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**PARISH NEWS:** St. Patrick's Parish Picnic was held Sunday, September 26, in Vale's Wadleigh Park. Holy Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with the picnic following at noon. The Men's Club provided hamburgers and hot dogs. Lamb was also barbecued, along with pots of fresh corn-on-the-cob. The rest of the meal was potluck with everything from salad to birthday cake.

It was a beautiful fun-filled day. Wonderful live music by a group from the Adrian area was enjoyed by the adults. A large bubble house was set up for the children with games and prizes.

More than 100 people attended and a guest book is being prepared for future activities.



Fr. Camillus (Cami) Fernando enjoying a visit during the parish picnic.

**RETREAT CENTER NEWS:** Thursday, December 16th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Powell Butte Retreat Center, the second annual Schoenstatt Advent Family Celebration will take place starting with Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour and Advent Scriptural Reading, followed by music, entertainment, ethnic dancing, family crafts, cookies and beverages. The focus will be the Divine Maternity of Mary with the Protection of Her Loving Husband, Joseph, and the coming of her Son.

**ADVENT IDEAS:** November 28 is the First Sunday of Advent, so there is still time to get Advent wreaths and calendars. Consider starting the tradition of the Jesse Tree for the children. This way of preparing for the birth of Christ uses symbols, both Old and New Testament, to illustrate the truths of faith. For more information, go to:  
<http://www.fisheaters.com/customsadvent9.html>

**PARISH NEWS:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Altar Society will be hosting a Turkey Bingo Night, Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the OLMC parish hall, 503 W Chocktoot Street, Chiloquin. There will be door prizes and refreshments. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. Anyone travelling in the area is invited to join in a fun evening.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Altar Society will also be hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at the OLMC parish hall. The doors open at 9:00 a.m. There will be many tables full of holiday items, including a dessert table hosted by the Altar Society. All are welcome to attend.

**CAMP CONNOLLY 2011 NEWS:** While fulfilling, working with youth has its challenges. The greatest is helping them to realize that they do matter . . . that they were created for a purpose. This is difficult in a society that does not always respect the dignity of life.

So I was pleased by the Youth Council's choice of Dr. Seuss for the 2011 Camp theme. "So ring every doorbell. And send out the word!" (Said Horton the elephant.) "Don't give up! I believe in you all! A person's a person, no matter how small! And you very small persons will not have to die if you make yourselves heard! So, please! Try!"

To present this important message in a way that will be heard, portions of *Seussical the Musical* will be performed at all the 2011 Camps. I am looking for people to make this happen. Contact Father James Radloff at [frradloff@dioceseofbaker.org](mailto:frradloff@dioceseofbaker.org). Our youth need to hear that "A person's a person, no matter how small!" They do matter!



**MIND AND HEART OF BISHOP VASA:** We stand at that liturgical crossroads where the Feast of Christ the King announces the end of the old year and the beginning of the new. On this Feast we anticipate the ultimate resolution of all the world's trials and tribulations, questions and concerns. The Lord promised that He will come again and this feast reminds us that He might come personally for us before He comes for all. Fall and the end of the liturgical year coincide with the message that the world is passing away. This feast challenges us to make sure that our priorities are in sync with the things that will really matter when Christ comes again.

A great Saint, out hoeing in a garden of beans, was asked: "What would you do if you knew the world would end today?" His calm, considered reply, "I suppose I would finish hoeing this row of beans." This reply speaks of two things. One it speaks to the value of the material work we are called to do. This work is not merely to turn a profit or pass the time; it has eternal significance. It matters. If this work is important enough to persevere at until the end of the world then it needs to be approached with a kind of reverence. This reply also speaks to the need for a proper preparation for the end times. If someone would reply that they would immediately get to church, confession and begin to pray the rosary then the implication is that they are radically unprepared, here and now, for the end. Such a reply points to a pressing need for greater preparedness. The celebration of Christ the King reminds us that 'we know not the day nor the hour'.

In the course of life we see that flower gives way to seed. Seed gives way to new sprout. So also in the liturgical year, the end gives way to Advent and a time of preparation for a new Birth. There are only four Sundays of Advent each ideally preceding a full week of Advent spiritual work. If you are one of those (and really aren't we all) who would not answer as our Saint above then take heed of the need to prepare for an end which will certainly come at a time we least expect, on a day we do not know. If we do not prepare well when we know precisely when the celebration (Christmas) is to be held, how can we claim to be prepared for that which we do not know and cannot see.

The Saint could be calm about proceeding with the hoeing of his beans because he had already done the spiritual work which preceded his manual labor. He had already prepared for his spiritual end and was at peace with that preparation. He may not have left his hoeing to prepare for the end but the truer reality is that he did not start hoeing until he was prepared for that end. For ourselves, the tendency to drop the hoe and run to church is very possibly a sign that we were not yet properly ready to take up the hoe in the first place.

May your Advent work of preparation for Christmas produce for you many wonderful spiritual fruits which will bring you abundant joy and blessings at Christmas.

**DIA DE MUERTOS:** Es una costumbre mexicana relacionada con el ciclo agrícola tradicional. Los indígenas hacían una gran fiesta en la primera luna llena del mes de noviembre, para celebrar la cosecha del maíz. Creían que ese día los difuntos venían, a celebrar y compartir con los vivos, los frutos de la madre tierra.

Para los aztecas la muerte no era el final de la vida, sino una transformación. Creían que los muertos se convertirían en colibríes, y volaban acompañando al Sol, hasta alcanzar cierto grado de perfección.

En ese tiempo se iban a un lugar llamado Mictlán, que significa "lugar de la muerte" para purificarse y seguir su camino.

Los aztecas no enterraban a los muertos sino que los incineraban. La viuda, la hermana o la madre, preparaba tortillas, frijoles y bebidas. Cuando un sacerdote comprobaba que no faltara nada le prendían fuego y los familiares sentados aguardaban el fin, llorando y entonando cantos. Las cenizas eran puestas en una urna junto con un jade que simbolizaba su corazón.

Cada año, en la primera noche de luna llena en noviembre, los familiares visitaban la urna donde estaban las cenizas del difunto y ponían alrededor el tipo de comida que le gustaba en vida, pues era el día que los muertos venían a visitar a sus parientes en la tierra.

El difunto ese día era el "huésped ilustre" a quien había que festejar y agasajar. Ponían también flores de Cempazúchitl, que son de color anaranjado brillante, y las deshojaban formando con los pétalos un camino hasta el templo para guiar al difunto en su camino de regreso a Mictlán.

Los misioneros españoles aprovecharon esta costumbre, para evangelizar a través de la oración por los difuntos. La costumbre azteca la dejaron casi intacta, dándole un sentido cristiano: El día 2 de noviembre, se dedica a la oración por las almas de los difuntos. Se visita el cementerio y junto a la tumba se pone un altar en memoria del difunto, y se ponen objetos que le pertenecían, con el objetivo de recordarlo con todas sus virtudes y defectos y hacer mejor la oración.

El altar se adorna con papel de colores picado con motivos alusivos a la muerte, con el sentido religioso de ver la muerte sin tristeza, pues es sólo el paso a una nueva vida.

Los familiares lleva ofrendas al difunto que se pone sobre el altar. Estas ofrendas simbolizan las oraciones y sacrificios que los parientes ofrecerán por la salvación del difunto.

Los aztecas fabricaban calaveras de barro o piedra y las ponían cerca del altar de muertos para tranquilizar a los dioses de la muerte. Los misioneros, en vez de prohibirles esta costumbre pagana, les enseñaron a fabricar calaveras de azúcar como símbolo de la dulzura de la muerte para el que ha sido fiel a Dios.

**Artículos o eventos de tu parroquia puedes mandarlos at**  
**gart@diocesobaker.org o fax 541-388-2566.**

**APPEAL—2010 UPDATE:** Thank you for your generous support of Appeal-2010. As previously mentioned in the Chronicle, the Diocesan Offices exist to serve the Parishes and Missions of the Diocese and the primary means of support for the ongoing work of the Diocese comes from those same Parishes and Missions which are served. The life of every Parish is intimately connected with and often reliant upon the Diocesan Offices. However, since the primary contact is with the local Parish and Pastor it is easy to forget and even ignore this essential connection with the Diocese.

There is an annual Parish Assessment which covers some of our Diocesan Expenses. We do receive Grants from Catholic Home Missions and Catholic Extension but we must also strive to generate funds from within the Diocese. As of November 5<sup>th</sup> we have received over \$84,000 or 17% of our goal. Once a location reaches 70% of the established Goal, the Priests' Retirement Program receives the funds and a very important Diocesan need begins to be funded appropriately. Once a location reaches 100% of the goal, any additional donations received will be refunded back to the location. Two locations St. Catherine Church in Fossil and St. Mary Church in Wasco have exceeded their goals and will be receiving a refund from the Diocese. Several locations have exceeded 70% of their goal and any additional funds received will be helping the Priest's Retirement Program.

**OUR DIOCESAN YOUTH:** Roman Cisneros took the role of St. Arcadius at all the Diocese of Baker Youth Camps this past summer. He acted out the martyrdom of St. Arcadius (302 AD) as a way of teaching the youth about the saint chosen by the Youth Council as the patron saint of all the camps.



After memorizing the saint's dying words as recorded in the Roman Martyrology, Roman boldly proclaimed; "Do you believe that the fear of death will ever make me swerve from my duty? Jesus Christ is my life, and death is my gain. Invent what torments you please; but know that nothing shall make me a traitor to my God. Your gods are not gods; renounce their worship. Jesus Christ alone, for whom I suffer and die, is the true God. To die for Him is to live; to suffer for Him is to enjoy the greatest delights." And at this moment a star was born.

Surprising all his family and friends, as a Junior, Roman tried out for the Summit High School musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" and got a part! In the program are found these sentiments; "Roman would like to thank his parents Angela and Roger, his family, and his Youth Council Family. 'Thank you, guys so much for everything. I love you.'" Roman did an outstanding job. Where did he ever learn to dance and sing? We guess that all those fun Camp Songs with their special motions must have really helped. We love you too, Roman.

**APPEAL—2010 UPDATE:**

PARISH	GOAL	RECEIVED	% OF GOAL
Baker City	\$16,666	\$2,415	14%
Halfway	\$1,190	\$0	0%
Bend	\$79,361	\$8,275	10%
Boardman	\$5,754	\$440	8%
Burns	\$8,928	\$1,145	13%
Crane	\$1,008	\$200	20%
Drewsey	\$734	\$300	41%
Juntura	\$833	\$75	9%
Chiloquin	\$4,047	\$0	0%
Bly	\$873	\$0	0%
Condon	\$3,444	\$275	8%
Fossil	\$833	\$1,000	120%
Arlington	\$992	\$100	10%
Dufur	\$2,301	\$200	9%
Maupin	\$1,587	\$710	45%
Enterprise	\$5,833	\$2,700	46%
Wallowa	\$833	\$0	0%
Heppner	\$5,476	\$2,525	46%
Ione	\$1,905	\$495	26%
Hermiston	\$28,761	\$3,600	13%
Hood River	\$19,999	\$1,140	6%
John Day	\$5,555	\$1,300	23%
Monument	\$159	\$59	37%
Longcreek (Dale)	\$238	\$200	84%
Jordan Valley	\$2,024	\$775	38%
Arock	\$397	\$135	34%
Kfalls-Sacred Heart	\$37,935	\$2,900	8%
Kfalls-St. Pius X	\$32,498	\$12,096	37%
La Grande	\$17,301	\$2,616	15%
Elgin	\$2,619	\$400	15%
North Powder	\$1,071	\$500	47%
Union	\$2,024	\$450	22%
Lakeview	\$6,587	\$3,110	47%
Adel	\$337	\$0	0%
Paisley	\$1,270	\$350	28%
Plush	\$357	\$100	28%
La Pine	\$7,143	\$250	3%
Christmas Valley	\$694	\$0	0%
Gilchrist	\$1,151	\$0	0%
Sunriver	\$11,507	\$1,125	10%
Madras	\$13,888	\$1,575	11%
Warm Springs	\$2,103	\$150	7%
Merrill	\$4,841	\$1,790	37%
Bonanza	\$1,349	\$975	72%
Milton-Freewater	\$6,944	\$325	5%
Athena	\$1,587	\$603	38%
Nyssa	\$5,793	\$40	1%
Ontario	\$20,237	\$1,058	5%
Pendleton	\$22,142	\$5,245	24%
Pilot Rock	\$3,968	\$400	10%
Prineville	\$11,111	\$3,650	33%
Redmond	\$30,951	\$4,070	13%
Saint Andrew's	\$3,968	\$500	13%
Sisters	\$13,015	\$700	5%
The Dalles	\$28,173	\$1,025	4%
Vale	\$4,722	\$4,030	85%
Unity	\$556	\$400	72%
Wasco	\$1,746	\$460	26%
Grass Valley	\$679	\$730	108%
Rounding/Outside of Diocese	\$2	\$5,000	n/a
<b>DIOCESE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$84,687</b>	<b>17%</b>



## VOCATION NEWS:



David Jones, a seminarian for the Diocese of Baker, received his cassock the weekend of October 30 and 31. Here he is pictured with his father, Jim Jones.

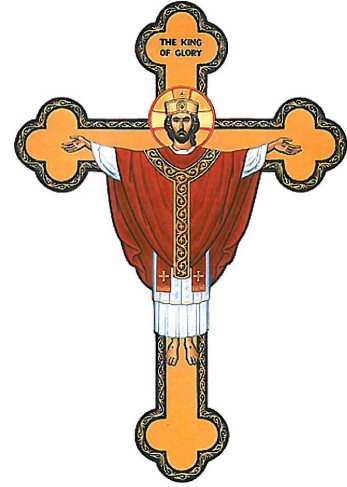
**PARISH NEWS:** St. Thomas in Redmond is hosting a special guest, Carl E. Olson, who will be speaking on *"The Season of Advent & Truth About the Apocalypse"*. The event will be held on *Saturday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m.* in the church. There will be an opportunity for questions after his talk.

Carl Olson is a nationally recognized speaker and has been a guest on EWTN Live, The Journey Home, and Catholic Answers Live. He is editor of Ignatius Insight and author of *"Will Catholics Be Left Behind"* and *"The Da Vinci Hoax"*. Carl is a convert to the Catholic faith and well-versed in both the Catholic and non-Catholic view of the End Times. Carl's talk will address these questions:

- What does the season of Advent have to do with the Apocalypse and the second coming of Christ?
- Are we living in the End Times?
- What does the Catholic Church teach about the the End Times?
- What is the Rapture and is it compatible with Catholic teaching?
- What is the most important thing Catholics can do to prepare for the coming of Christ?

This is a great opportunity for adult enrichment as well as a wonderful way to prepare for Advent. Bring your friends. All adults, Catholic or otherwise, curious about what the Catholic Church teaches about the End Times are encouraged to attend.

**SAINTS AND FEASTS:** The Feast of Christ the King is the most recent in honor of Our Lord, instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI as a solemnity for the Universal Church.



While the concept of Christ as King triumphant at the right hand of the Father runs through both Mass texts and the Divine Office throughout the entire Church year, many of the faithful have forgotten this aspect of their salvation. The strong truth of divine kingship gives Catholics an image that is encouraging and strengthening.

The office, especially Matins, highlights psalms about royalty and even the lessons refer to Christ's reign over the whole world. The ancient Introit of the Mass of the day begins with "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honor." And at Evening Prayer, the second antiphon says, "His kingdom is a kingdom of all ages and all kings shall serve and obey Him."

Of the four evangelists, St. John sees Christ most clearly in His Divinity and in his vision, recorded in the Book of Revelation, saw the Lord as the divinely radiant King of the heavens. Ancient Christians adopted this image early and adorned their churches and cemeteries with a glorious crowned Lord. Thus the Church presents us a picture of the Second Coming of the Lord, the Second Advent, just as the Church year ends and a new one begins with the First Sunday of Advent and Christmas.

This image feeds the desire of the Church and her members for the Lord to come in glory and rule over all of creation. Everyone can fruitfully pray the Collect of the Mass: "Almighty and everlasting God ... grant that all families of nations, now kept apart by the wound of sin, may be brought together under the sweet yoke of (Your Son's) rule."



During the month of November please remember to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory.

The doctrine that many who have died are still in a place of purification and that prayers assist these departed souls is one of the earliest Christian traditions.