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**PARISH NEWS:** St. Edward the Martyr Church in Sisters, held its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tea and Fashion Show on May 7<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. This event is a fundraiser for the church and St. Winefride's Garden.



The tables were "dressed" by volunteers from the church who provided their own china and crystal, giving each table its own unique beauty and personality. Nattily dressed men from the parish served the food and beverages, making all the guests feel pampered and special.

The tea started with fresh fruit and scones served with Devonshire cream. Two varieties of tea were offered, a black tea and an herbal. Tea sandwiches followed: the standards - egg salad and cucumber - and the fancier - salmon pinwheels, striped ham salad, and curry chicken on a mini-croissant.

Three local stores, Bedouin, Common Threads, and Mackenzie



Creek Mercantile, provided a Fashion Show with styles modeled by parishioners and Father James Radloff. Impressed, perhaps, by Fr Radloff's modeling skills, our new pastor, Father Jude Onogbosele, volunteered to model some African fashions at next year's tea. Afterwards, a dessert of gourmet cupcakes and a three-tiered tray of chocolates and cookies was served. The event concluded with a raffle

of artwork, jewelry, gift baskets, handcrafts and gift certificates donated by local merchants and parishioners.

Thanks go to all who so generously gave to the raffle, served on the tea committee and to those who attended this annual event. It was another successful and enjoyable tea.



**PARISH NEWS:** Twenty-one children at St. Thomas Church in Redmond received First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 8, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. For Mother's Day the altar was lined with beautiful bouquets of roses offered



by St. Thomas parishioners to honor both their mothers and our Blessed Mother.

Mass began with the parish's traditional May Crowning by Aine Jackson. (left)



St. Thomas Church First Holy Communion Class of 2011

**PARISH NEWS:** On the afternoon of May 24, the Saint Francis Parish Office volunteers were treated to lunch at Greg's Grill. Not all the volunteers were able to attend, but those who did had a wonderful time. This is a yearly event that all look forward to, including the parish staff.

On the morning of April 27, Father Francis Ekwugha gave a special blessing to Duke and Kathy Johnson on the occasion of their 20<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary.

Kathy is the Youth Minister and Duke is the Religious Education Director for the parish.

The staff enjoyed anniversary cake with the happy couple.



## REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD....God's Call

The public ministry of Jesus is a remarkable witness of how He called people to serve. His invitation to the fishermen like Peter, whom He said He would make fishers of people, is an example. The images on the Sea of Galilee, from the calming of the storm to the miraculous catch of fish, must have been powerful moments of memory for the disciples as they went about their ministry of proclaiming the Gospel and inviting people to be disciples of Jesus. Jesus also used the witness of people whom he touched like the blind man, the Samaritan women at the well and the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

Quickly the community of faith grew beyond the core group of followers to a widespread community of faith that spread beyond the homeland of Jesus. Down through the centuries to the present day the call of Jesus to be a disciple and to be a part of His body in the community of faith continues. Especially since the Second Vatican Council of fifty years ago, we have witnessed and experienced the explosion of ministries in the Church. The U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral statement some years ago entitled, "Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium" which expressed appreciation for the many gifted people in the Church who use their gifts so well and generously. Look, for example, at parish secretaries. There is no way pastors could do without them!

In my relatively brief time in the diocese so far, one of the needs that is very apparent and important to pray for and support are those who are called to priesthood or service as a religious sister or brother. At the present moment in the diocese, I believe we have only one seminarian. I don't think God has passed us over here in Eastern Oregon in giving vocations to serve the Church in this way. I remember a few years in speaking about this issue with a bishop who indicated that in his diocese there was not a very strong culture in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Some of the increased challenges we face today are the loss of cultural supports for faith life in general we had in the recent past and the general decrease in the size of families. Also there are so many more options for service today than in the past.

Every one of us is called by God. Maybe it is to married life. Maybe it is to live as a single (not all are called to married life or have the ability to sustain a marriage relationship, a community of life). Or maybe the call is to priesthood. I hope and pray that all of our parish communities have within them a culture that supports vocations to priesthood and religious life. All of us together have a mutual responsibility for one another and for the Church now and into the future.

May God bless you and give you peace.

**NOTE:** We have been asked to discourage cards and letters for Bishop Connolly as they seem to confuse him and are not private as he is unable to read them himself. Visits are being limited to 30 minutes.

## DIOCESAN NEWS: My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Roman Catholic Church is gathering in Dublin, Ireland and YOU are invited! Pope Benedict XVI has petitioned Catholics from across the globe to celebrate the **50th International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, Ireland.**

Our Official Pilgrimage for the Diocese of Baker will be led by Father Jim Radloff, June 8-18, 2012!

Periodically every few years, the Church invites all the faithful from around the world to attend an international Eucharistic Congress. This experience of a congress attempts to enhance a Catholic's appreciation of Eucharist and to experience a representation of the Church Universal which provide a memorable experience and a deeper appreciation of this rich sacrament. As the Church teaches "The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fountain from which all of her power flows." (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #10). If it is possible for you to attend, I certainly would encourage you to do so.

Those who have the blessing of going to the IEC will not only find the Faith Journeys pilgrimage a great blessing for themselves, but upon their return can help us all to deepen our Catholic identity, nurture lifelong faith formation, and foster a greater love of and devotion to the Eucharist.

Be assured of my prayers as you take the spirit of the Diocese of Baker to the world gathered in Ireland.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
The Most Rev. +William S. Skylstad,  
Apostolic Administrator

More details to come in the next issue or visit [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie).

**HOW TO FIND GOOD MOVIES:** Now that summer is officially here, what better way to spend a summer evening with the kids than watching a "decent" movie? *Focus on the Family* has created a website that thoroughly reviews most released movies. They also write reviews for video games, music and TV shows from a Christian perspective. Check it out at [www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com).

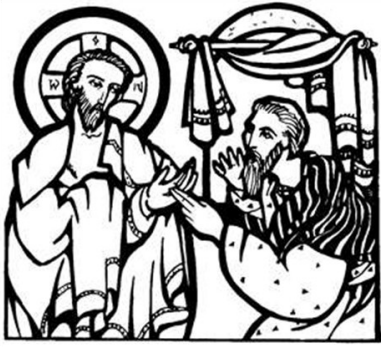
Another valuable resource recommended by USCCB is [www.catholicnews.com/movies](http://www.catholicnews.com/movies). Here you will find movie reviews by *Catholic News Service* (as well as from the former Office for Film and Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

We urge you to do your research and have a wonderful summer.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:** Diocesan Statutes for the Protection of Children are available at Parish Offices as well as the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org). The persons to whom child abuse may be reported are located there. You may also contact the County Attorney or the Department of Human Services about the procedure to be followed to report suspected child abuse.

Let us pledge ourselves to love and protect our children as Jesus calls us to love one another.

**SAINTS AND FEASTS:** St. Thomas the Apostle, July 3 – This close friend of Jesus has become the symbol for the expression, “doubting Thomas,” because he insisted he must put his hands into the wounds of the Risen



Christ in order to believe that it was, indeed, the Lord. While Jesus granted Thomas’s wish to put to rest his doubts with physical contact, He also remarked, “Blessed are they who have not seen, but have believed.”

The historian, Bishop Eusebius relates that Thomas and Bartholomew first evangelized Syria and Parthia and then traveled as far as India to spread the Gospel, which makes Thomas the only apostle who went outside the Roman Empire to bring Christianity to Asia. Some of his exploits are shrouded in legend, but what is certain is that he was martyred, probably near Madras in India. His date of death is thought to be July 3.

St. Gregory the Great says that Thomas’s doubt was actually a blessings for Christians who came after him: “It is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are affirmed in our faith beyond all doubt.”

#### **WHY AND HOW HAVE THE MASS TEXTS BEEN REVISED?**

The words we say and hear at every Mass are about to change. Mass will remain the same, but the sound will be different. Most of these words are English translations of texts first composed in Latin.

This revised translation pertains to the book we previously called *The Sacramentary*. It will not affect the scripture readings, the Prayer of the Faithful, or your favorite hymns. The new translation pertains to the words we speak or sing at every Mass, and to the prayers that the priest recites alone from *The Sacramentary*. Even the title of *The Sacramentary* will have a new translation; we will now refer to it as *The Roman Missal*.

The third edition of *The Roman Missal* in Latin was published in 2002. The first complete English translation dates to 1973, though some parts of the Mass first appeared in English as early as 1970. After a generation of usage, the translation we know well has been revised to reflect the current Latin edition.

Translators now have a better sense of how to achieve desired results. They have a firmer grasp of the meaning of the original texts and of the demands of oral proclamation. The revised translations will have more depth. As people say and hear the new words, they should appreciate even more the value of the faith they hold so dear.

#### **NOTICIAS HISPANAS: PROTEGER A LOS NIÑOS DE DIOS:**

Estatutos Diocesanos para la protección de los niños están disponibles en las oficinas de la parroquia, así como la página web diocesana: [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org). Las personas a las que el abuso puede ser reportado se encuentran allí. También puede comunicarse con el Fiscal del Condado o el Departamento de Servicios Humanos sobre el procedimiento a seguir para denunciar el posible niño maltrato y/o abusado. Comprometámonos a amar y a proteger a nuestros niños como Jesús nos pide, amarnos unos a otros.

#### **METODO DE PLANIFICACION NATURAL DE LA FAMILIA:**

La oficina pastoral diocesana en la oficina del ministerio hispano ahora cuenta con una pareja certificada para enseñar el “Método de Ovulación Billings” ¿Qué es el Método de la Ovulación Billings? En pocas palabras: El Método de la Ovulación Billings, es un método natural de planificación familiar.

El Método de la Ovulación Billings (MOB) nos ayuda a regular la natalidad de manera efectiva, y sin administrarnos ningún tipo de sustancias ni objetos.

El Método se caracteriza por ser: *Totalmente natural* El MOB es una herramienta exacta que nos ayuda a regular nuestra natalidad sin recurrir a drogas ni aparatos de ninguna clase. No involucra la necesidad de predicciones ni ritmos.

*Preciso y confiable* Se basa en el conocimiento del cuerpo de la mujer, especialmente sus órganos procreativos, con el fin de determinar con exactitud su estado de fertilidad ó de infertilidad.

*Fácil de administrar* El MOB tiene 4 Reglas de aplicación. Mismas que sirven de guía, junto con el conocimiento básico del cuerpo de la mujer, para posponer el embarazo.

*Logras concebir* Este conocimiento no solo ayuda a posponer el embarazo, sino a lograrlo cuando de otro modo se tienen dificultades para concebir.

¿Esto es el Método Billings! Ni más ni menos. ¿Te agrada? ¿Te gustaría aprender a usarlo?

Ahora ya sabes qué es el MOB, pero para aplicarlo es necesario que conozcas un poco más tu aparato reproductivo. Es obvio que, si decimos que es un método natural, lo lógico es que conozcas el objeto de aplicación del MOB: ¡Tu propio cuerpo!

¿Te gustaría hacer la voluntad de Dios? ¿Te gustaría llevar una vida placentera y feliz con tu cónyuge y con tu familia?

La verdadera naturaleza y nobleza del amor conyugal se revelan cuando éste es considerado en su fuente suprema, Dios, que es amor, “el padre de quien procede toda paternidad en el cielo y en la tierra”. En los bautizados el matrimonio reviste, además, la dignidad de signo sacramental de la gracia, en cuanto representa la unión de Cristo y de la Iglesia (*Humane Vitae*).

Si te interesa este método de planificación natural de la familia comunícate con tu párroco o llama a la oficina diocesana al teléfono 541 388-4004.



## RETREAT CENTER NEWS: DIGNITY OF LIFE WALL

Thus says the LORD, "I have called you by name and you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

When a person is called by name it gives them dignity. You can see the change on their face when they hear their name spoken. They are pleased that they matter enough to you that you made the effort to get to know their name and by their name you called them. They recognize that as far as you are concerned they have dignity as a person.

So when Oregon State University students gave names to the over eleven thousand babies aborted in Oregon in just one year it highlighted in a very powerful way the unborn's dignity as persons. When they put all the names on a memorial wall, forty eight feet long by eight feet high, they then made the dignity of these unborn known to all the youth attending this summer's camps at the Diocese of Baker retreat center in Powell Butte.

Camps this summer are highlighting the dignity of all life by focusing on the Seuss-ism "A person's a person no matter how small." Camp is helping the youth to recognize that each of them have dignity; their life has been created by God for a purpose; they matter. In age appropriate ways the youth are also encouraged to think about how they can protect the life of the unborn, the living, and the sick and the elderly. The students who are members of the OSU Right to Life group have given us a powerful example of what can be done.

All are invited to visit Powell Butte to view this monument to the dignity of all life. Although it will be at the Retreat Center until the Pro-Life Conference on September 17th, it might take weekend trips to some of the local parishes so that more can be touched by the power of a name. Please call the Diocese of Baker to confirm if it is present before you visit.



**PARISH NEWS:** St. Francis Parish and School participate in raising funds for St. Vincent De Paul. During the month of April, St. Vincent De Paul in Bend was chosen to be benefactors of Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein's yearly dollar for dollar campaign. Mr. Feinstein of Rhode Island dedicates \$1 million dollars to give to charity every year. Mr. Feinstein generously agreed to match dollar for dollar donated and offered one dollar for every can collected during the month of April. The Middle School youth group held a car wash that generated \$385 in free-will donations. St. Francis School collected 322 cans of food in a school-wide campaign to earn a "free-dress" day in addition to the weekly food collected for donation.



Middle School youth getting ready.



Teamwork!



Mrs. Davis and Pre-K class doing their part to help.



Presenting the school's earnings to Christine King (left) at SVdP.