



VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Fall Book Fair - The Book Fair starts on Sunday, September 26th, from 9-11:30am in the Parish Center.

Jog-A-Thon - The Jog-A-Thon will be on Friday, October 1st, 1:45-2:45 pm. Please help us reach our goal of \$45,000! Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

Scrip - Scrip will be sold after the 5pm & 8am Masses each weekend. (No scrip sales after the 10am Mass from 9-12 to 10-17). Please email your scrip orders to scrip@vcsknights.org. Thank you for your support!

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 September 30, 2021. Any late application may be disqualified.



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 Lectorary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1978 CCD

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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	September	26	8:00 am	People of the Parish
			10:00 am	Edmund Duyck † by Family & Friends
Monday	September	27	8:00 am	Francis & June Noll † by Family
Tuesday	September	28	8:00 am	Bob Hagstrom † by Leo & Janice Pelster
Wednesday	September	29	No Mass	
Thursday	September	30	8:00 am	Albert Vandecoevering † by Dave & Leah Kindel
Friday	October	1	8:30 am	Jane VanDyke † by Richard & Barbara Peschka
Saturday	October	2	5:00 pm	Alice Stadelman † by Family & Friends

Weekday Servers September 27th, 28th, & 30th:

Daniel and Nathan Stadelman

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

September 18th & 19th

Envelopes & Checks: \$3,099.00

Loose Collection: \$490.00

On-Line Contributions: \$510.00

Weekend Masses For October 2nd & 3rd

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Linda Oldenburg	Sandy Scott	Rich Paris
EMHC—Host	Scott Stewart	Lani Vandehey	Carol Funk
Servers	Mariah Crop Sophia & Lena Duyck	Michael Nevis Katie Nevis	Katelyn Evey Trevor Evey
Music		Regina McLoud	Leanne Duyck
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Joseph Heesacker	Leo Duyck Bob Lux	BJ Funk Dominic Funk
Zoom Meeting		Amy Carlson	Eli Pelster Zack Pelster

St. Francis School Auction

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School would like to invite you to join our *Roots To Wings* VIRTUAL school auction held Friday October 8th and Saturday October 9th, 2021.

The bidding opens Friday evening at 7pm and closes Saturday evening at 10pm. To register and obtain a bidding number please access the auction link on our school website: www.sfa-roy.org. Once on the school website please read the Frequently Asked Questions.

In addition, we have continued to work with our caterer, OutAZABlue, out of Gales Creek, to provide take out meals for those interested in purchasing. Adult tickets are \$40.00/per person and children tickets are \$10.00/per person. If you would like to pre-order a meal, please logon to www.sfa-roy.org. Once you're in the application, select your desired pick up time AND if you would rather drive to the restaurant to pick up your meal or have your meal delivered to the school. The menu: Garden Salad with Triple Berry Vinaigrette, 1-Filet Mignon Skewer, 1-Chicken Skewer, Roasted Red Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables and Caramel Budino for dessert. Kids menu: choice of Mac n Cheese or small Cheese Pizza with a kid friendly dessert. The deadline to order a meal is **Tuesday October 5th, 2021**. If you would rather pre-order your dinner over the phone, feel free to call Courtney Schaefer at 503-314-7074 or email courtneyschaefer@comcast.net.

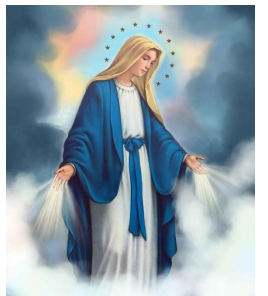


Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community

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 \$854,045 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





87th Annual Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner Announcements

- Flyers are in the vestibule of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to support the advertisement of the dinner by taking a few flyers and posting in their place of employment, community event boards, etc..
- Volunteers are needed to work at the Potholder Booth. Friday, November 5th (set-up) and Saturday, November 6th (Bazaar). Also needed is a co-chairman. If you are interested, please contact Amanda at 503-810-7497 (evenings) or Donna at 503-357-7027.
- Potholders - Each family is requested to bring 18 (homemade or store bought potholders). A box is located at the entrance of Church for potholders and prizes. All help is greatly appreciated!
- Fancy Work - Any hand made items (pillow cases, aprons, hats, towels, etc) that you have for the fancy work booth, you are asked to put them in the pot holder box at the entrance of church. For questions, please contact Leanne at 503-324-3083 or Donna at 503-357-7027.
- Verboort Dinner Baked Goods - It is never too early to start baking for the Bazaar. For early ideas, think breads, pies, cookies and jam. Free pie tins are available. The Parents Club has freezer space for those who do not have the room in their own freezer. For the tins and other information, please call Lorrina Tunnell at 503-341-0538.

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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: "The Woman" As we Kick Off our Religious Education programs for the youth and adults in the month of September, each program traditionally has started with invoking the Blessed Mother for a successful year. Continuing from the month of August celebrating her Assumption, we learn more about Mary in Sacred Scripture from the books of Genesis as well as Revelation that speaks of who is this "Woman" and her role in salvation history (Run Time: 39 minutes).

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

Washington DC Kids Quilt Raffle

One raffle ticket for \$2 or six raffle tickets for \$10. Drawing will be held on Thursday, October 7th, 2021 at 4pm at Visitation Catholic School. For questions, please contact Regina McCloud at ermcloud@yahoo.com

No Mass

No First Saturday, 8am Mass on October 2nd.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, RCIA is the process of discerning, learning and formation in the Catholic Faith. Please contact Fr. Michael, 971-217-5335 or email mvuky@yahoo.com for inquiries or to register. Classes begin Sunday, October 1, 2021 12:00-1:00pm in Visitation school.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Meets Sunday, September 26 from 6:00-7:30pm. Lesson: Why am I here? All are invited. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group

Retreat permission slip due Monday, September 27. October 1-3 Retreat at Twin Rocks, Rockaway Beach. All are invited. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com.

HS Confirmation (grades 9 and older)

Candidates entering 9th grade this academic year 2021-22 and older interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation, if you missed the Information meeting last Wednesday, September 15, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnevis@farthing.com to register.

Retreat permission slip due Monday, September 27. October 1-3 Retreat at Twin Rocks, Rockaway Beach. All candidates must attend.

Religious Education Grades 1-5

Next class is on Wednesday September 29, 2021 at 4:00 pm St Edward Church, North Plains.

Garden of Hope Service Project Gives Thanks

Many thanks to all those who helped bring forth a bountiful harvest for the Low-Income Senior Citizens in North Plains. If you are interested in donating extra produce from your gardens please contact Bob VanDerZanden at 503-680-2879 or vandz@live.com, or drop off items at the North Plains Senior Center.

Meetings

Finance Meeting on Thursday, September 30th, 6pm in the Knight's room.
SAC Meeting on Thursday, September 30th, 7pm in the Knight's room.

Thank You!

Thank you everyone who helped with Sauerkraut making Saturday it went quickly and we made 67 barrels. You were Awesome!

~Leo Duyck, Dinner Chairman

From the Desk of Father Michael

Dear Parishioners,

This past week of September 20-26 is National Migrant Week which culminates with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday. From a Scriptural and religious standpoint, there has been a long history and background on caring for the stranger.

For instance, Abraham was a stranger in a foreign land after God called him out of the land of Ur. Jacob and his family were displaced due to a famine and found refuge in the land of Egypt. Moses and the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. And for this reason, the care and concern that the Israelites received during the Exodus, God mandated: "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:21).

Furthermore, during the Babylonian Exile the nation of Israel was removed from their homeland. Because of King Herod's bounty placed upon the newborn king of the Jews, Mary and Joseph -- the Holy Family of Jesus -- had to flee. Jesus' final-exam questions at the end of the Gospel St. Matthew establishing the corporal works of mercy: "I was stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).

These countless Scriptural passages cemented the Church's teaching on our responsibility to care for migrants and refugees as outlined in Pope Pius XII's 1952 Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia Nazarethana*, Pope John XXIII's 1963 *Pacem in Terris 103-105*, and Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes 84* to name a few current Ecclesiastical texts.

Not only does our Catholic faith call us to this work of mercy and basic human right and dignity, we have experienced it in our own family history. From the Dutch migrants who travelled from Holland to the United States and settled in Little Chute, Wisconsin and the surrounding areas. Then after 25 years in 1875, parts of the original group traveled further west to Oregon and settled in the area that we call home today.

In my own family, political and religious refugees from Vietnam, fled a Communist regime in search of asylum and found it in the welcome, care, and shelter of the United States. Every day my parents remind my siblings and me as well as their grandkids to be grateful. Every single year we celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to God and America, to the country and people who welcomed us with open arms.

One of the many lessons that my parents, especially my father, taught me and that I will never forget, is the awesome sense of responsibility to learn the language, the culture, and values of our new home so we can give back and to contribute. This way, the sacrifices made by others before us would be given back to those who came after us, including the opportunity to succeed and the freedom and liberty to do so.

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From the Desk of Father Michael (Continued)

For this reason, not only were the recent images from Afghanistan very painful for my parents to watch, just like revisiting their own escape and plight, but it is even more so when they hear the constant howling of those who believe that America is irredeemable. Granted, my parents are not naïve to believe that everything here is picture perfect, but at the same time, there seems to be a loss of perspective.

As my college aged niece recounts the comments made of how terrible and oppressed of a place they live in, my father immediately shares how his generational family farm was confiscated under the notion of redistribution of wealth. And how, due to losing the family farm and the primary source of income, he and his father (my grandfather) sought work in the south that eventually was designated Democratic South Vietnam.

As a result, my aunt and uncle who were left behind, as well as other relatives, were "under careful watch" because my grandfather and my dad were branded traitors for fleeing to the south. The remaining family members were not only under constant watch, but they were also barred from going to school until they completed a reeducation program and passed the litmus test of loyalty. If they spoke up, as my dad's cousin did, they would be taken away, in the middle of the night, never to be seen again. This is the perspective that my father comes from living in a country that exercises liberty and freedom (or lack thereof) under those guidelines.

Not only are we called as people of faith to welcome the strangers, especially those who are seeking asylum from oppressive regimes, but, in doing so, we are becoming a better country and a nation thanks to their experiences and perspectives that inform us that where they are fleeing from is far worse. And their experiences are necessary to provide us with a perspective of gratitude and appreciation for what we do have. Perhaps, after hearing their stories, there would be less of the "look how bad we've got it!" talk.

Have a Blessed Week!

~Fr. Michael