

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9 (638)

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11 GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

### FATHER KEN'S KORNER

*During this ongoing anniversary of the Vatican II Council, we continue our exploration of the Vatican II documents as a faith community with...*

#### Nostra Aetate (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions)

The Church's official position on Christians of other traditions outside the Catholic Church and on Non-Christian faiths is well summed up in the Catechism of the Catholic Church where it outlines the four marks of the Church (one, holy, catholic and apostolic), particularly under the "catholic" section (paragraphs 830-856). It describes a series of relationships with other faiths not unlike a shooting target with the institutional Catholic Church at the center and, as the rings of the target expand, lesser and lesser common points of connection and degrees of unity. "Fully incorporated into the society of the Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, accept all the means of salvation given to the Church together with her entire organization" (CCC 837). These means include the profession of faith, the seven sacraments and the teaching authority of the Church. However, the reader is advised that just physically being a part of this Church is not enough if the person's heart is not also united. This is the target's center, if you will...the institutional Catholic Church.

The next two rings include the Orthodox Christians, "whose communion is so profound that it lacks little to attain the fullness that would permit a common celebration of the Lord's Eucharist" (CCC 838). Then, other Christians are included who are joined with us in common baptism, love of Sacred Scripture and love of the Blessed Trinity with Jesus as our Lord and Savior, though they do not share our beliefs in Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium.

After that, non-Christians are listed as part of the next rings on this target of unity. First the Jews hold a special place because, to them "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ" (CCC 839) although they do not acknowledge the Trinity or the divinity of Jesus. After that, with one further degree of separation are the other great monotheistic group, the Muslims, who acknowledge God as Creator, the oneness of God and a future judgment day.

The final ring of unity mentions all other non-Christian religions (e.g. the Buddhists) along with people of good will who do not hold to a belief in one God but who nevertheless strive after the truth and strive to

live moral lives according to their best understanding. "The Church considers all goodness and truth found in these religions as a preparation for the Gospel and given by Him who enlightens all men" (CCC 843). Collectively, our task as Catholics is to reach out to these separated brothers and sisters, to the best of our ability in order to perfect the imperfect unity we now experience with them so that we may form one family of faith.

The Vatican II document that provided the early basis for the latter part of this catechetical statement regarding non-Christian relations was our 10<sup>th</sup> Vatican II document that we will reflect on over the next two weeks. It was entitled Nostra Aetate and it dealt with our Catholic obligation to reach out in dialog to non-Christians. The document states that, "Throughout history even to the present day, there is found among different peoples a certain awareness of a hidden power, which lies behind the course of nature and the events of human life...The religions that are found in more advanced civilizations endeavor by way of well designed concepts and exact language to answer these questions...Other religions which are found throughout the world attempt in their own ways to calm the hearts of men by outlining a program of life covering doctrine, moral precepts and sacred rites. The Catholic Church rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. (2)"

Today, Nostra Aetate remains one of the most criticized and controversial documents of Vatican II. It is the shortest document and has, as they will point out, the fewest references to Scripture, papal and patristic teaching. Because non-Christian and non-Catholic Christian participants were invited to participate in various discussions at Vatican II and play an observing role, some of the most militant critics even went so far as to condemn the Council as a whole, claiming that the Holy Spirit was not present there. One cardinal, Lefebvre, adamantly insisted there was no salvation outside the institutional Catholic Church and that this promotion of dialog with non-Christians was dangerous to the faithful and contrary to our call to evangelize. His teaching was condemned by the Church however. The Church insisted that, even though Jesus Christ is the only mediator of salvation, God's plan of salvation does operate outside the institution Church. It is her members who by their prayers, sacrifice and witness help in making that gift of salvation available to others. Tune in next week as we continue our discussion of Nostra Aetate.

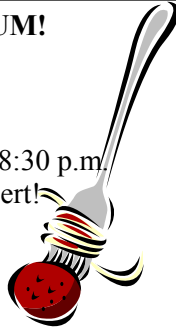


## ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Please join us from **9:00 to 10:30 or 3:00 to 4:30 Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall for this special event. Father Ken Sampson will introduce the Program and Attorney Tim Brophy, whose practice emphasizes estate planning, probate, business and real estate law, will be providing important information on the planning and disposition of estates large and small. Subjects to be covered include wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives and estate administration.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!! YUM!

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Youth Group in a fund raising Spaghetti Dinner!  
Saturday, September 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert!  
50/50 raffle in the Parish Hall  
\$10 each, \$25 per family -  
beer and wine extra  
Come on out and support our Youth!!



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers of all ages and abilities: It's time for the 14th Annual ***Into the Heart of the Cup*** Golf Tournament. Come join us Thursday, September 17 at Centennial Golf Course. Proceeds benefit our own **Sacred Heart School**. We hope you can join us for a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. with luncheon and awards to follow play. Individual golfers are \$125 and teams are \$500. Please call 541-772-4105 to sign up!



## *A Great New Bible Study Opportunity For You!*

***Genesis to Jesus: A Survey of the New Testament*** with Father Ken Sampson

**Thursdays -- 1:30-2:30 pm or 7:00-8:00 pm  
In the Parish Hall Beginning: September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us September-May for part 2 of our 2 year journey through the Bible as we take a closer look at the New Testament. Did you miss the first class? That's OK - come to the rest. The hand out is 3 hole punched and more can be run if we get low on them. Thank you to Ray Gale for the printing and thank you to all who donate to this cause!



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Vincent de Paul is having a **Direct Appeal Fundraiser Luncheon** on Wednesday, September 17 -- 12-1:30 p.m. at the Inn at the Commons 200 N Riverside Medford. The event is called the **Light the Winter Fires Fundraiser** with proceeds being used to help us help others during the cold winter months keep a roof over their heads and the heat on. Please call 541-772-3828 Ext 5 reserve a place or a table. Your donation is needed! 100 percent of all funds collected go directly to help those in need. Volunteers are always needed to help us do the work of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support.



## NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING!

Calling all baptized Catholic boys and girls who have received First Communion and are in the fifth grade or older. **Sacred Heart parish needs you to serve at the altar!**

Training for new youth altar servers will be held in the church on Saturday afternoons, 1:00-3:00 on September 20, 27 and October 4, or on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00, September 16 - Oct 2.

Also calling baptized Catholic men who would be interested in serving at daily Mass and/or some Sunday Masses! We will schedule a separate training for you. To register, or for information, please call Ann Brophy at the parish office or [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org). Thank you!



**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick of our parish especially:

Elsie Sakraida, Mae Heideman, Benjamin Tatum, Louise Gorman, Helen Puccetti, Ferrel Cunningham, Sgt. Joseph Lowery, Joan Bain, Robert Goodhead, Cynthia Sugiyura, Sharon Anderson, Leona Piascki, Kathy Kim, Jean Roan, Paul Zeleznik, Jeffrey Techau, Patti Otto, Carmen Aitken, James Bright, Connie Moyer, Steve Rayburn, Beth Curl, Pedro Picazzo III, Margaret Mucha, Donna Becker, Larry Beskow, Lisa Young, Annelies Boivin, Nanette Hall, Eileen Van Dyck, Pamela Demian, William Cummings, Marie Casilio, Rachel Scott, John Kuchler, Patti Wittenbrock, Jennifer White, Shizuka McCue, Rita Morrell, Marge Kearney, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

**Please pray for the deceased of our parish, especially:**

+Lenore Leines, and for their families.

**PATRICIANS -  
A CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP**

Patricians in September will meet on the 3rd Monday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m.  
Topic:  
Inspiration of Scripture - Divine Revelation  
with Father Justus  
Join us for coffee and treats right after Mass and then on to the discussion.



“Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness.”  
~~ St. John of Capistrano

**MORALITY**

Help yourself to take God’s point of view by forming your conscience in the Catholic tradition.  
The study of Catholic teaching about morality, a two weekend in-depth course.  
Location: Sacred Heart, Medford, OR  
Instructor: Natalie Scott  
Dates: October 3-4, 2014  
October 24-25, 2014  
Times: Fridays: 6-9 pm; Saturdays: 9 am-3 pm  
Cost: \$10 – audit; \$60 – credit  
Registration: Marty Edinger 541-821-5178  
Email: [martywwsor@yahoo.com](mailto:martywwsor@yahoo.com)  
Sponsored By: Archdiocese of Portland Oregon  
Ministry Formation Office & Southern Oregon Vicariate



**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Jacksonville**  
2nd Sunday -- potluck after Mass  
Join us at Mass and for fellowship following  
Keep open Saturdays, Oct. 11 & Oct.18 -- 9:00 a.m. for  
Fall clean-up of the church grounds  
All are needed to lessen the work load for a few. God Bless

Congratulations!  
Gerry Meenaghan  
Winner of the  
Catholic  
Daughters  
September  
drawing of \$100!

**7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

M. Sept. 15: Craig, Jane & Larry Horton  
T. Sept. 16: Craig, Jane & Larry Horton  
W. Sept. 17: Larry Horton  
Th. Sept. 18: Craig, Jane & Larry Horton  
F. Sept. 19: +Ebifania Hildago

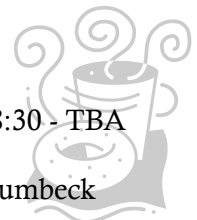
**8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

M. Sept. 15: +Laura Lee Libby  
T. Sept. 16: Michael Burboa  
W. Sept. 17: +Bertha Fitzgerald  
Th. Sept. 18: +Bud & +Dorothy Large  
F. Sept. 19: +Renee Scrocca  
S. Sept. 20: Annette & Jacquelynn



**COFFEE & DONUTS hosted by:**

**September 14**  
7:00 & 8:30 - Catholic Daughters  
**September 21**  
7:00 - Lee & Kris O'Driscoll 8:30 - TBA  
**September 28**  
7:00 - Dave, Rosemary & Janet Jumbeck  
8:30 -TBA  
Enjoy a coffee and a donut after the 7 and 8:30 Masses. Make new friends - enjoy old ones!



**Financial Report**

	8/24/2014	8/25/2013
Total Offertory received- this week	\$12,245.54	\$15,401.66
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$132,681.55	\$133,736.14
Needed for Budget	\$145,153.85	\$144,442.31
Over (under) Budget	(\$12,472.30)	(\$10,706.17)

Thank you to all who contribute to the support of the parish!

**NEWMAN CENTER NEWS**

Are you, or do you know of a student going to SOU? Tell them about the Walsh Memorial Newman Catholic Club. Come and meet new friends every Thursday for dinner and discussions. Learn more at the SOU Club Fair, Thursday, October, 1 at the Newman Club Table, then join us for BBQ on Thursday, October 2. Find us on Facebook at SOU Newman Center or [sounewman.wix.com/newmansou](http://sounewman.wix.com/newmansou).

**YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35**

Want to be with other young Catholic adults who are also seeking a good community to be a part of? We are looking to begin a Young Adult Program here at Sacred Heart! Events for our Young Adults may include a bible study, trivia nights, game nights, holiday/weekend gatherings and celebrations. First we need to know who is interested! If you are interested in joining the Young Adult Community at Sacred Heart please fill out the Young Adult Community Registration Form (this form does not lock you into any specific event – it’s just so I can reach you to let you know when events are happening – if you can make it... GREAT!). Forms are available in the back of the Church or by contacting Whitney Compton at [wcompton@archdpdx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpdx.org)



**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING  
A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC?  
RCIA Begins this Tuesday!**

If you are an adult who is considering becoming Catholic, or have a child seven or older who is not yet baptized, or are a baptized Catholic adult or teen who has not yet received your First Communion, now is the time to look into it! Weekly **RCIA sessions for adults, teens, and older children begin this Tuesday, September 17, in the Parish Hall.**

**Adults meet from 6:30-8:00**

**Teens and older children meet from 7-8:00.**

At these informal sessions, you’ll become acquainted with the Catholic faith and our parish community. It’s fun! For information or to sign up, please contact Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office or [abrophy@shcs.org](mailto:abrophy@shcs.org). We look forward to welcoming you!

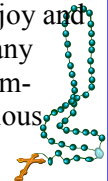
**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH  
CONFERENCE – ADYC in SEASIDE!**

Youth! Are you ready for another youth conference? The Seaside conference will take place November 21<sup>st</sup> -- November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost per youth is \$230. This will cover your hotel, travel expenses conference registration and many of your weekend meals! Sign ups are now open. This trip will facilitate a maximum of 20 youth and 5 chaperones. If you are interested contact Whitney Compton at [wcompton@archdpdx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpdx.org) or 541-779-4661 ext 106.

**ROSARY SALE ~~ AFTER ALL MASSES**

Come see all the varieties and colors of rosaries made by the Rosary Guild. These are wonderful gifts for any occasion. All proceeds benefit the making of rosaries for the missions and the military. Last year alone we donated 3,276 rosaries. Sale is Sunday, September 21st, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

“The rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort. The Rosary is my favorite prayer. A marvelous prayer!” ~~ Saint John Paul II



**COME SEW WITH US!**

The Sewing/Quilting group will meet on Thursday, September 18 from 9:15-12:15 in the Parish Nursery. We will be doing some charity sewing as well as working on a group quilt. All are welcome to join us, or stop by and have a cup of coffee and see what we're up to! Questions?? Call Kathy Hogge 541-773-9805



**THE JOYS OF WEED PULLING! C'MON!  
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!**

Thank you to all who have joined the Wednesday Weeders. The extra hands help accomplish a lot on the days we meet. The Weeders meet weekly until October 8th. Please consider volunteering for a September Wednesday. No experience required to pull weeds. Call BJ Buxton at 541.772.8292.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BEEF RAFFLE WINNERS  
ARE:**

Shawn Retzlaff  
and Bill Watkins  
Congratulations!  
**BARBECUE!**



**Thank you Advertiser  
of the Week**  
Susie's Flowers  
*Please thank  
our Advertisers  
with your patronage.*

**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND**

The Legion of Mary brings Communion to people in hospitals, nursing homes, foster care homes, retirement centers, and private homes. We need more helpers (it is not necessary that they be members of the Legion of Mary). Training is provided. Please leave your name at the office to volunteer.



**SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Contact Information:**

Whitney Compton

[wcompton@archdpx.org](mailto:wcompton@archdpx.org), if needed request her cell number via email.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

A schedule of events for Sacred Heart Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation is now available. Pick up yours today in the Parish Office! For an electronic copy, e-mail a request to Whitney Compton in the parish office.

**CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED: Sacred Heart Parishioners (Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, etc.)**

We need a core team of Catechist to pass on the Deposit of Faith to the teens in our parish community. Passing on the faith to our teens at Sacred Heart is an essential part of having a future Church community here at our parish.

Contact Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton for information! Applications are in the Church office and at the doors of the Church.

**CONFIRMATION:**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! Registration will close **Tuesday September 30, 2014**. Please register sooner than later, a workbook order will be placed soon and we need a count of how many will be joining the program this year so we can have enough resources for the class. To register make an appointment with Sacred Heart Youth Minister Whitney Compton. \*contact information above Any high school student who would like to receive confirmation in May of 2015, it is necessary to register for Confirmation within the current registration period. Please bring the Baptismal Certificate with you!

**YOUTH GROUP (Middle School and High School):**

Begins this weekend and REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! There will be a registration packet to fill out for each youth attending youth group. To grab a registration packet visit Whitney Compton in the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry office. \*you must have first registered your youth in order for them to attend youth group

**SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CLASSES begin September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at 9:50 a.m.** in the cafeteria at **Sacred Heart School**. Parents stay with the children for the first 15 minutes during the morning Assembly then children are dismissed to classes.

We are still in need of a **Preschool; Year 1; and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Co-Teacher**. If **each parent/Aunt/Uncle or Grandparent volunteered to teach a class** you would only need to schedule a maximum of once a month which would lighten the teaching load and make the commitment manageable for everyone. Let's foster this "**can do**" approach.

All resources are provided and each grade level follows our "**Call To Faith**" program with easy to follow teacher guides and children's books. Please come and help me make passing our wonderful Catholic faith a priority in our parish!! Call me today..I am anxious to hear from you!!

**Contact Mary Stallard 541-779-4661 ext:107 or email [mstallard@shcs.org](mailto:mstallard@shcs.org).**

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION 2014 – 2015**

**First Reconciliation & First Communion**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT.....**

**DON'T MISS OUT.....**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014!!**

If your child is baptized; in grade 2 - 5; in their 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year of Religious Education (1<sup>st</sup> Grade or above) and your family are registered members of Sacred Heart they may be eligible.

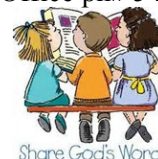
Classes are held on **alternating** Wednesdays evenings

6 - 7 p.m. beginning **September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

(Mandatory Parent Meeting on this night -- separate from children's class). Wednesdays after that will be children's classes.

To check on all eligibility requirements please contact Mary Stallard at the Parish Office ph# 541-779-4461 ext: 107

Email [mstallard@shcs.org](mailto:mstallard@shcs.org)



## LAST BUT NOT LEAST!! KNIGHTLY NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to present our annual Student Scholarships to some very articulate individuals. Medford Knights and their families are invited to come join the celebration and to meet the recipients of this years scholarships on Saturday 9/20/14. Come and enjoy each others wonderful dishes and celebrate our winners. The Council will provide BBQ meat

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

When: 12:00 noon

What to wear: Casual

What to bring: Your family and if your last name ends in A-M bring a side dish/salad, if it ends in N-Z bring Dessert

See you at the Celebration,

John Meenaghan

Grand Knight

### 11th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEAR NOT! Is the theme of the 11th Annual Catholic Charismatic Women's Retreat to be hosted by St. Rita Retreat Center from September 19 through 21, 2014. The retreat will be facilitated by Leslie Bertucci of New Orleans, a wife and mother, who ministers at retreats and conferences across the country. Join other joyful and passionate women for a wonderful weekend of prayer, praise, and relaxation in the beauty of 62 wooded acres with outdoor Stations of the Cross, walking trails, and waterfalls. Register and pay by September 2 and take advantage of the discounted fee of \$135.00 for the retreat program, five meals, and two nights in a shared room with private bath. (The cost is \$150.00 after that date.) To register and receive all the details, call Fr. Stephen at 541-855-1333 or e-mail [weavingthesacred@aol.com](mailto:weavingthesacred@aol.com).