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PARISH NEWS: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: St. Francis, Bend



Some of the 110 children at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Bend having fun at this summer's Vacation Bible School – Nazareth. This summer's VBS theme was "When Jesus Was a Kid", directed by Duke Johnson.

Teen Camp 2011



The Diocese of Baker's first ever teen camp concluded on August 11, and the youth had an amazing four days at the Powell Butte Retreat Center. One of the highlights of the camp was a raft trip down the Big Eddy Rapids on the Deschutes River. The raft trip was followed by a picnic dinner on the river. The theme of the camp was "A person's a person no matter how small" and the importance of the dignity of ALL Life. The camp also included several personal witnesses; sharing their life stories, Father Bernard and Sister Sabina told how hearing the voice of God through prayer has guided the direction of their lives.

PRO LIFE NEWS: "I'm a Child Not a Choice" Deschutes County Pro Life Fair Booth 2011

"I confirm that the direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral." Pope John Paul II

In accord with the constant teaching of the Catholic Church against abortion, over 40 people volunteered at the Pro Life booth at the Fair from August 3-7. There were volunteers from St. Thomas, St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Edward and St. Patrick parishes. Many people who regularly picket in front of Planned Parenthood every Thursday were also there.

The booth, which was chaired by Richard and Susan Thorne, was made possible with a donation by St. Thomas Parish in Redmond. The booth was a positive display of images of babies at all stages and even included a DVD which showed and explained the development of a baby in the mother's womb. The material drew many people of all ages to the booth ... even teenagers! The volunteers always report back that it was a positive experience for them as well. Thank you and may God bless all of you who so generously gave of your time and talent to make it possible.



Pro life memorabilia was available for a small donation and balloons and pro life literature were free.



Richard and Susan Thorne at the Pro Life Booth.

REFLECTIONS FROM BISHOP SKYLSTAD...Safe Environment for Our Children

The Catholic Church here and abroad has experienced the terrible trauma of sexual abuse of minors by priests and other personnel. The shakeout of that continues both here and abroad. Although the U.S. Catholic Bishops began to address the reality of sexual abuse in the Church in the mid-nineties, it wasn't until the Dallas meeting of the bishops in 2002 that they began fully to come to grips with the issue. That challenge has not been easy. And I must also say with all of the hurt, pain, and devastation that has occurred because of all of this, I am truly grateful that the full reality of sexual abuse in the Church is coming to light. We need to deal with it and we need to recognize what happened. We need to ask for forgiveness and promise to do our very best to protect our children in a ministerial environment.

In 2002 at the USCCB meeting in Dallas the bishops approved the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. This charter has had a profound impact upon the life of the Catholic Church here in the United States. A special office and a bishops' committee were established to oversee our commitment as Church to this very important task. In addition, a national review board of lay people was appointed to monitor and oversee our responsibility as Church in this whole matter. Just a few weeks ago, the USCCB meeting in Bellevue refined the charter after almost ten years of experience. I don't know of any organization that has addressed the issue of sexual abuse of minors as the Catholic Church has done through the implementation of the charter. Yet, we must make sure to never let our guard down. The bishops also committed themselves to an audit process to make sure that every diocese is in compliance with the charter.

One of the areas which we must address to fulfill our compliance with the charter in the diocese is to provide safe-environment training for our children and youth in religious education classes and Catholic schools. This is not about sex education, but it is about assisting our young people to recognize and report any inappropriate behavior regarding their personal safety. Parents can opt out of having their children go through training information. They will be asked to sign a release. In addition, I have re-established our diocesan review board to assist me and our future bishop to live up to our diocesan responsibility.

I consider this matter a serious responsibility for all of us. In the United States statistics indicate that one in four girls and one in six or seven boys have been sexually abused in some way before they are eighteen. Some estimate that seventy percent of abuse cases of children occur in the home. Most sexual abuse occurs there. Hopefully what we have experienced in the Church will be a source of encouragement for all of society to address this issue and provide the best possible protection for our children. Blessings and peace always.

SAINTS AND FEASTS: Saint Sabina, whose feast day is August 29, is a very obscure saint, but one whose life has inspired a number of churches named for her. Most of what is known about her, however, is legend. It is thought she was martyred under the Roman Emperor Hadrian in the second century,



shortly after being converted to Christianity by her Syrian servant Serapia, who also died during the persecution by Hadrian. There is a famous basilica dedicated to St. Sabina on the Aventine Hill in Rome.

St. Sabina's prayer as she faced death is a fitting sentiment for every believer: "... I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that through His servant, Serapia, he has freed me from the powers of hell."

Because she showed contempt for the Roman gods, she was martyred and Christians buried her body with that of Serapia, her mentor in the faith.

WHY AND HOW HAVE THE MASS TEXTS BEEN REVISED?

In the new translation that goes into effect for everyone on the First Sunday of Advent, 2011, some of the most dramatic changes will be to the Creed. Former translations emphasized community – **"We believe"** – over accuracy to the original Latin. Now when we begin the prayer together, the priest will say **"I believe,"** which is an exact rendering of the Latin, "Credo."

While the Creed is an expression of the faith of the entire Church, it is first a statement of each person's affirmation of the truths he believes. Other languages, such as Spanish, have been using the singular pronoun all along, so it will seem strange for a while only to English speakers.

The next change comes shortly after the opening. Instead of "seen and unseen," the description of created things will be translated **"visible and invisible."** In the section describing Christ, the text will be **"The Only-begotten Son of God,"** (who is) "born of the Father **before all ages**" and is **"consubstantial"** with the Father.

In regard to Christ's birth, we will now say **"and by the Holy Spirit was Incarnate of the Virgin Mary."** The other major change is in the recital of the Passion: **"He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scripture."**

There are sound theological points behind all these changes and one can read about them in the full pamphlet identified below. The changes to the Creed may take some time of adjustment, but reading it for a few Masses will soon make it automatic for congregations.

DIOCESAN NEWS: Diocesan Scouting Director to Retire

After 21 years serving as the Scouting Director for the Diocese of Baker, Ted Yarosh has decided it is time to retire. Ted was appointed by Bishop Connolly in May, 1990. He is one of only eight persons in the Diocese to receive the prestigious St. George Emblem. This award is given to those who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting.

It is with profound gratitude and appreciation for his service to the diocese and especially to our young people in the scouting program that Bishop Skylstad has accepted his resignation. Only God knows the number of young people he has touched with his service and ministry. Thank you again, Ted, for your dedication to the Catholic youth of the Diocese of Baker.

Being recommended by Ted, Janet J. Schwarz of St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend has most generously agreed to “fill his shoes”. Those of you involved in scouting can contact Janet at 20980 Via Bonita, Bend, Oregon 97702-9512 or e-mail schwarzfam@coinet.com.

Janet has been involved in scouting for many years helping youth (including her own sons) earn the Scouting religious emblems. She herself has been awarded the St. George Emblem by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for her work with the youth of our Diocese. Welcome, Janet, and thank you for volunteering for this most important work with our youth.

RETREAT CENTER NEWS: Marriage Encounter Weekend

The economy continues to be weak, many people are looking for work and families are struggling to stay together. How do we live our Catholic values during times like these? How do married couples stay strong in their sacrament, survive the daily challenges and the strain placed on their relationship as husband and wife? In St. Paul's letter to the Romans he states, “Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.” Don't let the world's way tear your marriage apart. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for October 28–30 at the Diocesan Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit the Marriage Encounter website at www.rediscoverthepark.org, or call Shawn and Sally Sutton at 541-536-7610.



JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Francis of Assisi, Bend

Part-time Music Director needed: Paid position available immediately at St. Francis Church in Bend. Applicants must be Catholic and able to read music. Those with choral experience will be given preference. Please call the parish office at (541) 382-3631 or email Colleen at colleen@rastovich.com.

NOTICIAS HISPANAS: Antiguamente los lugares recibían nombre de acuerdo a lo que significaban. ¿Alguien sabe qué significa México o que significa del lugar donde bienes...? ¿Saben lo que significa el nombre de algún lugar de donde vinieron sus antepasados o parientes? También podríamos investigar que significa nuestro nombre. Antiguamente, también sabemos que en muchas culturas se imponían a las personas nombres muy apegados a su realidad y no escogido simplemente por gusto o por moda. Pensemos pues, después de la sagrada escritura, el primer testimonio que tenemos para llamar a este gran regalo que Jesús dejó a su Iglesia, lo encontramos en el libro llamado de la “Distraje”(o doctrina de los 12 apóstoles). Ahí se le llamaba de dos modos: “Eucaristía” que quiere decir acción de gracias, y “Alabanza”. Otros nombres que se le dan a este Sacramentos son los siguientes:

Eucaristía: porque es acción de gracias a Dios (ver 1Cor 11, 24; Mt 26, 26; Mc 14, 22). Con esas palabras se recuerdan las bendiciones judías que proclamaban sobre todo durante la comida, las obras de Dios: la creación, la redención y la santificación.

Banquete del Señor: porque se trata de la Cena que el Señor celebró con sus discípulos la víspera de su pasión, y la anticipación del banquete de bodas del Cordero (ver 1Cor 11, 33; Ap 19, 9).

Fracción del pan: rito judío utilizado por Jesús (ver Mt 14, 19; 15, 36), sobre todo en la Última Cena (ver Mt 26, 26; 1Cor 11, 24). En este gesto lo reconocieron los discípulos después de la resurrección (ver Lc 24, 13-35). Significa que todos los que comen de este único pan, que es Cristo, entran en comunión con Él y forman un sólo Cuerpo en Él (ver 1Cor 10, 16-17).

Asamblea Eucarística: la Eucaristía es celebrada en asamblea de los fieles, expresión visible de la Iglesia (ver 1Cor 11, 17-34).

Memorial: porque hacemos memoria de la pasión y de la resurrección del Señor (ver Lc 22, 19; 1Cor 11, 25-26).

Santo sacrificio: actualiza el único sacrificio de Cristo Salvador e incluye la ofrenda de la Iglesia; también se llama: Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, “Sacrificio de Alabanza” (Heb 13, 15), “Sacrificio Espiritual”(ver 1 Pe 2, 5), “Sacrificio Puro y Santo” (ver MR, Canon Romano 3 68), ya que completa y supera todos los sacrificios de la Antigua Alianza.

Santa y Divina Liturgia: toda liturgia encuentra su centro y su expresión en la celebración de este Sacramento. También se llama el “Santísimo Sacramento”, por ser el sacramento de los sacramentos; también así se le llama a las especies eucarísticas que se guardan en el Sagrario.

Comunión: nos unimos a Cristo que nos hace partícipes de su cuerpo y de su sangre, para formar un solo cuerpo (ver 10.16 Cup –17).

Santa misa: porque la liturgia en la que se realiza el misterio de salvación se determina con el envío de los fieles (“miss yo” = misión o envío). Seguiremos con estas reflexiones sobre la Eucaristía.

PARISH NEWS: “Feed the Hungry” is one of the corporal works of mercy and the members of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Hermiston have taken this message to heart by pitching in to grow a fertile, large, highly productive Community Garden.



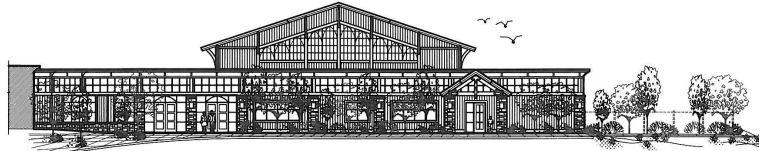
Work on the garden began two years ago after it was decided that a piece of parish-owned property, adjacent to the church grounds, was an ideal site for the project. Kay Edwards, Parish Administrator, started the ball rolling by obtaining permission from City Hall for the lot to be used in this manner. Improvements made to the site included demolition of an old house, removal of large amounts of concrete, installation of a water meter, fencing, ground leveling, soil preparation and a water conserving drip-line system. The work and supplies have all been provided by generous parishioners, many of whom in the first year of the garden were already thick in the planting and growing season of their own farms.

The Pastor, Fr. Paul Mbatia, is regularly found working in the garden, sometimes pulling weeds and often lending an ear to parishioners or neighbors who find the oasis a comfortable place to share their thoughts. Parishioners and other members of the community are welcome to work in the garden and share in the bounty the garden provides. Neighbors whose homes surround the garden have expressed their delight with the improvements to the lot. The parish Soup Kitchen makes use of the produce as well, to provide nourishing meals to those in need in the community. And at the end of the harvest season, even the cornstalks are used as fall decorations around the Parish Hall and then as food for cattle.



Our Lady of Angels Staff wishes to thank all who have made this Community Garden possible.

PARISH NEWS: St. Thomas Parish Center, Redmond



After five years in the planning, St. Thomas Church in Redmond has broken ground for its Parish Center. The Center is being built just to the east and to the front of the present church that was completed in 2004. The Center is projected to be finished in late July of 2012.

The word that is most used about the building is multi-use. The building is about 25,000 square feet at a cost of \$3.5 million. The Center can be viewed in three sections. The south and east sides of the building will be seven education rooms. These rooms will be used by St. Thomas Academy as classrooms, for the Religious Education program after school and for other evening classes. There will also be a school office and library in this section.

The middle section will hold the entryway, with room for small gatherings of up to 50 people. The middle section will also be a full-sized gym that can be divided so that one group can be using one area, as the second area is set up for another function. A full-sized kitchen will also be in the center section.

The north side of the Center will house church offices and two meeting rooms for the youth and other church groups. The church community has been working hard to make a facility that can be used by all the different organizations of the parish. With the completion of this project, the parish will all be in one location and no one will have to go downtown to the current parish hall where the Academy and religious education offices are now located.

