

VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS



No School - Friday, April 24th, Archdiocesan Formation Day.

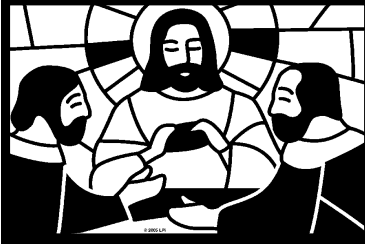
SAC - Are you interested in serving Visitation Catholic School in a leadership and advisory role? Each year, Visitation’s School Advisory Committee (SAC) has two positions that open for a three year term. All parents and parishioners are invited to apply. If you have ideas for Visitation School you would like to share and are able to assist Father Michael and Carol Funk in this leadership role, you are encouraged to submit your name to the school office. Thank you for your commitment to Visitation Catholic School!

DC Kids 2028 Fundraiser, April 15-26, 2026 - We can earn a 20% donation match with the Oregon Bottle Drop program! The Bottle Drop fundraiser is year-round - this 20% matching opportunity is limited. Gather as many cans/bottles as you can to take advantage of the bonus donation! Collect and drop off bottles/cans eligible for bottle drop to Father Michael’s garage by Wednesday April 22nd to be sorted into Blue Bags by DC Kids volunteers. We will deposit the bags by April 26th to earn the bonus. Thank you for your support!

Masquerade Black & White - Save the date! The 26th Annual Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, May 16th. The Dinner Auction Ticket sales have gone LIVE. Please use the QR code for information and to get your tickets today! <https://www.verboort.org/auction/2026-annual-auction>



We are also looking for donations for the auction. If you have something, please bring by the school office, or contact our auction chair Stacey Pelster at sweetpea8319@gmail.com



And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. — Lk 24:30-31

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APRIL 19TH, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter
VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am
Friday 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
by appointment call/text Fr. Michael
971-217-5335

NEW FAMILIES:

Kindly register by calling the rectory

BAPTISMS: By appointment with Pastoral Associate, Brian Meeuwsen

MARRIAGES: By appointment with Pastoral Associate, Brian Meeuwsen, at least six months prior to the wedding

MASS INTENTIONS				
Sunday	April	19	8:00 am	Stephanie Hughes by Family
			10:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	April	20	8:00 am	Mitchell Herinckx † by Jim & Doris Herinckx
Tuesday	April	21	8:00 am	Michael Giesbers † by Nadine Giesbers & Family
Wednesday	April	22	No Mass	
Thursday	April	23	8:30 am	Michael Shane Walsh † by Kristi Schmit
Friday	April	24	8:00 am	Ron VanGrunsvan † Family
Saturday	April	25	5:00 pm	Ken Meeuwsen † by Jan Alderman

Weekday Servers: April 20th & 21st Jace Williams and Nico Bascuti		<u>YOUR GIFT TO GOD</u> April 11th & 12th Weekly contributions needed for budget Goal: \$5,700.00 Envelopes & Checks: \$3,328.00 Loose Collection: \$815.00 On-Line Contributions: \$1,190.00 Building Fund: \$50.00
		
Weekend Masses For April 25th & 26th		

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Readers	Scott Stewart	Joe Finegan	Craig Duyck
EMHC—Host	Ed Vandecoevering	Judy Verboort	Genelle Duyck
Servers	Joseph Vance Frank Vance Harold Vance	Bryce McCloud Lennox Sinner Gavin Sinner	Brayden Kirimi Andrew Duyck Robert Duyck
Music	Bethany Stewart Sarah Crosby	Regina McCloud	Emily Raymond
Ushers	Dave Heesacker Gary Freitas	Tom Herinckx Carl Carlson	David, Conor and Liam Plep
Zoom	No Zoom	No Zoom	Nate Wessels

Women’s Bible Study

The women's bible study group will meet on Saturday, April 25th, at 10 am in the Convent at Visitation. For questions, please contact Debby deboralovelace@outlook.com 503-851-2546.

What is God’s Dream for YOU?

Join the Daughters of Charity Search & Serve Retreat- a religious vocation discernment retreat in the Bay Area, May 20-25, 2026! Search your heart for answers. Explore your future. Serve those living in Poverty side-by-side with Sisters. Stay with the Sisters. Housing, Meals and Daily Transportation to our Ministry Services is provided. For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40. Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

Calling all St. Francis of Assisi Alumni

Join us for our 5th annual Alumni event, “Homecoming” celebrating our SFA alums!!

Saturday May 30th, 2026. A special Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm (all are welcome) with dinner, drinks and entertainment starting at 6 pm in the school basement. Join us at 4 pm if you participated in youth or adult choir to join the choir for mass.

Mater Dei Radio

Must be 21 or older to attend. Gather your classmates and come have an evening of fun and laughter Support the ministry of Mater Dei Radio and lead others to the peace found in Christ! Give now through the Hail Mary Media app, at MaterDeiRadio.com, or call 1-888-823-5286. Your gift supports our radio broadcast, free mobile app, locally-produced shows, national programming, the broadcast of the celebration of the Mass, sacred music, the Rosary and other prayers, video series, podcasts, and more! Make sure to tune in during this inspiring broadcast event! KBVM FM 88.3 Portland.



Religious Education for Youth and Adults:

All questions concerning Religious Education for Youth (grades 1-12) and Adult (OCIA) programs, please contact Tammy Scheenstra 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com

Fr. Michael's Pick on FORMED.org.

“Easter in Art” Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss a famous painting of Jesus’ descent into hell, Jesus’ Resurrection, and Jesus’ encounter with Mary Magdalene and the theology behind it. (Run Time: 3 episodes approximately 20 minutes each)

Meetings

DC Kids 2028 Meeting on Tuesday, April 21st, 6:30 pm in the Knights Club Room.

8th Grade Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd, 6 pm in the 8th Grade Classroom.

Finance Meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, 6 pm in the Knights Club Room.

SAC Meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, 7 pm in the Knights Club Room.

Thank you from the Vandecoevering Family

We sincerely appreciate the Visitation Community for their prayers and support regarding our mother, Lorna. We would like to offer special recognition to Father, the altar society, and the volunteers who organized the reception, as well as the musicians, altar servers, and grave attendants. Our gratitude also extends to Kathy Sohler for the exceptional floral arrangements and to Aaron and his team at Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home for their dedicated service.

Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser for Coats for Kids

Please join the Knights of Columbus for a breakfast burrito fundraiser this Sunday, April 19th from 7:30 am to 12 pm in the St Matthew Parish Hall.

Costs: \$15 Combo with Burrito and Drink

\$12 Burrito only

Proceeds to benefit our Coats for Kids drive. Hope to see you there!

St. Francis Annual Parish Dinner

St. Francis Parish in Banks will be having their Annual Parish dinner, tractor show, and country store on Saturday, May 2nd from 11:30 am to 6 pm. Drive thru and sit-down dining available. For more info and to reserve take out tickets go to www.roycountrysteakdinner.com

Please Pray For:

John Kindel: Funeral Mass at 11 am at Visitation Catholic Church & Reception following at Visitation Parish Hall on Saturday, April 25th. Please keep the Kindel Family in your prayers.

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2026 (ACA)

Annual ACA Commitment Weekend is scheduled for April 18th-19th. For those who donated previously, you should have already received a pledge card in the mail. If you would like to donate to the 2026 ACA, there are Commitment cards available at the entrance of the church. Please fill out and return to the parish office or place it in the weekend collection basket or mail to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generous support.

1st Saturday Mass May 2nd for the Franciscan Year of Jubilee at St. Francis of Assisi, Roy

In celebration of the Annual Parish Steak Dinner and Antique Tractor Show, join us for confessions available 10:00 am and Mass offered for the Holy Father's Intention at 11:00 am and then doors will be open to enjoy a delicious steak or ham dinner as well as visit the home baked goods country store and check out the Antique Tractors. St. Francis of Assisi, 39135 NW Harrington Road, Banks, OR 97106 11:30 am-6:00 pm.

Religious Education for Youth and Adults:

- Religious Education for Children (grades 1-5) Class meets Wednesday, April 23rd from 4:00-5:15 pm at Visitation convent.
- Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) Meets Sunday, April 19th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Visitation Parish Center.
- High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) Meets Sunday, April 26th from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Visitation Parish Center.
- Confirmation Preparation (grades 7-12), OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) & Adult Faith Formation (adults 18 or older) Sessions will start Fall 2026.
- Mission Krewe 2026 St. Bernard Project St. Petersburg, FL Teen Participant and Parent Meeting on Wednesday, April 22 6:00-6:30 pm at the Visitation Parish Center.

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Fr. Michael's Pick on FORMED.org

“Jesus Thirsts: the Miracle of the Eucharist”. Watch this visually stunning film that takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in profound dialogue with prominent Catholic leaders, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of lives transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. (Run Time: 93 minutes)

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend (April 18-19) is Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal 2026. Here is a letter for your prayerful consideration. ~Fr. Michael

Every day in western Oregon, someone discovers that God has not forgotten them—and it happens because people like you support the *Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal*

You may not be there in the moment. You may never see their face. But when hope is restored in one of our parishes, your compassion, your faith, and your courage to give are quietly at work.

Because of your support of the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal, our parishes are places of healing—spaces where people walk in burdened and leave restored. A mother overwhelmed by life’s pressures finds a listening ear in her pastor. A teenager experiences the awe of encountering Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. A man returning to the Church after decades is welcomed with tenderness and joy.

These aren’t isolated moments—they are everyday realities made possible by your support.

Christ is at work in our parishes, schools, and communities. He brings hope to the burdened, comfort to the grieving, and guidance to the searching. **Through the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal, you help make sure this work can continue and grow.**

Together, we are embarking on Mission Renewal—a focused effort to strengthen Catholic life in every parish. Your gift to the Appeal will:

- **Renew Our Priests**—Your gift supports the priests who serve our parishes today, cares for our retired priests who have faithfully poured out their lives for the Church, and helps form the next generation of priests—so that, in every season, a shepherd is ready to bring Christ’s healing.
- **Renew Catholic Education**—Your support keeps faith-filled teachers in our schools, where children learn to see the world through the eyes of faith and encounter the love of Christ each day.
- **Renew Evangelization**—Your generosity fuels the outreach that invites the lost, the searching and the wounded to rediscover the mercy and beauty of the Gospel.

These are not programs. They are people—people who will experience Christ’s healing because you chose to act.

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From the Desk of Fr. Michael (Continued)

Not long ago, a man who had been away from the Church for decades walked into his parish on a quiet weekday afternoon. A staff member greeted him, listened to his struggles, and invited him to pray. **Because donors like you keep that parish open, welcoming, and staffed, he did not walk into an empty building—he encountered the living Church.**

This simple moment sparked a return to the sacraments and a renewed sense of purpose. “It felt like Christ reached out to me through the Church,” he shared. “I didn’t know how much I needed healing until I received it.”

Encounters like this do not happen by accident. They happen because **people like you** support the ministries of our Church through the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal.

That is why I am writing to you today. **Will you help bring the next encounter of hope to life by making a generous gift to the *Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal*?**

Your gift has the power to restore, renew, and transform lives across western Oregon. When you give you help:

Children discover a faith that anchors them,
Seminarians prepare to shepherd God’s people,
Families grow stronger through active parish life,
Those who feel far from God find their way home.

This is the mission Christ entrusts to us. And **your generosity makes it possible.**

With gratitude,

+Archbishop Alexander K. Sample+