



December 10, 2023

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

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.⁺

 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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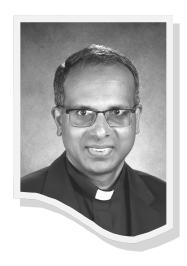
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Historic Church 450 Lava Road, Bend, OR 97701 (Corner of Franklin & Lava in Downtown Bend)



Religious Retirement



ope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel."

As this is the Annual Religious Retirement Collection weekend, we are all reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows. Instead, the prayer and ministry of older priests and religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel.

Our Diocesan priests have served the Church, and they have done so for relatively little material reward. These dedicated priests deserve a just retirement for their committed years of service to the diocese. While we understand the importance of supporting the national collection, we too must take care of our own priests who have served so faithfully in the Diocese of Baker. Over the past 35 years, the Diocese of Baker has sent \$1,549,926 to the national office for this collection. In 2022, we received \$108,686 for the Religious Retirement Collection and 10 percent of the net collection was sent to the national office. The remainder stayed in our diocese.

The priests of the Diocese of Baker have their own Health and Retirement Association. When a priest from this diocese retires, he receives payments of \$1,800 per month from the Association. Our priests also receive Medicare Supplement Insurance.

Additionally, the Health and Retirement Association makes payments to the Dioceses of our foreign-born priests based on a "years-of-service schedule" after they have served in our Diocese.

The Health and Retirement Association currently has about \$2,025,000 in assets, most of which is invested in the Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation of Oregon for the priests of the Diocese of Baker. As most of you already know, the Diocesan pension plan is significantly underfunded.

Because of our large, unfunded pension liability, the Diocese of Baker will again allocate the majority of this collection to the Priest's Retirement Program. We will continue to support the religious sisters and brothers who have served in our Diocese by remitting a portion of this collection to the national office. This collection and our own Bishop's Annual Appeal are two of the major funding sources.

The Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund is conducted in our diocese this weekend, **December 9th and 10th**, to correspond with all the other dioceses across the nation as we have typically done in years past. Let us continue to support this important and necessary collection. The envelopes are in the narthex and in the pews.

Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>DATE</u> Saturday, December 9th Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8		<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	FOR Janet Luiz (D)	REQUESTED BY Stanley Luiz
Sunday, December 10th Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8	(Spanish Mass)	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Diana Mary Hupp (D) Niobe Luis (D) Jose Luis Sanchez Alvarado (L) St. Francis Parish (L)	Cheryl Loomis Margaret Pollack Miriam Sanchez Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Monday, December 11th Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Cassandra Grauer (D) Ella Burgess (D)	Jan Michelsen Nancy Edlefsen
Tuesday, December 12th Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:39-47	(Spanish Mass)	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Thomas Norris (D) Olivia Zagone (D) Maximo Arellano (D)	St. Francis Parish Sue Williams Miriam Sanchez
Wednesday, December 13th Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	(School Mass)	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Mary Rubadue (D) Lisa Burley (D) John Shelton (D)	Terry Doi Margaret Myers Cynthia Kirwan
Thursday, December 14th Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Deceased Members of St. Francis (D) All St. Francis Parishioners (L)	Srs. of Mary of Kakamega Srs. of Mary of Kakamega
Friday, December 15th Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19		7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Lawrence Kowalczyk (D) Ken Taniguchi (D)	Pam & Ed Cheeney Bill Heber
Saturday, December 16th Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13		8:00 a.m.	Cardinal Otunga House Srs. of Mary of Kakamega (L)	Pam & Ed Cheeney

(D) = Deceased ♦ (L) = Living

To schedule a Mass Intention, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 by 5 p.m. on Friday—8 days prior to the next bulletin.

"Knights Corner"

he Knights will have their next Blood Drive at the end of this month on Friday, December 29th, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Community Center. Give Something That Means Something! There is no substitution for donated blood. Blood Donation is all about having the blood on the shelf today when it is needed to be there for accidents tomorrow. What better way to give something of yourself to someone who really needs it? Blood is needed all the time—especially now—and this is a great opportunity.

To schedule an appointment, contact **Frank Krupicka** at (541) 480-7365, call (800) RedCross, or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: StFrancisBend. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedcrossBlood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Here are the November monthly winners: the "Knight of the Month" went to **Mike Rowe**, the "Family of the Month" went to **The Tom Andrade family**, and the "Lady of the Month" went to **Ashley Gage.** Congratulations to all!

Keep those Oregon redeemable bottles and cans coming. This is our #1 fundraiser, and it does not cost you anything (you made that donation when you purchased the beverage!)



Men, if you have an interest in becoming a Knight, contact **Pat Burrus** at (435) 659-4623 or **Matt Deppmeier** at (541) 904-5548 for more information.

Be Bold! Be Catholic! Be a Knight!

—Pat Burrus, Grand Knight



Newman Club ➤ Young Adult BUNCO Night! ✓

Ages 18–24 are invited to Christmas Bunco, with refreshments, prizes, faith, and fellowship **on Sunday, December 17th, from 6 to 8 p.m.,** at the St. Francis 27th St. Church, in Room FD4.

<u>**RSVP preferred:**</u> Send an email to **Benjamin** at bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

St. Athanasius Group

All men are invited to attend a weekly men's group that **meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** The focus is to be the men we are called to be by deepening our spiritual lives and by having a brotherhood to support us.

For more information, please contact **Benjamin** at: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

Family Holy Hour

All families are invited to join us for Adoration in the St. Clare Chapel on the 1st Friday of every month, from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, please call **Natasha** at (541) 213-8399.

Pro-Life Rosary

The Respect for Life Ministry invites you to pray the Rosary on the 1st Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m., in the St. Clare Chapel. Please join us in prayer for our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb.

Hearts on Fire Prayer Group

This charismatic prayer group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the RCIA Room. Join us for praise, worship, and listening to the Lord

For more information, contact **Deacon Steve** at (253) 222-0582.

Pray for Vocations

Join us for the Holy Hour on the 1st Tuesday of the month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass in the St. Clare Chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

St. Clare's Helpers



Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 2 p.m. in the RICA Room. All women of the Parish are invited. Join us!

For more information, please contact **Sherry Rice** at: srice@bendbroadband.com.

Come and See . . .

Would you like to live the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi? Then, visit our parish Secular Franciscans. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Office. For more information, contact Mary McGlone at: (253) 232-6789 or send an email to: mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

Faith Formation

- ➤ Middle School / High School Youth Ministries meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Register online using the Faith Formation Registration.
- ➤ Sacramental Preparation for 1st Communion and Confirmation: Children as young as 2nd Grade may receive 1st Communion. Youth as young as 6th Grade may be Confirmed.

Parent-Child Sacrament Workshops

- Sunday, January 21st, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., or Monday, January 22nd, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, February 4th, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., or Monday, February 5th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Two catechists are needed: one for the Wednesday afternoon Faith Formation class and one for the Wednesday evening session. Please contact **Janet** for more details.

High School Youth Ministry

Idaho Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) is from Friday to Sunday, March 8–10, 2024. The cost is \$240 per youth. Visit the Youth Ministry page of the Parish Website to register online or for more information.

RCIA

RCIA is for all who are unbaptized or baptized non-Catholic Christians and seeking to enter the Catholic Church. If you have not registered for RCIA, contact **Carl** at: rcia@stfrancisbend.org.

Marriage Preparation

If you are engaged or looking to have your marriage validated, please do not schedule anything for your wedding until you have spoken to one of the parish wedding coordinators and met with a priest. Contact weddings@stfrancisbend.org.

Miscarriage Ministry

This ministry helps support parents who have experienced (or are currently experiencing) a miscarriage. You can reach out to either **Megan Medley** at (818) 461-2591 or **Natasha Rider** at (541) 213-8399.

Christmas Choral Concert



The St. Francis <u>Parish Choirs</u> present a festive Christmas Concert THIS SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 10TH, AT 2:30 p.m.**, in the 27th St. Church, featuring:

- The Adult Choir
- > The Children's Choir
- > Organist, Mark Oglesby, and
- Soprano Soloist, Rebecca McCauley

The Choirs will offer settings of traditional Advent and Christmas Carols, including two songs by **Fr. Ricky Manalo.**

Mark Oglesby will perform several Christmas organ works and Rebecca McCauley will sing the beloved carol "O Holy Night." The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Music Director, **Stephanie Mowery**, at music@stfrancisbend.org.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Hispanic Ministry is taking donations for the Celebration of "Our Lady of Guadalupe," which is on **Tuesday, December 12th.** Needed items are: disposable plates, cups, forks, water, and soft drinks. Please bring any of these items to the Parish Office during regular business hours.

—Thank you! Jose Luis, Hispanic Ministry

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadulupe on Tuesday, December 12th

5:00 a.m.-5:45 a.m.: Mañanitas (singing songs of praise)

5:45 a.m.-6:00 a.m.: Rosary

3:00 p.m.: Procession from Pilot Butte to

27th St. Church

5:00 p.m.: Spanish Mass

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.: Reception in the Community Center in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mañanitas, Rosary, and Mass will be at the 27th Street Church.

Everyone is welcome!

Adoration Needs

If you can commit to one of the hours below, please email **Judy Kennedy** at: judyekennedy@icloud.com:

- ► Mondays: 9–10 a.m., 1–2 p.m., and 3–4 p.m.
- ► Tuesdays: 9–10 a.m.
- ► Wednesdays: 9–10 a.m., 1–2 p.m., and 5–6 p.m.
- ► Thursdays: 10–11 a.m., 3–4 p.m., and 5–6 p.m.
- ► Fridays: 4–5 p.m.



Advent Reconciliation with Visiting Priests

Tuesday, December 19th, 27th St. Church:

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd:

5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday, December 24th 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th:

3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th:

10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)



► Parish Offices Closed ◀

From Monday, December 25th, through Monday, January 1st, the Parish Offices will be closed for Christmas. The Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Thinking About Separation or Divorce?

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in supporting hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced and want to rediscover their marriage.

Visit www.helpourmarriage.org for emotional testimonials and program information. For confidential information or to register for the **January 26-28, 2024** Oregon weekend at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton, Oregon, call (503) 225-9191.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL



The mission of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is to educate the whole child in a Christ-centered community that values service, leadership, and academic excellence.

Our vision is to inspire academic scholars, motivated to serve with faith and moral character.



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Saint Francis School has space in most of our classrooms. We have expanded our staffing in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Middle School so we have more room for motivated scholars.

Our STREAM curriculum encourages integration of the Arts into the technical studies of STEM. This allows us to offer an emotionally healthy, well-rounded academic experience.

Pre-K meet in the library and with the PE specialist each week. Our Kindergarten though 5th Graders have 15 classes with 6 specialists. Middle Schoolers have a daily elective period plus Religion and Spanish.

The Sisters, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, provide Religion classes three days a week that are considered academic core classes, and we attend Mass as a school community every Wednesday.

Cognia is our accreditation partner. Accreditation helps us focus on continuous improvement. In this cycle we are focusing on career and technical courses.

We are looking at some new financial aid sources to partner with out existing scholarship fund to make a Catholic education more accessible.

Do you have a scholar who would thrive with us?

School Holiday Events

Last week, the Student Council led a collection for the Giving Plate's "Jingle Store." They did some shopping and made donations to brighten other children's holidays.

We participated in the **Bend Christmas Parade** with the float themed "All Tangled Up in Lights."

Parents enjoyed a "Night Out" while the children had a Gingerbread House Decorating Party.

This week, we showcase our musical and performing arts skills with two events:

- THE CHORAL BAND RECITAL AND Performing Arts Presentations. Doors open at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th.
- A CHRISTMAS GIFT—A MUSICAL A Kindergarten through 5th Grade musical program on Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Sunriver Gingerbread Junction

Middle School students worked together to create a submission to the 28th annual competition. Displays can be viewed at the Sunriver Resort.

Parish Christmas Baskets

Students will help the team organize and pack food boxes for those in need.

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Christmas Faire 2023 was a huge success thanks to the Adult and Children's Choirs, the many vendors, the Christmas Faire team who worked untold hours, and the St. Francis community who supported the fundraiser!



Inviting All Young Adults:

Diocesan Lenten Retreat on Saturday/Sunday—February 17th/18th, 2024

"Sacrificial Love: The Redemption of Suffering" Featuring Bishop Liam Cary

Registration Fees: \$85/Single Person – \$125/Married Couple / Registration Deadline: February 11, 2024

Cascade View Retreat Center, Powell Butte, OR.

For more information and to register: DioceseofBaker.org (Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

2023 Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
December 2-3, 2023	\$32,566	\$22,756	\$9,810	\$1,138,694
November 25–26, 2023	\$31,055	\$22,756	\$8,299	\$1,106,128
November 18–19, 2023	\$23,766	\$22,756	\$1,010	\$1,075,073
November 11–12, 2023	\$29,326	\$22,756	\$6,570	\$1,051,307

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$322,051

Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$1,928,563 ◆ Funds Spent: \$1,290,254 2023 YTD Budget: \$1,120,722 ◆ YTD Actual: \$1,138,694 ◆ Variance: \$17,972

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