

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



December 31, 2023 The Feast of the Holy Family— Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Senior Leadership Team

Pastor:

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)

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

M-F: 12:15 p.m. (27th St. Church in the St. Clare Chapel)

Reconciliation **†** Confessions:

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.+

7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

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:

Saturday:

Tuesday:

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Adoration follows until noon.

Serving Our Parish:

Salesian Sisters of John Bosco

Sisters of Mary of Kakamega

Adoration follows until 6:00 p.m.

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

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*Except on Holy Saturday—No Confessions

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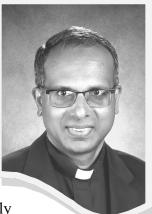
Can be used to update existing registration. We are glad you're here!



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Historic Church Renovation—Part I

would like to give you an update on the progress of the renovation of the Historic Church. The renovation has made significant progress. The outside work on the church building is mostly complete. The roof above the front door still needs to be worked on, and the main roof needs replacement of some screws that are missing, and tightening of the rest of the screws.

SunWest Builders, the general contractor for all the exterior work, has replaced more than 150 bricks, sealed them, and then cleaned, repaired, and painted all the exterior cement work. Alao, all the cracked window sidings have been repaired or replaced.

In the process of the exterior work, we noticed that the roof over the bell towers needed major repairs—which have been completed for an additional cost. We also had to get the help of a hazardous material removal team to clear all the bird droppings (more than a foot thick) from the bell towers. We still need to find an electric mechanism to ring the bell because pulling on the rope is not safe anymore. But the old ladder going up to the bell tower has been replaced, and the walkway in the church attic has been repaired and a railing added to prevent accidents.

The Plexiglass protecting the stained-glass windows has been replaced with real glass. That has an amazing impact on the interior stained-glass windows and has transformed the appearance of the windows from the outside. The stained glass windows have become so visible from the outside that it draws you in to see what they look like from the inside.

Also, the Plexiglass that covered the "rose window" above the main door has been removed and replaced with real glass built into each section, revealing its stunning beauty. And now after the exterior structure of that window was exposed, it required painting. Looking at it from the outside, this window has been transformed like "night and day."

All of the stained-glass windows except the rose window have been removed, shipped to Daprato Rigali Studios in Chicago, where they separated every piece of stained glass, and re-leaded the windows to stand for another 100 years. It was a very tedious and painstaking process. Five windows so far have been reinstalled. The sanctuary has been truly transformed, restoring it to some of its

original design—and enhancing its overall beauty to a level you've not seen before! The back wall of the sanctuary has been repaired and clearly divided into three sections, giving depth and beauty—filling them with stencils closely associated with St. Francis.

The reredos structures have been cleaned and gold-leaf painted, and the plywood wall on both sides of the reredos has been replaced with real wood that has a marble look and design that matches the rest of the sanctuary.

Columns have also been installed in the sanctuary to give it a stunning look, with shrines above the side altars for Mary and Joseph that match the columns. And the ugly green carpet in the sanctuary is no more!!! It has been replaced with magnificent floor tiles that look like marble, and they match with everything else in the sanctuary.

The old front altar that weighed more than 2,600 pounds has been converted into two credence tables to go along the back wall of the sanctuary which will be used to set up for Mass. And the new altar is truly a beauty to behold! It matches so well with the other three altars.

The new ambo is also in place which matches the new altar, and the lectors and priests will not have to climb up steps to proclaim the word of God.

Every panel of the old ambo has been used to build the new baptismal font. The new altar, ambo, and baptismal font have all been topped with exquisite marble! *(to be continued)*

I will be leaving this week to take a group of parishioners on a tour of India. We will be visiting several places in New Delhi, the Taj Mahal in Agra, the tomb of St. Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and several places in my hometown. The tour lasts about two weeks, and I will remain in India for another week to visit with family and friends.

Please keep all of us in your prayers!

-Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, December 30th Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	<u>FOR</u> Helen Pollack (D)	REQUESTED BY Margaret Pollack
Sunday, December 31st: The Holy Family	7:30 a.m.	Megan Lai (L)	Ann McCance
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	10:00 a.m.	Everett Mowery (D)	St. Francis Adult Choir
Col 3:12-21 (Spanish Mass) 12:30 p.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Lk 2:22-40	4:30 p.m.	Gary Altena (D)	Paula Tierney
Monday, January 1st: The Solemnity of Mary	7:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Patty Marx
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	12:15 p.m.	Ronald Miller (D)	Mike & Susan Foster
Tuesday, January 2nd	7:00 a.m.	Mary Ralls (D)	Doug & Anne Thompson
1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn1:19-28	12:15 p.m.	Gina Nolan (D)	Marianne Kramer
Wednesday, January 3rd 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34 (School Mass	7:00 a.m.) 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Leota Due (D) Mary Cremins (D) Larry Johnston (L)	Doug & Anne Thompson Fr. Jose Thomas Maria Hoffman
Thursday, January 4th	7:00 a.m.	Mary Cremins (D)	Rea Jackman
1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1: 35-42	12:15 p.m.	Jeffery R. Rood (D)	Jeff & Barbara Rood
Friday, January 5th	7:00 a.m.	Shirliane Sheridian (D)	Sam Zullo
1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51	12:15 p.m.	Lorriane Zullo (L)	Sam Zullo
Saturday, January 6th 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11	8:00 a.m.	Charlene Hallam (D)	Sandi Livingston

(D) = Deceased ♦ (L) = Living

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



Please 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

We meet every Sunday. We have events focused on Fun, Faith, and Service! Each time we meet is unique, so email us or check out the website for an updated schedule. This is open to all young adults (18–24).

For more information, contact **Benjamin** at: <u>bcowan@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

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: <u>bcowan@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

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: <u>srice@bendbroadband.com</u>.

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 <u>mlhmcglone@gmail.com</u>.

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** at: <u>faithformation@stfrancisbend.org</u> 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: <u>rcia@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

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.

Adoration Needs



"... A priest was saying Mass in a church of the town of Bolsena and, after pronouncing the words of consecration, he doubted the reality of the Body of Jesus Christ in the Sacred Host. At that same instant, the Sacred Host was all covered with blood. It seemed as though Jesus Christ would reproach His minister for his

infidelity, and make him sorry for it and—at the same time—show us by this great miracle how firmly convinced we ought to be of His Holy Presence in the Eucharist. The Sacred Host shed blood with such abundance that the corporal, the cloth, and the altar, itself, were covered with it."

-St. John Vianney

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

- ► Mondays:
- 9-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m., and 3-4 p.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: 9-10 a.m. and 11-12 a.m.

Prayer Requests for Vocations

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You can do that in a very special way by being willing to host the Pilgrim Vocation Cross in your home for one week only.



You've probably noticed people picking up the Cross during Mass, but now it can be picked up after Mass or at the Parish Office instead.

Sandy McJunkin has undertaken this important task of scheduling individuals and families for these weeks. To schedule a week of your choosing, please call Sandy at (541) 389-3844, or send her an email at: rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com. You can also call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, which will then contact **Sandy** for you.

Taize

The Taize Choir of Central Oregon invites you to participate in an hour of meditative, non-denominational Taize music, prayer, and silence at our monthly ecumenical service, at 7 p.m., Thursday, January 4th, at Trinity Episcopal Church (St. Helens Hall), 231 NW Idaho, Bend. The theme for this service is "Gratitude." You are welcome to participate in or listen to our rehearsal starting at 6:15 p.m.

For more information please contact Taize at (541) 815-5574, or email taizebend@gmail.com.

Sunday Breakfast

The 1st Sunday Pancake Breakfast of 2024 by those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs will be on January 7th after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses. The suggested donation is \$10 per person.

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of the Martin Luther King Federal Holiday. There will be **no** Adoration on that day.

Important Message from SVdP

"We end this year with hearts full of gratitude and appreciation. We are only able to provide the help we do because this community has been here to offer its strength and support. However, with the large increases in the price of fuel, housing, and groceries we have watched the need for our services grow at an alarming rate.



"We also celebrate the first year of operation for St. Vincent's Place that opened on November 1, 2022. Overall, we saw success and accomplishments. The way we help is by 'graduating' villagers into our other housing. SVdP owns and rents 13 other units ranging from studios to one- and two-bedroom units.

"The highest monthly totals seen by this organization was last month. Prior to that, it was the month before, and the month before that. We cannot sustain the increase in need that we are seeing month after month without help. We need to continue to support the village, . . . and purchase food for the pantry. The increase of food costs alone requires an infusion of tens of thousands of dollars....

"We need help! We need monetary donations to help offset the ever-increasing costs of stocking our shelves, to continue to offer social services, and for the costs associated with operating the Village. And we need more volunteers—the people who have been giving their time are stretched thin. Please support your community through SVdP!"

> -Gary Hewitt. Executive Director, SVdP 950 SE 3rd St. Bend, OR 97702 stvincentdepaulbend.org

Sisters Against Human Trafficking



How much do you know about human trafficking in your state? This crime operates in every state and could show up in your local community. Education is a key factor in reducing public ignorance.

The Alliance to End Human Trafficking was founded and supported by the Sisters Against Human Trafficking. For more information, please contact:

U.S. Catholic Sisters 7575 Grand River Avenue 1-1009 Brighton, MI 48114



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.





St. Francis Middle School students and parents will be serving the New Year's meal at the Family Kitchen this Sunday, December 31st.

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The Middle School "Lego Robotics" Team will be attending the State Championships at Liberty High School in Hillsboro on January 13th. — Good Luck, Saints! —

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National Catholic Schools Week will be from January 28th through February 2nd. We look forward to celebrating our parish, vocations, the nation, our volunteers, and our students.

Everyone will be invited to a "Family Fun Night" at the end of Catholic Schools Week. Volunteer opportunities are available.

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St. Francis School is pleased to announce that New Family Enrollment will be open on February 14th.

Family tours are available during the school day by appointment. Call (541) 382-4701

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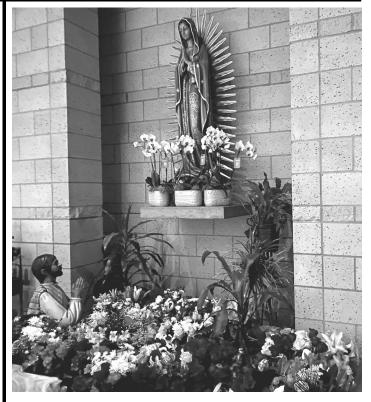
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May Mary, Queen of Heaven, Mother of God, protect and guide you on vour journey to holiness in Christ, her son. Amen.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH





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The Baptismal Font and Communion Railing

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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: <u>DioceseofBaker.org</u> (Supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering		
December 24–25, 2023	\$30,333	—	—	\$1,260,810		
December 23–24, 2023	\$28,624	\$22,756	\$ 5,868	\$1,230,477		
December 16–17, 2023	\$27,808	\$22,756	\$ 5,052	\$1,201,853		
December 9–10, 2023	\$35,351	\$22,756	\$12,595	\$1,174,045		
December 2–3, 2023	\$32,566	\$22,756	\$9,810	\$1,138,694		

2023 Stewardship of Giving

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$326,838 Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$2,002,959 ♦ Funds Spent: \$1,219,358 2023 YTD Budget: \$1,188,990 ♦ YTD Actual: \$1,230,477 ♦ Variance: \$41,487

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