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## BLESSED SACRAMENT OPENS NEW GIFT SHOP

The blessing of the Gift Shop and naming of the Sacred Heart Hall (formerly “church basement”), took place at Blessed Sacrament Church in Ontario on Sunday, December 16th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Father Roger Fernando blessed the Gift Shop as parishioners joined in the celebration. It will serve as a source of income to help the needy families of the parish.

Father Roger and a group of volunteers have been working towards the completion of the new Gift Shop for several months. “We have a good selection of rosaries, prayer books and other religious items. Please come visit us and check it out for yourselves,” invited Father Roger.



The Gift Shop, now located in the newly named Sacred Heart Hall, is open for business during office hours: Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and after the weekend Masses.

## HOLY TRINITY RECEIVES NEW ACOLYTES

Sunday, January 27th, was a blessed day for the parishioners at Holy Trinity Church in Sunriver as Bishop Liam Cary instituted two new acolytes, David Jendro and Joe Patnode, during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Jim Humeston and Frank De Luca added color to the ceremony by assisting their brothers in Christ in the Knights of Columbus regalia and Rohin Blanchette put his best foot forward as altar server.

As we congratulate David and Joe, we thank them for their generosity to serve the Lord and continue to pray for them and their families. Let us also pray for more volunteers to serve the Lord with gladness!

Very many thanks to Bishop Cary for this beautiful gift to the mission and the parish. — Father Paul Antao

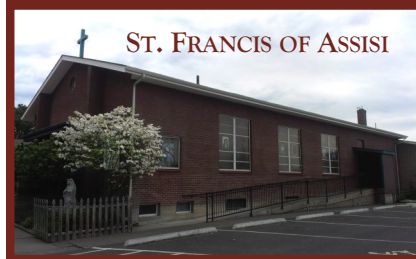


## ILLUMINATING OUR PARISHES

The Milton-Freewater parish, formerly called St. Joseph, was founded in 1928, but it wasn't until 1953 that Bishop Francis P. Leipzig dedicated the new church on Vining Street in honor of **St. Francis of Assisi**. Located in the northern deanery, the parish has 129 registered families.



**Fr. Charles  
Nnabuife,  
Pastor**





# Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

School of Mercy

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“There is a time for everything under heaven,” Scripture says—a time to give and a time to receive, a time to be merciful to others and a time to seek mercy for ourselves. For every charitable interaction is two-sided: a giver hands over the bread of compassion to a receiver who feeds on it. From one day to the next both roles in this decisive drama are yours and mine to play, so we need to learn to tell time: when to give mercy and when to receive it.

Mercy meets misery, and misery is two-sided as well. There is no mistaking the toll it takes on a contorted body in a sick bed or on an unsheltered sleeper in the street. But this *outer* corporeal side of misery all too often veils an *inner* spiritual side as well: a mind abandoned by peace, a soul shattered by loss, a heart broken by betrayal.

This miserable state of ours is precisely what Divine Mercy comes to touch and transform in Jesus Christ. His saving Gospel provokes us to recognize human misery for what it is, from the inside out. The more honestly I acknowledge my own misery from within, the more clearly I will see how much I need mercy from without—from the God Who saves me, from His children who console me.

We will more convincingly impart mercy to the miserable if we have first discovered what surprising things can happen when we bring *our* misery to the merciful. One day years before I became a priest, my pastor treated me with great compassion in the confessional. As I stepped out, I said to myself, “It would be worth paying whatever it costs to be able to give just one other person the peace of soul that has just been given to me.” I’ve never forgotten that moment—and the desire it gave birth to.

“It begins with your family / and soon it comes ‘round to your soul,” the poet Leonard Cohen sings. The family is our first and best school of mercy because it is there that we learn the earliest and longest-lasting lessons of how mercy works. At home growing up, in the normal course of an ordinary day, we saw the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the lonely comforted, the sinner admonished, the ignorant instructed, the sick cared for, the offender forgiven. Without the works of mercy, which of our families would make it through a week? We don’t usually think in such terms, of course, because, growing up, the fed and clothed and comforted were none other than our brothers, our sisters, and ourselves. We have been on the receiving end of mercy since our mother first

drew us to her breast.

“It begins with your family / and soon it comes ‘round to your soul.” Marriage and mercy go together inseparably in God’s saving design for our happiness. A man and a woman widen the embrace of their one-flesh union to include the children God gives them to be schooled in compassion, so they can apply lessons of mercy learned in family life to social and civic life as well. For our redemption hinges on the spread of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy from the heart of the family to the darkest corners of an uncomprehending world.

## Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Escuela de Misericordia

Esta columna apareció por primera vez  
en la Crónica del 21 de Febrero de 2016

“Hay un tiempo para cada cosa bajo el cielo”, dice la Escritura—un tiempo para dar y un tiempo para recibir, un tiempo para ser misericordioso y un tiempo para buscar misericordia. Porque cada interacción benéfica tiene dos lados: el dador entrega el pan de compasión a un receptor que se alimenta de ella. Ambos papeles en este drama decisivo, son los suyos y los míos para jugar. Por lo tanto necesitamos aprender a decir la hora: cuando dar misericordia y cuando recibirla.

La misericordia se encuentra con la miseria, y la miseria también tiene dos lados. No es difícil reconocerla en los cuerpos contorsionados de un enfermo en el lecho o de un durmiente en la calle. Pero este lado corporal *externo* de la miseria con demasiada frecuencia oculta un lado espiritual *interior* también: una mente abandonada por la paz, un alma destrozada por la pérdida, un corazón roto por la traición.

Este estado miserable nuestro es precisamente lo que la Divina Misericordia viene a tocar y transformar en Jesucristo. Su Evangelio salvador nos provoca reconocer la miseria humana por lo que es, de adentro hacia afuera. Lo más honestamente que yo reconozca mi propia miseria desde adentro, lo más claro que podré ver lo mucho que necesito la misericordia desde afuera—del Dios Que me salva, de Sus hijos que me consuelan.

Impartiremos la misericordia más efectivamente a los miserables si primero descubrimos las cosas sorprendentes que pueden suceder cuando traemos *nuestra* miseria a los misericordiosos. Un día, años antes de hacerme sacerdote, mi párroco me trató con gran compasión en el confesionario. Al salir, me dije a mi



mismo, “Valdría la pena pagar cuanto costara para poder darle a una sola persona la paz del alma que acaba de ser dada a mi”. Nunca he olvidado ese momento—y el deseo al que dio a luz.

“Comienza con tu familia / y pronto se regresa de vuelta a tu alma”, canta el poeta Leonard Cohen. La familia es nuestra primera y mejor escuela de misericordia porque es allí que aprendemos las lecciones mas tempranas y mas duraderas de cómo trabaja la misericordia. Creciendo en casa, en el curso normal de un día ordinario, vimos que se le daba de comer al hambriento, vestimenta al desnudo, consuelo al afligido, cuidado al enfermo, perdón al transgresor. Sin las obras de misericordia, ¿cuales de nuestras familias habrían superado la semana? Usualmente no pensamos en esos términos, por supuesto, porque, creciendo, los alimentados y vestidos y consolados no eran otros que nuestros hermanos, nuestras hermanas, y nosotros mismos. Hemos estado al lado del receptor de la misericordia ya que nuestra madre nos llamó por primera vez a su pecho.

“Comienza con tu familia / y pronto se regresa de vuelta a tu alma”. El matrimonio y la misericordia van juntos inseparablemente en el diseño salvador de Dios para nuestra felicidad. Un hombre y una mujer extienden el abrazo de su unión de una sola carne para incluir a los hijos que Dios les da para ser educados en la compasión, para que puedan aplicar las lecciones aprendidas de la misericordia en la vida familiar a la vida social y cívica también. Porque nuestra redención depende de la difusión de las obras corporales y espirituales de misericordia desde el corazón de la familia hacia los rincones más oscuros de un mundo desconociente.

## BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Feb 27	Hispanic Ministry Meeting, Chancery Office
Mar 2	5:30 PM Mass, Sisters
Mar 3	9:00 AM Mass, Sisters
Mar 3	Mt Angel Benefit Dinner, Eugene
Mar 8-10	Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC), Boise, Idaho
Mar 10	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington DC

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS IN BEND

The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is offered every Sunday at 1:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church. A High Mass (Sung Mass) is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Confessions will be heard before Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 12:15 to 12:45 PM.

## DIOCESAN NEWS: WELCOMING BRYCE HERRMANN



We are happy to introduce our newest addition to the Diocesan Pastoral staff, Bryce Herrmann, serving as the Coordinator of Catechetical Ministry. Bryce, his wife Angel, and their five children are originally from Salem, Oregon. The family has spent the last three-and-a-half years serving as foreign missionaries in Louisiana, the Philippines, Spain, and Malawi Africa. Before foreign missions, Bryce worked as the Director of Adult and Young Adult Faith Formation in Salem Oregon for 13 years. Before that, he spent a few years working in Youth Ministry and Special Education. Bryce holds a Master's in Theology from Mt. Angel Seminary and a Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Oregon.

“For years we have enjoyed camping, hiking, canoeing and taking family vacations in various parts of Central and Eastern Oregon, and now we are happy to call it home! I am excited to be joining your Evangelization and Catechesis support team and please know that we are here to serve you in your journey deeper into the love of our Lord Jesus,” shared Bryce.



## SHARING OUR FAITH COMPARTIENDO NUESTRA FE

As of February 5th we achieved 94% of goal. Thirty-seven parishes have reached—and continue to surpass—their goals to the Bishops Annual Appeal. With two months to go, is your parish close to reaching its goal?

St. Francis de Sales, <b>Baker City</b>	St. Patrick, <b>Lakeview</b>
St. Anthony, <b>North Powder</b>	St. Richard, <b>Adel</b>
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, <b>Chiloquin</b>	St. John, <b>Paisley</b>
St. James, <b>Bly</b>	St. Thomas, <b>Plush</b>
St. John, <b>Condon</b>	St. Thomas, <b>Crane</b>
St. Catherine, <b>Fossil</b>	Our Lady of Loretto, <b>Drewsey</b>
St. Katherine, <b>Enterprise</b>	Holy Family, <b>Christmas Valley</b>
St. Pius X, <b>Wallowa</b>	Our Lady of the Snows, <b>Gilchrist</b>
St. Alphonsus, <b>Dufur</b>	Holy Trinity, <b>Sunriver</b>
St. Patrick, <b>Heppner</b>	St. Patrick, <b>Madras</b>
St. William, <b>Ione</b>	St. Kateri, <b>Warm Springs</b>
Our Lady of Angels, <b>Hermiston</b>	St. Helen, <b>Pilot Rock</b>
St. Mary, <b>Hood River</b>	St. Joseph, <b>Prineville</b>
St. Elizabeth, <b>John Day</b>	St. Thomas, <b>Redmond</b>
St. Anne, <b>Monument</b>	St. Edward, <b>Sisters</b>
Sacred Heart, <b>Klamath Falls</b>	St. Patrick, <b>Vale</b>
St. Pius X, <b>Klamath Falls</b>	St. Mary, <b>Wasco</b>
Our Lady of the Valley, <b>La Grande</b>	
St. Mary, <b>Elgin</b>	
Sacred Heart, <b>Union</b>	

## Saint Francis de Sales CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION COLLECTION



Progress to date:  
\$10,600.72

### Impending Major Repairs

- ♦ Boiler replacement
- ♦ Ceiling remodel
- ♦ Exterior stone repairs
- ♦ Plumbing upgrades

The fund is held in trust by the Diocese for the conservation of the cathedral building only.

There is still time to support the first annual CATHEDRAL CONSERVATION COLLECTION.

Call your parish office for assistance.

*"It's the mother church of the diocese. . . it belongs to you!"*

## Vocation Discernment Retreat

Is God calling you to become a sister?  
Take time to discern.

### Women

**Catholic and Single**  
**18 - 30 years of age**  
**Good health**

**March 22 - 24, 2019**

**Diocese of Baker**  
**Diocesan Retreat Center**  
**Powell Butte, Oregon**



### Questions/Registration contact:

Sr. Jeanette Palasota, FMA  
vocationsfma@gmail.com  
www.salesiansisterswest.org

**Deadline: March 15**  
**Cost: \$40**

## "Saturday Night Live – Catholic Style"

St Thomas Catholic Church  
in Redmond

Save the Date!



**April 13<sup>th</sup> – Mingle and Music"**  
**with special guest Sarah Hart!**

Join us for a Wine Tasting Social and Concert immediately following the Saturday Vigil Mass. Mingle with fellow guests then listen to the amazing music of Sarah Hart, one of the leading contemporary artists in Catholic music today. Based in Nashville, Sarah's songs of faith have touched the lives of thousands of people all over the world including Pope Francis and a crowd of 150,000 in St Peter's Square. Her signature blend of folk, pop, and rock delights listeners of all ages. More details to come in the March issues of the Diocesan Chronicle or check it out on the St Thomas website.

Mark your calendars!  
This is an event you won't want to miss!

## Pilgrimage to LOURDES & FATIMA

**September 23 – October 2, 2019**

**With visits to Burgos, Leon, Santiago de Compostela & more!**

Join Father Joseph Levine, Pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in the Dalles, on an amazing journey of faith. The pilgrimage will begin in Lourdes, France, where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette. Lourdes is the true place of healing and miracles.

Then experience visits to Burgos, Leon, Compostela and more! Then on to Fatima, Portugal, the site where the Virgin Mary appeared monthly from May 13 to October 13, 1917. Our journey will finish in the beautiful city of Lisbon, Portugal.

Cost per person is \$3250, a deposit of \$500 + \$195 for optional travel insurance is due by Monday, March 25, 2019.

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