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PARISH NEWS: Our Lady of Angels, Hermiston



Students received their First Holy Communion on May 6, 2017 at the 9AM and 11AM Masses.



Students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14, 2017, at the 9AM, 11AM, and 3PM Masses.

PARISH NEWS: St. Helen and St. Mary

Parishioners from St. Helen in Pilot Rock and St. Mary in Pendleton, as well as a former parishioner of St. Mary's attended the Northwest Women's Conference that was held at the Diocesan Retreat Center on June 23rd and June 24th. They came away from the retreat with a renewed spirit and dedication to serve their Lord and their parish family faithfully. The speakers were amazing, the time for adoration, rosary, reconciliation, and Mass fulfilling, and the food and lodging perfect.

Submitted by Laura Byrnes

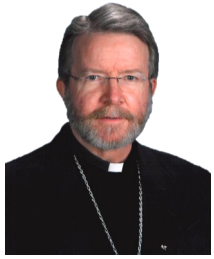


Pictured from left to right are Tiffany Legore, Helen Doherty, Mary Daley, and Laura Byrnes.

PARISH NEWS: St. Augustine, Merrill



On July 18th, St. Augustine's High School graduates were honored at Mass with a special blessing. After Mass, the Women's Club presented each graduate with a crucifix at a cake reception. Pictured left to right are Cole McAuliffe, Karina Cobian, Arturo Ramirez, Fr. Francis Obijekwu, Luis Hernandez, and Junior Cobuan.



Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

“St. John Paul II”

This column first appeared in the 13 July 2014 Diocesan Chronicle.

Jason Evert’s fine new biography, *Saint John Paul the Great—His Five Loves* makes clear why this pope made such a mark on our time and such a claim on our hearts.

In his 27 years as pope, St. John Paul II traveled 775,000 miles—more than three times the distance to the moon. Half a billion people saw him in person, and many of them felt an immediate connection. Each morning thirty or forty new letters from around the world were set out for him in his chapel before Mass. He read every one and prayed for the intentions requested.

The Pope was especially drawn to the sick, and they to him. A papal photographer remembered a visit to a home for lepers: “Many of us couldn’t even look at some of these diseased people . . . without faces. He touched them, stroked them, kissed and blessed them, helped them to eat.”

John Paul II came near to people because his life experience had not distanced him from them. “I was a laborer for four years,” he said, “and for me those four years of work are worth more than two doctorate degrees!” His labors taught him to live simply. As bishop he wore a pair of shoes until the soles fell off, and his hole-tattered undershirts looked like work rags.

In the early ‘60s a Polish communist leader boasted that he had personally blocked six or seven candidates whom Cardinal Wyszynski proposed to be the new archbishop of Krakow. This official was waiting to approve the name of the man he was sure the communists could control: Bishop Karol Wojtyla.

Quickly realizing the gravity of their mistake, the communists subjected the future pope to uninterrupted surveillance. They tapped his phone, read his letters, recorded his homilies, noted his trips to the dentist, and even paid attention to who purchased his underwear.

They had much to keep up with, because Cardinal Wojtyla worked from sixteen to twenty hours a day. Gifted with “split concentration,” he absorbed information from two sources simultaneously. He could read and converse at the same time.

It pleased him to talk about the Mother of God. “I was already convinced that *Mary leads us to Christ*,” he wrote, “but . . . I began to realize also that *Christ leads us to his mother*,” that “he points her out to anyone who strives to know and love him.”

Kneeling before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

in 1979, John Paul first grasped that God was calling him as pope to travel the world preaching the Gospel. For if a state that denied religious freedom as Mexico did, could permit the pope to visit, how could Poland refuse? So he went to Poland and history changed its course.

But John Paul II’s course as pope had already been set; his papal ministry really began under the encouraging eyes of the Virgin in Mexico. Twenty-three years later, worn down by weakness, he insisted on returning there to pay her his final homage for helping him take hold of his vocation to the papacy.

“Every vocation changes our plans, disclosing a new one,” St. John Paul observed, “and it is astonishing to see how much inner help God gives us.” If you and I trust God as Karol Wojtyla did, we may hope to share his astonishment.

Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

“San Juan Pablo II”

Esta columna apareció por primera vez en la
Crónica Diocesana del 13 de Julio de 2014

Buena biografía de Jason Evert, *San Juan Pablo el Grande—Sus Cinco Amores* dejan claro por qué este Papa dejó huella en nuestro tiempo y en nuestros corazones.

En sus 27 años como Papa, Juan Pablo II viajó 775,000 millas—más de tres veces la distancia a la Luna. Medio billón de personas lo vieron en persona, y muchos de ellos sintieron una conexión inmediata. Cada mañana treinta o cuarenta cartas nuevas de alrededor del mundo se ponían en su capilla antes de que él celebrara Misa. Él leyó cada una y oro por las intenciones solicitadas.

El Papa tenía especial afecto a los enfermos, y ellos a él. Un fotógrafo papal recordó una visita a una casa para leprosos: “Muchos de nosotros no podíamos ni mirar a algunos de estos enfermos. . . sin rostros. Él los tocó, los acarició, los besó, los bendijo y les ayudó a comer.”

Juan Pablo II se acercó a la gente porque su experiencia de vida no le alejaron de ellos. “Yo fui un trabajador durante cuatro años”, dijo, “¡y para mí esos cuatro años de trabajo valen más que dos doctorados!” Sus compañeros le enseñaron a vivir con sencillez. Como obispo uso un par de zapatos hasta que las suelas se cayeron, y sus camisetas llenas de agujeros-jirones parecían trapos de trabajo.

A principios de los años 60 un líder comunista polaco se jactó de que había bloqueado personalmente seis o siete candidatos que el cardenal Wyszynski había propuesto para ser nuevo arzobispo de Cracovia. Este

oficial espera la aprobación del nombre del hombre que estaba seguro que los comunistas podían controlar: Obispo Karol Wojtyla.

Pronto se dieron cuenta de la gravedad de su error, los comunistas sometieron al futuro

Papa a una vigilancia ininterrumpida. Intervinieron su teléfono, leyeron sus cartas, grabaron sus homilias, vigilaron sus visitas al dentista, e incluso vigilaron a quien compraba su ropa interior.

Hera mucho lo que tenían que hacer para seguir su ritmo, porque el cardenal Wojtyla trabajaba dieciséis hasta veinte horas al día. Dotado de “concentración dividida”, que absorbe información de dos fuentes al mismo tiempo. Podía leer y conversar al mismo tiempo.

Le gustaba hablar de la Madre de Dios. “Yo ya estaba convencido de que María nos conduce a Cristo”, escribió, “pero. . . Comienzo a darme cuenta de que también Cristo nos lleva a su madre”, que “la señala a cualquier persona que se esfuerza por conocerlo y amarlo”.

Arrodillado ante la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en 1979, Juan Pablo, primero comprendió que Dios le llamaba como Papa a viajar por el mundo predicando el Evangelio. Porque si un país que niega la libertad religiosa como México permitía la visita del Papa, ¿como podía negarse Polonia? Así que se fue a Polonia y la historia cambió su curso.

Pero el camino de Juan Pablo II como Papa ya había sido establecido; su ministerio papal realmente comenzó bajo los ojos alentadores de la Virgen en México. Veintitrés años después, agotado por la debilidad, él insistió en regresar allí para pagarle su homenaje final por ayudarlo a aferrarse a su vocación papal.

“Toda vocación cambia nuestros planes, mostrando uno nuevo,” St. John Paul dijo, “y es sorprendente ver la cantidad de ayuda interna que Dios nos da.” Si tú y yo confiáramos en Dios como Karol Wojtyla lo hizo, podemos esperar compartir su asombro.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to our Clergy who celebrated their ordination anniversaries in July:

Rev. Dennis Homes, Retired	July 01, 1972
Rev. Camillus Fernando, Vale	July 12, 1980
Rev. Christie Tissera, Ontario	July 22, 1989

Congratulations to our Clergy who will celebrate their ordination anniversaries in August:

Rev. Fabian Nwokorie, Dufur	August 11, 1990
Very Rev. Ronald Maag, Hood River	August 14, 1978
Rev. Theodore Nnabugo, La Pine	August 19, 2000
Rev. Saul Alba-Infante, Hood River	August 21, 2002
Rev. Kumar Udagandla, Pendleton	August 22, 1994
Rev. Michael Nwokocha, Nyssa	August 28, 1999

We are most grateful for the years of service of our Priests and Bishop. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

Beginning in September, the Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass will be offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. All Masses are sung Masses.

Father Szymakowski will hear confessions after Mass upon request.

August 6	High Mass celebrated by Rev. John Boyle
August 20	This Mass has been cancelled.
September 10	High Mass celebrated by Rev. Andrew Szymakowski
September 24	High Mass celebrated by Rev. Andrew Szymakowski

If you would like to be added to a Mass schedule notification email list, please send your request to johncdiscoll1068@gmail.com and if you are interested in being an Altar Server or singing in the schola, please contact Stephanie Swee at swee0574@gmail.com.

In Memoriam:



Reverend Austin J. Cribbin, 61 Years of Faithful Service

Father Austin J. Cribbin, 88, passed away Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at his home in Klamath Falls with family by his side. Born in Mayo County, Ireland, on February 19, 1929, to Thomas and Margaret Cribbin, Austin entered St. Kieran's Seminary and was ordained a priest on June 3, 1956. Father Cribbin left Ireland on August 20th of that year, at a time when young priests did not often leave their beloved country, and arrived in Klamath Falls on Labor Day. There he was appointed assistant pastor of Sacred Heart by Bishop Francis Leipzig. Fr. Cribbin continued to faithfully serve

the Diocese of Baker for 61 years where his assignments took him to Sacred Heart and Lakeview twice each, LaGrande, Pendleton, Elgin, John Day and Merrill. He also served as chaplain at Kingsley Air Base and hospital chaplain in Ontario. Fr. Cribbin officially retired in 1994, but helped where needed until his health deteriorated.

Fr. Cribbin made countless friends throughout the world. His outgoing disposition and legendary sense of humor served him well while traveling to more than 100 countries as chaplain on several cruise ships. Always the traveler and having an adventurous spirit, Fr. Cribbin also led several guided pilgrimages to Ireland. Among his other hobbies, he enjoyed golf, bowling and bird hunting.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Church

Familias Resucitadas

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Invitados- David Bisono y el Ministerio de Música Teruah desde The Dallies

Ven y acompáñanos para que juntos descubramos que significa Vivir como una familia Resucitada. ¡Te Esperamos!

Register with Amanda Villagómez
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Viernes- Viviendo como un Resucitado
25 de Agosto de 2017
7pm-9pm
middle through
high school youth
Sábado- Familias Resucitadas
26 de Agosto de 2017
8am-3pm
middle school
through adult

QUO VADIS DAYS

WHERE ARE YOU GOING

SEP.8TH-SEP.10TH 2017

DIOCESAN RETREAT CENTER
14427 ALFALFA ROAD

QUO VADIS DAYS IS A 3-DAY CAMP FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 18 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD, TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH, AND TO BETTER DISCERN GOD'S CALL IN THEIR LIVES



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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541.388.2566

Diocesan2017 Events - Retreat Center

Sept. 8-10	Quo Vadis Days For young Catholic men between the ages of 13 and 18
Oct. 8-12	Clergy Assembly
Oct. 14	Respect Life Conference
Oct. 20-21	World Wide Marriage Encounter
Nov. 3-4	Day of the Spirit, Diocesan Retreat Center For Middle School Youth Grades 6-8
Nov. 10-11	Day of the Son, Diocesan Retreat Center For High School Youth Grades 9-12
Dec. 9	RCIA Advent Retreat 8AM-4PM

For more information on these events, visit our
Diocesan Calendar at www.dioceseofbaker.org
and click on "Calendar".

Delight
in the
Lord

PSALM 37:4



St. Pius X Women's Retreat
October 13-14, 2017

Friday: 6:00 PM-8:30 PM · Saturday 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Nationally Known Catholic Author & Speaker

Patty Schneier

author of
"Love Letters From Mom"

Learn more about Patty and her ministry at: pattyschneier.com

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Continental Breakfast and Lunch are provided.

For more information contact Mary Lou Kranenburg
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DELIGHT

Bishop Cary's Schedule:

August 13 Knights of the Holy Sepulchre,
Day of Reflection, Beaverton, Oregon

August 26 5 PM Mass, St. Catherine Church, Fossil
August 27 8 AM Mass, St. Francis Church, Arlington
August 27 10:30 AM Mass, St John Church, Condon