STUDENTS RETURN TO THE MADELEINE!

Kindergarten welcomes 16 students; other classes to follow

As Cathoic Schools Week begins, it is so appropriate we should pay tribute to the eventful week we just completed!

This past Monday, 318 days after The Madeleine campus last saw students due to the COVID pandemic, students finally returned to our campus in the form of 16 smiling Kindergartners under the expert tutelage of new Kindergarten teacher Heather Matteri.

"We were so pleased to see the eager children and their parents," says Madeleine School principal Carol Glasgow.

"Some of the most important things we learn in Kindergarten are how to go to school and be with other students. That's difficult to do effectively via Zoom," says

Heather Matteri, Kindergarten teacher.

In the months since campus was closed, school and parish staff have worked tirelessly to research, plan and update our buildings to be ready to accept students back.

In accordance with best science, State and CDC guidelines, and with input from The Madeleine Health Promotion Committee, a long list of building improvements and operational measures have been implemented. See Page 3 for a partial list.

With Kindergarten in place, plans for the rest of our students are dependent on the timelines of our teachers to become vaccinated. Many received their first shots this week, and others are scheduled, so we are hopeful for a timely return to school.



Parents line up in their Hula Hoops to remain safely socially distanced as they prepare to enter the first day of in-person Kindergarten!



Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Matteri welcomes the first student back to The Madeleine since the campus closed 318 days ago.



Ms. Glasgow and Mrs. Rosebrook brief parents on proper procedures, and perform pre-entry screening..







After months and months of Zoom Kindergarten, students enjoy their very first day of in-person school! To maintain adequate square footage for each student per state guidelines, Kindergarten had moved its 16 in-person students to the Fireside Room.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIKE THE PEOPLE GATHERED at the synagogue in Capernaum, we, too, gather to listen to the word of the Lord and to draw near to him in his body and blood. We are all students of the one teacher, whose authority is ordered to our salvation and joy. From this school we never graduate; this teacher is always guiding us. This education is perfected for our final purpose: to know God.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Marcia Hubler Susan Crosby David Briggs
Lynn Gutteridge Bill McSweeney
Gaynor Moynihan Maria Gascon

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers

Corinne Jordan Sylvia Manzo Janet Leonard
Bill Kruer Marianne Kersten
Gretchen Stevenson Tom Johnston
Norris & Viviane Hibbler Schoning Family
Marni Adams Russ Clark
Nate Fick Robbie Hicks
Alan Morrill Larry Mason

WORSHIP & PRAYER

| 02/02, Tues | Norris Hibbler |
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| 02/03, Weds | Jane Reilly † |
| 02/04, Thurs | Dolly Hart † |
| 02/05, Fri | Corinne Jordan |
| 02/06, Sat | . Milton and Korene Hill † |
| 02/07, Sun | Jerry Erdman † |

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

▶ Catholic Schools Week

9:00 am: RCIA-Zoom

10:00 am: Mass-Church



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- Catholic Schools Week
- ▶ February is Black History Month

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

▶ Catholic Schools Week

10:00 am: Adoration-Church

7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

▶ Catholic Schools Week

8:00 am: Mass-Church

2:30 pm: Music Enrichment (Virtual)

6:30 pm: Pastoral Council—Zoom

7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal—Zoom

7:00 pm: Safety and Security—Zoom

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

▶ Catholic Schools Week

2:00 pm: School Mass-Church





FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

▶ Teacher Faith Formation - No School

8:00 am: Mass-Church

12:00 pm: Funeral, Marcia Hubler—Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:00 pm: Mass-Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 am: RCIA-Zoom

10:00 am: Mass-Church



11:30 am: Laudato Si'-Zoom

ACCESSING THE MADELEINE IN TIME OF COVID-19

- ▶ •••• IN-PERSON —To sign up, visit www.themadeleine.edu/mass NOTE: Weekday Morning Masses do not require pre-registration. Weekend, Thursday School Mass and Holy Day of Obligation Masses do require pre-registration.
- ▶ **LIVESTREAM** —on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 10:00 am, plus most Thursdays during school, and special events: www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish
- **Confession:** By appointment

PARISH NEWS

VACCINE OUTREACH MINISTRY FORMED

Our new parish vaccine outreach group offers assistance to navigate the vaccination process for those 65+. If you need help getting a vaccine appointment, arranging a ride to the vaccination center, or simply have questions, we are here to help you in the coming months. Contact us at vaccine@themadeleine.edu or through the parish office.

We will be periodically posting information on the vaccine page of our website at www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine

Vaccine information-follow us at www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine

Here is what we know so far. Link to full OPB article on our Vaccine page at www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine

Governor Brown presented a revised timeline for vaccination as follows. As we have come to know, these timelines are subject to change, as vaccine supplies are fluctuating (note also: these dates seem to be fluctuating as well):

- **▶ Week of February 7:** Seniors 80 and over eligible
- **▶ Week of February 14:** Seniors 75 and over eligible
- ▶ Week of February 28: Seniors 70 and over eligible
- ▶ Week of March 7: Seniors 65 and over eligible

The OPB article continues as follows: "Once vaccinations for adults age 80-andover begin on Monday, February 8th, they will mostly be available at large vaccination sites like the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. OHSU's Dr. Eckstrom says this could pose an accessibility challenge for older adults who don't drive. She says there's no comprehensive plan in place to

get vaccines to people who are completely homebound.

"There really may not be any way for them to get out to these large vaccination sites," Eckstrom says, "and many clinics, including my own, are not planning on vaccinating people within our clinic."

"That means it's up to us. Eckstrom says that if you know an older adult, you should volunteer to take them to get vaccinated. She also says seniors need to be courageous about reaching out to friends, family members and church groups.

"Obviously it means getting in the car with someone," Eckstrom says, "but wear your mask, wash your hands and take that risk to get your vaccine."

"In the meantime, Dr. Eckstrom says it's both essential for older Oregonians to maintain physical distance, and to also stay as socially connected as possible. As people age, long periods of isolation can accelerate cognitive decline. Both regular communication and exercise are essential to make it through this pandemic as healthy as possible."

Ministries and friends: feel free to send your news and updates to bulletin@themadeleine.edu · Please send your information by Tuesday, 5:00 pm for the following week's bulletin.

PARISH YOUTH MUSIC ENRICHMENT

Wednesdays 2:30-3:00 pm via Zoom

If you like to sing and would like to learn more about music, then sign up to be part of our Virtual Youth Music Enrichment

Although we are not able to sing together yet, there are things that we can do virtually to learn about music and to sing "together."

Each 30 minute rehearsal will focus on learning how to read music, followed by some virtual singing. We hope to be able to put a virtual choir together in the near

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this program, please contact Dr. Manzo directly at mmanzo@ themadeleine.edu. Rehearsals have already started, but it is not too late to join!

Rehearsals are geared for grades 3-6, but ALL youth are welcome!

Let us sing joyfully to the Lord any way we can!

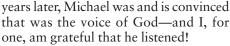


In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action by helping the poor and suffering. May God Bless You!

IF TODAY, YOU HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

When my husband, Michael and I first met, we initially talked on the

phone about performing a concert together. During the course of the conversation, Michael said he heard a loud voice say to him, "you will marry this woman." Startled, he looked around to see where that voice had come from—only to hear it once again—even louder! Twenty-eight



I am reminded of that story each time I hear Psalm 95, "if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (my favorite sung arrangement is one by Bob Hurd in a bluesy "Bob Dylan" style). This psalm illustrates that even though the Lord had freed the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt, they still questioned whether God's motives were genuine—that is, even though they heard God's voice, their hearts were still hardened to the truth.

While most of us don't hear God's voice as Michael did, or even as the

Israelites, we hear the voice of God proclaimed each week in our scriptures.

The GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) explains that "when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel." It stands to reason, therefore, that the Church also designates

a sacred space to hear God's word. In the USCCB document, "Built of Living Stones," the Church designates the ambo as the "area in which the word of God is proclaimed during the liturgy."

In this age of disinformation, it is sometimes challenging to discern truth from fiction. With this perspective, the ambo is even more important as a symbol in our liturgy as THE place we hear the truth—the living word of God.

One final note—if you do hear the unmistakable voice of God, be sure to listen. It will be the most important voice you hear in your life!

-Maria Manzo

PARISH LIFE

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 5-7, 2021, call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille. org or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Would you enjoy opportunities to discuss some very excellent books with friends? We invite you to start the year off right by joining our genial group! We will be meeting in mid February to discuss *Someone Knows My Name*, by Lawrence Hill and W.W. Norton. For more information, please contact our MBC Ministry Coordinator:

Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@ yahoo.com or 503-312-6834

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"He cured many who were sick with various diseases." Is your marriage suffering from lack of communication or kindnesses? Are you looking for a way to bring your marriage back to its fullness. Jesus can cure all! The next Virtual Experiences are on February 19-21, 2021, and April 17-18, 2021. To apply for YOUR WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

| WEEKLY MASS TIMES |
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| Masses: |
| Wednesday8:00 am |
| Thursday (School Mass) 2:00 pm |
| Friday |
| Saturday Vigil |
| Sunday |
| Signup for in-person Saturday & Sunday Mass Thursday School Mass at www.themadeleine. |
| edu/mass or call the Parish Office |
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THE MADELEINE SCHOOL

EXTENSIVE PLANNING WENT INTO THE RETURN OF MADELEINE SCHOOL STUDENTS

This year, Catholic Schools Week looks a little different. Principal Carol Glasgow, Business Manager James Wurzer and school and parish staff have worked tirelessly to prepare and plan for the time we're able to bring our students back to campus. We are working diligently to keep everyone—students and families, school faculty and staff—as safe as possible while providing an engaging learning environment. Below is a partial list of measures and plans undertaken:

- Disinfecting protocols have been put in place, including sanitizer stations, wipes, and sprays, and our janitorial service is using COVID cleaning methods.
- Our HVAC systems were equipped with higher-quality filters as recommended by the CDC.
- Ionizing filter units have been installed to capture mold, bacteria, and virus particulates.
- ▶ Except for Kindergarten, all classes will return in cohorts of no more than 15 students, in hybrid form.
- ▶ Classrooms have been redesigned to ensure the required 35 sq. ft. social distancing.
- In order to achieve the social distancing requirements, the Kindergarten classroom has been moved to the Fireside Room and the 6th Grade classroom has been moved to the St. Catherine Room.
- Visual indicators have been added to the floors in the hallways and classrooms to ensure social distancing.
- ▶ Staff and students will be screened for temperature and through Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recommended questions before entering into the building. Extra adults are prohibited on campus except during pick-up and drop-off.
- ▶ Students will enter/exit the building through four different entrances each day, No lockers will be available for grades 6-8.

and entry/exit will be staggered over a period of 15-20 minutes. On-time arrival for drop-off and pick-up is a must. Families will be informed of their entry and exit door prior to building reopening. Parents for all grades must accompany their child for the entry screening process in case the child does not pass screening protocols and must return home.

- Children in grades 4-8 will have no direct contact with children in grades K-3 due to the viral load of older children.
- ▶ Students and staff must wear a face mask.
- Lunch will be outside and under cover. There are now 4 lunch periods instead of 3 in order to accommodate cohorts. Children will sit at the ends of tables that are over 6' in length.
- No hot lunch will be offered, so students will need to bring their own lunch.
- Water fountains have been disabled, so students will need to bring their own filled water bottles each day.
- ▶ Students will not be able to share supplies.
- ▶ Per State guidelines, adults (teachers, staff) in the building are able to see no more than 3 student cohorts per day and 50 students total. Schedules and specialist lessons will be adjusted as appropriate to meet this requirement.

Much more has been done; you can find out more about our return to in-person education on our website at www.themadeleine.edu/school-plans

We look forward to the day when the rest of our students can make it back to campus. We hope that day is soon.

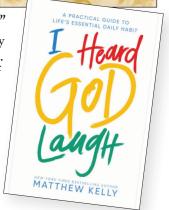
PARISH LIFE

EXPERIENCING "I HEARD GOD LAUGH"

What if, this Easter, your soul was more alive than at any other point in your life? That can happen. Not by accident. But intentionally. By feeding your soul with a daily course of prayer. Let's get back to the basics this Lent. Let's master the fundamentals. Let's become people of prayer!

Join Matthew Kelly for free, daily reflections based on his new book, I Heard God Laugh, and start feeding your soul like you never have before! Visit www.bit.ly/tmp-laugh for details.

We also still have copies of the book in the Parish Office or in the church vestibule when you come to Mass.



RCIA NEWS

RCIA DURING A PANDEMIC

The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful.in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion, the faithful provide an example that will help the catechumens.... The rite of initiation is suited to a spiritual journey of adults that varies according to the many forms of God's grace, the free cooperation of the individuals, the action of the Church, and the circumstances of time and place.

—From the Complete Text of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

How do we 'do' RCIA in a pandemic? In some ways, this year is no different than other years. We proclaim the Gospel, we introduce inquirers to our faith community, and we walk alongside them as they continue their journey of faith, all in preparation for receiving the sacraments of initiation. Of course, 'how' we do things is a bit different this year. Here is a glimpse into RCIA during a pandemic.

YouTube videos are a new tool this year. One of my favorites is intended for those who had never stepped inside a Catholic Church. Can you imagine how strange Mass must be to someone who has never participated? For others, a video by Bishop Barron on the Meaning of Mass is more appropriate. In some ways, these videos have allowed us to address individual needs in a more significant way than in the past.

Most of our gatherings are via Zoom, and many in-person activities have been modified to work with Zoom. For instance, we play a game where we attempt to put the parts of the Mass in their correct order. Where does the Kyrie go? Does the Lamb of God come before, or after, the Holy, Holy, Holy? I think our sponsors and RCIA team members have as much fun with the game as our inquirers!

We organized a Tour of the Church and met each other face-to-face for the first time! A few weeks later, we saw each other again for the Rite of Acceptance.

As we continue toward the day when Alex and Olivia receive the sacraments of initiation, I pray that we all remember that God is bigger than the pandemic and that we remain open to the work of God's Spirit in our lives.

Coming next month: A refresher on Lent and RCIA.

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Schools Week

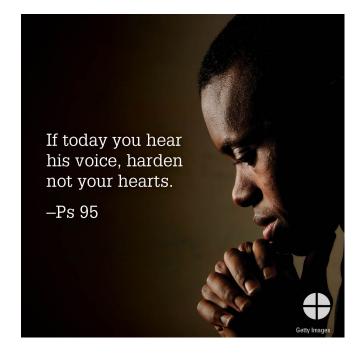
January 31- February 6

It's Catholic Schools Week! We're grateful for all of our wonderful teachers and students who contribute so much to the life of our parish.

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2021

"We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice." —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019



The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light of the nations" and the "glory of Israel," but also "a sign that is spoken against." The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has "prepared in the presence of all peoples" (CCC, no. 529).



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