

### August 27, 2023 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church aspires to be a vibrant and welcoming community of disciples committed to worship, grow, and serve. We invite all to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ to accompany them on their journey and send them forth to be His witnesses.

Sunday Masses\* (All Masses are at the 27th St. Church during the Historic Church Restoration)

05:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

07:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

04:30 p.m.

\*All Masses Are Livestreamed on the Parish Website

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### **Daily Masses:**

M-F: 7:00 a.m. (27th St. Church in the St. Clare Chapel) Adoration follows until noon.

M-F: 12:15 p.m. (27th St. Church in the St. Clare Chapel) Adoration follows until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (27th St. Church)

### Reconciliation † Confessions:

Saturday: 27th St. Church 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.<sup>†</sup> Tuesday: 27th St. Church 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Saturday: 27th St. Church 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. †Except on Holy Saturday—No Confessions

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s we approach the month of September, I am sure you are thinking of a school for your children or grandchildren. I hope you first think of giving your children a Catholic Education. Catholic schools serve the Church and the country. Our country would be very different were it not for Catholic schools. So would our Church. According to the latest report from the Center for the Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), 77% of all people in formation for priesthood or religious life today attended Catholic school at some point in their life. That's a very high percentage. And if you think about it, what's even more amazing is that there are about 6,000 fewer Catholic schools today than there were 59 years ago. So, 77% is especially high.

Another report released by CARA in 2016 is about Catholics and Mass attendance: in 1960, 75% (Catholic School), 65% (Public School); in 2013, 27% (Catholic School) 2% (Public School). One thing that I find very exciting and hopeful is that more and more people in the Church are on the Catholic school page. My goal is to move our Catholic school to the front of the minds of our parishioners so that you see it as important as pro-life and immigration. More and more Bishops are seeing the importance of Catholic schools. There are signs of hope everywhere. Most catholic schools remained open for in-person classes during the COVID pandemic.

The true cost of a Catholic education has remained elusive for most of the 200-year history of Catholic schools in the United States. The "strategic subsidy" provided by Religious—vowed women and men—meant that Catholic schools thrived for the better part of 150 years without charging tuition. In my own case, I went to a Catholic school from Grades 8 through 10. My parents never paid a penny for tuition. They paid only for books and uniforms. Unfortunately, today we do not have many Religious men and women who once taught for nothing. We are very fortunate here at St. Francis to have three Religious nuns who teach in our school.

The actual cost to educate a child at St. Francis is \$12,000, but our tuition for K–G-5 is only \$7,400, and Middle School is \$8,000 per child per year. Tuition covers only about 59% of the actual cost to educate a child. This is very close to the national average for catholic schools, which is 55%. Here is a comparative look at the average tuition cost for K–G-5 in a few private schools in Bend:

Cascade Academy	Seven Peaks	Waldorf	Trinity Lutheran	St. Francis	Morningstar
\$20,630+	\$16,850	\$ 13,650	\$9,100	\$7,400	\$6,150+

We have kept the fees at St. Francis as affordable as possible. There are 19 Private Schools/Pre-Schools/ High Schools in Bend. Out of the six Private Schools in Bend similar to ours, we are the fifth least when it comes to tuition cost, but we are at the top of the list when it comes to quality education. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School provides students a Christ-centered community, educating the whole child through academic excellence and instilling the virtues that will guide them to be service-minded leaders and lifelong learners.

I am aware that there are parish families who send their children to other Private Schools and spend way more on tuition. Every Catholic parent has a moral responsibility to give a Catholic Education to your children. It is possible with some sacrifice. We have financial aid available to assist those who cannot afford it on their own. No school is perfect, but I know from hundreds of years of history that a Catholic Education for sure is invaluable, and there is no substitute for it.

### MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, , August 26th Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mi	t 16:13-20	CHURCH [M]	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	FOR Ann Streichun (D)	REQUESTED BY James Strelchun
Sunday, August 27th	(Spanish Mass)	[M]	7:30 a.m.	Adelina Cisneros (D)	Fr. Jose Thomas
Is 22:19-23		[M]	10:00 a.m.	John Van Der Sluys (D)	George Campbell
Rom 11:33-36		[M]	12:30 p.m.	America Sanchez Arellano (L)	Miriam Sanchez
Mt 16:13-20		[M]	4:30 p.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Monday, August 28th	-22	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Leota Due (L)	Anne & Doug Thompson
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-		[M]	12:15 p.m.	Francis Strelchun (D)	James Streichun
<b>Tuesday, August 29th</b>		[M]	7:00 a.m.	Brian & Annaliese Cappy (L)	Patricia Cappy
1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29		[M]	12:15 p.m.	Thanksgiving	Bob & Margie Pollack
Wednesday, August 30th		[M]	7:00 a.m.	Olivia Zagone (L)	Lupita Wesseler
1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32		[M]	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Rene Labrador (L)	Bob & Margie Pollack
<b>Thursday, August 31st</b> 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51		[M] [M]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Richard Rubadue (D) Brian Mullen (D)	Terry Doi Margo Rupp
<b>Friday, September 1st</b> 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13		[M] [M]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	William Ford Sr. (D) Honey Canney (L)	Veronica Berreen Margo Rupp
<b>Saturday, September 2nd</b> 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30		[M]	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Elinor Ford (D)	Veronica Berreen

[M] = Main 27th Street Church ♦ [H] = Historic Church ♦ (D) = Deceased ♦ [L] = Living To schedule a Mass Intention, call the parish office at (541) 382-3631 by 1 p.m. on Wednesday—10 days before the next bulletin.

# **ひひひひひひひひひひひひひ Music Ministry Fall Kick-Off!**

The Music Ministry is an integral part of the liturgy of the Church. The choirs and cantors lead music that glorifies God and uplifts the congregation. All voices and experience levels are welcome in any of the choirs . . .

## Adult Choir

New members are welcome! Adult Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., and sings most Sunday 10 a.m. Masses.

# Hispanic Choir

Sings for the Sunday 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Hispanic Choir Director Martin Camacho at: guapitocrazy@gmail.com

# Children's Choir (Joyous Voices)

Open to all children in Grades 2 to 6 from the Parish and School. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 3 to 4 p.m. in the Music Room. Begins Wednesday, September 13th. Middle- and High-School Choir cantors will serve as leaders when the Children's Choir sings at Mass.

Contact Music Director Stephanie Mowery at: music@stfrancisbend.org for registration information.

### **College Game Nights**

**Sundays, from 5:45 to 7 p.m.,** gather in Room FD4, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass for food and games. Game Night is open to all young adults (about age 18 to 24).

### St. Athanasius Group



All men are invited to attend a weekly men's group on Tuesday evenings. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 29th, at 6:30 p.m. The focus is to be the men we are called to be by deep-

ening our spiritual lives and by having a brotherhood to support us. For location or more information, send an email to **Benjamin** at <a href="mailto:bcowan@stfrancisbend.org">bcowan@stfrancisbend.org</a>.

### **Family Holy Hour**

All families are invited to join us for Adoration in St. Clare's Chapel on **September 1st, the 1st Friday of the month, from 6 to 7 p.m.** For more information, please contact **Natasha** at (541) 213-8399.

### **Alpha Registration Underway**

Alpha starts Thursday, September 7th, and ends on Thursday, November 16th. Each session begins at 6 p.m. and includes a meal, watching a video, and a small group discussion. Contact Deacon Steve at: alpha@stfrancisbend.org to get your questions answered. Register at: stfrancisbend.org/alpha.

### **Faith Formation**

Faith Formation online registration is open. Use the Parish Faith Formation registration:

- ➤ For children not attending St. Francis School, there are classes every Wednesday at 4 p.m. for Grades K-5 and at 6:30 for Grades 6-12.
- For children who attend St. Francis School and are preparing to receive a sacrament this year.
- For any child in grades k-12 who is preparing to receive a sacrament.
- ➤ For any youth in Grades 7–12 who is already Confirmed and wants to join our Middle School Youth Ministry or High School Youth Ministry.

### **Miscarriage Ministry**

The St. Francis Miscarriage Ministry helps to support parents who have (or are currently) experiencing a miscarriage. You can reach out to one of our two Miscarriage Ministers, **Megan Medley** at (818) 461-2591 or **Natasha Rider** at (541) 213-8399.

### Pre-Cana Workshop

Friday, September 29th, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 30th, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gather ♦ Meals ♦ Talks ♦ Prayer
Discussion ♦ Prepare

The Pre-Cana workshop is for couples who are preparing to enter the Sacrament of Marriage for the first time, and for couples married civilly and who would like to have their marriages validated in the Catholic Church. Registration is on the Holy Matrimony page of the Parish Website.

### Marriage Preparation Help Needed

Contact **Janet** at the parish office if you are interested in learning more. We are looking for a new Pre-Cana Coordinator who will: 1) work with engaged couples to set them up for their FOCCUS interviews and follow up dialogue; 2) oversee our FOCCUS mentors, and 3) organize two Pre-Cana Workshops each year.

We are also looking for two new FOCCUS mentor couples. A mentor couple will be trained to meet with engaged couples one-on-one and guide them through a dialogue.

### **RCIA**

- Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?
- Or do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?
- Or do you know anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith?



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If so, visit our Adult RCIA page on the Parish Website for more information and/or to find the Inquiry form at: <a href="https://www.stfrancisbend.org/rcia.html">https://www.stfrancisbend.org/rcia.html</a>.

### Children's Sunday Liturgy



Each week at the 10 a.m. Mass, we lead the little ones who join us to engage with the Gospel on their own level and in fellowship with other children. At this time, we are seeking three more volunteers to help lead the Children's Liturgy. The commitment is no more than one Sunday per month.

All volunteers must complete the Diocese Safe Environment training.

Please contact **Lauren Roach** for more information at: <a href="mailto:lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com">lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com</a>.

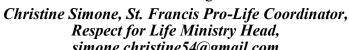


### "Pro-Life Corner"

National Day of Remembrance Event

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host **Bishop Cary** at the 2023 "National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children," which will be held on Saturday, September 9th, with a Rosary at 10 a.m., followed by the Remembrance Mass at 10:30 a.m. at the 27th Street Church.

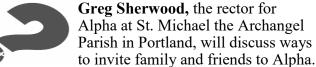
Please join **Bishop Cary** in offering prayers for the souls that have been lost to abortion, and those that are still being lost to abortion.







### "Alpha—Reaching Out to Others"



The talk will be held on Thursday, August 31st, at 6 p.m. in the Faith Development Center, room #2. His energetic and enthusiastic presentation is open to the entire parish.

### **Vigil of Reparation**

- ➤ 1st Friday, September 1st: Adoration 7 to 8 p.m. (6 to 7 p.m. for families). At 8 p.m., a Rosary, Adoration, and Scriptural Meditations through the night.
- ➤ 1st Saturday, September 2nd: 20-decade Rosary at 6:20 a.m., Liturgy of the Hours at 7:30 a.m., Benediction at 7:50 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m., and Confessions at 8:30 a.m.

### **Pro-Life Rosary**

The next Pro-life Rosary is Sunday, September 3rd, at 9:30 a.m., in the St. Clare Chapel. Join us in prayer for our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb.

—Patti Marx

### The Parish Office Is Closed . . .

on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no Adoration on that day.

### **Pray for Vocations**

Come for the 1st Tuesday of the month holy hour, September 5th, after the 12:15 p.m. Mass, in the St. Clare Chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life.

### St. Clare's Helpers

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 12th, at 2 p.m. in the RCIA room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.



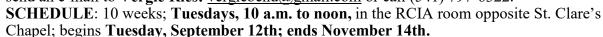




### **New Bible Study—Register NOW!** Starts on Tuesday, September 12th!

Eucharist—Discovering the Mass in the Bible, is by **Dr. Brant Pitre**, Professor of Sacred Scripture, at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.





**FORMAT**: In class, Video through FORMED, Q&A, Discussion. At home: Weekly (5 days), read and record your thoughts. This personal exercise will "help you explore main topics and more firmly commit to following Christ in your daily life."







St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is excited to launch . . .

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Now's your chance to show off your school spirit both in school and outside in the community.

A percentage of each Spirit Store purchase will help raise needed funds so that our parents of the St. Francis Board (PSF) can continue to bring our school community together through family-friendly events!

All School Uniform sweatshirts can now be purchased online.



### **School Spirit Store**

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—Best regards, Danielle Abedrabbo



### **Events**

The School Office is open.

Teacher "in-service week" is **August 28th to September 1st.**Meet your teachers on **August 31st, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.**Ice-Cream Social and Middle School Pizza Party.

### **School Job Openings**

Thank you for your prayers. We have hired a pre-K teacher!

"Knights Corner"

This year, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is kicking off its school year by bringing back its
Annual Golf Tournament at the Lost Tracks Golf Club. The Tournament, which is organized by the
St. Francis Office of Development, is the first fundraising and community event of the year. It will help raise
money for school and academic upgrades, including—but not limited to—technology improvements, classroom
upgrades, and enrichment programs.

The St. Francis of Assisi School's Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser provides an opportunity to promote your company and to support the teachers and students of the school. Please consider sponsoring this event at one of these levels:

- Event Sponsor—\$3,500 (3): Business name and logo on all direct-marketing material for the entire event, logo on welcome kits, complimentary foursome and raffle ticket per player
- Corporate Sponsor—\$1,500 (4): Business name and logo featured on signage at hole, opportunity for company representative to interact with golfer, handouts at one hole. Complimentary foursome.
- Foursome—\$1,000 (23 teams): Complete tournament privileges for four golfers.
- **Ball Sponsorship—\$1,000 (1):** Company logo on over 300 event golf balls.
- Hole Sponsor—\$500 (14): Business name displayed on signage at hole.
- Raffle Sponsor: Donate an item to be raffled off at our event.

Interested in contributing to our event? Please visit our website at <a href="www.saintfrancisschool.net">www.saintfrancisschool.net</a> or send a check made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, ATTN: Development. Checks can be mailed to St. Francis of Assisi School: 2450 NE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97703. All contributions are tax deductible. A receipt with Tax ID can be provided upon request. If you would like additional information regarding this event, please email <a href="mailto:Danielle Abedrabbo">Danielle Abedrabbo</a> at: <a href="mailto:development@saintfrancisschool.net">development@saintfrancisschool.net</a>. The deadline to sponsor this year's event is <a href="mailto:September 1st">September 1st</a>. (Ticket sales will continue through September 20th.)

—Pat Burrus, Grand Knight

### Enjoy Mexican Food and Treats in Support of the Historic Church Restoration

Please join us on **Saturday, September 16th, from 3 to 8 p.m.,** in the Community Center. Enjoy Tacos, Enchiladas, Tamales, Pozole, and so much more! (See the insert in this bulletin.) All proceeds go to the Historic Church Restoration Fund.

—Hispanic Ministry

# Want to Help the Fire Victims in Maui?

St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Maui is collecting funds to provide relief to the victims of the recent devastating fire. If you would like to support this effort, please go to <u>saint-theresa.com</u>, and click on the button on the top right corner of the home page which says "Fire Relief Fund." God bless your sacrifices.

—Fr. Jose Thomas

### **Come! Celebrate! Connect!**

Thank you to the many parishioners who attended our *Come! Celebrate! Connect!* event. It was great to see our community come together to renew friendships, build new ones, and express interest in serving the parish.

Thanks also to all of our awesome volunteers and our amazing office staff who helped make this event possible. We could not have done it without your endless support and energy. We are grateful for everyone's commitment and fellowship, you made it the BEST ever!

# Back by popular demand! We will be putting together a Parish Pictorial Directory in the next couple of months—as it is well overdue. More details coming soon!



Fr. Jose looks on as Lisa Rigali mixes a color sample for the sanctuary restoration.

2023 Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
August 19-20 2023	\$16,022	\$22,756	(\$6,734)	\$759,689
August 12-13 2023	\$19,920	\$22,756	(\$2,836)	\$743,667
August 5-6 2023	\$25,263	\$22,756	\$2,507	\$723,747
July 29-30, 2023	\$18,401	\$22,756	(\$9,478)	\$698,484

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