

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



Bookkeeper Scheduled Hours - Summer Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 8 am to 12 noon, August.

Office Hours - Generally Monday-Friday 8am to 3pm. Please call ahead for best results. 503-357-6990.

Scrip - Scrip will be sold after all 3 Masses each weekend. Please email your scrip orders to scrip@vcsknights.org. Thank you for your support!

School Supply List - The 2021-22 School Supply List is located in the back of church and in the school office.

Girls CYO Volleyball - 2021 Volleyball Registration is now open for girls in grades 3rd-8th grade. If you are interested in coaching or have questions, please email: fightingdutch-cyo@gmail.com

Uniforms needs to be purchased separately. Here is the link to register: <https://www.cyocamphoward.org/content/16651/FD-Volleyball>

C.A.S.E. Training - For any of our parent volunteers that have not taken the C.A.S.E. training we will be offering an in person training on **Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 3:30pm**. Please let Kay Lucas know at secretary@vcsknights.org or 503-357-6990 if you are planning to attend.



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are the Holy
One of God." — Jn 6:67-69

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AUGUST 22ND, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:30 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	August	22	8:00 am	Bud & Martha Vanaken † by Marvin & Carolyn Vanaken
			10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	August	23	8:00 am	Earl Vandehey † by Lani Vandehey
Tuesday	August	24	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hermens † by Louie & Leanne LaBonte
Wednesday	August	25	No Mass	
Thursday	August	26	8:00 am	Ignatius & Marcella Evers † by Family
Friday	August	27	8:00 am	Jacob Walsh † by Herbert & Charlene Vanderzanden
Saturday	August	28	5:00 pm	Vernon Duyck † by Leo & Janice Pelster

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

August 14th & 15th
 Envelopes & Checks: \$1,990.00
 Loose Collection: \$418.05
 On-Line Contributions: \$475.00

Weekend Masses For August 28th & 29th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Scott Stewart	Sandy Sinner	Greg Peters
EMHC—Host	Lee LaBonte	Judy Verboort	Genelle Duyck
Server	Isabel Crosby Nathan Crosby	Gavin Sinner	Michael Nevis Gabriel Vuky
Music			Kathy Juenemann
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Joseph Heesacker	Bob Lederbrand Tom Herinckx	David Plep Volunteer
Zoom Meeting	Alex Stewart	Anne Nevis	Nate Wessels

From the Desk of Father Michael

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Kelly Vandehey sent me this article from the Pew Research Center regarding an intriguing, first-of-its-kind study entitled, “The Digital Pulpit: A Nationwide Analysis of Online Sermons.” Based upon this article the study was conducted by using advanced computer technology to sift through the websites of 38,630 Christian Churches in the U.S., of which 6,431 Catholic churches that publish audio or video recordings of the Sunday homilies in English, and to analyze them, among other things, for length and vocabulary. Here are three observations that I found interesting:

- Catholic clergy preach much more briefly than mainline Protestant and Evangelical preachers. On average Catholic preaching is 14 minutes, compared to 25 minutes for traditional Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Baptists, United Church of Christ, and Quakers. (And mind you, Pope Francis has recommended that Catholic homilies should be around 8-10 minutes, despite the fact that he typically preaches twice as long!)
- Catholic homilies referred far less to Sacred Scripture than their counterparts did. In the 2,706 Catholic homilies studied from April 2019 to May 2020, 68% mentioned the New Testament and 28% mentioned the Old Testament (compared, respectively, to 82% NT/43% OT for mainline Protestant and 93% NT/66% OT for Evangelicals).
- The study examined the vocabulary used by preachers in the various churches. Across the denominations, almost all 49,719 sermons and homilies studied mentioned the words God, Jesus, love, life, good, and right. Catholic preaching was distinct in mentioning words like Eucharist (61%), Blessed Mary (42%), diocese (30%), Gospel (28%), paschal (28%), chalice (25%), venerate (24%), and Catholic (19%).

Now, reflecting on the data, I have a few thoughts on why a Catholic homily is briefer. Any Catholic who has had an occasion to hear a Protestant sermon or watch one on television already knows that Protestants generally preach much longer as the primary focus is on Scripture. However, for Catholics, our Catholic liturgy involves both the readings of the Sacred Scripture which includes the homily known as the Liturgy of the Word as well as the offering of the Eucharist known as the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For this reason, there is a natural and proportioned flow that the Liturgy of the Word sets up the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As my professor in Sacramental theology used to say: “If the Liturgy of the Word were too long, it might suggest that it is no longer an appetizer for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but the main course.”

Finally, although at first glance, Sacred Scripture seems more focused by Protestant and Evangelical preachers, the vocabulary applied for Catholic preaching which is centered upon the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and the Blessed Mother reflects that Sacred Scripture supports the importance of the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our lives and frankly, what makes us distinctively Catholic and the Saint that exemplifies carrying the Word Incarnate and sharing the Word of God to others.

Thanks for indulging me in an interesting article/study a brother priest sent me and I ask that you continue to pray that the Holy Spirit’s guidance and direction into my heart as well as all priests and deacons entrusted with the ministry of preaching the Word of God.

Have a Blessed Week!
 ~Fr. Michael

Please Pray For:

Francis "Frank" Paul Herinckx: Services on Saturday, August 21st. Holy Rosary at 10:30am, 11am Funeral Mass, 12pm Graveside at Visitation Cemetery, and 1pm Reception at Visitation Parish Hall. Please keep the Herinckx Family in your prayers.

Brian Peters: Vigil Prayer Service on Friday, August 27th, 6:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Roy. Please keep the Peters Family in your prayers.



Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community

We received the grading permits and making preparations to pour the foundation and footings. Once scheduled, we will be making a huge step forward in this project. Currently \$770,507 has 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



Face Masks Required ~ Effective August 13

“Due to the spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations being driven by the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant, Governor Brown issued an executive order requiring masks/face coverings statewide at all indoor public gatherings beginning August, 13, 2021. Effective this Friday, masks/face coverings are required for all adults and children older than 5 gathered in all Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.”

Garden of Hope Service Project

The harvest has begun. We need your help on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 am. Help us fill food sharing tables for Low-Income Senior Citizens in North Plains. Please contact Bob VanDerZanden at 503-680-2879 or vandz_live.com if you are able to help.

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group

Sunday, August 22 6:00-7:30pm High School Youth Group Kickball game and BBQ

Live Streaming of Masses

11:00am Sunday Mass from The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Go to <https://archdpdx.org/live-masses>

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

FORMED.ORG

To begin to utilize this Catholic Resource, 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.

Fr. Michael’s Pick: Answering Common Objections: Mary by Dr. Scott Hahn. In preparation of the Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15), Dr. Hahn covers the Biblical evidence for the doctrines and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary which provides an essential resource for answering the objections to Mary that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith (Run Time: 68 minutes).

Monastic Discernment Retreat, October 15-17

Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey & Online. For information or to register, contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB, Vocation Director at 503-881-8919 or vocation@mtangel.edu

Meeting

Finance Meeting on Thursday, August 26th, 6pm in the School Cafeteria.

Wooden Tables for Sale

We are selling wooden tables at \$5 each, your choice. Please contact Larry Verboort at 503-310-6264.

Will You Help Support the Formation of our Future Priests?

This new Endowment Fund is restricted to providing tuition scholarships for seminarians enrolled at Mount Angel Seminary who are studying for the Archdiocese of Portland. Presenting The Abbey Foundation of Oregon Bishop Kenneth Steiner '58 Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund.

This new endowment fund was established by Bishop Kenneth Steiner, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, for the purpose of providing annual tuition scholarships for seminarians enrolled at Mount Angel Seminary who are studying for the Archdiocese of Portland. He established the fund in December 2017 with an initial gift of \$50,000 to the Abbey Foundation of Oregon. With subsequent gifts and fund earnings, the value of the fund has grown to \$70,000. His goal for 2021 is to raise an additional \$200,000.

To make a donation. Mail a Check Abbey Foundation of Oregon P.O. Box 497 Saint Benedict, OR 97373-0497 (Please indicate that your gift is restricted to the Bishop Steiner Seminary Scholarship Fund). Online donation: www.mountangelabbey.org/giving/make-a-gift/
1 - Indicate your gift amount 2 - Select fund "Other" and type the fund name "Bishop Steiner Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund" 3 - Provide your name, address, and credit card information.

Thank you for your support!

Job Openings

Preschool and Afterschool Teacher Assistant: Visitation Catholic School is looking for a person to work as a Preschool and Afterschool Teacher Assistant for childcare program. This person will be highly qualified, enthusiastic, compassionate, positive, person who enjoys working with children ages 3-12 years of age. This position would require good communication skills, implementing existing classroom management tools and daily lesson plans, being a team player, assisting the lead teacher with set-up and clean-up, and monitoring students at recess. Approximately 4 to 6 hours a day. 11:00am to 3:30pm M, Tu, Th and 11:00am to 5:00pm W, F. One year of experience working with children in a childcare facility and enrollment in the Oregon Child Care Background Registry preferred. Required for applicant to be at least 18 years of age.

Classroom Teacher Assistant: Visitation Catholic School is looking for a person to work as a Teacher Assistant for our middle school, 6th, 7th, 8th grade classrooms. This person will be highly qualified, enthusiastic, compassionate, positive, person who enjoys working with children ages 11-14 years of age. This position would require good communication skills, implementing existing classroom management tools and daily lesson plans, being a team player, assisting the lead teacher with set-up and clean-up, and monitoring students at recess. 5 hours a day starting at 8:30am to 2:00pm. One year of experience working with children preferred. Required for applicant to be at least 18 years of age.

If interested, please submit cover letter and resume to the school office and request an application. Position is open until filled. Qualified applicants would be required to complete:

First Aid/CPR certification
Food Handlers Certification
Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training
Enrollment in Oregon Office of Child Care's Central Background Registry
Online Background Check through Praesidium, Inc.
Creating A Safe Environment Program through the Archdiocese of Portland