



Welcome to Our Parish

St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church

Bend, Oregon 97701

(541) 382-3631

**Directory of
Parish Ministries and Organizations**

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish History

On March 30, 1910, two Irish priests arrived in Bend, Oregon, but only Fr. Luke Sheehan remained, traveling by horse to visit his parishioners. The first church building was an old schoolhouse purchased in 1912 for \$75. Population growth necessitated a larger church; thus, the foundation stone for St. Francis of Assisi was laid on January 25, 1920, and it was opened and dedicated that same year (E. P. Brosterhous constructed the \$55,000 church). In addition, Fr. Sheehan asked nuns from the Order of St. Joseph to start a hospital, which later became St. Charles Hospital.

The Catholic School was started in 1936, with an enrollment of 140 students. The rectory was built in 1949, and is still in use today. In 1959, the nuns opened their own convent across the street from the church. As the number of parishioners increased, additional school and office space was needed. In July, 1992, 17 acres on 27th Street were purchased for \$300,000; and in July, 1995, an outdoor Mass celebrated the initial ground-breaking.

Construction of a school, offices and community center began in 1997, with facilities officially opening in January 2000. The former school in downtown Bend was sold to McMenamins which converted the school into a restaurant/hotel complex.

In 2006, the Franciscan Capuchins could no longer staff the parish, and Diocesan priests were assigned. Continued population growth prompted the building of a new church adjacent to the school. Official dedication of the church was held on August 23, 2009. The 100th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be celebrated in 2020.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church offers a number of ministries to share your God-given gifts of time and talents with the church as well as with the community. I earnestly encourage all of you to give to God, in return, by engaging in one or more ministries in the church.

Please go over these ministries that St. Francis Church offers, listed in alphabetical order, to see where God wants you to be involved. If you don't find a Ministry that fits your God-given talents, let us know. We would be glad to begin a new Ministry where you can exercise your talents for the church. He is calling you to build His church. Would you listen to Him?

—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

Acolytes: Any adult Catholic man in good standing with the church can be an acolyte. It is a minor order conferred by the Bishop. All priests and deacons receive this order during the years of their theofomation. The acolytes' proper function is to serve at the altar, helping the priest and deacon at all liturgical functions. Acolytes also set the altar for the liturgy of the Eucharist, assist the priest in distributing communion, and take communion to the sick.

Acolytes may also expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration, and bring communion from the tabernacle, and take it back. For more information, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email to: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org to set up acolyte training.

Altar Servers: Altar servers help the priest in all liturgical functions and are an essential part of the liturgy and the Eucharist. Any child who has received First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar server. Altar servers arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass, vest themselves with altar server robes, light the candles, and join for the prayer before Mass. Training is provided and altar servers may schedule when they are available. Send an email to: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org or call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 to schedule training.

Altar Society: All women of the parish are encouraged to join the Altar Society. These ladies manifest their love of God by the attention they give to the cleaning of the sanctuary and other parts of God's house. They purchase and care for the altar linens, altar cloths, altar server albs, cinctures, etc.

The Altar Society also supports the church decorators in providing flowers and decorations, especially in preparation for Easter and Christmas. In addition, they help to organize and participate in funeral luncheons for families and friends of parishioners who have died. For more information, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email Judy Kennedy at judykennedy@icloud.com.

Baptismal Class: A baptismal class is required for all new parents before they can have their baby baptized. Classes are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Parish Offices. For more information, contact Scout Lappe at baptism@stfrancisbend.org.

Bible Study Groups/Adult Education: Many groups of spiritual leadership to educate, read, reflect, and discuss wonderful Catholic topics are available. It is a great opportunity to grow in faith. Call the Director of Faith Formation at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email faithformation@stfrancisbend.org for more information.

- ◆ **Bible Study:** Study programs are offered covering various aspects of the Catholic Church, some books of the Bible, and other interactive programs. Sessions are normally held twice a year in the Fall and Spring, meeting in the morning and repeated in the evening.
- ◆ **ENDOW** (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women): This Ministry provides women with a way to explore what it means to be a Catholic woman today and to understand what a gift it is to be a feminine person created in God's image.

ENDOW promotes St. John Paul's "New Feminism," which recognizes and affirms what he calls the "genius of women" and responds to our culture's desperate need for an authentic feminine presence in every aspect of life and society.

By providing knowledge and fellowship in an intimate group setting, ENDOW also fosters a sense of belonging and gives women an opportunity to deeply understand and personalize the faith that draws us together. For more information, please call Kristine McLean at: (541) 408-0905 or send an email to: dkmclean@bendcable.com.

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA): This group of women strives to embrace the principles of faith by working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all. The group supports the parish financially through fundraisers and provides social and educational opportunities. For more information, contact Debra Dupuis at (541)390-9959 or email: debra.dupuis@bryanuniversity.edu.

Children's Ministry: The children's ministry exists to help those in our care know God and grow to become like His Son, Jesus Christ. We serve children kindergarten thru 4th grade. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by a parent. The Children's Ministry is held on Sundays at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Church Decorators: These volunteers spend many hours planning and implementing the decorations for our churches—especially for Advent and Lent and for the festive and colorful Christmas and Easter Seasons. For more information, contact Lupita Wesseler at (541) 977-6535 or email: wesseler@bendbroadband.com.

Collection Counters: These volunteers help with the counting of the offertory collection money every Monday morning and prepare the deposits for the bank. Call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 for more information.

Community Building and Fundraising: There are many events throughout the year for parishioners to gather for fun and food. Many are free to parishioners in an effort to build parish community. In addition, some events have a secondary goal to raise funds for the church. All of the events require several volunteers to be successful. Call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 if you can donate your time to help or to be added to a list of volunteers.

Eucharistic Adoration: Also known as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, it is the adoring or honoring of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This is an opportunity to spend as little as an hour (or as much time as you would like) once a week in the presence of God who made you and loves you. Bring your prayers, your joys, your works, and/or your sufferings to Him and experience His comfort and peace. It will be the best time you spend all week! There must be at least one person present at all times, so if you can commit to at least one hour per week, it would be most helpful.

Adoration is Monday through Friday after the 7 a.m. Mass in the St. Clare Chapel and after the 12:15 pm Mass in the Historic Church. To sign up to spend an hour with Our Lord, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email judyekennedy@icloud.com.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: The Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are the bishops, priests and deacons. The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are those who help in the distribution of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ during the Eucharist and those who take the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.

These ministers also clean the sacred vessels after the Mass and set them up for the following Mass. Training is provided, and ministers may schedule based on their availability. Ministers need to be 18 or over. Call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or send an email to: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org to schedule training.

FAITH FORMATION—Adults:

- ♦ **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** This is the journey by those who wish to join the Catholic faith community. For those not yet baptized, this process leads to the Easter Vigil where they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Those who have been previously baptized in another Christian tradition are invited to participate fully in the church through the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. RCIA classes are offered each year on Thursdays

from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning in September until the Feast of Pentecost. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic or learn about the Catholic faith, or if you want to be part of this ministry as a volunteer, please call Dan Beougher at (541) 382-3631, Ext. 120, or email: RCIA@stfrancisbend.org.

- ◆ **Returning Catholics:** This 8 week interactive course will provide information on Catholic teachings. It is to call all Catholics wherever they are in their faith journey. Our invitation is open to the inactive, partially active, and anyone who has the desire to learn more about the fullness of our faith. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, attending the class, or know someone that might like to take another look at the Catholic Church, please contact Bob or Judy Murphy at (208) 477-4740 or send an email to: returningcatholics@stfrancisbend.org.

FAITH FORMATION—Children: The religious education program for children offers catechetical classes to all children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Dedicated volunteer teachers instruct our children about the Faith and prepare them for reception of the sacraments, especially First Holy Communion in 2nd Grade.

- ◆ **Religious Education:** Parents are the first teachers of the faith. To supplement their efforts, the church organizes religious education and educators. Elementary religious education for Kindergarten to 5th Grade is offered on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Children will go through the Faith Formation process using the *Faith and Life* series, either in religious education classes or at the St. Francis School.

If you would like to assist or be part of this Ministry, please call the Director of Faith Formation, at the Parish Offices: (541) 382-3631 or email: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

- ◆ **RCIA for Children:** This is for children 8 years and older who are not yet baptized. Children receive one year of faith formation and one year of sacramental preparation. During the second year, children experience special rites, and at the end of their sacramental preparation at the Easter Vigil, they receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Contact the Director of Faith Formation, at the Parish Offices at: (541) 382-3631 or email: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org for more info.
- ◆ **Sacramental Preparation:** Beginning in the 2nd Grade, children are prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This is a great Ministry where there is a curriculum to follow, and children are taught to learn and love the Catholic faith.

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(541) 382-3631 or email: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

FAITH FORMATION—Youth: The goal of St. Francis Youth Ministry is to bring teens in Grades 6 through 12, and their families, closer to Jesus Christ through the sacraments, liturgy, music, service to the Church and community, retreats, conferences, Faith Formation and Youth Nights. Call St. Francis Youth Ministry: (541) 382-3631, Ext. 115, or email: hsfaith@stfrancisbend.org.

- ◆ **Confirmation (and Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist)** Youth who are in 6th Grade, or older, and have journeyed on a year of faith formation the previous year, may start preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. *Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press is used for classroom time on Wednesdays or Sundays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in addition to “sponsor nights,” service, and a retreat.
- ◆ **Faith Formation for Youth** in Grades 6 to 8 who have not been involved in a formal Faith Formation program for over a year or ever. *Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press is used. Classes meet on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. During the second year, youth will enter the Confirmation classes to prepare to receive one or more sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- ◆ **Teen Seekers** is the Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation for youth in Grades 9 to 12 who have not been involved in a formal Faith Formation program for over a year or ever and for any high school youth who wish to prepare for a sacrament. The curriculum is *Chosen* by Ascension Press. Classes meet weekly on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., or on Sundays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- ◆ **Youth Ministry** for middle school and for high school, uses *Edge and Life Teen*, a movement within the Roman Catholic Church whose mission it is to lead teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. The youth gather on Wednesday Youth Night, attend regional youth conferences, do community service, spend time at Adoration, and take part in Youth Masses.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY:

Christmas Food Baskets: Each year, St. Francis provides food baskets for needy the families in our parish. Appeals are made for food donations, and then baskets are filled a few days before Christmas and delivered to the families. For additional information, contact Susie Gage at (541) 410-9537 or email: susiegage@yahoo.com.

- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry–Bend (SVdP):** Provides food for the needy in Bend. Located at 950 SE 3rd St., it is open every Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As a parish community, St. Francis has a responsibility toward the poor and needy. All kinds of food items and warm clothing in winter are welcome. Please drop donations into the bins located in the Narthex of either church. Those who have fresh produce or meat to donate, please bring them directly to the food pantry. All donations are greatly appreciated. Apart from food donations, SVdP also needs hands to give the food out to the needy. To volunteer, call (541) 389-6632 or send an email to: stvincentbend@gmail.com.
- ◆ **The Bethlehem Inn Homeless Shelter Dinners:** St. Francis ministries prepare and serve dinner for approximately 80 residents on the second Saturday of the month. The meal is prepared in the kitchen at St. Francis and then transported to the Bethlehem Inn for serving. Currently, the following ministries rotate months with the Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry, and Hispanic Ministries.
- ◆ **The Family Kitchen:** Located in downtown Bend, 231 NW Idaho, meals are prepared and served to those in need. On the first Thursday of the month, volunteers from the St. Francis community help to prepare and distribute meals. For more information on how St. Francis helps out, call Shirley Lattin at (541) 383-3331 or email: bnblsd@bendbroadband.com.

Fellowship: If Mass builds and strengthens our relationship with God (the vertical dimension), it is the fellowship after Mass that builds up and strengthens our relationship with one another (the horizontal dimension). The coffee hour is after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses, from September to June, except on the first Sunday of the month, when the Knights of Columbus offer Sunday Breakfasts.

This Ministry prepares, sets everything up for the coffee hour, and cleans up afterward. This ministry strengthens our Church as a family, as it helps promote relationships among members. Parishioners can help just by attending coffee hour. Visitors and newcomers are also introduced at the coffee hour. For more information, call Vicki Audette at (541) 390-1313 or email: va@vickiaudette.com.

Finance Council: It is the task of the Finance Council to advise the pastor on administering the finances of the Church judiciously and responsibly. The Council prepares the budget, monitors the income and expenses regularly, and prepares and presents quarterly financial reports to the congregation.

The Council meets once a month on the third Thursday of the month. For more information, call Vergie Ries at (541) 797-6322 or email: vergiebend@gmail.com.

Funeral Luncheons: Prepares and/or serves meals for the family and friends of deceased parishioners. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631.

Greeters and Ushers: This ministry greets the people as they enter the Church and provides them with the liturgical aids for proper participation. This ministry of greeters makes our Church warm and welcoming.

The ushers direct and help people to find a seat at Mass, and they help the disabled in and out of church. They also take up the offertory collection and the second collection, if there is one, and bring up the bread and wine with the book of intentions and offertory collections. All parishioners, including families and couples, are invited to be part of this Ministry.

Those in this ministry need to be at the church a half hour before Mass. Training is provided. Call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

Grief Ministry: This program was established to support those who have lost a loved one. This program is entirely voluntary and is an outreach effort to help people through the grief journey. Monthly newsletters containing information on grief are sent to the bereaved for the first year, volunteers are available to make monthly contact, and support and luncheon groups offer grief education and friendship through this difficult process. For more information, contact Mary McGlone at (253) 232-6789 or griefministry@stfrancisbend.org.

Health Ministry: The mission of this ministry is holistic—focusing on the body, mind and spirit of the St. Francis community as an expression of God’s love. The Health Ministry includes parish nurses, a physician and others interested in health. Information, community resources and health guidance are provided to all age groups.

Currently, the Health Ministry provides a blood-pressure screening from September through May at the 27th Street Church, as well as a “Health Fair” in the fall—including flu shots. Health-related speakers are also organized to present on a variety of topics.

For more information, contact Laurie Slye through the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631 or email: healthministry@stfrancisbend.org.

Holy Hour: A Holy Hour for Vocations is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the St. Clare Chapel. Prayers, reflections, and meditations are offered each month for an increase of priestly vocations.

Homebound, Assisted Living, and Hospital Ministries: St. Francis Parish has volunteers who visit the sick in a variety of environments. If you are interested in becoming part of the Homebound and Assisted Living Ministry, send an email to Marylyn Moreead at: rkm@bendcable.com.

To become a member of the Hospital Ministry, send an email to Shirley Lattin at: bnblsd@bendbroadband.com.

Knights of Columbus: This is an international society of more than 17 million Catholic men in over 14,000 local councils dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The Bend Council, chartered in 1917, is instrumental in the work of the parish, supporting the activities of the handicapped, pro-life, financial aid to the seminarians, and supporting various youth programs.

Membership is limited to “practicing Catholic” men aged 18 or older. It was originally formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to the sick, disabled, and needy family members. In addition, social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. The K of C often refers to its organization as the “strong right arm of the Church.”

Every Catholic man is encouraged to be part of this amazing organization. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631.

- ◆ **Breakfasts:** The Knights of Columbus offer breakfast in the Catholic Center on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses from September to June.

Lectors: Lectors are those who proclaim the Word of God during the Eucharist and other liturgical services. This ministry is very important as you become the voice of God proclaiming His Word. Training is provided, and lectors may schedule based on their availability. Those with young children may sit with the family during Mass. Lectors must be confirmed and 18 or over. For information, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org

Liturgy Committee: This group meets periodically to coordinate special functions throughout the year—particularly during Advent, Lent, Christmas, and Easter, respectively. Assignments are given, and schedules are prepared and distributed. For more information, call Deacon Stephen McGlone at (541) 382-3631, Ext. 106, or send an email to: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY: This ministry is closely connected to liturgy. The role of a choir is to lead the congregation in singing, and the effect of a robust, vibrant choir can attract people and invite them to share their talents. There are a number of ways to be involved: join one of our choirs—Children, Youth, Adult or Hispanic; or, become trained as a cantor to sing with an accompanist, or a small ensemble.

All voices, instruments and experience levels are welcome to sing or play a musical instrument to enhance the beauty of, and lead everyone to a deeper experience of the liturgy.

Also, active parishioners can be paid to sing or play an instrument for weddings and funerals. All choirs have their own schedules and rehearse one hour prior to their scheduled Masses. Every season starts with a communal potluck.

For more information, call Colleen Rastovich, Director of Music, at (805) 320-6161 or email: music@stfrancisbend.org.

- ◆ **Adult Choir:** We are always looking for new members. This choir is an SATB ensemble open to all voices and ages, high school and older. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We sing at most 10 a.m. Masses, as well as at the major liturgical events of the year. For more information, email: choir@stfrancisbend.org.
- ◆ **Children's Choir:** The Children's Choir participates in the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass once a month, Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, the weekly School Mass on Wednesdays, and on other

needed occasions. The Children's Choir rehearses from September to May on Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Music Room. More voices are always needed in Grades 2 to 6. This is a wonderful platform to acquire cantor training as well.

For more information, please call Colleen Rastovich at: (805) 320-6161 or email: music@stfrancisbend.org.

Hispanic Choir: This choir sings and provides music for the Sunday 12:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass. Rehearsals are weekly—usually on Thursday evenings, and some vocal training and theory classes are offered free of charge throughout the year on Saturdays and Thursday evenings. They also join the other choirs for various bilingual liturgies, such as Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil. If you are interested in joining this group, contact the leader of the Hispanic Choir, Martin Camacho, at minimin81@hotmail.com.

- ◆ **Youth Choir:** The Youth Choir sings at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Historic Church. Voices are accepted from middle school through high school. Rehearsals are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Music Room from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (just before the Youth Group meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.) For more information, call Cheri Fyten: (818) 635-6858 or email: cherif@gmail.com.

Office Assistant Volunteers: These volunteers answer the phone and greet parishioners and visitors at the front desk of the Parish Office on Mondays through Fridays during office hours. They also help with office duties such as mailings, data entry, and other projects that add to the efficient daily running of St. Francis. Volunteers may sign up for a 4-hour morning or afternoon shift each week, or be on a list of substitutes to be called when needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Peg Moore at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, Ext. 104, or email: adminasst@stfrancisbend.org.

Parish Bulletin: This publication is distributed at all the weekend Masses. It provides an overview of the activities going on in the parish. It is also available on the Parish Website: stfrancisbend.org. Send announcements via email to: bulletin@stfrancisbend.org not later than 11 a.m. on the Monday prior to the weekend publication.

A Spanish version is also distributed at the Spanish Mass. Send announcements to: hispanicbulletin@gmail.com.

Parish Council: This is a volunteer advisory council to the Pastor, and meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The Council is the responsible body that represents the people, making their wishes known to the Pastor, and plans and executes every activity of the church. Members are elected for a two-year term with the possibility of being reelected for another term. Once two terms are completed, the members must wait for at least a year before being elected again. The Parish Council cares for the physical and spiritual needs of the church, plans for the future and takes care of the material property of the church. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER GROUPS: We have a number of prayer groups that meet weekly or monthly to pray for the needs of our parish and to read and discuss wonderful books on the Catholic faith. Prayer groups are the backbone of the Church. If specific details are not included with the ministry listing, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 for meeting days, times, and locations.

- ◆ **Direction for Our Times Prayer Group:** A group that prays on the approved mystic, Anne, and the messages given to her by Jesus. This group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, from September through May, at 1 p.m. For the location and/or more information, call Sandy McJunkin: (541) 389-3844 or email: rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com.
- ◆ **Hearts on Fire Prayer Group:** This is a community of Catholic believers who share a charismatic spirituality with a three-fold purpose: to offer a sacrifice of praise to the Lord both at regular prayer group meetings and in our daily lives, to engage in the New Evangelization by leading others to the Baptism of the Spirit—especially through Life in the Spirit Seminars, and to be active in our parishes—especially in works of charity and justice. Please call Deacon Stephen McGlone: (541) 382-3631, Ext. 106, or send an email to: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org for more information.
- ◆ **Marian Movement Prayer Group:** This group prays for all those committed to a life of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome!

For more information, call Lisa Burley: (541) 633-7142 or send an email to: lisaburley99@gmail.com.

- ◆ **Sword of the Spirit Prayer Group:** This group meets on the 2nd Thursdays at 7 p.m. in St. Clare’s Chapel for prayers for protection and intercession. Call the Parish Office or email Patricia Cappy at pmcappy@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group:** This group prays for bishops, priests, and religious. Meets on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, September through May, at 1 p.m. For more information, call Sandy McJunkin at (541) 389-3844 or email: rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com.
- ◆ **Twenty-Decade Rosary Group:** This rosary group provides a tremendous prayer cover for our parish, our priests and the Central Oregon region. We pray all 20-decades of the rosary every morning in front of Our Lord in the tabernacle. On Saturdays, we start the rosary at 6:30 a.m. at the Historic Church. On the other days of the week, the rosary is usually said in the St. Clare Chapel at the New Church. (The time varies.) For more information, contact: Judy Kennedy at: (541) 389-5964 or email: judyekennedy@icloud.com.

Prayer Chain: This is an email prayer chain ministry dedicated to praying for the requests of our parishioners without having to come together in a group. The “prayer warriors” receive a prayer request via email.

To be a “prayer warrior” on the list, please email Sherry Rice at: srice@bendbroadband.com. You will receive an email when a request for prayers is submitted. And if you should submit a request of your own, please send along an update whenever you know how the prayers are being answered. God always answers our prayers—sometimes as “yes,” sometimes “no,” and sometimes “not now.” We want to know, as these intentions are prayed for by many people.

Prayer Shawls: This group gathers together in prayer to knit shawls for those in need. These shawls provide comfort, healing, joy, hope, and a sense of belonging with love from St. Francis Parish. Everyone is welcome to receive a shawl and/or join our knitting endeavors. For more information, please call Elaine Pearson: (541) 388-2259 or send an email to: elainepearson5@gmail.com.

Queen of Angels Rosary Makers: This is part of a larger missionary group known as “Our Lady’s Rosary Makers” out of Louisville, KY. The Queen of Angels group makes rosaries for our parish and other missions that need them. By doing so, the group shares in our Lord’s mission to service and pray the Rosary. Call Sarah Broomhall: (281) 814-9640 or email: Slbroom@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Respect for Life Group: This pro-life group sensitizes our parishioners about the respect we must show toward life from conception until natural death. It has a four-part focus: prayer, education, pastoral care, and public policy to create awareness about the sacredness of life. If you would like to be more active in our parish to pray and act toward ending a culture of violence and death, contact Chris Simone at (541) 639-8235 or email simone.christine54@gmail.com.

SAC Committee (School Advisory Council): This committee advises the parish school principal and pastor about school needs, projects, and other activities that are ongoing. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the School Library. For more information, contact the St. Francis of Assisi School Principal at (541) 382-4702 or email: cmooney@saintfrancissschool.net.

Sacristans: Sacristans are persons who prepare the church for Mass. Included in their duties are: opening the church, setting the chalices and water on the credence table, and wine and bread on the offertory table at the entrance to the church; placing the cushions and the bells on the first step before the altar for the servers—and other important preparations. Sacristans are needed for Saturday evening Mass, Sunday Masses, and all weekday Masses. Training is provided, and sacristans may schedule based on their availability. Call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

Secular Franciscan Fraternity: This is an organization approved and recognized by Rome and the Roman Catholic Church, not bound by religious vows: married, single, young or old, laity or clergy, who want to follow Christ by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. This organization meets in fraternity to pray, study and support each other in its mission to “Live the Gospel and bring the Gospel to Life” by bringing peace, forgiveness, and love to others. For more information, please call Sandy Thornton at: (541) 388-3212 or send an email to: gsthornton23@gmail.com.

St. Francis Catholic School: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School offers Preschool through 8th Grade classes and is a fully accredited elementary and middle school through AdvancED NW.

For 80 years, St. Francis Catholic School has continued to foster a culture of excellence with high academic standards. The school differentiates curriculum, providing students with multiple options for acquiring information and making sense of ideas, while focusing on each child’s learning style. The primary way of achieving this is through the study of universal concepts.

The teachers at St. Francis Catholic School provide students with deep and complex learning experiences—challenging them at all levels—using a dynamic blend of whole-group, small-group and individual instruction.

Flexible grouping allows students to interact with others to develop new ideas. Students are encouraged to question the reasoning and assumptions behind ideas, and student-led inquiry is embraced. Differentiation recognizes student background knowledge, readiness and preferences in learning and interests.

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School standards are to meet or exceed State standards with respect to length of the school year, instructional time, student/teacher ratio and curriculum.

Our Catholic heritage is celebrated with the help of the Sisters of Mary of Kakamega, with weekly Masses and School-wide events. The students also perform service hours in the spirit of our patron saint and go on to be community and academic leaders.

For more information, call Cheryl Frost at the School Office: (541) 382-4702 or email: cfrost@saintfrancisschool.net.

St. Francis Connect Meals: This is a service offered to individuals or families who have been affected by accident, illness, or tragedy. A meal is provided by various parishioners who volunteer their services to prepare a home-cooked meal for a period of time.

For more information about this Ministry, call Jackie Brown at: (503) 805-8563 or email: jackie@losbrowns.net.

St. Francis Stewardship (SFS): God has asked His people to live their lives as good stewards of His gifts. The purpose of SFS is to explore ways to bring each parishioner to a better understanding of what stewardship means to us as individuals, while examining what stewardship means to our parish as a community.

The SFS builds on opportunities to thank and honor parish supporters who have shown commitment to living lives of good stewards and working with the Pastor and Parish Council to study other successful stewardship programs. Upon completion of the study, recommendations will be made to the Pastor and Parish Council for creating a sustaining stewardship program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information, call Deacon Stephen McGlone at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, Ext. 106, or email: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

- ◆ **The Stewardship Committee:** This committee promotes a lifestyle of stewardship within the parish and includes conducting annual stewardship campaigns for time, talent, and treasure.

St. Francis Parish Ministries and Organizations

Specific activities of the Stewardship Committee are the Annual Financial Stewardship Drive and the Annual Ministry Fair.

Call Deacon Steve McGlone at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, Ext: 106, or email: liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

Vacation Bible School: This is a week-long program in the summer for 1st through 5th graders. For more information, call the Youth Ministry Coordinator, Janet Schwarz, at (541) 382-3631, Ext. 115, or email to: hsfaith@stfrancisbend.org.

Website Upkeep: The function of this ministry is to update the Parish Website and Mobile App on a weekly basis to keep it current and of assistance to the parishioners. Anyone with time and knowledge is welcome. If you would like to help, call Peg Moore at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631 or email to: adminasst@stfrancisbend.org.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance, as paperwork, certificates, and other documents have to be collected in time. A priest and a wedding coordinator will assist couples with their planning. For more information, call the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631 or email to: weddings@stfrancisbend.org.

Young@Heart Seniors Group: This group nurtures and supports the spiritual, social and physical well-being of seniors. Activities focus on the great adventure of living—including fun, adventure, travel, mutual support, friendships and service to our parish and community. This group boasts of having many of the most active volunteers at our parish. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend any and all of our activities. The group meets from September through May. Check the Sunday Parish Bulletin for activity dates and locations. For more information, call Sue Rosa: (541) 598-6620 or email: happyrosas@msn.com.



Ministerio Hispano

El Ministerio Hispano existe para dar apoyo e información a aquellos católicos cuyo primer idioma es el español. Se extiende a las familias católicas en necesidad y a las familias que se encuentran en crisis o en situaciones difíciles. El Ministerio Hispano también ayuda a todos a una mejor comprensión de su fe católica a través de la catequesis.

El Ministerio Hispano provee materiales de adoración en español y ofrece sesiones de catequesis para adultos y familias durante todo el año. Es la tarea de este ministerio organizar recaudaciones de fondos durante todo el año que ayudarían a financiar presentaciones, retiros y materiales catequéticos.

El objetivo del Ministerio Hispano es ayudar a las familias de habla hispana a que se sientan bienvenidas a la Iglesia y a ayudar a construir una parroquia integrada.

Padre Victor Mena dirige este ministerio para la Iglesia asistido por Santiago Macías, Coordinador de los Hispanos. Pero no es un ministerio el que se puede por una sola persona. Necesita mucha ayuda. Llame a la oficinas de la Parroquia al (541) 382-3631 o envíe un correo electrónico al Padre Victor: parochialvicar@stfrancisbend.org.

La siguiente lista es la información más actualizada y disponible en el momento de la publicación.

—Padre Victor Mena Martínez

Acolitos: Cualquier adulto católico de buena reputación con la Iglesia puede ser un Acolito. Es una orden menor conferida por el Obispo. Todos los sacerdotes reciben esta orden durante los años de estudios teológicos. Su función propia es servir en el altar, ayudando al sacerdote en todas las funciones litúrgicas. Arreglar el altar para la liturgia de la Eucaristía, ayudan al sacerdote a repartir la comunión y comunión a los enfermos.

Los acólitos también pueden exponer al Santísimo Sacramento para la Adoración Eucarística y traer la comunión del tabernáculo y llevarla de vuelta. Para más información llama a la Oficina Parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico con Binicio Orea al: 541848-8375 o por correo electrónico al: winyorea@gmail.com .

Apostoles de la Palabra : Miembros de la iglesia que se dedican a aprender y crecer en su fe a fin de evangelizar y catequizar mejor a nuestra comunidad a través de palabras y hechos. Se reúnen todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p. m. en la oficina de la parroquia. Para más información contacte a Sandra Acuna al :541 410-0462.

Bautismos: Coordinadora: Virginia Hernandez. Clase pre-bautismal: Primer martes de cada mes. Favor de llamar para asistencia de la clase al:541 382-3631 ex. 111 El papeleo se tiene que recolectar antes de programar la fecha para el bautismo.

Bautismo en español cada 3er y 4to sábado del mes a las 10:00 a.m. en la Iglesia Histórica.

Bodas: Los planes y la programación de la Boda deben hacerse con 6 meses de anticipación. El papeleo, los documentos y certificados de Bautismo y Matrimonio se deben recolectar con tiempo. El sacerdote y un coordinador de bodas le ayudarán con su planificación. Llame por favor al : 541 382-3631 Ex. 109. Con el Padre Victor Mena.

Caballeros de Colon – Mesa Redonda: Un grupo de Caballeros Hispánicos que se reúnen para apoyar y discutir una variedad de temas, ideas y proyectos en su lengua materna con el fin de traer adecuadamente estas cosas a las reuniones mensuales de los Caballeros de Colon. Se reúnen de 15-20 minutos antes o después de cada reunión mensual de los Caballeros. Para más información contacte a Binicio Orea por teléfono al : 541 848-8375 o por correo electrónico a: winyorea@gmail.com .

Club Para Mamas: Ministerios para las mamás y sus niños. Rezamos el Santísimo Rosario cada miércoles durante el Catecismo por los Niños y Catequistas. Niños recién nacidos hasta pre- K conozcan a otras madres en la fe. Venga a formar amistades, aprender y a orar. Busque

el llamado de nuestro Dios. Comparta su fe Católica y sus dones. Sea una inspiración a través de Cristo para los demás. Recaudemos fondos para la Hipoteca de nuestra Parroquia. Se reúnen cada Miércoles durante el Catecismo de 4:00 p.m. -5:30p.m. en el salón #FD-2. Para más información póngase en contacto con: Margarita Garcia al: 541 633-9317 o por correo electrónico al: potrancanayarita@hotmail.com .

Coro Hispano: Este coro canta y provee la música para la Misa en Español a las 12:30 p.m. cada Domingo. Los ensayos son semanales, generalmente los martes a las 7:00p.m. y algunas clases vocales y de teoría se ofrecen gratis durante todo el año los sábados y jueves por la noche.

También se une a los otros coros para varias Liturgias Bilingües; como el Jueves Santo y la Vigilia Pascual. Si está interesado en ser parte del grupo por favor póngase en contacto con el líder del Coro Hispano: Martín Camacho por teléfono al: 541 3901679 o por correo electrónico: mini-min81@hotmail.com .

Encuentro Matrimonial: Días y horarios varían de reunión en Bend, Redmond o Madras . Por favor contacte a Manuel y Raquel Hernández al: 541 350-1026 para más información.

Grupo de Jóvenes: Un grupo de niños de la parroquia de 4to a 8vo grado se reúnen para actividades divertidas, evangelización y catequesis todos los viernes de 7 a 8:30 p.m. para más información por favor contacte a: Jorge García o Maricela Macías.

JPC (Jóvenes Adultos para Cristo): Están llamando a todas las personas a través de la proclamación de la Palabra de Dios. Logrado a [através](#) de un proceso de capacitación de un apostolado. Discipulado los lunes a las 7:00 p.m. Abierta a la Comunidad cada viernes a las 7:00 p.m. Para más información por favor póngase en contacto con: Miriam Arellano al correo electrónico: cjpbend2016@gmail.com .

Lectores: Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con : María Ramírez al 541 306-1394.

Legión de María (Adultos) : Una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica. Cuenta con más de 33 millones de miembros en el mundo. Comenzando en Dublín, Irlanda el 7 de septiembre de 1921. El Ministerio tiene como fin entablar contacto de verdadera amistad con todas las personas que tengan necesidades espirituales y

animarlos a acercarse a la Iglesia. Todo Catolico que practique fielmente su religion y quiere ser útil a la Iglesia y a la sociedad y que este dispuesto a cumplir las normas de la asociación puede integrarse al Ministerio. Los adultos se reúnen cada martes de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00p.m. en las oficinas de la Parroquia y los jóvenes cada viernes de 7:00p.m. a 9:00 p.m. Para mas información porfavor póngase en contacto con Binicio Orea al: 541 848-8375 .

Mesa Directiva: Consiste de todos los Coordinadores de los diferentes ministerios Hispanos. Normalmente tienen una junta al mes ; es el segundo martes del mes de 6:00 a 7:00p.m. se reúnen en las oficinas de la Parroquia. Para mas información porfavor póngase en contacto con: Julia Torres coordinador de los hispanos al numero de teléfono: 541 904-5517.

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión: Para mas información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con: Crecencia Vazquez al:541 610-7562

Quinceañeras: La programación de las quinceañeras se debe hacer con 6 meses minimo de anticipación. Para obtener mas información comuníquese con Alejandra Sanchez al :541 241-4636 o al correo electrónico: alewithedgar@yahoo.com .

Ujieres: Para mas información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Vicky Sanchez la coordinadora del ministerio al numero de teléfono: 541 280-0004

