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Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Wed. 8:30 am – 5 pm (no Benediction)

Baptisms & Weddings

Call Brian Meeuwsen (on cell phone) to schedule an appointment. For weddings, call at least 6 months in advance.

Confessions

Call/Text Fr. Michael or Fr. Augustus (on cell phone) or e-mail to schedule an appointment.

Pastoral Council Members

Angi Duyck (secretary)	2020-23
Michelle Galbreath	2021-24
Patrick Hess (vice chair)	2022-25
Kelleen Meeuwsen (chair)	2020-23
Raymond Peters	2021-24
Courtney Schaefer	2021-24
Carolyn Schultz	2022-25

Collections for December 3-4 2022

Offertory: \$2,163.00
Online Giving: \$1,313.33
Total: \$3,476.33
School Fund: \$881.00

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 12/10 6:30pm Nick Vandehey +
Sun. 12/11 8:00am Bill & Carmella Wren+
Sun. 12/11 10:30am People of the Parish

Tue. 12/13 8:00am Brian Vandehey+
Wed. 12/14 8:00am Randy "Hambone" Herb+
Thur. 12/15 8:00am Paul Tran+
Fri. 12/16 9:00am Leo "Poncho" Vanderzanden+

Sat. 12/17 6:30pm Nick Vandehey +
Sun. 12/18 8:00am People of the parish
Sun. 12/18 10:30am Bernard & Eleanor Vanderzanden+

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that we are half way into the season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas is just two weeks away. Continuing through our Advent Parish book this year, we are on Part III. Here is my reflection for those who are reading along with me.

Part III: The Divine Plan (pages 61-96)

Matthew Kelly opens with "To write is to hope." He explains that one of the reasons he writes is to provide hope for others because "hope is a good thing" that reminds us that "no good thing ever dies" to quote Andy from the movie Shawshank Redemption.

Hope is something that we need in this world when there is much anxiety and worry. A couple of weeks ago during Thanksgiving, my nephew, Gabriel was working on his social studies project. He had to choose a historical event in the southern hemisphere. He chose the Fall of Saigon in April 1975.

After researching the topic, he interviewed my parents and oldest sister who lived through those events. As I was listening afar of my parents recount the details which frankly, I have heard a million times, this time there was a different tone and sense of urgency. I suspect it was because my parents were sharing it with their grandson, third generation in America.

For my parents, the decision to flee may not have been an easy journey but it was a very clear and simple decision to make despite all the uncertainty. They believed in hope of a new world, new opportunities, and new life even if that meant facing death. The good thing for them was a chance to live their faith not under a communist regime and that faith is such a great thing that it never dies.

They wanted to convey this to their grandson who was part of their decision even though they did not know it at the time. But it was a decision of hope for their own children and their children's children, that is, the next generation and the next one after that.

In passing their story of hope, it is handing onto their grandchildren and the next generation to come that sense of what is possible, what is worth sacrificing for, and what it takes through endurance, perseverance and grit.

Is this not what we are all asked to do by not only passing on the faith but the simple witness of holy moments in our life. If we are aware of these moments and we teach others how to be present to these moments and they in turn teach their children, God's Divine Plan multiples exponentially. And this is how we can change the world and make a difference. One ripple effect at a time. One holy moment at a time.

Blessings,
~Fr. Michael

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets Sunday, December 11, 2022. Fr. Michael will be presenting on "4 Last Things" from Noon to 1:00pm in the Verboort rectory. Please contact Fr. Michael, 971-217-5335 or email mvuky@yahoo.com for any questions.

Religious Education for Children (grades 1-5)

Classes every Wednesday at 4:00pm-5:15pm St. Edward, North Plains Parish Hall. Registration is open. Please contact Nancy Vandehey, RE Director, 503-647-2131 or n.vandehey@stedwardnp.net if you have any questions.

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Group

Advent Service Project, Christmas caroling through Roy and Verboort on Sunday, December 11 from 1:00-3:00pm. We will meet at St. Francis of Assisi parish and picked up at Visitation Parish Center. Please contact Sandy Sinner 503-840-2861 or sinnerfam4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

High School (grades 9-12) Youth Group & Mission Krewe 2023

Advent Service Project, Christmas decorating at either St. Edward or Visitation on Sunday, December 18 from 12:00-3:00pm. Please RSVP and sign up to help decorate at either St. Edward or Visitation. We will gather at Visitation parish center once done to enjoy food, drink, and games. Please contact Sandy Sinner 503-840-2861 or sinnerfam4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Confirmation (grades 8-12)

Meets Sunday, January 29 at 6:00pm for Mass and lesson on the Eucharist at Visitation church. Please contact Sandy Sinner 503-840-2861 or sinnerfam4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FORMED.ORG: 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. If you have any problems logging in or accessing your account, please parishcare@formed.org or 1-844-367-6331.

Fr. Michael's Pick: "Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew" Join scripture scholars Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they dive into the Gospel of Matthew. This Bible Study is part of a weekly series hosted by FROMED Now! We hope you enjoy this lively and faith-filled study of the first Gospel (Run Time: each episode approximately 30 minutes each).

Live Streaming of Masses:

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

- St. Edward/St. Francis of Assisi/Visitation is live streaming 10:00am Sunday Mass from Visitation will be streamed via Zoom. Meeting ID: 993 4497 4746 Password: HolyMass

Parish Community Center/Gym Capital Campaign:

We have currently \$ \$2,748,104.37 donated and pledged. We have reached over 60% of our goal. Please consider donating, one time or over a five-year commitment to our Parish Community Center and Gym Building project. Gift Table and Pledge Commitment cards are available in the church vestibule or call the school office 503-324-2182. Or visit www.sfaroyparish.org or www.sfa-roy.org. Any questions, please contact Fr. Michael and committee members: Kevin and David Duyck, Dan Spiering, Joe Wren, Al VDZ, Bill VDH, Diane Ramsperger, Courtney Schaefer, and Sam Meeuwsen.

Women's Prayer Group:

Last meeting before Christmas will be held in the church at 5 pm so as not to conflict with choir practice. We will pray the Rosary and sing Advent hymns by candlelight. Feel free to bring a light to read by if needed.
Date: Monday, December 19. Time: 5 pm. Place: St. Francis church Contact: Monica 650-704-4201

Giving Tree:

This year we will be sponsoring four families thru the **Inukai Family Boys & Girls Club** and are including "Wish List" items from the teachers and staff at the school for the Christmas holiday. Please support this social outreach program by selecting a gift tag or two from our giving tree in the church basement. Purchase the item on the gift tag, wrap the gift and return it to the church basement with the gift tag taped onto the gift. We need all gifts by **Sunday, December 11th** so they can be delivered to the Boys and Girls Club before going to the families. Feel free to also bring nonperishable food items for these families to enjoy during the holidays. Cash donations may go directly to Kelleen Meeuwsen. For more information about this program, contact Carolyn Schultz at 503-324-8042.

Altar Server Schedule:

Sat. Dec. 10 th	6:30pm	Bair Family
Sun. Dec. 11 th	8:00am	DJ Heckenberg & Seth Galbreath
Sun. Dec. 11 th	10:30am	Stenlund Family

Sat. Dec. 17 th	6:30pm	McCraw Family
Sun. Dec. 18 th	8:00am	Kuiper Family
Sun. Dec. 18 th	10:30am	Crowell Family