



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

January 1, 2022 † Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Sunday, January 2, 2022 † The Epiphany of the Lord



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Masses are celebrated at the
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Weekend Masses marked with an asterisk (*) are
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Saturday Vigil:*	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:*	7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday:* (Spanish Mass)	12:30 p.m.
Sunday: (Historic Church)	4:30 p.m.
Monday–Friday:	7:00 a.m.
Monday–Friday: (Historic Church)	12:15 p.m.
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.

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Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Also Tuesday after 7 a.m. Mass & Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass)

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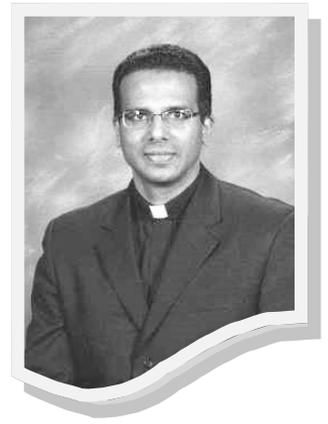
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From the Pastor



Alpha: Bringing the Mission to the Center of Our Church's Life and Activities—Part 1

What is our Mission? One of the important priorities for our parish that I set forth in my Vision 2025 is evangelization. As a church community we exist to evangelize. Our primary mission is to make disciples for Christ. That was the final wish and command that Jesus left with His disciples before He ascended into heaven. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19).

“We cannot forget that evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ. . . . Many of them are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see His face, even in countries of ancient Christian tradition. All of them have a right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 15).

Why to Evangelize? “For the disciple of Christ to evangelize is an obligation of love” (St. John Paul II). We need to become more and more an evangelizing community here in Bend. There are so many in town who do not know of Christ. We have a mission to reach out to them while deepening our own faith. Evangelization needs to take priority, and everything we do should be centered on deepening our own faith and bringing others to Christ.

Ever since the pandemic started, a small group of us, led by Dcn. Steve McGlone, met to pray and to discern a path to become a strong evangelizing community. We have been evaluating various evangelization tools that are available to us. This small group has met numerous times.

The tool that we would like to use in our parish to advance in our Mission to evangelize is Alpha. This small group has spent numerous hours going over this wonderful tool of evangelization. Someone from

the group will contact you to invite you to be part of the larger team.

What is Alpha? Alpha is the basic message of Jesus Christ. It is a series of sessions, exploring the Christian faith, which typically runs over 11 weeks. Each talk is centered on a different question around faith, and it is designed to create conversation. Alpha courses are being run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. Alpha courses are in cafés, churches, universities, homes, bars—you name it. And no two Alphas look the same. But they have three key things in common: food, a talk, and good conversation.

Who is Alpha's Audience? Alpha is for everyone, but it is primarily for the unchurched, those who are not Christian, and those who have little or no familiarity with Jesus. We need you to reach out to them and accompany them to a meeting. Alpha is a place where anyone is welcome to come with their questions and concerns, regardless of their commitment level to the Church or to God. Because of this, some of us may feel that the concepts are more introductory than you need. If you are one of them, consider this as a refresher course for your heart as well as your head.

Is it for me? The truth is that many Catholics have been “sacramentalized” without ever having been evangelized. Many Catholics today are interested in checking off the list of sacraments they have received—and that their children have received without being truly evangelized or having had a personal encounter with Christ. Alpha is the perfect opportunity for that encounter with Christ. The content of Alpha never changes, but the context in which it runs is constantly changing. Alpha is run throughout the world by Christians of all traditions, providing a common expression of “proclamation, service and witness” (EG, 246).

—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>DAY / DATE:</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FOR:</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY:</u>
Saturday, January 1, 2022 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	[M] [M]	5:00 p.m.	St. Francis Parish Family	Fr. Jose & Fr. Shaji
Sunday, January 2, 2022 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	[M] [M] [M] [H] (Spanish)	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Teresa Harrington (D) The Dalrymple Family (L) Gustavo Baz (D) Elaine Malakowsky (D)	Eileen Harrington Gloria Dalrymple Gustavo Baz II Jenny Mastroni
Monday, January 3, 2022 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Fr. Artur Bubnevych (L) Sandra Aarvig (D)	Ashby Collinson Jeannie Liberman
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Stefan Lindenau (D) Helen Keefe (D)	John Schimmoller Karen Headlee/Cecelia K.
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Susie Gage (L) Roger Pfeifer (D)	Molly Wonser St. Francis Parish Family
Thursday, January 6, 2022 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Jim & Mary Kwaterski (L) Vernon Cossins (D)	St. Francis Parish Family Vergie & Ted Ries
Friday, January 7, 2022 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Alan & Elizabeth Walsh (L) Molly Valenti (D)	St. Francis Parish Family Gloria & Dan Ahern
Saturday, January 8, 2022 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Reparation for Abortion & Healing for Families (L)	St. Francis Parish Family

(D) = Deceased ♦ [L] = Living

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 by 1 p.m. on Friday—one week before the next bulletin.
(While every effort is made to provide correctly spelled names, the editor apologizes if any are incorrect.)

Christmas Basket Food Drive

The True Spirit of Christmas was Alive at St. Francis as hundreds of volunteers worked together to donate food and funds, pick up toys and perishable food, pack food boxes and load and deliver everything. **One-hundred fifty families** received lots of food plus toys, books and candy for the children.

Very special thanks go to: The St. Clare’s Helpers for 150 hand-sewn, candy-filled Christmas stockings, C.O. Toys for Tots for more than 500 toys and books, St. Francis School for hosting a food drive that generated more than 1,600 pounds of food and toiletry items and for packing food boxes, and to the St. Francis Young Adults for packing and loading boxes into delivery vehicles.

Thank you to our parishioners for all your donations of food, cash and time! You have made this project possible for more than 60 years. It is not too late to make a monetary donation—our bills are still arriving. Just drop a check in the collection basket with “Christmas Baskets” on the memo line.



My name is **Christopher Thorne**.

I am the new **Database and Media Technician** here at the St. Francis Parish Office.

If you have a chance, check out our online presence at stfrancisbend.org, and let me know what you think.

I recently moved from Florida to Oregon to be near family, friends, and Mt. Bachelor.

Prior to working for the church, I served in the U.S. Army for several years, and currently I am in my senior year at the University of West Florida, seeking a degree in Information Technology.



My name is **Tammy Ambrose**.

I am the new **Assistant in the Office of Liturgy and Stewardship** here at the Parish Office.

A resident of Central Oregon since 2006, I have been very involved in the community, serving as the Events Director of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show to Capital Campaign Coordinator for the Bend FC Timbers soccer organization, in addition to volunteering at the Humane Society and St. Edward the Martyr Church in Sisters.

I have been married for 34 years to my husband, **Chris**. We have one daughter, **Natalie**, who now lives in Austin, TX.



Breakfast Burritos



Those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs are making their “infamous” burritos once again **THIS SUNDAY, January 2nd, after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.** A free-will offering is always much appreciated.

Vigil of Reparation

The all-night vigil starts on **1st Friday, January 7th, at 6 p.m.**, at the Historic Church, with silent adoration, and ends on **Saturday, January 8th**, at the 27th St. Church, after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Please consider spending an hour, or more, of adoration with Our Lord in this vigil offered in atonement for the sins of mankind so grievously offending the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a simple, yet powerful, evening.



Come and See . . .



The next Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) meeting is via ZOOM on **January 16th, from 1 to 3:15 p.m.**

For more information, call **Robert Smith**, OFS, at: (541) 318-1236 or email: rkisok@hotmail.com.

Alpha—January 2022

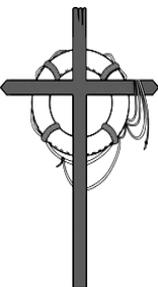
Alpha is an 11-week series where guests have an opportunity to explore life and Christian faith freely in a friendly and informal environment. Each session has three key ingredients: food, Alpha talk, and discussion.

Our next Alpha series starts on Tuesday, January 18th. We will run two sessions—one in the daytime and one in the evening. Please go to the Parish Website Alpha page at: <https://www.stfrancisbend.org/alpha.html> to fill out an online registration card.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in joining the Alpha team, contact **Janet** at the Parish Office.



Retrouvaille



The next weekend program for couples struggling in their marriages is from **Friday, January 21st, through Sunday, January 23rd**, at Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, OR. Retrouvaille is a program to help couples improve their communication, build intimacy and heal.

For more information, please contact the community at: portland@retrouvaille.org.

Respect for Life

In light of a possible positive Supreme Court decision that could pave the way to overturn the Roe vs Wade decision, the Respect for Life Ministry would like to announce this year’s 48th observance of the Roe vs Wade decision. **Bishop Cary** will celebrate a Mass on **Saturday, January 22nd, at 10 a.m.**, at the 27th St. Church. **Fr. Jose** will concelebrate, followed by a Respect for Life Rosary.



Remembering Roe v Wade



Please join us on **Saturday, January 22nd, from 2 to 3 p.m.**, on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Bend for the Central Oregon Right to Life “March for Life” event. CORTL will have signs available.

We will be joining others across the Nation, remembering the horrific decision of Roe v Wade in 1973, to pray for our Nation to repeal it.

For more information, email: ForLifeBend@Gmail.com or Visit: <https://centraloregonrighttolife.org/>.

Hobby or Professional Photographers

Are there any professional or hobby photographers willing to take pictures around the church and edit them for the Parish Website? If so, email **Chris Thorne** at the Parish Office at: db_mediatech@stfrancisbend.org for more information.

Historic Church Restoration and Renovation Campaign

Thanks to all the families who made gifts or pledges to this campaign. Below are the results so far:

Total Project Goal:	\$1,500,000
Cash Needed to Start Work: (70% of project goal)	\$1,050,000
Total Committed to the Project: (including \$500,000 from prior gifts)	\$ 996,958
Cash Received to Date:	\$ 770,160

Latin Mass

A Traditional Latin Mass, sponsored by the Diocese of Baker, is celebrated on **Sundays, at 9 a.m.**, at the Historic Church.

Confession is available before Mass at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact: SaintFoillan@protonmail.com.



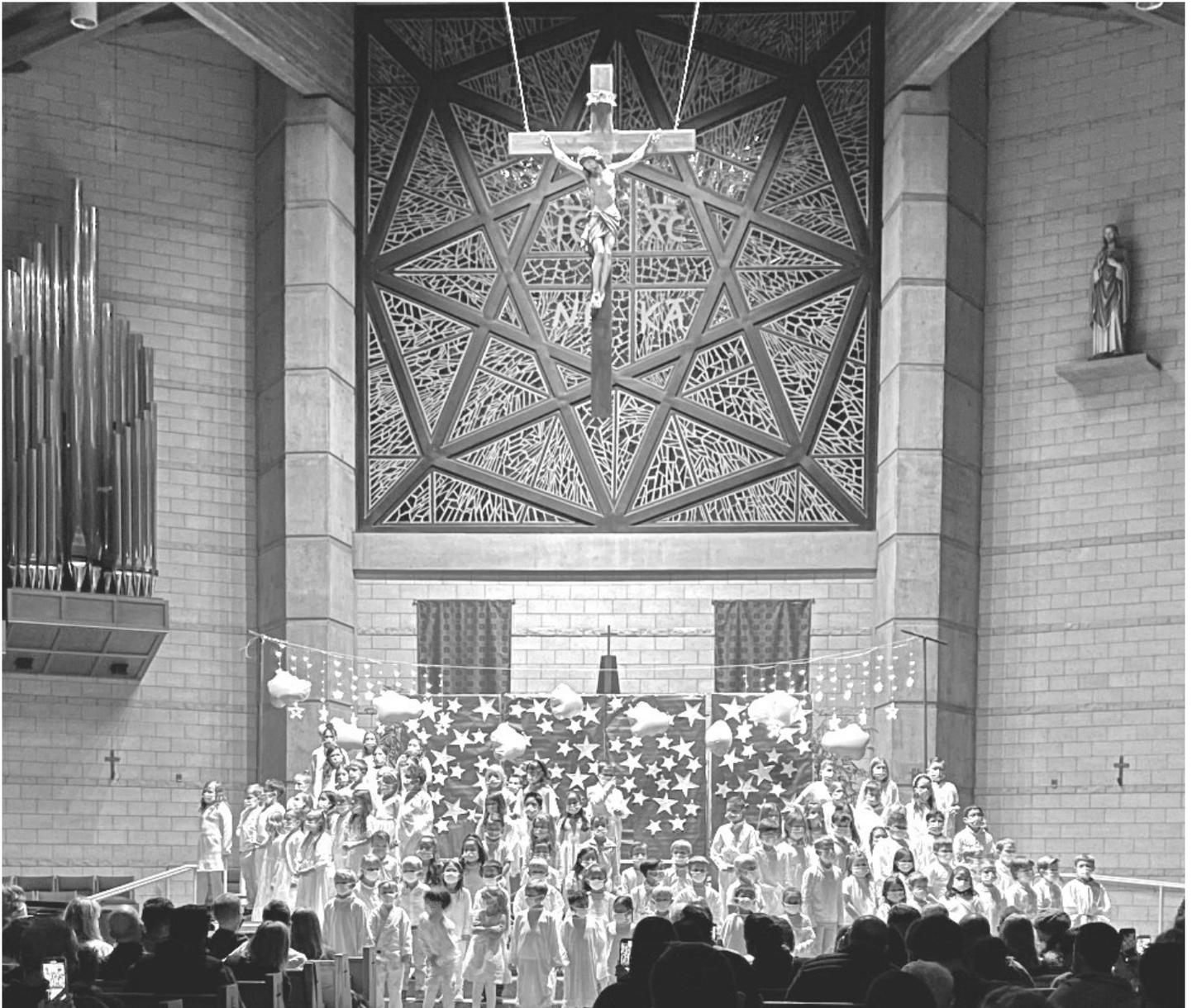


ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL NEWS

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

The vision of our school is to inspire academic scholars motivated to serve and lead the world with Faith and moral character.

*Thank you,
Colleen Rastovich
&
Stephanie Mowery,
for this wonderful School Christmas performance!*





Faith Formation

Formed.org:

If you have not done so, when you create an account on Formed.org, use the parish zip code 97701 to access formed.org for free.

Sacramental Preparation for Children and Youth:

Families with children receiving sacraments in 2022 and families of children in their 1st and 2nd year of RCIA, as you complete the three at-home-sessions from the November Workshop, please email **Janet** your family response. The next three mandatory monthly parent-child workshops are:

- **Sunday, January 9th, 2-3:30 p.m. or Monday, January 10th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, February 6th, 2-3:30 p.m., or Monday, February 7th, 6:30-8 p.m., and**
- **Sunday, March 6th, 2-3:30 p.m., or Monday, March 7th, 6:30-8 p.m.**

The Confirmation Retreat is **Saturday, March 5th**, and it s mandatory for all 2022 Confirmation candidates in Grades 6-12. Adult volunteers are needed!

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults:

RCIA students have completed a season of Alpha, have started RCIA classes, and are well on their journey to be fully initiated Catholics.

If you are an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church or in completing your sacraments of initiation, please contact **Janet** to schedule a meeting with her at: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed:

- **2** Catechists for children, **Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.**
- **1** Substitute catechist for youth, **Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- **1** RCIA team member for **Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- **3** On-call volunteers for special events and workshops
- **4** Volunteers to make a simple meal for our youth or young adults once in a while
- **3** High School youth to form a leadership team for the Youth Ministry
- **2** Baptism Preparation Catechists to teach monthly baptism preparation class to parents and godparents

Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
December 26, 2021	\$16,431	\$19,000	(\$ 2,569)	\$1,205,273
December 24-25, 2021	\$26,120			\$1,188,842
December 18-19, 2021	\$32,632	\$19,000	\$13,632	\$1,162,722
December 11-12, 2021	\$21,011	\$19,000	\$ 2,011	\$1,130,090
December 4-5, 2021	\$25,859	\$19,000	\$ 6,859	\$1,109,079

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$291,544

The Historic Church Restoration Fund Balance is: \$770,160

2021 YTD Budget: \$969,000 ♦ YTD Actual: \$1,205,273 ♦ Variance: \$236,273

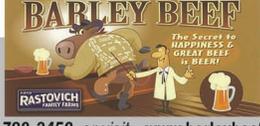
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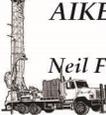
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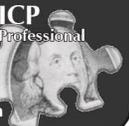
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