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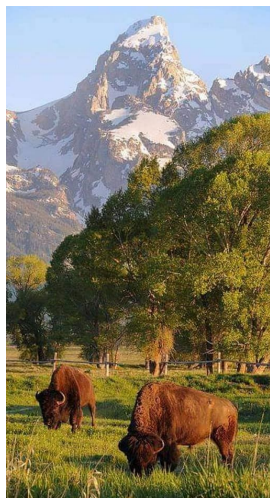
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Parish Clergy Visit Yellowstone



Pictured left to right:

- Fr. Thomas Philip, St. Patrick, Lakeview
- Fr. Anish Philip, St. Bridget, Nyssa
- Fr. Shiju Thuruthiyil, St. Pius X, Klamath Falls
- Fr. Joseph P. Thomas, Blessed Sacrament, Ontario
- Fr. Shaji Thomas, St. Bernard, Jordan Valley
- Fr. Saji Thomas, Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande



Working Hard in the Yard

Parishioners of all ages at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner have been doing good deeds this summer by cleaning up the yards of some local citizens. Led by Father Thankachan Joseph, and regardless of the extreme heat, volunteers bring their own tools, work gloves, and trimmers and dig in to get the job done.

A spokesperson stated that after their initial shock, the recipients of this act of kindness are very appreciative.

St. Patrick's volunteers plan to continue tidying yards as long as there is a need.



Father Thankachan Joseph working hard with the weed-eater trimmer.

Submitted by Kay Proctor

Young Adult Group from Portland hold Verso L Alto Retreat

The weekend of August 23rd the Young Adult Group from St. Michael's Parish in Portland held their retreat at the Cascade View Retreat Center.

"Thank you for celebrating the Mass and sharing your faith with us at Verso L Alto, Bishop Cary. Everyone was delighted to listen to you. It's always confirming in our faith. The camp was very renewing for all. It was an experience of community, spiritual renewal, and being in the context of nature," said Father Ignacio.



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Dear Parishioners,

Last year Central Oregon Right to Life conducted its first 40 Days for Life campaign. For more than a month straight over 50 dedicated people, believers and unbelievers, took turns standing in prayer before the Bend Planned Parenthood clinic. Their silent, faithful presence gave eloquent testimony to the dignity of unborn life in the womb.

Now the time has come for Chapter 2.

I invite every Catholic in Central Oregon to touch down in Bend at least once for this year's 40 Days for Life campaign, which runs from September 23rd to November 1st. It is my personal hope to be able to join you once a week in praying that our little brothers and sisters in the womb may be the beneficiaries of a change of heart on the part of their mothers and find safe passage into the light of life. We'll pray too that the doctors and clinic workers inside will take heart from our peaceful witness outside and leave their sad business behind (as many in fact have done) to join us in standing up for unborn life.

I will be honored to preside at the opening and closing Masses for this year's 40 Days campaign. They will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church downtown — the first, on Wednesday, 23 September, at 12:15 p.m.; the second, on Saturday, 31 October, at 8:00 a.m. On the weekend of September 5-6 there will be a sign-up table at church for those who wish to commit themselves to particular days and hours at the clinic as well as for those who want join in with prayer from home. One way or another there's a place for you to stand with this powerful witness for justice and hope.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact centraloregonrighttolife.org, Forlifebend@gmail.com, or 40daysforlife.com.

In the Lord of Life,

Bishop Sam King



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Queridos Feligreses,

El año pasado, el Central Oregon Right to Life llevó a cabo su primera Campaña de 40 Día por la Vida. Durante más de un mes, más de 50 personas dedicadas, creyentes y no creyentes, se turnaron para orar ante la clínica Bend Planned Parenthood. Su presencia silenciosa y fiel dio un testimonio elocuente de la dignidad de la vida por nacer en el vientre.

Ahora ha llegado el momento del Capítulo 2.

Invito a cada Católico en el Centro de Oregon para ir a Bend al menos una vez para esta Campaña de 40 Día por la Vida, que se lleva a cabo del 23 de Septiembre al 1 de Noviembre. Tengo la esperanza personal de poder acompañarlos una vez a la semana para orar para que nuestros hermanitos y hermanas en el vientre puedan ser los beneficiarios de un cambio de corazón por parte de sus madres y encontrar un paso seguro a la luz de la vida. También rezaremos para que los médicos y los trabajadores de la clínica que están adentro se animen con nuestro testimonio pacífico afuera y dejen atrás su triste negocio (como muchos de hecho lo han hecho) para unirse a nosotros en la defensa de la vida por nacer.

Tendré el honor de presidir las Misas de apertura y clausura este año de la Campaña de los 40 Días por la Vida. Se llevarán a cabo en la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asis del centro de la ciudad — la primera, el Miércoles, 23 de Septiembre, a las 12:15 p.m.; la segunda, el Sábado, 31 de Octubre, a las 8:00 a.m. En el fin de semana del 5 y 6 de Septiembre, habrá una mesa de inscripción en la iglesia para aquellos que deseen comprometerse con determinados días y horarios en la clínica, así como para aquellos que quieran unirse a la oración desde su casa. De una forma u otra, hay un lugar para que usted se ponga de pie con este poderoso testigo de justicia y esperanza.

Si tienen preguntas o necesitan más información, favor de ponerse en contacto on centraloregonrighttolife.org, Forlifebend@gmail.com, o 40daysforlife.com.

En el Señor de la Vida,

Obispo Liam Gary



Let's Play Corn Hole!

Visiting for dinner and playing a game of Corn Hole afterwards was a perfect way to spend an evening during this long day of summer.



Celebrating Many Years of Marriage at Sacred Heart

Couples at Sacred Heart Church in Klamath Falls recently celebrated the joys of their long marriages. Roy and Marty Weissinger celebrated their 51st anniversary and Lloyd and Loretta Kinnan their 68th anniversary.

In honor of both, the Weissinger's donated the beautiful flowers, pictured right, for the Altar. It is truly special to see a relationship that can last over such a long time.

Many parishioners at Sacred Heart remember birthdays, anniversaries, or loved ones gone before, by providing altar flowers.



*“Love is patient and kind;
love is not jealous or boastful;
it is not arrogant or rude.*

*Love does not insist
on its own way...*

*Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.*

Love never ends.”

1 Corinthians 13

September Spotlight: The Blessed Mother Mary



The Blessed Virgin Mary is honored by three special feast days during the month of September: **the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on September 8, **the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on September 12, and **Our Lady of Sorrows** on September 15.

Parishioners of Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston honored our Blessed Mother on Sunday, September 13, after Mass with time set aside for prayer and then coffee, juice, and donuts for a first-time community gathering since the shutdown of COVID! Father Maxwell, and those who partook, expressed gratitude for the outdoor event sponsored by the Schoenstatt Mothers Group. “We need more of this,” said Fr. Maxwell.

Please, do not let the month of September pass by without doing something to honor our Blessed Mother Mary.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen