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Holy Redeemer and Holy Family Youths Celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary and their Faith

On the first day allowed back in Church, the youth of La Pine and Christmas Valley parishes brought flowers to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on behalf of their own mothers.



Although the Religious Education program could not meet at Holy Redeemer Church, the students still got together to continue their education and on May 27th, they gathered for a special Mass and to receive their certificates for completing the program.



Submitted by Donna Pigman, Secretary, Holy Redeemer



St. Thomas Academy Playground Renovation

St. Thomas Academy has led a grassroots playground renovation project for the Catholic School here in Redmond for an entire year through the school's Parent's Association, known as P@STA- or Parents @ STA! It started with a little elbow grease running fundraisers, and a LOT of faith! We have had incredible support from our Pastor, Fr. Todd Unger, and our Principal, Mrs. Patty Schulte. The seed was planted by Bill Huff, a parent of two students at the school and a longtime Redmond resident who wanted to make an improvement that would appeal to the students!

Janelle Kreuzner and Nistassa Rigez, President and Vice President of the Parent's Association respectively, adopted the idea and ran with it by hosting car washes in the school parking lot! The group then transitioned into pie sales this past fall, wreath sales before Christmas, and just recently wrapped up a hanging flower basket fundraiser that have cumulatively made nearly \$15,000.

The momentum created an avalanche of generous donors such as professional design work by Becky Shaw at Homeland Designs, LLC. here in Redmond.

"Kiwaniis Club of Redmond has been an integral piece of our trajectory. We came to this project with zero experience in fundraising, but our Redmond community has felt our passion and drive to educate our students' minds, bodies and their spirits. It's important in today's world to nurture every aspect of who these children are," says Janelle Kreuzner, P@STA President.

All our excavating and contracted work has been provided by Dan Parker of Parker NW, who has already broken ground on a 40' x 80' concrete pad which will consist of a 1/2 basketball court, a 20' wide by 8' high wall for wall ball, and a picnic table. Running alongside the pad will be another 40' x 80' area for a new play structure, swing set and additional play activities. This surpasses anything the kids have ever had to play on.

St. Thomas Academy added a middle-school last fall and felt that the playground needed some activities for our older students.

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ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Bishop Liam Cary invites you to attend via Live-Stream, the Ordination to the Diaconate of Caleb Cunningham at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 6:00 PM. (via Live-Stream on the Diocesan website)

Caleb is from St. Bernard parish in Jordan Valley, Oregon, and grew up on a cattle ranch near there. He studied Philosophy at Franciscan University of Steubenville, graduating in 2016. He started his Theology studies at Mt. Angel Seminary in 2016 and has now completed two years of Theology and a Pastoral Year at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend. Caleb started Third Theology at Mt. Angel in fall 2019.

Over the course of time, in the Latin Church, the diaconate came to serve as a transition to the priesthood. The Second Vatican Council restored the permanent diaconate for men who would not go on to become priests, alongside the transitional diaconate. Ordination to the transitional diaconate is the last major step before ordination to the priesthood, which usually follows within a year.

After June 25th, Caleb Cunningham's formal title will be "Reverend Mister" because he is to be ordained priest in the coming year. During the ordination rite, Caleb's brother deacons will welcome him into their number. Deacons are given authority to baptize, to witness marriages, and to preach the Gospel. Unlike a priest, deacons cannot absolve sins, offer Mass, consecrate the Holy Eucharist, or administer the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Confirmation.

Through the generous donations of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Baker to the Cathedral Conservation Collection, we were able to purchase the equipment and make the necessary provisions at the Cathedral to make this Live-Stream Ordination and future special events at the Cathedral available to all.

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ORDENACIÓN AL DIACONADO



El Obispo Liam Cary los invita a asistir, via transmisión en vivo, a la Ordenación al Diaconado de Caleb Cunningham en la Catedral de San Francisco de Sales en Baker City el Jueves 25 de Junio, 2020 a las 6:00 PM. (via transmisión en vivo por la página web Diocesana).

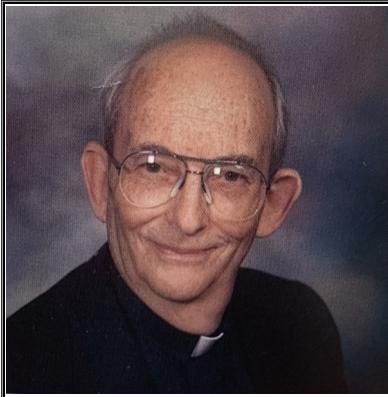
Caleb es de la parroquia de San Bernardo en Jordan Valley, Oregon, y creció en un rancho de ganado cerca de allí. Estudió Filosofía en la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville, graduándose en 2016. Comenzó sus estudios de Teología en el Seminario de Monte Ángel en 2016 y ahora ha completado dos años de Teología y un Año Pastoral en San Francisco de Asís en Bend. Caleb comenzó el Tercer año de Teología en Monte Ángel en el otoño del 2019.

Con el transcurso del tiempo, en la Iglesia Latina, el diaconado llegó a servir como una transición al sacerdocio. El Concilio Vaticano Segundo restauró el diaconado permanente para hombres que no se convertirían en sacerdotes, junto al diaconado de transición. La ordenación al diaconado de transición es el último paso importante antes de la ordenación al sacerdocio, que generalmente sigue dentro de un año.

Después del 25 de Junio, el título formal de Caleb Cunningham será el de "Reverendo Señor" porque será ordenado sacerdote el año que viene. Durante el rito de la ordenación, los hermanos diáconos de Caleb le darán la bienvenida en su número. A los Diáconos se les da autoridad de bautizar, ser testigos de matrimonios, y predicar el Evangelio. A diferencia de un sacerdote, los diáconos no pueden absolver los pecados, ofrecer Misa, consagrar la Sagrada Eucaristía o administrar los Sacramentos de la Unción de los Enfermos y la Confirmación.

Por medio de las generosas donaciones de feligreses en toda la Diócesis de Baker hacia la Colecta para la Conservación de la Catedral, pudimos comprar el equipo y hacer las provisiones necesarias en la Catedral para poder transmitir en vivo esta Ordenación y que futuros eventos especiales estén disponibles para todos.

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In Memoriam

**REVEREND
CHARLES
DREISBACH
1925 - 2020**

Father Charles V. Dreisbach, a Roman Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Baker, died 17 June 2020, at the age of 94. His parents and three brothers preceded him in death.

Charles Dreisbach was born in Los Angeles, CA, on 24 November 1925. In 1930, his family moved to Baker City, OR, where he attended St Francis Academy and graduated from high school in 1943. Later that year he joined the Navy and served as a rifle and pistol instructor until going overseas. At the end of World War II Charles was a Gunners Mate 2nd Class until he was discharged in 1946. That same year he enrolled at the University of Portland graduating with a degree in Business Administration in 1950. During this time, he worked for the U-Haul Company in Portland, becoming their first Business Manager.

In 1952, he entered Mount Angel Seminary and was ordained a priest in May of 1959. Father Dreisbach served in various parishes in Eastern Oregon until his final assignment at Sacred Heart Parish in Klamath Falls. In June 2004, at the age of 78, Father Dreisbach retired after serving the Diocese of Baker for 45 years.

After retirement, he became a Volunteer for Sky Lakes Medical Center in 2007 and served at CARES for over a decade. He was also a member of the Klamath County Rotary Club and spent much of his free time golfing and fishing, mostly for salmon and trout on the coast at Gold Beach

He remained in Klamath Falls until His Lord and Master called him home on 17 June 2020. *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. Amen*

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish on Tuesday, June 23 at 11am. Due to gathering restrictions, reservations will be required. To make reservations please call Sacred Heart at 541 8844566 or visit www.sacredheartkf.org Burial will be in the family plot at Mount Hope Cemetery, Baker City, OR.

If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Health and Retirement Association of the Diocese of Baker for the benefit of the clergy and mailed to: 641 Umatilla Ave, Redmond, OR 97756

PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following as they celebrate their ordination anniversaries during the month of June:

Rev. Noel Hickie, Retired	June 11, 1967
Rev. Cornelius Kiely, Retired	June 11, 1967
Very Rev. Stan Strzyz, Pilot Rock	June 09, 1968
Rev. Joseph Reeves, Retired	June 16, 1976
Very Rev. Richard Fischer, VG	June 15, 1976
Rev. Julian Cassar, Retired	June 19, 1977
Very Rev. Todd Unger, Redmond	June 29, 1982
Rev. Robert Greiner, Condon	June 24, 1993
Very Rev. Charles Nnabuife, Milton-Freewater	June 03, 2005
Rev. Luis Flores-Alva, Boardman	June 17, 2006
Rev. Arsenius Anachoreta	June 17, 2006
Rev. Victor Mena, Madras	June 29, 2017

We are most grateful for the years of service of all our clergy and bishop. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

St. Francis de Sales Parish in Baker City celebrates nine graduating seniors this year. As a parish tradition, the graduates and their parents are honored with a special Mass, and fortunately this year was no different in spite of the restrictions. Father Suresh's sermon reminded them that no matter what, God and their parents are always there for them and they must never forget that. After the conclusion of the Mass, Father Suresh gave a special blessing to the graduates they were presented a copy of *The Notre Dame Prayer Book for Students* from their Parish family.

Since 1982, the Knights of Columbus have awarded a scholarship to a deserving senior. This year seven of the seniors applied and all seven received a scholarship for a grand total of \$6,500.



Congratulations Class of 2020—(back row left to right) Shane Cunningham, Henry Hoelscher, Lucas Stearns (center row) Alex Davila, Sean Fuzi, John Hurley (front row) Vike Marvin, Estefania Balderas.



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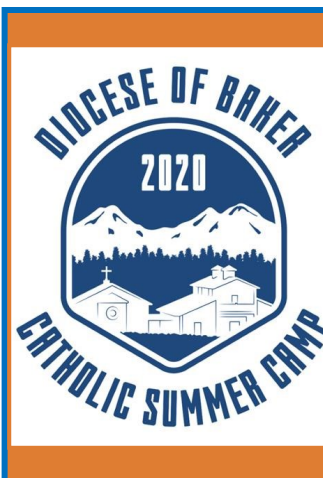


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Bishop Cary's [Homilias](#) grabadas



2020 Summer Camps Update

Due to government guidelines, the Diocese has had to cancel the [Middle School](#), [Upper Elementary](#), and [High School](#) Summer Camps.

Blessed Sacrament Celebrates High School Graduates



On May 26th, 2020, Blessed Sacrament Parish honored three Ontario High School graduates: Melissa Jagelski, Amy Hernandez and Tessa Hart. Also honored was Ben Hart who graduated from New York University with his Bachelor's Degree.



On June 1st, eight high school graduates were honored. Five from Ontario High School (front row) Clarissa Martinez, Joana Hernandez, (back row) Alejandra Arizmendi, Anahi Tinoco and Jacqueline Cano. And three from Four Rivers Community School. (front row) Ines Núñez. (back row) Moses Hernández and Nayeli Romero.

Congratulations to all and may our heavenly Father keep you safe, and may our holy Mother be a constant reminder of faithfulness.

Submitted by Angela Corona, DRE & Hispanic Minister

Playground Renovation

Our hearts are full with everything we've been given; from the patrons of all of our fundraisers to the complete strangers that have offered their trades, but we don't have all of our financial bases covered. The P@STA group is starting a plaque purchase program for the back side of our wall ball wall which will honor the many businesses and individuals that have helped us realize this lofty goal! It will have a nice seating area with all of our 131 students completing a time- capsule project to bury for the 30 year anniversary of our school in 2015. This project aims to include all of our students and staff on the wall in a mounted plaque.

There is still room to contribute for any business or family looking to make a tax-deductible donation to our non-profit school and church and specifically for the playground.

We also have a Traeger Grill that we are raffling tickets off on June 27th which is the culmination of yet another car wash! Every little bit helps and we welcome anyone who wants to be part of this powerful movement to enhance the very important education that St. Thomas Academy provides.

We look forward to sharing this space with our neighbors and the Redmond community. "Improvements to our neighborhoods, churches and schools is what makes my place desirable to live. Working hard to achieve these improvements is what makes the people of Redmond so proud and loyal. We have a great community here and I've never felt more proud to be part of Redmond, Oregon." says Nistassa Rigez, P@STA Vice President.

In the meantime, we want to send our very heartfelt appreciation to those of you who have put cans in our trailer for the bottle/can drive, and all of the ways that our community has lent its support! We appreciate you so very much!



If you would like to get involved or have any questions about our nearly \$100,000.00 renovation, please reach out to Janelle Kreuzner at Janelle.Kreuzner@redmondacademy.com or call (503) 939-3061.

Help us complete the new playground before the children come back to school.

Submitted by Janelle Kreuzner, Teacher and P@STA President



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Catholic Family Camp



Catholic Families coming together,
having fun, and celebrating what it
means to be families alive in Christ!

July 11-14, 2020

Family outing adventures, prayer, water slide,
learning, games, serving, crafts, men's &
women's sessions, campfire & s'more!

Covid19 safety measures will be in place.

Food, Supplies & Facility: \$150 per family

Your Choice of Housing:

Tent space: \$10/night

or RV pad (Water & Electric): \$25/night

or Cabin for the whole family: \$50/night

Register Here: dioceseofbaker.org/family-camp

More Info: Contact Bryce Herrmann

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