



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31 (166C)

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5 GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

Q: My question is regarding Confirmation. As a parent of a current 9th grader I am amazed at how difficult it is to get a child confirmed! Most of the parents I have spoken to all say the same thing; "This would have been much better in 8th grade!" If it was the same across the US or even in our own state I would understand, but just over in Klamath Falls, a child can be confirmed in 6th grade. In our own parish a non-baptized child can receive the sacrament as part of RCIA as early as age 7. Even adults (I am assuming this means 18 and over) only have 4 classes and then Confirmation. Why so much discrepancy? I would so appreciate being able to have my children participate in Confirmation in 8th grade before the pressures and commitments of high school set in. It would also be nice for them to enter high school with this knowledge and commitment to their faith in place.

A: I sense a strong frustration in this parishioner's inquiry and I also fully acknowledge that there is a clear inconsistency in the practice of the Church in regard to Confirmation and the Sacraments of Initiation in general. This week, for example, I have talked to several of our parishioners who were confirmed as children whereas I, myself, was confirmed in college at age 21 (even though I was raised Catholic). Although I think the Church discipline in this area will continue to evolve we should strive, for the time being, to understand why the inconsistencies exist even as we aspire to see a better system be put in place. Canon 891 says, "The sacrament of confirmation is to be conferred on the faithful at about the age of reason [which is defined as 7 yrs. old] unless the conference of bishops has determined another age. [i.e. this means potentially that every country may have their own carefully thought out policy on the matter]...or there is danger of death, or in the judgment of the minister a grave cause suggests otherwise. ["Grave cause" is not described or defined which means that, like many other canons, some room is left for pastoral discretion in unique cases. Law applies always to the norm rather than the exception]. As you can see, even with a brief reading, this leaves the door wide open for inconsistencies (not all of which are bad). The conference of bishops for the US do not have one national policy regarding age, other than that non-Catholic children age 7 and older who are entering the Church along with their parents through the RCIA process receive all three sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil according to the suggested reform of Vatican II (returning to the ancient practice in that case only). This is the only case I know of universally where a 7 yr. old might be confirmed. Lacking a national policy, the final decision is left to

each bishop to decide. Usually they have striven to be at least regionally consistent. The Southwest opts for a young age, especially with states that border Mexico because Mexicans are generally confirmed earlier and there are obviously many Mexican immigrants in the Southwest. In the Pacific Northwest, however, as with much of the rest of the country, high school age remains the norm in the US. I do not know the policy for Eastern Oregon but if what you describe about Klamath Falls is a universal policy and not a special pastoral exception then I would still remind you that Klamath Falls is the Diocese of Baker and is under different leadership than our own archdiocese. Archbishop Sample was recently asked by one of our staff if he intends to lower the age for confirmation within the Archdiocese of Portland and he has said that he does not intend to do so. I am sure that his reasons have nothing to do with convenience or family scheduling and transportation but rather with the idea of forming lifelong Catholic disciples who are mature in the faith and who really know Catholic Church teaching. If anything, I imagine the requirements might get tougher rather than easier because, sadly, statistically many confirmed teens these days later leave the faith shortly after confirmation, after high school graduation or in college because of poor/hasty sacramental preparation, an incorrect sense of "graduation" from Catholic life or insufficient motive (e.g. peer pressure, pleasing parents, etc.). Confirmation is not a kind of "fairy dust" that preserves us from experiencing spiritual warfare in this world. It is a beginning rather than an end and its fruitfulness depends in part on strong family support and consistent spiritual practices (i.e. developing a lifelong friendship with God). Because of the cultural challenges ministers are witnessing, I would not hold my breath for either a shorter or earlier process of preparation for the near future. And while I share your desire for a more consistent norm in this regard, making the sacrifice of schedule is not a bad lesson for your child either. It is training for making God the top priority in life which continues to be the lifelong challenge and pursuit for every Christian disciple. If you see this as lemons, in other words, I encourage you to make lemonade and God bless your family as you continue to try to both live your faith and pass it on to your children.

Note: All questions come from parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Mission and are presented to you anonymously. I hope this will be a useful learning opportunity for everyone and if you have questions of your own that need answered please let me know in person or email them to hearttoheart.ks@gmail.com

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATION!

On Friday, June 3rd, at 6PM, plan to join in the celebration of the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will begin with a procession into church followed by a bilingual Mass. There will be a picnic supper and entertainment by Ballet Folklorico after Mass in the hall. Volunteers to help with food preparation, set up and clean up are needed. Please call the office if you can help.



FIFTH SUNDAY FAMILY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invites Sacred Heart parishioners to participate in the council's 5th Sunday Family Rosary Program. This Rosary will be offered on Sunday, May 29th immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us for this 5th Sunday Family Rosary to pray for our Lord's protection from the many challenges to faith and morality in our country today, for the intentions of Pope Francis and for your families' own personal intentions.

A PILGRIMAGE of MERCY to the HOLY LAND

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus

November 2nd to November 12th, 2016

Join Father Justus Alaeto for a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Each day Father Justus will offer Mass at different Churches with significance to the Life of Jesus. Sites to visit include: Nazareth, a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee, the Church of the Multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Cana, Mt. Carmel, Jericho, the Dead Sea, - so much more, too many to list! Please see the flyers at the doors of the Church.

Total trip cost: \$3,248, which includes round trip air fare, superior accommodations with breakfast and dinner, transportation in a modern coach for all tours, English speaking guide, entrance fees to all sights, portage at hotels. For information contact Jiryis Alyateem at 503-866-5698 or holylandtoursllc@gmail.com. Applications available at the Parish Office.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." ~~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe

MEDIA KIOSK FEATURE OF THE WEEK

We are living at the time of the greatest loss of faith in the 2000-year history of the Catholic Church". Discover how faith in the Real Presence of Jesus can remedy this as Father Casey explains and defends the Catholic Eucharistic doctrine and encourages us to pray before the Blessed Sacrament to help us grow spiritually.

Cost: Books \$4 CDs \$3 Booklets \$2 Pamphlets 50c
Place payment in slot on lower right side of the kiosk

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. May 23: +Leonard Resler
- T. May 24: Nola Geaney
- W. May 25: Jonathon & Whitney Godfrey
- Th. May 26: +Sofia Parker Griffen
- Fri. May 27: Mary Berry

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

- M. May 23: Carolyn Bottroff
- T. May 24: Viola Porras
- W. May 25: Lisa Kaufmann
- Th. May 26: Mary Ann Macey
- Fri. May 27: John, Peter & Tracey Naumes
- Sat. May 28: Andrea Kramarceyk

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish

especially: Loretta Thrun, Elfego Estrada, Pattie McCraney, Mary Schettino, James Glaccum, Vicky Nuss, Lenore Manigbas, Joey Roscknecht, Mark Oddfield, Gladys Schibusch, Sharon Sakraida, George Halvorsen, Marjorie Nave, Caroline Kopico, Kathleen Motter, Mary Gulrich, Kathy Kim, Ruth Frisbee, Reese Baker, Randy Gale, Diane Williams, Trudy Omann, Frances Maltoni, Joanne Hafner, Bill & Rosemary Schueller, Kathy Steiner, John Kuchler, Marie Casilio, Shizuka McCue, Beverly & Dick Handley, Jean Palese and EileenVan Dyck.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish especially: +Joyce Farrell

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS JUNE MEETING
BUNCO!!!**

“Promoting spiritual growth and fellowship among Catholic women.” All Catholic women are invited to join. Our meeting is Tuesday June 7th. We will begin with the Rosary at 8:00am in the church followed by the 8:30 Mass.

Mass will be followed by fellowship, light refreshments, (please bring something to share) a short meeting, then BUNCO.

We will welcome the new officers for 2016-2018:

Regent – Vickie Dudley
Vice Regent- Ingrid DeCarlow
Recording Secretary – Karen Gale
Financial Secretary- Debbie Christian
Treasurer, Carole Whitney
Chaplain, Father Justus
For info call Regent, Connie Moyer 541-773-8736

HELP BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH GROUNDS



Wednesday Weeders are moving their start time to 8:30 to escape the heat that builds up by mid-morning in the summer. Please join us Wednesday for an hour of work and conversation. Meet some lovely folks and help enhance the grounds around the church. No experience necessary.



MARRIED COUPLES

Let Jesus feed your marriage by attending an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on August 27th - 29th at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon.

For information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at www.rediscoverthepark.org. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2016

Our Baby Bottle Boomerang program on behalf of the unborn is about to begin. Across several weeks parishioners will be sent home with baby bottles to fill with loose change and other contributions to return the following Sunday. Similar programs will take place this year at Shepherd of the Valley and Our Lady of the Mountain. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 needed for the Pregnancy Center’s mobile ultrasound machine. Over \$100,000 has already been contributed for the van that will house the ultrasound, and the Knights have pledged to work with a matching grant from Supreme to complete the project by acquiring the ultrasound machine.

The Pregnancy Center is a pro life, grass roots, Christian, nonprofit organization entirely dependent on private contributions. It is the largest pro-life counseling agency in Jackson County and this past year served over 2500 expectant parents. Your participation is needed to make this event a success.

Thank you,
Gary Andazola
Grand Knight



GOOD DEED SEWING

The Sacred Heart Stitches will meet Thursday, May 26 in the Parish Hall from 9:15 to noon. We will be making pillowcases, totes for children and quilts for Veterans.

Please join us if you can!
On May 26th we will learn how to make pillowcase dresses for young girls in need. All material is supplied.

ATTENTION: SINGLES - IT'S GAME NIGHT!!

Come, join us, Sunday May 22, 6pm in the club house @ The Meadows Senior Park in Central Point. Please bring snacks to share, and a drink. **Directions:** From Interstate 5 exit 33; head toward Central Point. Take a left at the first signal, Freeman Road. There is a little "S" turn, and then go straight. Albertson's is on your left. Continue to 555 Freeman Rd; turn left into The Meadows. Straight down the street is an "A" Frame structure, this is the club house. Parking is in front of the building. There is a kitchen for our use. Questions contact: Thom Gilsdorf @ (541) 601-6203 or Eileen (541) 535-3973. See you there.



SACRED HEART ANGELS ROUT RVC STORM 22-5

Looks like the SH Angels are on a 2 win streak thanks to catcher Chris Sinclair’s pop up fly catch at home plate when the other team started to rally, Darin Prulhiere and Lisa Bock’s double play and Carolyn Maloney’s 3 runs. Stellar playing all around. RVC Storm has some fun players. One of the highlights...one of their players actually ran out of her shoes running to first base. Two lonely shoes left on the first base line. Pretty funny!

Come on out and cheer on the team at their next game on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:15 PM on field 4 at US Cellular Field! Go Team!

2016 PORTLAND QUO VADIS DAYS CAMP

Do you know where you are going in life? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend *Quo Vadis Days* camp to spend some time with other young men your age looking at the Lord’s call in your life while having a great time.

Quo Vadis Days is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is led by priests and seminarians of the archdiocese

Camp Dates: Mon, June 20, 12 Noon – Thu, Jun 23, Noon

Cost: \$50 registration fee. Scholarships are available. The Knights of Columbus, the Serra Club of Portland, and other generous donors provide additional financial assistance. If you would like more information on a scholarship, please contact the Office of Vocations.

Location: Camp Howard in Corbett, OR

Requirements: You must register online, and it is also necessary to download and print out a hard copy of the permission and emergency info forms to send in with your registration fee. Please make sure that a parent or legal guardian sign the registration form if you are under 18, and then send the registration form with your fee to:

Quo Vadis Days
Fr. Jeff Eirvin
Director of Vocations
2838 E. Burnside St.

WANT TO REALLY LIVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Make a Cursillo Retreat Weekend.

Get to know Jesus Christ in a more personal way and live your Faith more deeply. A team of laypersons and 2 priests give a series of talks that combine personal witness with spiritual teaching. CURSILLO means *“short course in Christian living”*. We celebrate daily prayer, Mass, fellowship and good meals in a comfortable setting.

2016 Cursillo Weekends (Thurs. 6pm-Sun. 5pm) Held at St. Rita’s Retreat Center in Gold Hill, OR

Women’s Weekend Sept 22-25 **Men’s Weekend Oct 13-16**
Spanish-language Women’s Weekend Nov 3-6

For information/application contact Louie German (541) 756-4882 or Fr. Karl kschray@gmail.com.

Or check out the natl-cursillo.org/ Portland website.

Applications can also be found in the entry way of the Church.

Financial Report

	5/8/2016	5/10/2015
Weekly Budgeted Amount	\$17,884.62	\$18,144.23
Offertory received current week	18,582.12	\$19,637.08
Offertory Received -Year to Date	\$831,194.94	\$808,176.61
Needed for Budget	\$804,807.88	\$816,490.36
Over (under) Budget	\$26,387.06	(\$8,313.75)
% Over (Under) Budget	3.28%	-1.02%

Thank you for the generous support of the parish.



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SACRED HEART YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Whitney Godfrey, Youth Minister:

wgodfrey@archdpx.org Please e-mail Whitney for her **PHONE NUMBER**

YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-35: To receive our e-mail please contact Whitney at wgodfrey@archdpx.org.

NUN RUN BAKE SALE: A BIG thank you to all who participated in our NUN RUN Bake Sale last weekend! It was great success!

CONFIRMATION CLASS! Congratulations

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: To register your teen in confirmation classes beginning this fall please contact Whitney Godfrey at 541-779-4661 to schedule your confirmation interview.

YOUTH GROUP: In Youth Room

EDGE – On summer break!! Edge runs throughout the school year on Sundays 9:45-11am

LIFE NIGHT – On summer break!! Life Nights run throughout the school year on Sundays 6:15-7:30pm

SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM: Altaration-The mystery behind the Mass!

Keep an eye out for registration and class dates.

STEUBENVILLE San Diego 2016:

Our next meeting is **MAY 24th from 5:30-6:30pm.**

Please contact me if you cannot make it! FOR TEENS :: PARENTS WELCOME. – Fundraising and more Video FUN!!!!

YOUTH GROUP DONATIONS: Some of our middle school girls helped me reconfigure our youth room space! It was exciting and we now have room for two more two seat couches or one large 3-4 seat couch! To donate your old couch to make room for the new one you have been wanting please contact Whitney Godfrey in the youth ministry office.



*Come Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit, come
Let thy bright beams arise,
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.
Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breasts the flame
Of everlasting Love. Amen!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On May 21st, 22 children made their First Communion. First Communion. It was absolutely beautiful but would not have occurred without the hard work of the Religious Education Catechists and Sacred Heart teachers who helped prepare the children for this special day. A very special thank you goes to the marvelous women from Catholic Daughters who made the Reception possible. Each of these women selflessly demonstrated in both word and deed the true meaning of service as Catholic women and made this year's First Communion truly memorable! Sacred Heart is very fortunate to have these great women!!

2016 "FAMILY" Vacation Bible School

WHEN ????? Monday July 11 – Thursday July 14th
WHAT TIME??? Each evening 6pm – 8:30pm
DINNER TOO??? Yes!!! 5:15pm – 6pm
WHO COMES The Whole Family – Parents and children (Preschool – 5th Grade) -- under age 4 Free!!
Watch the Bulletin for upcoming details

SACRAMENTS 2017??

Do you think your child may be ready for their First Reconciliation, First Communion OR Confirmation next year? The First & most important step is to schedule a Parent & Child Registration Interview.

With Whitney Godfrey for Youth Confirmation OR Mary Stallard for First Reconciliation & Communion All registrations are completed during the interview.

Must bring your Baptism Certificate to Interview. Registration Interviews begin Sunday May 22 and close for all Sacraments Monday September 12th at 4pm.

To accommodate your busy schedule some after hours and weekend times are available. Whitney & Mary are looking forward to your call !!

Further questions or details about Religious Education; Sacrament Preparation or FAMILY Vacation Bible School contact Religious Education Coordinator Mary Stallard at the Parish Office. Ph# 541-779-4661 Ext: 107



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Celebrating 150 years of excellence... with heart

LOOKING FOR SUMMER DAYCARE?

Sacred Heart School is the place to be! We have some GREAT ACTIVITIES planned for this summer! Movies at Tinsel Town once a week, ice cream at Cold Stone, swimming at Jackson pool once a week, and walking to the park. We also plan to go bowling. Children can bring their bikes, roller skates, scooters to ride on our play ground. We also have fun water play here on the playground. Summer Daycare registration packets are available in the school front office.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Heart is currently looking for a Pre-Kindergarten teacher, plus qualified subs for teaching and aides. If you are interested please email Patrick Gross at pgross@shcs.org

TRACK

Congratulations to our middle school track team and their coaches Vicki Boyer and Chuck Janes! Our athletes finished a very strong season Monday, with the final district meet at Spiegelberg Stadium.

ANNUAL DRIVE

Thank you for your participation in our Annual Drive. If you would still like to participate but haven't filled out your envelope, there's still time! Call the school office at 541-772-4105.

ENROLLMENT

There are still openings in many grades. If you are considering a Catholic education for your children, please let us show you how special Sacred Heart School is. Call 541-772-4105 for a personal tour.

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

May 22

7:00 & 8:30 - St. Vincent de Paul

May 29

7:00 - Paul Stancel

8:30 - Emilda Vincent & Chato Snow



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP

Catholic Daughters are honored to be able to present the opportunity for two students, from Sacred Heart School, to receive a \$500.00 scholarship. The scholarship is in support of our Sacred Heart Parish families with children attending our School and is open to all Sacred Heart students who are parishioners of Sacred Heart Church. Scholarship applications at Sacred Heart School or call Connie Moyer 541-773-8736

Application must be received by June 5th.

SACRED HEART PRE-K TEACHER NEEDED

Part-time 20 hours/wk

Sacred Heart Catholic School is seeking a creative, compassionate and highly qualified teacher to join our team as a part-time Pre-K teacher. The candidate must possess strong core teaching skills, good communication skills, and be able to implement and support the programs that are currently in place at the school. Candidates must have a desire to work as a member in a team, with the good of the students, families, and school as the focus.

Qualified applicants must complete:

1. First Aid/CPR certification
 2. Food Handlers Certification
 3. Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Training
 4. Enrollment in Oregon Office of Child Care's Central Background Registry
 5. Online Background Check W/Praesidium, Inc.
 6. Called to Protect (Safe Environment Program)
- Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Patrick Gross at pgross@shcs.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

2424 N. Pacific Hwy., Medford

St Vincent de Paul's Urban Rest Stop, our shower and laundry facility, is expanding so we can provide over 60 showers and over 15 laundry loads per day Monday – Friday 8-12. That means we will need: Used or new bath towels and wash cloths, men's sports socks (regular or ankle length) and men's t-shirts of any kind. We especially need volunteers, Mon - Fri 7:45am – 1:00pm, to help provide our clients with something so basic as a shower and to wash their clothes. Our clients are very impressed by the support that comes from our community. Please come help us help others, the homeless and needy.

Contact Lee (541) 601-5273 or call our volunteer coordinator [541-772-3828 Ext 7](tel:541-772-3828) for other volunteer opportunities. We need you.