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## SAINT HILDEGARD VON BINGEN

The 17<sup>th</sup> of September is the Memorial of Saint Hildegard von Bingen (Hildegard of Bingen). Hildegard of Bingen c. 1098 – 17 September 1179), also known as Saint Hildegard and the Sibyl of the Rhine, was a German Benedictine abbess and polymath active as a writer, composer, philosopher, mystic, visionary, and as a medical writer and practitioner during the High Middle Ages. She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony, or Gregorian Chant, as well as

the most recorded in modern history. She has been considered by scholars to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

Hildegard's convent elected her as *magistra* (mother superior) in 1136. She founded the monasteries of Rupertsberg in 1150 and Eibingen in 1165. Hildegard wrote theological, botanical, and medicinal works, as well as letters, hymns, and antiphons for the liturgy. She wrote poems, and supervised miniature illuminations in the Rupertsberg manuscript of her first work, *Scivias*. There are more surviving chants by Hildegard than by any other composer from the entire Middle Ages, and she is one of the few known composers to have written both the music and the words. One of her works, the *Ordo Virtutum*, is an early example of liturgical drama and arguably the oldest surviving morality play. She is noted for the invention of a constructed language known as *Lingua Ignota*.

Although the history of her formal canonization is complicated, regional calendars of the Church have listed her as a saint for centuries. On 10 May 2012, Pope Benedict XVI extended the liturgical cult of Hildegard to the entire Catholic Church in a process known as "equivalent canonization." On 7 October 2012, he named her a Doctor of the Church, in recognition of "her holiness of life and the originality of her teaching."

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

Connie Wright

The date has been set: **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. The time has been set: **2-5 PM**. The name has been agreed upon: **The International Food Fair**. And, of course, the location is **Haran Hall**. If you haven't already, mark

your calendar! This year's event promises to be another gastronomic delight, with an array of foreign tasty morsels that are sure to please. The cooks are lining up, but we can use some more volunteer chefs who are willing to prepare some different ethnic foods. Interested? Call Paulette Magee (209-295-2057) or Barbara Garcia (209-296-6750) for more info and to sign up. We hope to have at least 20 cooks. Desserts are limited to three this year, and we've met that quota already. If you are unsure what to prepare, we will have some suggested countries. You can find any number of recipes from just about any country on the internet. Also on the docket will be another fun raffle. Tickets are on sale now after the Sunday and Wednesday Masses. The number of tickets will be limited so be sure to get yours now!



## HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, OUR LADY OF THE PINES

Connie Wright

It's hard to believe, but Our Lady of the Pines celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next month, on October 24<sup>th</sup>. I've found that many of our parishioners have celebrated at least their 40<sup>th</sup> WEDDING anniversary (with numerous couples celebrating even more). This is a remarkable achievement in today's world, so I decided to research the significance and symbolism of the number 40 in Sacred Scripture.

We all know that the Great Flood lasted 40 days and nights. Here are some of the other 140+ mentions of the number 40 in the bible: Moses fasted 40 days to prepare himself before receiving the Law and then stayed atop Mt. Sinai for another 40 days and nights receiving the Law. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, preparing for His public ministry. He ascended into Heaven 40 days after His resurrection. Also, it is 40 days from Christmas Day to the Presentation. And the human gestation period for new life is around 40 weeks.

The Fathers of Mercy summarize the significance of this special number this way: 40 brings to mind qualities such as repentance, newness, preparation (perhaps for an important work or task), self-examination, transformation, task fulfillment, escape from bondage or slavery (such as sin), nourishment and growth (such as the spiritual life), personal fulfillment (redemption and salvation), and new generation and new life. Wow! What a number!

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## OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

Kevin Darr, President



KEVIN DARR  
President

Fellow Society members, Not a whole lot new happening since the last edition. A new budget for 2022-2023 has been approved. The only fund raisers scheduled for the next fiscal year is the Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> International Food Fair (last year's "Septemberfest") and the June Rummage sale. Information on the International Food Fair, as well as the October 26<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary OLOP Ice Cream Social will be coming out very soon. As we had issues with the electrical outlets during the Septemberfest, we are in the process of updating that system to better serve our hall for any future events. We are also going to have the hall carpet steam cleaned prior to that weekend. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary get together will be after the 11:30 AM Mass that day and will pay tribute to all past and present members of our mission church. Bring your pictures and stories to share with everyone

May God Bless you,

Kevin

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Kevin Darr



**Saturday, September 24**

is the annual *Walk for the Poor* to be held at SKD. Please contact Kevin Darr if you wish to participate

or donate. We continue to serve many neighbors in need. This year we have received a record number of calls and have helped a record number of individuals. Through the grace of God and your gracious support, we have also received a record amount of donations.

We are always in need of new membership. Please contact Kevin Darr at 296-2221.



walk a mile in my shoes



## RECEIVE OR CELEBRATE

Joan Nikolai

Throughout our lives we are given many gifts. It is our choice what we do with those gifts. If we accept the gift, thank the giver and then set the gift aside, we simply receive the gift. If we accept the gift, thank the giver, and make the gift a part of our life, we celebrate the gift. Christ gave us the gift of the sacraments. These seven ritual actions were not set down in writing, rather they grew out of Christ's life and his command "love one another as I have loved you." Do we simply receive these gifts, acknowledge that they are part of being Catholic, but see them as prayerful experiences that take place in church, or do we celebrate them and live out what they call us to be in our everyday life? **Baptism** initiates us into the Christian community and blesses us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are called to welcome others. **Confirmation** seals our baptism and strengthens the gifts of the Spirit. It calls us to use these gifts to witness to the presence of Christ in our life. In the **Eucharist** we share in the very life of Christ. We are called to be mindful of the needs of others that may call us to a deeper commitment of sacrifice. **Reconciliation** brings us God's unending loving forgiveness, our response to forgive one another, and live in a way that promotes peace and justice. **Anointing of the Sick** heals and strengthens the body and soul. We respond through our compassionate care of all people in need of healing. **Marriage** commits two people to a covenant relationship, reflecting God's relationship with us. That love is to be shared within the church community and the larger community. **Holy Orders** is a call from God to leadership in the church and empowering people who whose gifts will help to grow God's plan for the world. Holy Orders calls men to the ordained priesthood. In this role of leadership, they also identify and call forth leaders from the Body of Christ. **Grace** is the gift of God's love. Wrapped in the sacraments it is an invitation to be living symbols of God's presence, love and grace. Do we receive or celebrate this gift?

## PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY FIRE AND DROUGHT

Jacqueline Henss

Eternal God, in Wisdom and Love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favor on our fire ravaged and drought stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of fires, those who have lost family, friends and property.

Protect our firefighters and all members of essential services. In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life. Renew your faithful people, renew the face of the earth.

## MAINTENANCE

Ted Novelli

Thank you, Volunteers, for helping to keep OLOP precious. Any and all help is needed. Much appreciated. We have many areas of maintenance work both in church and hall. Any questions please call me at 209-295-1302.



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## ANNIVERSARY

So Our Lady of the Pines is in good company with prominent figures in the bible and important spans of time in our lives. **As such, we will be celebrating this anniversary on October 26<sup>th</sup>, after the Wednesday 11:30 Mass.** More information to come on this.

When OLOP celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2002, there was a special edition of the *Pine Times*. We thought it would be fun to rerun some of those articles that commemorate the early days of our church. See pages 3 and 4 and enjoy the walk down Memory Lane (or New Memory Lane for some of you).

## COME TO ME

Jacqueline Henss

Living, as we are, in a secular culture, we are increasingly in danger of adopting its values and habits. Leisure activities, entertainment options, organizations and so many other worldly interests vie for our time.

Now, as in centuries past, our Heavenly Mother is being sent to remind her children of God's compassionate love. Through Him we receive the spiritual help to obtain the graces that light our way and strengthen our will, as we proceed along the path of salvation toward our home in Heaven. In the messages that follow, Mary lovingly reminds us of these.

**God is offering Himself to you, but you can discover Him only in prayer.** Therefore, make a decision for prayer. Let prayer take the first place in your families. Pray, pray! Prayer is no laughing matter, but a conversation with God, Himself. Prayer is life. It is indispensable, for God gives the greatest graces when you pray. Proper prayer comes from the depth of your heart, from your suffering, from your joy, from your seeking forgiveness of sins.

**It is necessary to believe firmly, to go to confession regularly, and also to receive Holy Communion.** It is the only salvation.

**Read the Bible in your homes every day.** Put it in a visible place where it will always remind you to read it and pray it. Joyfully live the messages of the Gospel, which I am repeating in the time since I am with you. Abandon your concerns to Jesus. Listen to what He says in the Gospel.

**Meditate on the wounds of Jesus.** Make reparation for the wound inflicted on the Heart of my Son. That Heart is offended by all kinds of sin. I wish to renew you and lead you with my Heart to the Heart of Jesus, which still today suffers for you and calls you to conversion and renewal.

**Pray as much as you can in front of the crucifix.** Be thankful in front of the cross for all that you feel you should be thankful for.

## PHOTOGRAPHER WANTED

The *Pine Times* is in need of a photographer for its various events. Two upcoming events are the *International Food Fair* and the *40th Anniversary Ice Cream Social*. Interested in joining the *Pine Times* staff? Call Ray Waugh at 209-295-1217 or Connie Wright at 209-223-9525.

## OUR LADY OF THE PINES — EARLY HISTORY

Excerpts from the Special Edition *Pine Times* commemorating OLOP's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, October 2002



### THE BEGINNINGS OF OLOP

The groundbreaking of OLOP began on May 8, 1982. The contractors were **Lani Dare and Gene Raymond. Hal Goedert** was the dispatcher and the foreman. He along with **Ray Johnson and Ralph Holtzclaw** were there each day to supervise the men. There were 5 priests that were on the building committee that were from the Diocese. **Gene Raymond, the Goederts, the Witherbys, the Holtzclaws, and Father Haran** visited the church in Colfax to gather ideas for our Church. There were many loyal parishioners that were there to help. The following is not meant to be a complete list, but these were the names that came to mind when asked who helped with the building of our Church. **Bob Abreu, Tom Bailey, John Bridie, Manny Enos, Joe Fries, George Kosloski, Bill Lawrence, Bernard Guina, Jack Guinan, Francis Jacobus, Charlie Miller, Wencel Smith, Ed Barsanti, Dominic Canale, Bob McMinn, Darroll McLaughlin, Irv Muratore, Ed Quinnin, Joseph Rueda, and Lou Svarc.**

At first the parking lot was only tar and gravel and one way in and out. PG&E was working on Tiger Creek Road and they paved only the entrance. The exit was put in when the road in the back of the church was paved.

Our Lady of the Pines was dedicated on October 24, 1982 with **Bishop Quinn** and priests from nearby churches in attendance. Our Church is a Mission Church of St. Patrick's Parish in Jackson (now, of course, a mission church of St. Katharine Drexel Parish).

### OUR LADY'S ETCHED WINDOW

The magnificent design and etching on the large window in the back of the altar is certainly a labor of love. **Jim and Debi Middlekauff** (now both deceased) were responsible for this work that is enjoyed by many each Sunday. Debi did the design and Jim did the etching. The window was done in one piece and the areas that were not to be etched were covered in contact paper. It took 10 individuals to hoist the window into place. Jim was the son of parishioners **Bob and Marge Middlekauff** (both deceased) and they were very pleased and proud that their son was responsible for this beautiful window.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross in Church were the work of **Joanne McMinn and Berta Haugland**. The story of how this came about is an interesting one. As OLOP was being built Joanne wanted to do something for the new church. She awoke one night and said I am going to do the oil painting "Agony in the Garden." She approached Father Haran and he gave his approval. After Father Haran saw the painting he asked her if she would like to do the Stations of the Cross. Joanne said yes but said she would ask her art teacher Berta Haugland if they could work together. The results of their talent and hard work can be seen along the walls of OLOP. Today the oil painting "Agony in the Garden" is hanging in the office of OLOP. Stop by and view this painting as well as the magnificent work of these two ladies.

### THE OLOP GROTTTO

The grotto was the brainchild of the OLOP Confirmation Class of 1993-1994. **Karen Dickerson** was their instructor. The class members were: **James Holster, Mandy Edmunds, Robert Durkin, Cara Dickerson, Chad Hall, Shannon Rolf, Jaclyn Shoda, Andrea Murtha, Michael Curtin, Connor Kirkwood-Yates, Megan Kirkwood-Yates.**

This project really got off the ground by a large donation from **Rosina LeVasseur** and her late husband **Denis**. Donations, also, came from St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, St. Bernard's Society and St. Patrick's Altar Society. Among the many fundraisers were a homemade pizza-bingo party, bake sale and pancake breakfast.

It was constructed with the aid of **Jim Holster, sons James and Jarrod, Art Schmitz, Fred Hall, Bud Lundell, Augie Millar, Bill Gassenberg, Mike Rolf, C.D. Craig, Laura and Byron Christensen and Diane Nave.** Diane was President of the OLOP Society at that time. Diane with the help of the confirmation class collected and delivered river-rock for the walls of the grotto.

The Grotto construction started in April 1994. Father Haran dedicated it on Sunday, July 17, 1994. "The Madonna of the Streets" statue was chosen for the Grotto.



### OUR CHOIR

by Ada Quinnin in 2002

Our Lady of the Pines choir was introduced to our congregation in late summer of 1987. **Del Rae Svarc** and I asked Father Haran's permission to start a choir and he was pleased. We had willing singers immediately with **Margaret McLaughlin, George Kosloski, Fran Robison, Larry Trahey, Liz and C.D. Craig, Lou Svarc, Jeannie Holtzclaw and Magee Patula Katie Smith** had played the organ since 1982 and God bless her as she played for us for 7 or 8 years. **Lois and Bill Thompson, Fran Wonderly and her mother Ruth** joined the choir a year or so after we began. These were faithful singers and some sang with us for quite a few years. When Katie's hearing and vision faded, **Betty Turner** and I filled in as organist until Betty relocated. While I was trying to play and direct **Phyllis Viola** joined the choir and was so helpful I finally begged her to be the Director and I stayed on as organist. She took the time to help our singers improve their voices and techniques. We thank her for her generous and willing help. God love you Phyllis wherever you are. While Phyllis was directing, **Anne Pearce** joined the choir and sang with us. Then in 1997 a piano was donated by **Mr. and Mrs. Hart** (Thank you). This is Anne's instrument and soon she was accompanying the singers. With her talent and professional approach it was not long before Father Bland offered Anne the position she holds today as Musical Director our parish and Choir Director for OLOP. The Guitar Masses were first played by **Wyman Dickerson and Pat Keene**. It was a pleasant change once a month. Then we had **Stuart and Sylvia McNaughton** playing guitar with **Dave Holob** on Violin. Now the lovely voices of two original members, **Margaret McLaughlin and Lois Thompson** blend in beautiful harmony with the lovely voices of **Sheila Vinson and Laurie Weigand**. Joining them at times is **Joe Bailey and Nick Ragasano**. Have you heard Nick and Anne play duets? It is truly music for our hearts and ears.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

by Viki Routt in 2002

The outdoor Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of the Pines were designed and built as an Eagle Scout Project by one of our young parishioners, **Daniel Routt**. They were erected by scouts and volunteers from Boy Scout Troup 63 of Sutter Creek under the leadership of Daniel. Many weeks of digging, raking, cutting, sawing and gluing culminated in the beautiful peaceful area directly behind our Parish Hall. Many of our parishioners contributed to this project and the Stations are dedicated to families and loved ones. The Stations were completed in December 1996 and dedicated in the Spring of 1997.

### OUR LADY OF THE PINES

by Mary Ann Busi in 1982

Dear Lady of the Pines  
we come on bended knee.  
We ask a special blessing  
for all that we can see.

Dear Lady of the Pines  
humble thanks we give to you  
for the beauty of this dwelling  
where our faith we shall renew.

For every tiny creature  
that dwells close to the earth.  
For the melting of the cleansing snow  
as it gives way to spring's rebirth.

For tis here amidst these piney woods  
that our spirits quickly run,  
into the caring outstretched arms  
of Christ your Loving Son.

And here within these hallowed walls  
as we face each daily strife,  
Bless us as we gather  
to receive the Bread of Life.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to fulfill its mission of helping the poor. Your Beggar's Sunday donations are most appreciated! If you haven't already, consider donating via the parish's Electronic Giving or Text2Give programs. Visit our website for more information.

#### OLOP SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President: Kevin Darr
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#### OLOP MEETINGS

Our Lady Of the Pines Society meets on the first Wednesday of every month, following the 11:30 AM Mass. **All parishioners of OLOP are members of the Society.** There are no dues. Join us as we continue to plan fun events at Our Lady of the Pines and see to the upkeep of our mission church. All are welcome!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you need an announcement placed in the parish bulletin or a name placed on the parish prayer list, please contact the Bulletin Editor at the Parish Center, at 209-223-2970 or [bulletin@amadorcatholic.com](mailto:bulletin@amadorcatholic.com). Deadline is Tuesday for the following weekend's bulletin.

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