

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



Blessing of the Animals - On Monday, October 4th, 2:45 pm will be the Annual Blessing of the Animals behind the Parish Center in the ball field.

No School - No School on Friday, October 8th (In-Service Day).

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!

Phase II Campaign: Cultivating Arts and Athletics for Community

Save the DATE! Weekend of October 16-17, we are launching our Phase II CAAC Campaign with exciting news of a \$500,000 matching grant. We currently have \$1,354,045 pledged and donated. If you have completed your Phase I commitment and ready to make a new commitment or one time pledge, this is a great opportunity to have your donation matched dollar for dollar. 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



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." — M K 10:3-6

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OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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, Friday: 8:00 am

Thursday: 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	October	3	8:00 am	Ignatius Evers † by Sandy Scott
			10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	October	4	8:00 am	Norman Hertel † by Andy & Patty Duyck
Tuesday	October	5	8:00 am	Tom Johnston † by Raean Johnston
Wednesday	October	6	No Mass	
Thursday	October	7	8:30 am	The Walsh Family by Todd & Kristi Schmit
Friday	October	8	8:00 am	Vernon Duyck † by Louann Heesacker
Saturday	October	9	5:00 pm	Michael & Emily Stadelman by Allison McDonald

Weekday Servers October 4th & 5th:

Sophia Duyck and Mariah Crop

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

September 25th & 26th

Envelopes & Checks: \$3,643.72

Loose Collection: \$369.00

On-Line Contributions: \$385.00

Weekend Masses For October 9th & 10th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Reader	Chris Duyck	Joe Finegan	Greg Peters
EMHC—Host	Lee LaBonte	Jennifer Finegan	Donna Vandehey
Servers	Isabel Crosby Nathan Crosby	Trever Vanderzanden Katie & Michael Nevis	Braden Tunnell Jessie Palominos
Music			Kathy Juenemann
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Joseph Heesacker	Tom Herinckx Gary Duyck	Gary Hammond Volunteer
Zoom Meeting	Alex Stewart	Annie Nevis	

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

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.

St. Matthew Catholic School in Hillsboro, OR

Two job openings:

- 7th grade teacher who would teach the following: homeroom, Science for grades 6, 7, & 8; religion for grades 7 & 8, and Social Studies for gr. 6.
- Instructional Assistant for Library, duties, and some tutoring.

Come join the St. Matthew School community where students are eager to learn, do their best, and enjoy being one community growing in Christ. If interested, please contact Diane Ramsperger, Interim Principal at: principal@smeshillsboro.org or call, 503-648-2512.



87th Annual Verboort Sausage & Kraut Dinner Announcements

- All Department Dinner Chair Meeting on Tuesday, October 5th, 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We have a few important topics to discuss prior to the November 6th dinner with our volunteers and patrons. ~Leo Duyck, 2021 Dinner Chair 503-853-6840
- 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.
- Volunteers Needed - We are looking for volunteers to help pack and sell sausage (November 3, 4 & 5) and help with traffic flow (November 4). The most critical days are November 3 and 4. This will help support our online sales and we need a lot of support. We also welcome all parishioner families to volunteer the day of the dinner on November 6. If you would like to be added to the dinner list, we would love your help. Please contact Dana Vandecoevering @ dana.vandecoevering@intel.com or 503-502-6444 to volunteer.

Sausage and Sauerkraut PreSales - Parishioners & Visitation School Families

Parishioners and Visitation School families may order Sausage and Kraut online October 17-21. This will be your only opportunity to order in advance of the dinner. Sausage will be sold in 3 packages: \$20 (~3.0 lbs), \$60 (~9.2 lbs) and \$100 (15.4 lbs) and Kraut will be sold in gallon (\$13) and quart (\$4). Pick up will be Friday November 5 from 3-6pm in the Sausage Plant (same process as in past years – walk up and pick up!) Please note that you must order online in advance of picking up sausage and kraut on Friday, no exceptions. If you have friends or family who want to order sausage and/or kraut and are not parish members, please direct them www.verboort.org/dinner. They can order online starting October 22. If you have questions, contact Dana Vandecoevering 503-502-6444.

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. First Class begins Sunday, October 3, 2021 12:00-1:00pm in Visitation school.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Meets Sunday, October 10 from 6:00-7:30pm. Lesson: God Made. All are invited. For more information, please contact Laura Nevis, 503-575-5608 or lnavis@farthing.com.

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group

October 1-3 Retreat at Twin Rocks, Rockaway Beach. Parents are invited to join us for the Mass Sunday, October 3 at 10:30am in Roy that will conclude the retreat. Pick up is at 11:15am in Roy. For questions, call Laura Nevis 503-575-5608 or lnavis@farthing.com.

HS Confirmation (grades 9 and older)

Saturday, October 30 is the first meeting which begins with 5:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Edward, North Plains and then a meal and lesson will be offered in the Parish Hall following Mass. Session ends 7:15pm. For questions, call Laura Nevis 503-575-5608 or lnavis@farthing.com.

Religious Education Grades 1-5

Next class is on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 at 4:30 pm St Francis of Assisi Church, Roy.

Meetings

Altar Society Meeting on Tuesday, October 5th, 2pm in the Convent. Will discuss the Altar Society Booths at the Verboort Dinner. Please park across the street. Masks required.

Facilities Meeting on Tuesday, October 5th, 6pm in the Knight's room.

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Fr. Michael's Pick: "Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love" by Dr. Edward Sri. In today's culture, we're constantly bombarded with the secular notion of love and intimacy, instead of the kind of love that God intended for his children. In this Lighthouse Talk, Dr. Edward Sri explains how Pope St. John Paul II's teachings of the Theology of the Body can help us prepare for marriage, by showing us how to live as selfless, authentic men and women. (Run Time: 48 minutes).

From the Desk of Father Michael

Dear Parishioners,

The month of October is designated as Respect Life, and the spiritual tool at our disposal to pray for this intention is the rosary. The rosary is a devotion given to us by St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, i.e., the Dominicans.

The rosary was a devotion that grew over time. At the beginning, the faithful prayed the psalter, that is, the 150 psalms found in the Old Testament. However, due to lack of literacy and texts, the faithful began to pray 150 Our Fathers in its place as it was an easier prayer to commit to memory. Later, in place of the Lord's prayer, the first half of the Marian Salutation was committed to memory and recited.

Eventually, St. Dominican took this devotional practice and cemented it into what we know today as the rosary devotion with its mysteries meditating on the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Life of our Lord Jesus Christ with the pattern of 1 Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and 1 Glory Be for each mystery.

Now, I want to address what often my young people have expressed to me as their struggles with this devotion. Some say it is hard to concentrate and focus due to fear of messing up the words or the right count on the bead. Others share that it is boring due to the monotony and repetition. Still others state that it is the prayer style and approach of their parents and grandparents that often is done before Mass and they just don't get it, doesn't speak to them or move their hearts, etc.

As I explain to our young people, notice that when asked by his disciples, "teach us how to pray", Jesus' response was he didn't teach them a posture of prayer, telling them to kneel, close their eyes and fold their hands. He didn't instruct them to go through breathing exercises or other techniques to empty themselves of distractions. He didn't indicate how to listen to God, like Eli taught Samuel to say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." He didn't give them a meditation method.

Rather, Jesus provided them the words to the Lord's Prayer and at the Last Supper, he prayed the most perfect prayer, the Eucharist. For this reason, before the celebration of Mass, the faithful, including parents and grandparents, recite the Rosary. The Rosary has always been understood as a "compendium of the Gospel", a summary of the mysteries of the faith that is celebrated in the Eucharist.

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From the Desk of Father Michael (Continued)

In contemplating the Blessed Fruit of Mary's womb in the mysteries of the Rosary, we are made more apt to hear him speaking to us in the Gospel of the Mass by beholding him under the appearances of bread and wine on the altar. Praying the Rosary well is a great preparation for the celebration of the Mass and a means to help us link all the mysteries and events and work of our life to what the Blessed Fruit of Mary's womb is doing for us on the altar.

The reason why the rosary invites all of us to recite prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be in repetition is not so much to focus on the words of the prayer, but rather the rhythm of holy words is no different than a metronome used by musicians to create pace and tempo in order to establish the mood and emotions. Likewise, the recitation of such familiar prayers creates an atmosphere to focus upon the mystery in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and those who played a significant role, like his Blessed Mother.

Too often we get tripped up in the mechanics of things. Of course, establishing the correct mechanics in how to swing a golf club, baseball bat, and shoot a basketball is essential, but it is the constant repetition of doing that action which creates muscle memory and conditions the mind to do that action over and over again under various circumstances such as fatigue, injury, stress, and pressure. The same can be said for our spiritual development of a prayer devotion that, done consistently and faithfully, assures us in our most trying and joyful times that Jesus is present, is alive, is real, and is true to being with us till the end of the age.

As we begin this month of October, dedicated both to Respect Life and the Rosary, may we renew ourselves in this very fruitful, powerful, and necessary devotion.

Our Lady of the Rosary, *pray for us!*

Blessings,
~Fr. Michael