Chris Duyck
EMHC—Host	Traci Nelson Dean Hermance	Tammy Scheenstra Donna Heesacker	Donna Vandehey Don Vandehey
Server	Natalie Stewart Zach Stewart	Coleman Lux	Noah Renshaw
Music	Sarah Crosby Bethany Stewart		
Zoom Meeting	Alex Stewart	Anne Nevis	Zack Pelster Eli Pelster

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, November 28-29, we begin the new liturgical year with the season of Advent. It is customary that our candidates for R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) are introduced to our faith community in the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming. Unfortunately, due to the recent “Freeze” limiting 25 inside the church, the candidates, sponsors and their families will be accepted and welcomed in a private service.

Needless to say, my hope is to introduce the candidates to the entire faith community more formally. But in the meantime, I would like to offer a few details about each candidate. First off, they come from different walks of life and experiences, but one common denominator is that their connection to the faith is through a spouse or significant other. It reminds me that it is the role of husband and wife to get their spouse to heaven. And such is the case for the following candidates: Adam Arrington, Gary Kuiper, Adrian Moldovan, and Jeff Schillereff.

Adam and his wife, Samantha were married at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Portland. The wedding was at St. Agatha because their parish priest, Fr. Luan Tran, had been transferred from St. Mary’s Vernonia to St. Agatha. After moving to Banks, they found a home at St. Francis of Assisi and started to attend the 6:30pm Vigil Mass. When I met them, I was excited to hear that we shared a mutual admiration for Fr. Luan Tran. Fr. Luan was a convert to the faith and he heard the call to priesthood. My uncle, Fr. Vincent, who was pastor of Our Lady of LaVang was the priest that helped him through the RCIA and became his spiritual director through the priestly discernment process. Needless to say, it is a very small Catholic world we live in.

Gary needs no introduction as he and his wife, Megan have been long time parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi and Megan who is an Olson has long ties and roots in the parish and school community. Gary is always sitting next to Megan and their kids in the pews and I am so pleased that after 9.5 years of knowing him that he is open to being Catholic and “God willing” on April 3, 2021, I will be able to give him communion after many years of receiving a blessing.

Jeff and his wife Amy, I have known through various events in their family life whether it is a wedding or even the St. Paul Basketball Tournament in 2018 when Olivia participated. I feel blessed to walk in different phases with their family that finally, this one focuses on Jeff becoming closer to our Lord and receiving the sacraments of Initiation.

Finally, Adrian is the only unmarried candidate, but he is engaged to Sarah Duyck they are scheduled to be married Spring of 2021. As Adrian is preparing not only for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, but also a fourth one, the Sacrament of Marriage, he has much to learn in the faith as well as the Duyck family tree in this area. As I told him, the rule of thumb to avoid putting your foot in your mouth is simply assume whomever you speak to is related to the Duycks!

I invite all to continue to pray for these candidates as they continue their journey of faith.

Blessed Advent!
 Fr. Michael

Mass Schedule: Please contact Laura Nevis if you are not on the mass list. Our current gathering limit is 25% of Capacity as of December 3rd. For those of you that offered to attend weekday mass or virtually and would now like to return to weekend masses, please check in with Laura and she will make that change. Daily mass attendees may return to their normal schedule Thursday December 3rd. Laura Nevis can be reached at 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com

Mass for the Weekend of December 5th & 6th			
	Church	South Dining Hall	North Dining Hall
5:00 Mass	Bone, Braukman (Allen), Crosby (Sarah), Giesbers (Gilbert), Groce, Heesacker (Dave), Heesacker, (Jim), Hermance, LaBonte (Lee), Marco, Nelson, Stewart, Schouweiler, Agustin, Bonin, Crosby (Dianna), Crosby (Matthew), Landon, Little, Swift, Vandecoevering (Joe), Vandervelden, VanDyke (Matt)	Bochsler, Ericson, Stadelman (Lyle), Stadelman (Michael), Stafford, Vanaken	Boogaard, Brown, Dooney (Brian/John/Jack), Duyck (Tim), Kemper (George) Maderos, Palominos
8:00 Mass	Duyck (Aaron), Duyck (Gary), Duyck (Leo), Lepschat, Lux, Mullally, Scheenstra, Vandehey (Greg), Verboort (Larry), Villaryoa, Evers (Todd), Hormann, Kemper (Keith), Patton, Schmit, Vanderzanden (Albert/Josh), Wybert	Duyck (Justin), Ericson (Kelly), Lederbrand, VanDyke (Norm), Wahlberg (Mark), Weis	Braukman, Carlson, Evers (Joe), Roe Goodrich, Noel, Vandecoevering (Bob), Vandehey (Lani), Vandehey (Walt)
10:00 Mass	Duyck (Chris), Jansen, Juenemann (Milo), Plep, Ratzi, Renshaw, Vandehey (Don), Burke, Duyck (Craig), Eckler (James, Cheryl, Richard), Williams, Hering	Duyck (Andy), Funk, Tunnell, Wessels, Lizier-Zmudzinski	Hammond (Gary/Richard), Landon, Luna, Marshall, Mayer, Meinhardt, Schlag

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 disability or medical reason and please do not gather after Mass and promptly return to your vehicle. Thanks for your cooperation.

RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates who are newly accepted and welcomed. Roy: Adam Arrington, Gary Kuiper, Jeff McCowan, Jeff Schillereff
Verboort: Adrian Moldovan

Next class, Sunday, December 6 from Noon to 1:00pm in the Visitation school cafeteria. Fr. Michael will be presenting on “Mary and the Communion of Saints.”

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Mass Sign Up

Monday, December 7, 7:00pm Vigil Mass and Tuesday, December 8 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Masses at 8:30am (school children will be in the church) and 7:00pm to sign up, please contact Laura Nevis 503-575-5608 (cell). The church and satellite locations will be open.

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.

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

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.

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)

Cancelled November meeting, the lesson and Trivia Night will be rescheduled 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)

Cancelled November meeting, the lesson and Trivia Night will be rescheduled 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: lnevis@farthing.com.

Religious Education

Meets Monday, November 30th from 4:00-5:00pm in the Convent.

Spam Alert

There continues to be a large amount of SPAMMING going on which appears to be coming from local parish priests. These have gone from coming strictly via e-mail to now coming through text messages. The message usually asks for gift cards or a wire transfer of funds. A number of unsuspecting parishioners have fallen for this scam. If you receive a message via e-mail or text from Fr. Michael asking for gift cards and/or wire transfer please verify with him personally to avoid any fraud.

Word Among Us

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

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We have renewed our annual subscription. Please add this FREE Catholic resource as part of your media platform. Go online to www.formed.org and select "Enter code" link. Input the Parish Code: **HWNN8P** and create your own personal login and password and begin enjoying the free content.

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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)

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help!

Visitation Parish will have a food drive at weekend masses Nov 28th & 29th. 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.

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 _____