

Local Catholic parishes receive visit from area bishop

The parishioners of St. William's and St. Patrick's churches were honored recently by a visit from the Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of Baker.

Bishop Cary started the day with Mass at St. William's Church, concelebrating with Fr. Kumar Udagandla. Parishioners then enjoyed the Bishop's company at a breakfast for all.

Bishop Cary next made his way to Heppner, concelebrating Mass with Fr. Kumar and Fr. Gerald Condon. Bishop Cary joined the members of St. Patrick's parish for a luncheon. After time for socializing, Joe Lindsay led a children's choir, which included performing a few songs written by Lindsay.

Bishop Cary then addressed the group, speaking about faith and the history of God's chosen people, relating Israel's history to the life of each one of us. He explained that after God promised Abraham numerous descendants and land, the chosen people faced temptations, sins and failures, just as we do today.

Bishop Cary went on to define freedom as

"possession of one's self," noting the opposite is slavery to someone else. After Israel was set free, Bishop Cary said, they looked back to Egypt because slavery appeared easier than the responsibilities of freedom. He described the "desert of decision" when the Israelites wandered, free from the pharaoh but unsure of the purpose of that freedom. It was at this time God gave the Ten Commandments to help guide them in their freedom, in order to achieve the happiness they, and we, desire.

Bishop Cary emphasized it is through faith that we put our

freedom at the service of others, while at the same time, trusting in a God who always keeps His promises. The bishop also drew a comparison between marriage and the promised land, saying marriage is between two people who give their freedom to each other through a promise. This promise creates a land where their freedom is placed at the service of the descendants who spring from their union.

Parish members said the bishop's homilies and presentation offered many challenges and much to think about as the church's "year of faith" drew to a close.



Baker Bishop Liam Cary enjoys a chat with Jessica Medina over breakfast during his visit to St. William's in Ione.



(L-R): Rylee Kollman, Kevin Murray, Fr. Condon, Bishop Cary, Larry Lutcher, Brian Kollman and Fr. Kumar during the bishop's visit to St. Patrick's in Heppner. -Contributed photos

HHS student officers to help elderly with heavy holiday chores

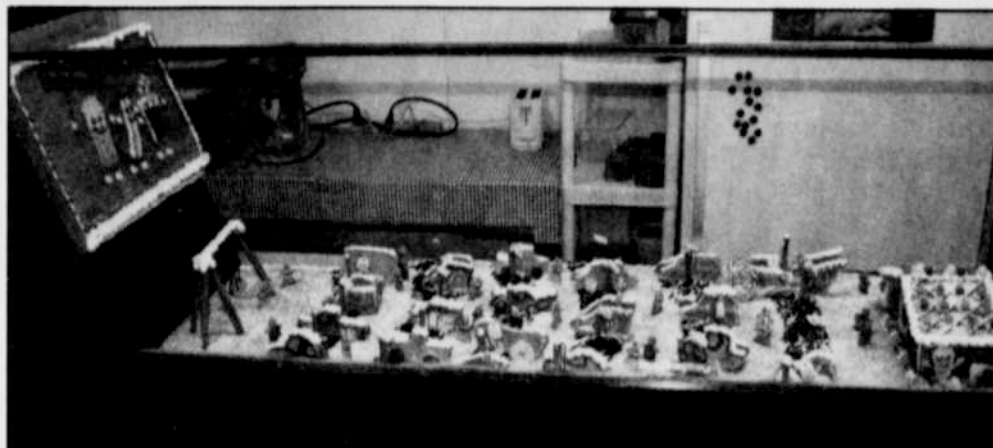
The Heppner High School Associated Student Body officers will be available to hang up Christmas lights and split or stack firewood for senior citizens or anyone who is

physically unable to do so for the upcoming holiday season. The ASB officers are available on weekdays from Monday, Dec. 9, through Friday, Dec. 20.

Anyone who would

like them to come and set up Christmas lights or split and stack any firewood, contact J.C. Putman at 541-240-1768 or Petra Payne at 541-676-9138 to make an appointment.

Drive up theater takes the... gingerbread



Jodi Segraves of Sweet Productions Diner and Bakery amped up the entertainment value of her annual gingerbread creation this year by constructing an entire drive-in theater (above), complete with big screen, playground, cars, snack shack and, of course, Santa and his reindeer on a quick Christmas Eve break (detail right). Visitors can view the creative craft at Sweet Productions on Main Street in Heppner through the holiday season. -Photos by Andrea Di Salvo



HEPPNER EVENTS THURSDAY

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Heppner Family Food: Free Home Town coffee all day, and find Santa seated inside from 6-7 p.m. to take pictures with kids and families. Heppner Family Foods will be providing hot cocoa and candy canes.

Scentsy - in the Holloman Bldg./Scott Coe's Farmer's Insurance Office: Petra Payne will be having a Scentsy sale from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Many

holiday scents to choose from. Buy \$25 worth of product and get a free gift; buy \$100 and get a free warmer.

Murray's: Will be serving cookies and punch, will be having hourly door prizes, the wish list treasure hunt will be from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (with the winner being announced during the Dec. 19 Christmas event) and from 5-7 p.m. there will be a mini wine tasting.

Sew On Et Cetera: Check out her new business location at 178 N. Main Street (old Heritage Land Co.) and welcome her to downtown Main Street.

Sweet Productions: Will be holding a Gingerbread House Workshop from 4-7 p.m. - all ages welcome. Reservations required (adult kit - \$15; kids kit - \$5). Stop and check out the annual gingerbread structure on display.

Living nativity planned for Pendleton

Faith Center Church in Pendleton will offer a free live nativity, or still-acting production of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, to the Pendleton community at Roy Raley Park, next to the Pendleton Round-up Stadium in downtown Pendleton, Sunday, Dec. 15.

A walk-through opportunity is offered from 6-7 p.m. and the walk- and drive-through occurs from

7-9 p.m. Approximately 3,000 people of all ages are expected to walk or drive through the park to see the live nativity. There is no cost to the public to attend.

The live nativity began about 1990 and has occurred annually except for two "rest years."

It consists of 13 scenes with live actors, animals and props depicting the story of Jesus Christ. Approximately 100 actors

and 12 animals are involved in the production. The total production requires about 150 people; most volunteers are members of Faith Center, but other churches and friends also help.

The lights in the park are turned off and each scene is illuminated with strobe lights. Actors stand motionless in costumes representing the time of Jesus.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be this Thursday, Dec. 5, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

The meeting will be

an all entities report, as well as hearing a special National FFA Convention presentation by Caitlynn Bailey and Rylee Kollman. Cost of lunch is \$10; Heppner Family Foods will

cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

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