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Cathedral Conservation Update

At long last, the exterior stone repair at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Baker City has begun. Mackey Landon of Landon Masonry in Nampa, Idaho, has been contracted to do the work.

Stone is brought from the quarry, cut to size and then the face of the stone is chiseled to match the existing stone. The quarry is located on the Helen Troy ranch and is being donated by Helen, a long-time member of St. Francis de Sales parish. There are few stone masons with the knowledge to work with tuff stone—



it is fast becoming a lost art. Mr. Landon learned the trade from his uncle who has done this type of work for over 50 years.

Pictured left is Ron Nesser, who is learning to work with tuff stone under the direction of Mackey. The work on the west side of the building is nearing completion and work is beginning on the east side.

The work on the Cathedral is made possible by the generous donations to the annual Cathedral Conservation Collection.

Submitted by Ann Kniesel,
Director Religious Education

"It's the mother church of the diocese. . . it belongs to you!"

Catholic Daughters News

Catholic Daughters Court Klamath #1295 met in July to hear Barbara Rhodes and Kay von Tersch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society describe how the nonprofit organization helps people through crisis situations with food, utilities and other types of assistance.



The gathering was the court's second physically distanced meeting with about half the normal attendance wearing face masks and foregoing lunch. In June, the court voted to fund half the cost of the new opaque shades pictured in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Klamath Falls.

Submitted by Lynne Butterworth
Publicity Chair, CDA Court Klamath #1295

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Thoughts Along The Way

Bishop Liam Cary

Mass of the Holy Oils

This year in the Diocese of Baker we celebrated the Chrism Mass in July, far later than its scheduled date in April. COVID-19 severed the perennial association with Holy Thursday for 2020.

For me, looking back at Holy Week these months later made our Lord's institution of the priesthood on Holy Thursday stand out, not only as a climactic Lenten event of Christian faith, but also as the culmination of the universal human vocation to worship God.

We human beings are designed to worship the One True God; the need to adore and praise and thank Him is built into our nature. But in our creaturely littleness and ignorance we cannot take the measure of our Creator. Left to ourselves, we know not what to say or what to do that will truly please Him. So in His great kindness the Father of Mercies gives us the Gift to give and the Word to speak—the acceptable sacrifice of His Beloved Son made accessible to us in the Mass and offered, as is “truly right and just,” for the salvation of the whole world.

But if there is to be sacrifice, there must be priests to offer it for the people. Therefore, Christ chooses men to devote their lives to His Sacrifice for the people and to help them make their way heavenward by the grace of the sacraments that pass through their consecrated hands.

For at the end of the day, the priest is the man of the Sacraments. Each pastor takes the three oils from the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral to his parish church. There in the year to come he will rub them prayerfully into the flesh of the faithful. On the chest of an infant the baptizing priest traces the sign of the Cross with the Oil of Catechumens, and with the Oil of the Sick he signs the forehead and hands of those in danger of death. The sweet fragrance of Sacred Chrism will anoint the crown of an infant's head at Baptism, a youth's forehead at Confirmation, the hands of a new priest at ordination, and a new bishop's head at his consecration.

The word “Christ” means “the Anointed One,” and from it comes the term “Christian.” When your priest comes back from the Chrism Mass, he will bring with him the wherewithal to keep you true to your name in the Lord.

Pensamientos A Lo Largo Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

Misa de los Santos Óleos

Este año en la Diócesis de Baker celebramos la Misa Crismal en Julio, mucho después de la fecha que estaba programada en Abril. El COVID-19 cortó la asociación perenne con el Jueves Santo para el 2020.

Para mí, mirando hacia atrás a la Semana Santa estos meses más tarde hizo que la institución del sacerdocio de nuestro Señor en el Jueves Santo se destacara, no sólo como un evento culminante de Cuaresma de la fe cristiana, sino también como la culminación de la vocación humana universal de adorar a Dios.

Nosotros los seres humanos estamos diseñados para adorar al Único Dios Verdadero; la necesidad de adorar y alabar y darle gracias está incorporada en nuestra naturaleza. Pero en nuestra pequeñez e ignorancia creativas no podemos tomar la medida de nuestro Creador. Dejados a nosotros mismos, no sabemos qué decir o qué hacer que realmente lo complazca. Por lo que en Su gran bondad, el Padre de Misericordia nos da el Regalo para dar, la Palabra para hablar—El sacrificio aceptable de Su Hijo Amado nos hizo accesible en la Misa y nos ofreció, como es “en verdad justo y necesario”, para la salvación del mundo entero.

Pero si no hay sacrificio, deben haber sacerdotes para ofrecerlo a las personas. Por lo tanto, Cristo elige hombres para que dediquen sus vidas a Su Sacrificio por las personas y les ayuden a hacer su camino hacia el cielo por la gracia de los sacramentos que pasan por sus manos consagradas.

Porque al final del día, el sacerdote es el hombre de los Sacramentos. Cada párroco lleva los tres óleos de la Misa Crismal en la Catedral a su iglesia parroquial. Allí en el año venidero, los frotará en oración en la piel de los fieles. En el pecho de un niño, el sacerdote bautizante traza el signo de la Cruz con el Óleo de los Catecúmenos, y con el Oleo de los Enfermos signa la frente y las manos de las personas en peligro de muerte. La dulce fragancia del Crisma Sagrado ungirá la corona de la de la cabeza del niño en el Bautismo, la frente de un joven en la Confirmación, las manos de un nuevo sacerdote en la ordenación y la cabeza de un nuevo obispo en su consagración.

La palabra “Cristo” significa “el Ungido” y de ello viene el término “Cristiano”. Cuando su sacerdote regrese de la Misa Crismal, él traerá consigo los medios para mantenerlos fieles a su nombre en el Señor.



St. Joseph Church ~ Prineville

On Wednesday, June 24th, the 2nd grade Religious Education Class received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya personally interviewed the children with their parents to make sure they knew their prayers and the meaning of Confession and First Holy Communion. Proud to say they all passed. It was a blessed day. Congratulations to all.



Submitted by Karin Jones, Secretary

St. Helen Church ~ Pilot Rock

Breanna Rose Lynn Kennedy, daughter of Tyler and Suzanne Kennedy, made her First Holy Communion on Sunday, July 19. The original date was to have been in April, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Breanna had to wait three months for this anticipated event. Fr. Stan Strzyz and all her family were there for this a very special day, including grandparents who traveled from Colorado. Congratulations, Breanna!



Submitted by Laura Byrnes, Bookkeeper

St. Patrick Church ~ Heppner

St. Patrick's Church celebrated First Holy Communion recently for four young candidates. Pictured left to right are Kamryn Dickenson, instructor Ashley Lindsay, Jonny Ashbeck, Father Joseph Tankachan, Charlie Mullins, and Ella Brannon. Congratulations to all!



Submitted by Kay Proctor, Volunteer

St. William Church ~ Ione

Sisters MacKenzie and Hailey Heideman were baptized, confirmed, and received their First Holy Communion on July 10th at a private Mass officiated by Father Thankachan Joseph. Keri Heideman was also confirmed. Congratulations!



Submitted by Jeri McElligott, Director of Religious Education

Protecting Your Kids from Identity Theft

Once a child has a Social Security number, they can become tempting targets for identity thieves. It could be years before a child opens a credit account allowing the thieves to go undetected and create serious consequences.

How To Know if Your Child's Identity Has Been Stolen

Your child begins to receive suspicious mail, like pre-approved credit cards and other financial offers normally sent to adults.

You try to open a financial account for your child but find one already exists or the application is denied because of poor credit history.

A credit report already exists in the child's name. If a child already has a credit report, they may have already been targeted as credit applications start the consumer credit file.

You receive a notice from the IRS saying that the child didn't pay income taxes or that the child's Social Security number was used on another tax return.

You get collection calls or bills for products or services you didn't receive.

What To Do if You Suspect Your Child's Identity Has Been Stolen

Contact all three of the nationwide credit bureaus and ask for a manual search of your child's file. The bureaus will check for files relating to your child's name and Social Security number. The bureaus may request copies of your child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and a parents government issued identification. Additionally, ask the credit bureaus to remove any fraudulent accounts from your child's credit report.

If fraud is found to have occurred, you can contact the company the fraud occurred with and inform them that someone is using your child's identity. Ask the company to close the account and send you a letter confirming your child isn't liable.

Consider placing a child credit freeze on opening credit accounts until your child is old enough to open one.

Protecting Your Child's Identity

Just like you would protect your personal information, it is important to protect your child's personal information. Tips to protecting your child's identity include:

Place your child's personal information in a safe location.

Don't share your child's Social Security number unless you trust the other party. Also, ask why it's necessary to share your child's Social Security number and if a different identifier can be used.

Shred all documents (i.e. notes from a doctor visit or pharmacy records) that contain personal information about your child before throwing the documents away.

Be aware of events that could put your child's identity at risk, such as:



- *you lose information that has your child's Social Security number on it;
- *there is a break-in at your home;
- *a doctor's office or business notifies that your child's information was affected by a data breach.

Around the time your child turns 16 years old, it's a good idea to check whether your child has a credit report. If there is one and it has errors on it due to fraud, you will have time to make corrections before your child applies for a job, a loan for school tuition or car, or needs to rent an apartment.

If you feel that you or your child's identity may have been inappropriately used, you can contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 or [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov).

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