



February 18, 2024 1st Sunday of Lent

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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Lent is here . . .

e have just begun the season of Lent with the impositions of ashes on Ash Wednesday. It has been four years since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. The fact is that there are still about 20 percent of the members who used to attend Mass, but have not returned. There are others who used to be very regular but now attend occasionally.

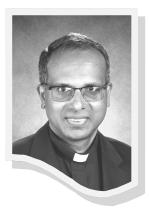
During this year of Eucharistic Revival—and particularly during this season of Lent—please join me in praying for their return to Mass. We will be praying for this intention at all weekend Masses. If you know of anyone who used to attend and has not returned, please give us their contact information so that we can reach out to them. I appreciate very much your help in this regard.

We continue to livestream weekend Masses for the sake of those who are sick and homebound and who cannot get to Church. However, attending Mass online does not fulfill the Sunday obligation.

Lent is a journey accompanying Jesus into the desert fasting, praying, and almsgiving. Remember to find some extra time for prayer and penance during this season to focus on what the season is all about. Try going to a weekday Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, reading the scriptures daily, and spending some time in personal prayer. Lenten reflection materials like *The Word Among Us* is available in the narthex of the Church.

Have a special jar on your dining table to put in your savings from the sacrifices you make every day during this season of Lent and then on Easter, give those savings to benefit the needy. And we will have our Lenten Mission from March 4–7, starting at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in English. You do not want to miss out on these days of special blessings.

The theme of Lenten observance for us this year is "Lord, to whom shall we go?" in line with the Eucharistic Revival. It is Simon Peter's response when Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" (John 6:67.) This exchange came after the Bread of Life Discourse in which Jesus taught us about the necessity of eating His Body and drinking



His Blood. We receive Him, body and blood, soul and divinity in the most Holy Eucharist.

We will continue the practice of ending the last weekend Masses of each month with Benediction to grow in our love and devotion to the Eucharist.

You should have already received my Lenten letter detailing all that St. Francis offers for Lent and Holy Week. I pray that you will attend most of those events planned for this season of Lent.

Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine Disciples of Christ through the three traditional Lenten disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. These Lenten disciplines will prepare you to receive the grace of Easter. These disciplines are aimed at purifying and transforming our lives to help us rise with Christ to the challenges of self-giving love.

Fasting is the most powerful spiritual discipline of all Christian disciplines. Through fasting and prayer, the Holy Spirit can transform your lives. Fasting is one of the most neglected spiritual practices today. Yet, it is the most effective means to get rid of our stubborn evil inclinations, obsessions and habits. It is a great tool to self-discipline.

Jesus himself fasted and taught His disciples about fasting. Fasting is a time when we abstain from food or other pleasures and take the time to focus on God. Denying something physical to glorify God, and enter into a deeper relationship with Him, is the spirit of fasting. It is a way to demonstrate that we are serious about our relationship with God and that He comes first. The Church requires us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Anyone over the age of 18, but under the age of 60 should eat only one full meal on those days. The Church also invites us to practice abstinence. It means anyone 14 years or older must abstain from meat on all Fridays. The USCCB allows substitution of some other forms of penance for abstinence on all of the Fridays of the year, except the Fridays in Lent. I pray for a grace-filled Lenten journey.

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, February 17th Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15	<u>TIME</u>	FOR	REQUESTED BY
	5:00 p.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Sunday, February 18th	7:30 a.m.	Tony Batey (L)	Kjersten Vimmerstedt
Gn 9:8-15	10:00 a.m.	Jennifer Tierney-Lanier (D)	Paula Tierney
1 Pt 3:18-22	(Spanish Mass) 12:30 p.m.	Felipa Peñafiel Pelcastre (D)	Miriam Sanchez
Mk 1:12-15	4:30 p.m.	Batey Family (L)	Kjersten Vimmerstedt
Monday, February 19th	7:00 a.m.	Juan Ochoa Bravo (D)	St. Francis Parish
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	12:15 p.m.	Pegi Scully (D)	Margie Pollack
Tuesday, February 20th Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	7:00 a.m.	Thomas Reis (L)	Ted & Vergie Ries
	12:15 p.m.	Jennifer Ochoa Saldaña (D)	St. Francis Parish
Wednesday, February 21st Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	7:00 a.m.	Front Desk Volunteers (L)	St. Francis Parish
	(School Mass) 8:15 a.m.	Fr. Dennis Strachota (D)	Fr. Jose Thomas
	12:15 p.m.	Guido Bernocchi (D)	Craig & Gina Minnis
Thursday, February 22nd	7:00 a.m.	Juan David Ochoa Saldaña (D)	St. Francis Parish
1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	12:15 p.m.	Niall Scully (L)	Margie Pollack
Friday, February 23rd	7:00 a.m.	Marian Castro-Shrader (D)	Mike Castro-Shrader
Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	12:15 p.m.	Jorge Arredondo Peñafiel (L)	Miriam Sanchez
Saturday, February 24th Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	8:00 a.m.	Cardinal Otunga House Sisters of Mary of Kakamega (L)	Pam & Ed Cheeney

(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 Parish Bulletin publication.



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, please contact **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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. 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 St. Francis 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 mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

Sacramental Preparation

- ▶ We have completed all four of the mandatory Parent–Child Sacramental Workshops. If you have a child preparing for a sacrament and you missed one of the workshops, please watch for an email with a date and time to complete the missed workshops.
- ➤ Sacramental Preparation for 1st Communion and Confirmation is a two-year journey: 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. 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.

Music Ministry

The Adult Choir and Children's Choir (Grades 2–5) are open to all, and we welcome new members. Rehearsals for **Holy Week and Easter are now under way.** For more information, contact Music Director **Stephanie Mowery** at music@stfrancisbend.org or call (541) 382-3631, ext. 114.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, February 19th, in observance of President's Day. There will be no Adoration on that day as it is a Federal Holiday.

Parish Community Fish Frys and Soup Dinners

Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the 27th St. Church Community Center:



Knights of Columbus Fish Frys: FEBRUARY 23RD MARCH 8TH

Soup Dinners: MARCH 1ST March 15th MARCH 22ND



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7 p.m., at the 27th St. Church, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the following formats for each week:

- ► February 23rd: *Traditional*—Faith Formation
- ▶ March 1st: Living Stations—St. Francis School
- ▶ March 8th: Stations from Mary's Perspective— **Traditional**
- ► March 15th: Shadow Stations—Youth (will be held in the Community Center)
- ► March 22nd: Pro Life—Traditional

Guidelines for Lent 2024

Lent prepares the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. It is a time for reflection and spiritual renewal—a time to examine one's relationship with God and with others. Lent is also the final preparation period for catechumens seeking to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

As Catholics, the Church calls us to a spirit of repentance and conversion: "to turn away from sin, and to be faithful to the Gospel." Through our traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we express our conversion and prepare to renew our Baptismal promises at Easter.

"Pennies and More for Heaven"

The Knights of Columbus will again be collecting donations after all the Masses on the weekends of February 24th/25th and March 2nd/3rd. The funds support and enhance the training and needs of the seminarians in formation at Mt. Angel Seminary.

Grief Ministry Classes

We have started another series of Grief Educational Classes for those who have had a spouse, family member, or friend pass away. The group offers an experience for people to learn, heal, grow, and move toward restructuring their lives, while meeting others in a similar situation.

We meet in a room across from St. Clare's Chapel, and everyone is welcome—even those who've already taken these classes or want to take one or more again.

Call Mary McGlone to register at (253) 232-6789, or send an email to: griefministry@stfrancisbend.org or mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

Parish Lenten Mission

All are invited to attend our Parish Lenten Mission at the 27th St. Church on Monday, March 4th, through Thursday, March 7th. We will offer



an afternoon session from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and an evening session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discover the powerful way that God is present to us in the Eucharist inviting us to an intimate union with Himself. The Topics will include:

- ► Monday—God is with Us: Examine God's saving presence with His people throughout salvation history.
- ► Tuesday—The Story of the Eucharist: A look at how the Eucharist was prefigured in the Old Testament as well as in Jesus' miracles and teaching.
- ▶ Wednesday—Bread for the Journey: Focusing on the necessity of the Eucharist for our spiritual nourishment and exploring the different parts of the Liturgy of the Mass.
- ► **Thursday**—*Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist*: Provides the tools to respond to objections to the Church's doctrine of the Eucharist as an important part of evangelization.

Seeking New Members!

The Hispanic Music Ministry is looking for singers and instrumentalists for Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Masses. The choir and instrumentalists lead music in the Mass that glorifies God and uplifts the congregation. Join us and share your musical gifts with the St. Francis Community. Contact Music Coordinator Daniel Chevez at danielchevez72@gmail.com or (541) 948-9258 for info.

A Sincerest "Thank You"

Relatives of the Ochoa Saldaña Family want to express their gratitude to all parishioners who helped in any capacity with the Funeral, Reception, and Fundraising. Their most sincere thanks go to all of you for —Frank Krupicka, Knights of Columbus | all the love you showed them during this difficult time.

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A Message from Mrs. Manion

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of my decision to step down from the principal's position at St. Francis next school year to better meet the medical needs of my family. This has been a difficult decision for me. I am truly grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from the St. Francis parish and school community over my 28 years with the school. I have been blessed with wonderful mentors and friends as I walked my vocation as a Catholic teacher. I will miss our students and families but hope to see you all regularly at Mass.

The search for a new principal and Head of the Administrative Team will begin immediately. I intend to stay on through the end of the year to make a smooth transition in leadership. I am certain the highly qualified and experienced staff at St. Francis will continue to provide the high-quality education and individual care that our community expects.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Julie M. Manion

St. Francis School's Open Enrollment period has begun. Apply today at www.saintfrancisschool.net/registration





February 9th Lenten Retreat for all students. We explored the traditional Lenten practices in light of the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

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"Knights Corner"

The Knights of Columbus will be having the 1st Fish Fry on Friday, February 23rd, in the Community Center *before* the Stations of the Cross.

Please keep those Oregon redeemable bottles and cans coming! And thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus.

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

Adoration Needs

Please contact Judy Kennedy at: (541) 389-5964 or judyekennedy@icloud.com to commit to a holy hour.

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Pro-Life Corner "A Ministry Within A Ministry"

The Respect for Life Ministry of St. Francis has established a special relationship with the Bend Pregnancy Resource Centers of Central Oregon (PRCCO) / Bend, with the formation of "New Life."

With "New Life" established, the Bend PRCCO Office and Clinic has a list of Respect for Life Ministry members willing to meet with any client wishing to make a connection with the Catholic Church to help them deal with the stresses involved with pregnancy.

Although not a Counseling or Financial service, our goal is to be a source of emotional support and assistance.

> We envision "New Life" as helping to fulfill a real need in the Bend community.

We wish to be a source of loving support to any mother or family in a crisis pregnancy.

Christine Simone / Head, Respect for Life Ministry simone.christine54@gmail.com

Diocese of Baker Men's Conference in English and Spanish!

Join Catholic men from around the diocese for talks that inspire, conversations that give strength, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and brothers God is calling us to be. Join us:

In SPANISH: February 24th in The Dalles

In ENGLISH: March 16th in Redmond

For more information and/or to register: dioceseofbaker.org/mens-conference or call **Bryce** at (541) 388-4004

2024 Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
February 10-11, 2024	\$27,125	\$25,853	\$ 1,272	\$213,229
February 3-4, 2024	\$55,126	\$25,853	\$29,273	\$186,104
January 27-28, 2024	\$35,183	\$25,853	\$ 9,330	\$130,978
January 20-21, 2024	\$17,447	\$25,853	(\$ 8,406)	\$ 95,795

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