



THE DIOCESAN CHRONICLE

St. Thomas Academy Students Benefit From Spark! Creative Learning Grant

SELCO Community Credit Union awards funding for art and Caldecott Book Collection, a launchpad for a newly designed reading program, inspired and supported through art.



Students in St. Thomas Academy's second grade join their teachers in celebrating an art project inspired by Caldecott Award-winning books, made possible through the Spark! Creative Learning Grant and SELCO Community Credit Union. Front Row: Middle School Teacher Jodi Hettiger (left), who assisted with implementing the art/reading program under the leadership of Second-Grade Teacher Lynn Fleenor (right).

There's no question behind the importance of fostering a love for reading among youth, particularly given today's digital, media-driven world. What's more, research shows that using art to inspire a love for reading is a proven, powerful motivator for reading more, which is why

St. Thomas Academy is thrilled to be the recipient of a grant that does just that.

St. Thomas Academy recently learned it received a \$996 [Spark! Creative Learning Grant](#) bestowed by SELCO Community Credit Union. The grant has enabled second-grade teacher, Lynn Fleenor, to purchase a collection of Caldecott Award-winning books that will not only be highlighted through a dedicated reading program but celebrated through art projects highlighting each prestigious book. The grant also supports art supply costs. Thanks to these resources, the reading-art connection can become more purposeful, simultaneously nurturing both reading and art.

"When children feel a connection to a book or its illustrations, they tend to read it again and again, strengthening their reading over time," Fleenor says. "Those students who have not yet connected with a book through its words can be drawn to its illustrations and practice their reading as they peruse the pictures. In this way, a love of reading and art can be fostered."

After the books are read and the art projects are complete, the books will be on display with the children's art at the school.

"We'd like to thank SELCO Community Credit Union for their generous gift and for recognizing the value of reading," Fleenor says. "There's a critical window in every student's life where we can inspire a love for reading as well as art. Through this program and with these amazing books and new art supplies, St. Thomas Academy can better accomplish those goals for its students."

Submitted by Lynn Fleenor,
Second-Grade Teacher, St. Thomas Academy



A Light Among Us

Pat and Carolyn Creedican, married 44 years, have built a life and a family around their faith, their service to others, and their dedication to the Catholic Church. Their living example of faith, respect, humility, and joy, all rooted in their trust in God, our Blessed Mother, and their desire to live fully in communion with and obedience to the Holy Mother Church, simply emanates from the couple. Because of this, a lasting and often life-changing

impression is made on so many people they meet, whether through organized church ministries, at work, in a store, on a hike, or at a party. In short - anywhere.

Both Pat and Carolyn have taught religious education classes at St. Francis Parish for many years. Both have been involved with RCIA supporting and sponsoring candidates through confirmation and beyond. When their youngest child was nearing college age, they worked with The faith formation staff at St. Francis Parish and the Diocese of Baker to start a local Newman Club.

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Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Due to Bishop Cary's trip to Rome for his *ad limina* visit with the Pope, there will not be an article in this issue.

"Since last fall American bishops have been travelling to Rome to do as St. Paul did. Monday, 3 February, will be the turn of the bishops of the Northwest. The last time we went, in 2012, it was to see Pope Benedict. This will be our first meeting with Pope Francis." Bishop Liam Cary

Debido al viaje del Obispo Cary a Roma para su visita de ad limina con el Papa, no habrá un artículo en esta publicación.

"Desde el pasado otoño, los obispos Estadounidenses han estado viajando a Roma para hacer lo que hizo San Pablo. El lunes 3 de Febrero será el turno de los obispos del Noroeste. La última vez que fuimos, en el 2012, fue para ver al Papa Benedicto. Este será nuestro primer encuentro con el Papa Francisco." Obispo Liam Cary



A Job Well Done

Patti Rausch was hired by Bishop Vasa in March 2008 as Front Desk Receptionist and Ministry Support for the Diocese of Baker after having worked for St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend for 12 years.

Over the years Patti's position at the Chancery grew and her multiple, wide-ranging responsibilities extended her reach far beyond the Chancery Office into virtually every parish in the Diocese. From joyfully greeting people on the phone to making sure every Diocesan Chronicle shipment included a sweet candy treat for the parish secretaries, Patti was gifted a name plate elevating her to *Director of First Impressions*. Parish staff members, priests, vendors and visitors found her joyful and caring in her reception.

Now, after 12 years, we are bidding Patti farewell and wishing her continued blessings as she begins her next adventure with a new job in Bend.

As Bishop Cary stated at her going away party, "When someone who has worked for an organization over a decade (and in ministry for a quarter of a century) leaves with the respect and admiration of her co-workers, one can be confident in that it was a job well done."

You will be missed, Patti.



A Light Among Us

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They saw a need for young adults—either in college or out of college to come together and be supported in their faith. They helped start the Young Adults ministry and became the mentors to dozens of single men, women and couples. They supported this group by giving example of living a full life as Catholics, having them connect through not only study but getting out and hiking, rafting, biking, skiing, or running, inviting them into their home for meals and giving them a shoulder to lean on when life got challenging. Pat and Carolyn have stayed connected with all these young adults by being a sounding board for them in their vocation discernment, or helping them sort through marriage challenges from realistic example of their own marriage journey, and always, helping them keep God in the situation.

"This is my fourth year as an Oregon State District Deputy, I oversee 6 Knights of Columbus Councils, attend and interact in their meetings and as a member for 36 years I can honestly say that Pat has been the best and most productive Grand Knight I have ever known, in his leadership his council achieved more things for the benefit of charity, his parish and the community than any other Knight I know." Brent Dattke, Knights of Columbus District Deputy – District 10, 4th Degree District Marshal

Carolyn works full-time as a water exercise and therapy instructor. She gives much of her own time to people who are overwhelmed by their physical injuries or illnesses, such as arthritis or cancer, and need extra support or encouragement in taking care of their health. She strives to ensure they have what they need physically, emotionally and spiritually, teaching them to honor and love themselves enough to be healthy. She is deeply loved and respected for her ministry.

"Pat and Carolyn Creedican have been long standing members of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Bend, where they have dedicated themselves to God's greater good for years. They have devoted their lives to serving the parish, its parishioners, the children, and the handicapped of Central Oregon. Whenever there is a need, they are always the first to offer assistance or leadership in their parish community by serving its youth in faith formation, starting the Newman Club, and opening their home to mentor young adults. Pat has led the Knights of Columbus as the "most productive" Grand Knight serving the neediest in our community. Pat and Carolyn coordinate many of the efforts at the largest community homeless shelter, Bethlehem Inn. In addition, they actively promote the Special Olympics and assist the Search and Rescue teams.

In their stewardship, they have been beacons of light, leading many people to Christ by their inspiring life."

Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker

Pat and Carolyn are now “grandpa and grandma” to the children of the many young adults they mentored over the years and they continue to encourage these new parents in the religious formation of their children. Their home has been the gathering place, the safe place to run to when their hearts get broken and when doubts and fear take hold, a place to celebrate, a home full of love and laughter, for these dozens of young Catholics. For many years their family dinners, birthdays and holidays at Pat and Carolyn’s home always include the extended family of young Catholics and blood-relative family members have embraced them as part of the family as well.

“God has used us to touch so many lost souls since we moved to Central Oregon and became parishioners at St. Francis parish. He ignited a spark in us through our daughter as she prepared to attend college and voiced her concern of making friends with the same faith values and beliefs. Our work is important to us because we have seen first-hand that it is what Christ would do if he walked the earth. We are His eyes, His hands, His feet, with which to do good. Our lives have been blessed with the work that we do.” Pat and Carolyn Creedican

In 2019 Pat and Carolyn were nominated by the Diocese of Baker for the **Catholic Extension “Lumen Christi Award”** for their tireless leadership and stewardship in numerous areas of their parish and the Bend community. Their work with Newman Center in Faith Formation, parish Religious Education, RCIA, Pro-Life ministry, Knights of Columbus, and the Bethlehem Inn have brought many youth, young adults, and families to Christ through their support, example and love. Although they were not selected as finalists, we take this opportunity to say thank you, Pat and Carolyn, for your dedicated, tireless service and devotion to your community. You are a **“Light of Christ”** in the Diocese of Baker.



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Melissa Coles: Birth Mom, “I Lived On Parker Ave.”
Monica Snyder: Secular Pro-Life

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BISHOP CARY’S SCHEDULE

Feb 23 **Bend:** 10:00 a.m. Mass with Acolyte
Installation & 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Feb 25 **Chancery:** Noon Hispanic Ministry Meeting
Feb 29 **Redmond:** 11:00 a.m. Right of Election

Redmond continued:

Mar 4 9:30 a.m. Speaker, St. Thomas Bible Study
Mar 5 6:30 p.m. Speaker, St. Thomas Bible Study
Mar 6 **Mt. Angel:** 2:00 p.m. Seminary Evaluations
Mar 8 **Eugene:** 4:00 p.m. Seminary Benefit Dinner



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2020 Focused Capital Repairs:

- Boiler replacement
- Ongoing repointing, repair, and replacement of stonework
- Concrete repair/replacement of stairs and sidewalks

2020 Enfoque de las Reparaciones Capitales:

- *Reemplazo del boiler*
- *Reprogramación continua, reparación y reemplazo de la cantería*
- *Reparación de concreto/reemplazo de escaleras y aceras*

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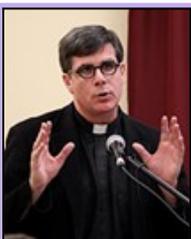
*Es la iglesia madre de la diocesis. . .
¡Les pertinence a ustedes!*

Parish News: St. William Church, Ione



Sunday, January 26, St. William's in Ione came together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist in honor of the feast day of St. John Bosco. We thanked the Lord for the gift of Don Bosco to the Church, for the graces of God manifested in him, and for his legacy carried on faithfully by Father Thankachan Joseph and the Salesian Family throughout the world.

Submitted by Jeri McElligott, Parishioner



Incarnating God in Our Parish, Families, and Community

St. Pius X Church,
Klamath Falls | Mar 8 - 10

This year's Lenten mission is entitled "Incarnating God in Our Parish, Families, and Community" and will revolve around one afternoon and two days and evenings of Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and Father David Meconi's talks.

Fr. David Vincent Meconi, S.J., is Professor of Historical Theology and Director of the Catholic Studies Centre at Saint Louis University; he is also the editor



Summer Camps
Save the Date

Upper Elementary
July 8th-11th

Family Camp
July 11th-14th

Middle School
July 15th-18th

High School
July 22nd-25th



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Central Oregon Right to Life had a great peaceful, prayerful presence at planned parenthood for the 47th anniversary of Roe v Wade. To view pictures, please go to <https://centraloregonrighttolife.org/vigil/>

This year President Trump made history by being the first president ever to attend and speak at the Right to Life March in Washington DC declaring everyone's right to life in this public way. He also made January 22nd National Sanctity of Human Life Day. To listen to President Trump's speech visit our web site at <https://centraloregonrighttolife.org/#roevwade>

Future events include a bottle support campaign the end of April and a sidewalk training in May. Check the website for dates.

God bless you all and thank you so much for your support for life. From conception to natural death!

Patty Marx, CORTL

of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. He holds the pontifical license in Patrology from the University of Innsbruck in Austria, as well as his doctorate in Ecclesiastical History from the University of Oxford. Fr. Meconi has published numerous books and articles on the early Church, and on Saint Augustine of Hippo in particular.

Sunday, March 8, 4:00 PM

Beloved Children of the Father

Monday, March 9, 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

The Ongoing Incarnation of the Son

Tuesday, March 10, 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Temples of the Holy Spirit, All