

## VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

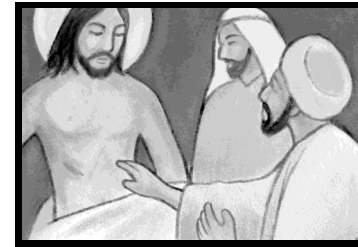


**Early Release** - 1/2 day of School on Friday, April 16th, 12:00pm Dismissal.

**Scrip** - Even though we cannot sell Scrip after weekend masses, it is still available for purchase. Please email your order to [scrip@vcsknights.org](mailto: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!

**Positions Open** - Are you interested in serving Visitation Catholic School in a leadership and advisory role? Each year, Visitation's School Advisory Committee (SAC) has two positions that open for a three year term. All parents and parishioners are invited to apply. If you have ideas for Visitation School you would like to share and are able to assist Father Michael and Mrs. Funk in this leadership role, please submit your name to the school office. Thank you for your commitment to Visitation Catholic School!

**Visitation Auction, Saturday, May 8, 2021** - Donation deadline will be Thursday, April 1st. Please drop off donations to the school office.



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — Jn 20:28-29

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**APRIL 11TH, 2021**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT**  
4285 NW Visitation Road  
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

### VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**PASTOR:** Rev. Michael Vuky  
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Parish Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday@ Noon

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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

Capacity limits are in place. Satellite locations will be used once capacity is met.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3:45-4:30 pm  
or 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	April	11	8:00 am	Jacob & Jewell Walsh † by Todd & Kristi Schmit
			10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	April	12	8:00 am	Nora Realiza-Luna † by Leila Realiza
Tuesday	April	13	8:00 am	Vernon Duyck † by Walt & Margie Vandehey
Wednesday	April	14	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday	April	15	8:00 am	Don Hunker † by Jim & Dorie Herinckx
Friday	April	16	8:30 am	John Vaandering † by Family
Saturday	April	17	5:00 pm	Anniversary of Aaron Duyck's Baptism

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**

**April 3rd & 4th**

Envelopes & Checks: \$4,742.00  
 Loose Collection: \$214.00  
 On-Line Contributions: \$1,185.00  
 Building Fund for Capital: \$550.00  
 Holy Land: \$207.00

**Weekend Masses For April 17th & 18th**

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Linda Oldenburg	Judy Verboort	Rich Paris
EMHC—Host	Dean Hermance	Tammy Scheenstra	Don Vandehey
Server	Daniel Stadelman	Kara Finegan	Braden Tunnell
Music			Kathy Juenemann
Ushers	Joseph Heesacker Dave Heesacker	Pete Lepschat Bob Lederbrand	David Plep
Zoom Meeting	Anne Nevis	Anne Nevis	Zack Pelster Eli Pelster

**From the Desk of Fr. Michael**

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Sunday of Easter is the weekend that we typically celebrate the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation to our youth and young adults (of course, 2020 excluding due to shelter in place order). But I cannot think of a better weekend for this celebration as it coincides with Divine Mercy Sunday.

This weekend, not only will 22 of our teens and young adults be confirmed by Bishop Steiner at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass in Verboort, but for the Sunday evening Middle School Youth Group as well as next Sunday's High School Youth Group I will be teaching the youth and praying with them the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please note: there will also be an opportunity this Sunday, April 11 at 3:00pm St. Edward North Plains to pray the Divine Mercy devotion with Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction as well.

As I will share with our youth, I really was not introduced to the devotion until I arrived in Rome the summer of 2000 in my first year of theology at the North American College. The city was buzzing because that spring on April 30, 2000, the late Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina. He also established this Feast of Divine Mercy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter.

One of the first books that I received from an older seminarian was Fr. Kosicki's "Tell My Priests". This book includes excerpts from St. Faustina's Diary recording our Lord's messages to St. Faustina asking her to tell priests to promote the Divine Mercy devotion. In a nutshell, the Divine Mercy Devotion is about doing for Jesus' love for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation what Eucharistic adoration has done for Jesus' love for us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

With the Eucharist, it is not enough for Jesus for us merely to know that He is really and substantially present body, blood, soul and divinity. Jesus himself came into the world, and through appearances to mystics and Eucharistic miracles, made clear His will that He wanted us to celebrate that gift with Eucharistic adoration, with Holy Hours, with processions with Him in the streets and more.

Similarly, it is not enough for us to know that Jesus has the power to forgive us our sins and does so through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He wants us to express our love and appreciation for it, because then, like with Eucharistic adoration, we will be better able to receive the infinite graces He wishes to give us through it.

As our young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday vigil and the next two Sundays our young people are taught this beautiful devotion, my hope and prayer is that this will reinforce their love and practice of both sacraments, Reconciliation and Eucharist, but also add to their wheelhouse of devotions and prayers to access this any time when they are in need.

Please pray for our confirmandi this weekend as well as all our youth to grow in a greater love, appreciation, respect and reverence in God's Love and Mercy seen in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion.

Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!  
 ~Fr. Michael



## **Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community**

Currently \$751,523 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](http://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



## **Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)**

Meets Sunday, April 11 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Divine Mercy Chaplet. 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, April 18 from 6:00-7:00pm at Visitation church for Divine Mercy Chaplet. Live Streaming via Zoom meeting will be available for those who are interested in participating virtually.

## **H.S. Confirmation**

Congratulations to our newly confirmed:

[North Plains] Averie Duyck, Isaac Nussbaumer, Elizabeth Sohler, Adonia Weis [Roy] Joseph Crowell, Ella Duyck, Tarryn Duyck, Sadie Gump, Grace Hertel, Ceona Kloeping, Jackson Vandomelen, Noah Van Hoomissen [Verboort] Jeshuah Aguilar, Lena Duyck, Dani Hammond, Lauren Kloplic, Matthew Lowther, Katherine Nevis, Caleb Patton, Ted Pelster, Matthew McCourt, Michael Garcia

## **Religious Education**

Next class Monday, April 12th 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 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

## **USDA Food Box Program Update**

USDA announces continuation of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, Fifth Round of Food Purchases. Solicitations to existing distributors have begun as of January 27 and continue through the end of April.

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

Prayer for Fr. Roberto during his recovery Merciful Father, in your goodness, I confidently ask, through the intercession of Venerable Father Felix of Jesus Rougier, 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.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Nominations**

There are three possible positions open. I want to personally thank David Heesacker, Steve Kloplic and MaryBeth Puncochar for their many years of service (2 terms each plus add-on due to COVID-19) to the parish and school community. I invite all of you to prayerfully discern who you believe would be a faithful servant in an advisory role for the pastoral and sacramental care of the parish. Below I have included the qualifications:

In full communion with the Catholic Church, i.e., baptized Catholic and member of the parish (CCL 512).

One who exhibits good faith, morals, and prudence (CCL 512).

One who nourishes a deep prayer life and exhibits an active faith life.

One who is able to collaborate effectively with others.

One who values consensus, is open to the new ideas, and can set aside personal agendas to listen.

One who can discern.

One who can study, reflect, and recommend practical conclusions.

Please drop off your nominations to Donna Heesacker at [churchsecretary@vcsknights.org](mailto:churchsecretary@vcsknights.org). The deadline is Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:00pm.

~Fr. Michael

### **Camp Howard welcomes Campers Back to Camp!**

Join us for Overnight Camp, Day Camp, and Family Camp at Camp Howard this summer. Make friends, explore the outdoors, enjoy traditional camp activities like archery, crafts, giant slip-n-slide, swimming, and more. OPEN HOUSE DATES: Saturday, May 22nd, 2 PM-5 PM & Sunday, June 27th, 2 PM-5 PM. Register online at: [www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org)

### **Camp Howard is Hiring!**

Spend your summer in the outdoors at Camp Howard. Learn leadership skills, build your resume, and create lasting memories and friendships. Open positions include Nurses, Lifeguards, Counselors, Unit Directors, Dishwashers, and more. Visit our website to apply: [www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs](http://www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs) or contact Peggy English at [peggye@cyocamphoward.org](mailto:peggye@cyocamphoward.org).

### **CYO is Hiring!**

Are you an adult or high school age student who would like to be a part-time referee and earn extra spending money? CYO is now hiring referees for Spring Track & Field, Fall Volleyball, Cross Country, Hot Shots Basketball, and Winter Basketball. Visit our website to apply by state deadlines: <https://www.cyocamphoward.org/content/21552/Referee-Job-Opportunity>. If you have any questions, contact Jamie Alfieri at [jamiea@cyocamphoward.org](mailto:jamiaea@cyocamphoward.org).

### **FORMED.ORG**

To begin to utilize this Catholic Resource, go online to [www.formed.org](http://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.

If you have any problems logging in or accessing your account, please contact Julia, Parish Care for FORMED, [parishcare@formed.org](mailto:parishcare@formed.org) or call 1-844-367-6331 and provide above Parish Code: HWNN8P under our registered name St. Francis of Assisi, Banks Oregon for all three parishes.

Fr. Michael’s Pick: The Shroud of Turin. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Fr. Francis Peffley to discuss the Holy Shroud of Turin. This miraculous shroud is believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ. Throughout this conversation they talk about the scientific evidence for the authenticity of the shroud, its history, and how the shroud can help us meditate on the person of Christ and his passion (Run Time: 18 minutes).

### **Meeting**

Parent Club Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th, 6:30pm via zoom.

### **DC Kids Can/Bottle Drive**

Do you have pop cans/bottles taking up space? The DC kids would love your donation of pop cans/bottles to be dropped off anytime at Father Michael’s Garage. This is an ongoing fundraiser and we truly appreciate your donations! Please help us send our 7th and 8th graders to Washington DC!

