



## New Priestly Assignments



**V**ery Reverend Richard Fischer, Vicar General, retired from active ministry on July 31, 2022, after 46 years of priestly service in the Diocese of Baker.

Appointed Vicar General by Bishop William Skylstad on March 1, 2012, Father Fischer has also served as Pastor, Vocation Director, and supply priest, requiring some long distance traveling to relieve active priests for vacation, illness, and other unforeseen vacancies.

We are most grateful for his services to the Diocese of Baker, as Pastor, Vocation Director, and Vicar General, and wish him many happy years ahead to enjoy his well-earned retirement. Thank you, Fr. Rick, for your guidance and example.

*Bishop Liam Cary announces the following priestly appointments:*

**Very Reverend Saji Thomas** is appointed as Vicar General for the Diocese, effective August 1, 2022. He will remain as Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Church, La Grande, Saint Mary Church, Elgin, and Sacred Heart Church, Union, until August 23, 2022.

**Reverend Noby Thomas** is appointed Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Church, La Grande, Sacred Heart Church, Union, and Saint Mary Church, Elgin, effective August 25, 2022.

**Reverend Rene Labrador** is appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Bend, effective August 25, 2022.

**Reverend Thomas D'Souza** is appointed Administrator of Saint Katherine Church in Enterprise, and St. Pius X Church in Wallowa, effective August 25, 2022.

**Reverend Shaji Thomas, OSH**, is appointed Administrator of Saint Bernard Church in Jordan Valley, effective August 25, 2022.

*Please join us in praying for all priests transitioning to new assignments and for our parish and faith communities.*

## Bishop Cary's Schedule

### August 13

3:30 p.m. Confessions, Lakeview

5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

6:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner

### August 14

9:00 a.m. Mass, Lakeview

11:30 a.m. Mass, Plush

### August 27

9:00 a.m. Father Condon Memorial Golf Tournament, Heppner

4:15-4:45 p.m. Confessions, Heppner

5:00 p.m. Mass, Heppner

### August 28

8:45 a.m. Mass, Ione

11:00 a.m. Mass, Heppner

# High School Leadership Camp & Middle Grades Summer Camps Revived



HSLC's "never-ending" game of checkers!

Submitted by **Lucas Stearns**,  
*Summer Camp & Event Assistant*

This year, the Diocese of Baker offered two youth summer camps for the first time since 2018. The first was a High School Leadership Camp, June 23-25. The second camp was a Middle Grades Summer Camp for incoming fifth to ninth graders, June 26-29. The theme for both was, "Abide In Me," Jn 15:4. The second camp had a secondary theme, "Witness to Jesus", that focused on three young saints-to-be: Blessed Carlos Acutis, Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

The High School Leadership Camp welcomed six youth and several helping adults to a new Diocesan Youth Leadership Team. Four Youth Leaders stayed to help with the second camp and welcome an additional 26 campers.

The High School Leadership Camp focused on the campers' relationship with God and tools to help each to become the fullest He created them to be. Highlights from this camp included community-building games, prayer, Mass with Bishop Cary, a great talk about prayer by Fr. Joseph Kunnelaya, and Adoration with an opportunity for confession with Fr. Sibi Polouse. The last session allowed the youth to try their leadership, collaboration, and teamwork skills to create and present the final talk, "Consider it All Joy."



*Middle Grades Summer Camp Group Picture*



*MGSC hike up Barnes Butte, Prineville*

The Middle Grades Summer Camp was four days of high energy! Campers played games and did religious activities that everyone could participate in. Some camper's favorite activities were Gaga Ball, the group hike, roasting s'mores and hot dogs over a campfire, and serving at Family Kitchen in Bend. Camp guests and speakers included Fr. Sibi (the "Be-Attitudes"), Fr. Todd Unger (A Teaching Mass), Fr. Victor Mena (The Eucharist, Adoration), Patty Matlock (Friendship: "Strive to be a Golden Retriever"), Bryce Herrmann (Prayer, hike guide), and Bishop Cary (Ending Mass).

The campers and adults had a lot of fun as they grew in their faith and practiced serving others. Additionally, they were allowed time to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a unique mix of camp blessings before meals, and spend an amazing half-hour of Adoration in the St. Mary Chapel. Throughout the short time together, they formed a connection with other Catholics and shared about their personal relationships with Jesus. The goal was to create a space for all to feel safe while challenging them to grow spiritually. Many thanks to all the youth, families, and amazing adult helpers who helped put a little holy joy into Summer 2022!



# Celebration of Corpus Christi by St. Francis of Assisi in Bend

Submitted by **Deacon Steve McGlone**, *St. Francis of Assisi*

Nearly 100 parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi in Bend celebrated Corpus Christi by participating in a procession on Sunday, June 19. The procession, our first in many years, started in downtown Bend at Troy Field and made its way down Bond Street and up Franklin Avenue to our Historic Church where we celebrated Mass.

Members of the parish music ministry led our singing and the Knights of Columbus served as crossing guards and procession guides. Two flower girls scattered flower pedals before the Eucharist as we walked in procession.

All the parish's acolytes and altar servers were invited to participate as well as this year's First Communicants.

Participants were excited to honor our Lord in the Eucharist and to give witness to his presence among us. Already, we look forward to next year's procession.



# Blessed Sacrament Parish of Ontario Celebrates their Parish Feast "Corpus Christi"

Submitted by **Angelica Corona**, *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*

Father Joseph P. Thomas and the Blessed Sacrament community gathered around the Blessed Sacrament to foster an encounter with Christ in the devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Families took part in a bilingual Mass followed by a solemn procession around the parish grounds while the bells rang and the faithful repeated "O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all Praise and all Thanksgiving is every moment Thine."

*Top and bottom right:*  
Solemn procession around the parish grounds.

*Left:* After Benediction, families gathered on the north lawn of the parish to share in a potluck organized by the Knights of Columbus.



# St. Vincent de Paul Marks Over 25 Years of Service in The Dalles

Submitted by **Ed Elliott**, *St. Peter Conference President*

Our history in the community runs deep. The St. Vincent DePaul Conference in The Dalles has been a large part of providing needed services for over 25 years. With great support we were able to purchase a building to house our first store and add a kitchen to the building. For the past 25 years, Bread and Blessings has provided a morning meal Monday-Friday. Bread and Blessings had been feeding the homeless for a few years before, and we provided them with a location with a kitchen. In addition, Community Meal, which is a group of churches and volunteer organizations, partnered with us to use the kitchen for meals on Friday-Sunday evening. Twelve years ago, we partnered with other community members to offer a winter overnight shelter for the homeless.

In April of 2003, we were able to purchase another building for our store, which had outgrown the space. We opened our new store site on December 5, 2003 to serve people with a much larger space. In early 2014, we leased the store to St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County, and they named it St. Vinnie's Thrift Store, and we concentrated our efforts on providing services to the community. With help from St. Vinnies and other community businesses, we now supply clothing vouchers, gas vouchers, propane, emergency housing, and we now have added an afternoon meal Monday-Thursday. We also opened a food bank in the basement area of the St. Vinnies store on December 1, 2014, having moved it from our Ministry building site, and we now serve clients in a food store type setup.

We are presently looking for another co-operative group to keep the shelter going. Time has taken a toll on the first winter shelter group, and we are now looking to assist a new group to operate the shelter in our facility for the coming winter.

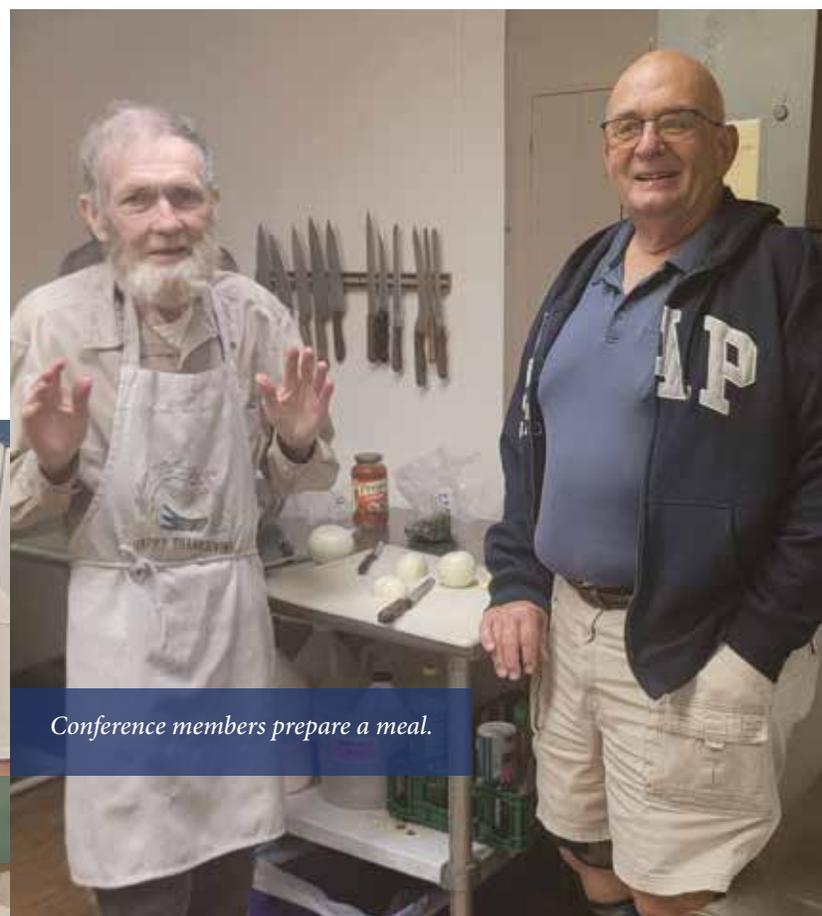
We are excited about what the future holds and we are now in another season of expansion and have added another couple of new services that visit once a week. There is now a mobile medical unit and a community volunteer lady who comes to give haircuts in our day use center.

Future plans are to make improvements to our day center and possibly expand the building itself, to better serve the needs of the community. Our vision is to offer more laundry, shower services, safe storage and personal information assistance. We are working towards having better connectivity to other community resources such as housing, drug rehab, and mental health services. We also are working on connecting with a future navigation center to help with some education and job services/ support to help the houseless community become self-supporting and step into a housed and sustained lifestyle.

Times are changing, needs are changing, but our love of the community does not and we will flex to continue to meet the needs and keep loving our community. If you have questions about our conference and the services we provide, you can call our Ministry Office Monday to Friday at (541) 296-9566.



*Workers fellowship together during a day of service.*



*Conference members prepare a meal.*