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Operation Christmas Child

Third, fourth and fifth grade Religious Education students at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston display the six boxes filled with personal hygiene, school supplies and toys for distribution to children who will receive a gift this Christmas thanks to the Samaritan's Purse program Operation Christmas Child. The students donated items and wrote personal messages to include with each box. This was a real life opportunity to put the love of Christ into concrete action. Teachers Kristi Smalley and Letty Little were grateful to the parents of these students for supporting this project.

We also want to thank Our Lady of Angels Parishioners who also contributed with 30+ boxes for the Operation Christmas Child program.



Operación Niño de Navidad

Los estudiantes de CCD de tercer, cuarto y quinto grado en la Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en Hermiston muestran las seis cajas llenas de artículos de higiene personal, útiles escolares y juguetes para distribuir a los niños que recibirán un regalo esta Navidad gracias al programa Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Los estudiantes donaron artículos y escribieron mensajes personales para incluirlos en cada caja. Esta fue una oportunidad de la vida real para poner el amor de Cristo en acción concreta. Las maestras Kristi Smalley y Letty Little agradecieron a los padres de estos estudiantes por apoyar este proyecto.

También queremos agradecer a los feligreses de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles que también contribuyeron con más de 30 cajas para el programa Operation Christmas Child.

Pat Schaefer Honored for 43 Years of Service

On Saturday, November 21, 2021, Fr. Daniel Maxwell presented Pat Schaefer with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a card as a thank you for all her years as Music Ministry Director at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston. Mrs. Schaefer is retiring from her leadership duties as she and her husband, Mike, snowbird in Arizona.

Mike and Pat have been active members of the parish for 43+ years. Pat has been Music Minister for 43 years, a Music Ministry Coordinator for 13 years, and has been Liturgy Committee Coordinator for 13 years.



Thoughts Along the Way A Miracle On The Way

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The four weeks of Advent take us back liturgically to the nine-month pregnancy of the Mother of God. With her we long for the invisible to become visible for all the world to see and hear and hold. With her we marvel at the mysterious gestation of the Word made Flesh in her womb. For the Eternal Son of God “was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,” as we say every Sunday in the Creed.

The Son of Mary took flesh from her flesh—that is to say, from our flesh, yours and mine. But we learn from the Catechism that the Incarnation of the Son of God “does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man.” Not at all. “He became truly man while remaining truly God.” Mary’s Son is as truly and fully human as He is truly and fully God. In His divinity He is “consubstantial with the Father”; in His humanity He is consubstantial with us. Put “incarnate” and “consubstantial” together and you get the name for Jesus we associate with Advent: “Emmanuel,” which means, “God with us.”

The Son of God is Emmanuel because He wants to be. You and I had no choice in our flesh-taking; our Creator called us into being without giving us a say in the nature of our human existence. But God the Son chose to be “with us” from all eternity. “He did not cling to equality with God,” St. Paul says; rather, He “emptied Himself” to be born as one of us and to dwell and die among us. The Second Person of the Trinity willingly became consubstantial with us so that we might willingly become fully human in Him. This we do when we open our lives to His coming as Mary did and thereby prepare a place for the Incarnation to continue in us.



Bishop/Obispo Liam Cary

Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino Un Milagro en Camino

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Las cuatro semanas de Adviento nos regresa litúrgicamente a los nueve meses de embarazo de la Madre de Dios. Con ella anhelamos que lo invisible se haga visible para que todo el mundo lo vea, lo escuche y lo sostenga. Con ella nos maravillamos ante la misteriosa gestación de la Palabra hecha Carne en su vientre. Porque el Hijo Eterno de Dios “se encarnó de la Virgen María”, como decimos todos los Domingos en el Credo.

El Hijo de María tomó carne de su carne—es decir, de nuestra carne, de ustedes y de mía. Pero aprendemos del Catecismo que la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios “no significa que Jesucristo es parte Dios y parte hombre”. De ninguna manera. “Él se hizo verdaderamente hombre mientras permaneció siendo verdaderamente Dios”. El Hijo de María es verdadera y completamente humano y Él es verdadera y completamente Dios. En Su divinidad Él es “consustancial con el Padre”; en Su humanidad Él es consustancial con nosotros. Pongan “encarnado” y “consustancial” juntos y tienen el nombre para Jesús que asociamos con el Adviento: “Emmanuel”, que significa “Dios con nosotros”.

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Rebuild My Church!

As he knelt underneath a large wooden crucifix, Francis of Assisi heard the Lord's call... "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you can see, is falling into ruins." Taking that command literally, Francis set about rebuilding the San Damiano church – stone by stone. Later, he understood the call to rebuild the Church spiritually.

St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend has recently launched efforts to follow St. Francis in both senses of the Lord's call.

In October the parish launched a \$1.5 million fund raising drive to restore and renovate the Historic Church in downtown Bend. The project focuses on infrastructure, the sanctuary, and the stained-glass windows.

The parish also broke ground to build a new rectory at its NE 27th Street Church. Made possible by generous donations, the two-story building, with a view of the Cascades, includes 2 living suites and 2 guestrooms.

Finally, the parish is focusing on rebuilding the church spiritually by adopting the Alpha as an

evangelization tool. Alpha, an 11-week course on the kerygma, leads people to a first-time or a renewed relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. On Sunday, October 24, the first Alpha retreat was held at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte.

St. Francis of Assisi parish is building the church from inside out.



Un Milagro en Camino, *continúa*

El Hijo de Dios es Emmanuel porque Él quiere ser "con nosotros". Ustedes y yo no tuvimos opción cuando tomamos carne; el Creador nos llamó a ser sin darnos voz tocante la naturaleza de nuestra existencia humana. Pero el Hijo Eterno eligió estar "con nosotros" antes de la creación del mundo. "Él no se aferró a la igualdad con Dios", dice San Pablo; sino "se anonadó de sí mismo" para nacer como uno de nosotros y morar y morir entre nosotros. La Segunda Persona de la Trinidad voluntariamente se convirtió consustancial con nosotros para que podamos convertirnos completamente humanos en Él. Esto lo hacemos cuando abrimos nuestras vidas a Su venida como lo hizo María. Así preparamos un lugar para que la Encarnación continúe en nosotros.

Bishop Cary's Schedule

December 19

9:00 a.m. Mass, Prineville

12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, Prineville

December 20

6:00 p.m. Penance Service, Redmond

December 21

6:00 p.m. Penance Service, Bend

December 22

6:00 p.m. Penance Service, Sisters

December 24

4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass,
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City

December 25

9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass,
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Baker City

12:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass,
St. Anthony, North Powder

New Acolyte Instituted at St. Francis



On Saturday, November 6, Bishop Cary instituted David Joseph Barovelli as a new acolyte at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend. David worked for the Diocese of Baker for nine years on the facilities staff at the Cascade View Retreat Center. For the last several years, he has served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion where his love for the liturgy grew.

"I've been considering this for a long time," David said. "For me it is the next step in my relationship and service to Christ and his Church."

David is married to Tanja and they reside in the Alfalfa area.

St. Pius X New Library

*"When we pray, we speak to God; but
when we read, God speaks to us."*
- St. Jerome

St. Pius X in Klamath Falls is celebrating a new opportunity to help us grow in our faith.

The Circle of Sisters Book Club recently created a Parish library with a special children's corner, too. It is located at the back of the church and will be open during church hours. Most of the books have been donated. All are welcome to browse, borrow, and be blessed by the many books waiting for you.



Top: St. Pius X Children's Library

Bottom: St. Pius X Adult Library