

ST. FRATICIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 3, 2023

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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with online giving.

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Quick and easy registration form.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS! (GY)

Catholic School 2450 NE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97701 (541) 382-4701 saintfrancisschool.net 27th St. Church 🕆 St. Clare Chapel 2450 NE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97701 (541) 382-3631 stfrancisbend.org

Can be used to update existing registration.

We are glad you're here!

Parish Offices



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



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

e are beginning the season of Advent and the New Year B in the liturgical cycle. Advent is a special time. The word "Advent" is taken from the Latin word, *Adventus*, which means "arrival" or "coming"—not the coming of Santa Claus—but Christ the Savior. It is a time of **waiting**, which recalls the waiting of the people of Israel for the Messiah. Today, we wait for the second coming of Christ. We know neither the day nor the hour of that event.

The season of Advent is also a time of **preparation**. The Lord should find us prepared when He comes, ". . . like the servant ready to open the door when the master returns." A daily examination of conscience would greatly help us with this.

During this season we are also preparing to celebrate once again the first coming of Christ. Try to take time as individuals and as families to do something special every day for the Lord as your way of preparation.

The Advent Wreath is a central liturgical symbol of the Advent season. It integrates several elements that predate Christian faith. For ancient peoples, the wreath was a symbol of the life-giving rhythms of nature, and evergreen was a hopeful sign of life in the midst of winter. The candles on the wreath represent the sun's life-giving light. Lighting one additional candle each week signifies the movement of the sun, increasing the daylight. The Advent Wreath reflects the circular, eternal nature of God's love, even in harsh times, and the light of Christ that so permeates the night that "the darkness could not overcome." The purple candles signify longing, expectation, and hope while the pink candle represents joy.

The Jesse Tree celebrates the history of God's loving action in our world, leading up to the birth of Christ. The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse Tree with ornaments that represent the people, prophesies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The Jesse Tree bears symbols of the most significant manifestations of God's saving power down through history.

Dozens of the key events of Hebrew salvation history are represented, including Noah's Ark, the Burning Bush, the Ten Commandments, Jacob's Ladder, Joseph's Coat, and the Key of David. The ornaments on the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

Starting a Jesse Tree at home and decorating it each day with the suggested ornaments is a good way to prepare for Christmas.

The seven "O Antiphons" are part of Divine Office, the official daily prayer of the Church. They have been traditionally sung during evening prayer on the seven days before Christmas Eve. Each antiphon begins with the letter "O" followed by one of the biblical names for Christ: "O Wisdom," "O Lord," "O Root of Jesse," "O Key of David," "O Orient," "O King of the Gentiles," and "O Emmanuel." These beautiful prayers provide the lyrics for the most famous of all Advent hymns: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

As it is a season of preparation, we will have Advent Confessions on **Tuesday**, **December 19th**, **from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**, with visiting priests available. Confessions are also heard at our normal times. All preparation for Christmas is incomplete without this all-important one: cleansing the mind and heart through a good confession. "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths for the Lord is near." Also, remember to invite your family and friends to Christmas Mass.



-Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

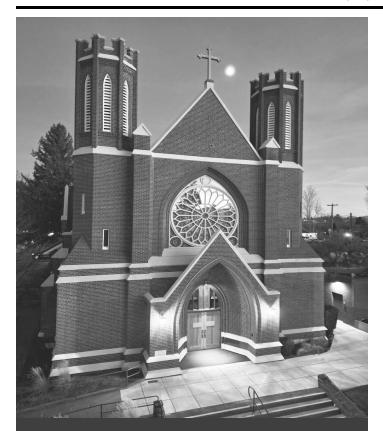
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, December 2nd Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-	37	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	<u>FOR</u> Ray Posner (D)	<u>REQUESTED BY</u> Betty Posner
Sunday, December 3rd	(Spanish Mass)	7:30 a.m.	Joshua Ellison (D)	John Berreen
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7		10:00 a.m.	David Nasharr (D)	Ronald & Madeline Nasharr
1 Cor 1:3-9		12:30 p.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Mk 13:33-37		4:30 p.m.	Henry & Florence Zielinski (D)	Hank Zielinski
Monday, December 4th		7:00 a.m.	Chuck Hendersen (D)	Steve McGlone
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11		12:15 p.m.	Scott & Bonnie Foster (L)	Jan Michelsen
Tuesday, December 5th		7:00 a.m.	Everett Mowery (D)	Steve McGlone
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24		12:15 p.m.	Mary Westbrook (L)	Mary Ella Streichun
Wednesday, December 6th		7:00 a.m.	Helen Pieser (D)	The Baer Family
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37		12:15 p.m.	Richard Curran (L)	Jeannie Liberman
Thursday, December 7th Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	(Vigil Mass)	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus (L) William Annunziata (D) Merlene & Everett Mowery (D)	Srs. of Mary of Kakamega Alyson Annunziata Cynthia Giacomini
Friday, December 8th (Holy Day of Obligation Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6; Lk 1:26-38) (School Mass) (Spanish Mass)	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Catherine Ford (D) Tom & Claudia Beigel (L) Monique Nebolon (D) Brick Logan (D)	Veronica Berreen Dcn. Steve McGlone David Pendlebury Betty & Sue Posner
Saturday, December 9th Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8		8:00 a.m.	Reparation for Abortion & Healing for Families	St. Francis Parish

(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.



Stunningly beautiful! [Photo by a construction worker, submitted by Fr. Jose]



The new SFO Council (Secular Franciscan Order) [Photo by Robert K. Smith]

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. RSVP preferred: **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.

1st Friday/1st Saturday Vigil of Reparation—27th St. Church

On the 1st Friday of every month, silent Adoration is from 7 to 8 p.m. The Vigil begins at 8 p.m. with a Rosary, Adoration, and Scriptural Meditations through the night.

On the 1st Saturday of every month, there is a 20decade Rosary at 6:20 a.m., Benediction at 7:50 a.m., the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8 a.m., and Confessions at 8:30 a.m.

Pro-Life Rosary

The Respect for Life Ministry invites you to pray the Rosary on the **1st Sunday of every 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.

Come and See ...

Mary McGlone, OFS, is now the Secular Franciscan Order Minister (2023–2026). The next meeting will be on **Sunday**, **January 21, 2024**, at the Parish Office.



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.

High School Youth Ministry

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

Parent-Child Sacrament Workshops

If you missed the first workshop, Parent–Child Sacrament Workshop #2 is <u>this Sunday, December 3rd,</u> <u>from 2 to 3:30 p.m.</u> Workshop #3 is on Monday, December 4th, 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.

RCIA

The Rite of Acceptance is <u>this Sunday, December</u> <u>3rd, at the 10 a.m. Mass</u> 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 Faire Winners

The winners of the Christmas Faire 2023 Raffles are:

- \$300 gas card—Alyson Annunziata
- \$300 Visa Gift Card—Ray Melendez
- \$400 Grocery Gift Card—Kerry Hobe
- \$400 Grocery Gift Cards—Kelsey Henry

Thanks to everyone who participated.

Altar Society Lunch



All ladies of St. Francis Parish are invited to join the Altar Society on Wednesday, December 6th, at 11:45 a.m., at Chan's Restaurant on 3rd Street in SE Bend. Even

if you've never joined us before, please come to enjoy the conversation and good food! We need to know before 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 5th, if you plan to attend. Call Judy Kennedy at (541) 389-5964, or send an email to:judyekennedy@icloud.com.We hope you will join us!

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, on Thursday, December 7th, at 7 p.m., at the Trinity Episcopal Church (St. Helens Hall), 231 NW Idaho, Bend. The theme for this service is "Praying for World Peace." For more information, call (541) 815-5574 / taizebend@gmail.com.

The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Friday, December 8th. This Holy Day of Obligation proclaims our belief that Mary was conceived without sin. The Vigil Mass is Thursday, December 7th, at 5:30 p.m.



On Friday, December 8th, Masses are at 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. (School Mass), 12:15 p.m., and 7 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Parish Office Closed

In observance of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8th. There will be no Adoration that day.

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.

Christmas Choral Concert

The St. Francis Parish Choirs will present a festive Christmas Concert on 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

Christmas Basket Food Drive

St. Francis Parish will provide Christmas food baskets containing lots of good food, hand-sewn, candy-filled stockings, and toys for children for 100 of our neighbors in need. Applications to receive a food basket are available at the Parish Office or at: http://www. stfrancisbend.org/christmasbasket.html. Please sign up your family or someone you know who is in need of food assistance in the Bend area.



Please continue to donate only the following nonperishable food and toiletry items: sugar, flour, cooking oil, peanut butter, jam or jelly, rice, pancake mix, syrup, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase perishable items and may be placed in the Offertory collection or brought to the Parish Office.

Many volunteers will be needed to deliver food baskets on Saturday, December 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Lorenz at gmlorenz63@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generous donations! —The Christmas Basket Team







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.





Baby Shower: The teachers celebrated Momma, Meghan Nelson, and Baby—who is expected to arrive this week—with an After School Shower in the Library.



Sr. Thuy Houng Nguyen, FMA, brought us a message to "Always Choose Joy." She demonstrated how the Holy Spirit is invisible but can fill you with peace and joy, just like air in a "smiley-face" balloon. She also shared the image of a smiling Jesus with us.







1st Grade celebrated Thanksgiving by performing "Readers' Theater" for their parents.



"Knights Corner"

S t. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council #1872 has received the distinction of **"Double Star Council"** for the 22–23 fiscal year, the International Organization's top award for local councils! The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting K of C insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.

We welcomed 19 new members to the council—the most by any council for the entire State of Oregon! Another requirement to achieve this award is to have 4 Service Program Personnel (Program Director, Community Director, Public Relations, and Family Director) to complete a Safe Environment Program of "Protecting Vulnerable Persons from Abuse." The Knights of Columbus' Office of Youth Protection leads the order's initiative to protect children and other vulnerable persons we serve.

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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

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.)

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
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	\$6570	\$1,051,307
November 4–5, 2023	\$23,771	\$22,756	\$1,015	\$1,021,981

2023 Stewardship of Giving

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$320,486

Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$1,870,761 + Funds Spent: \$1,185,254

2023 YTD Budget: \$1,097,966 YTD Actual: \$1,106,128 Variance: \$8,162

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