

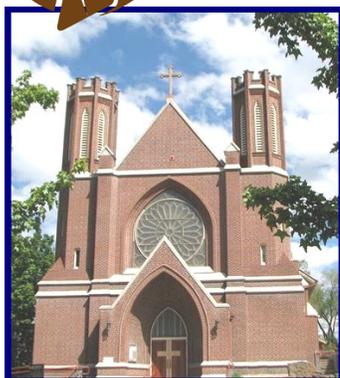


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Mass Schedule

Masses are celebrated at the 27th St. Church, except as noted below. Weekend Masses marked with an asterisk (*) are also being livestreamed on the Parish Website.

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.

Reconciliation † Confessions

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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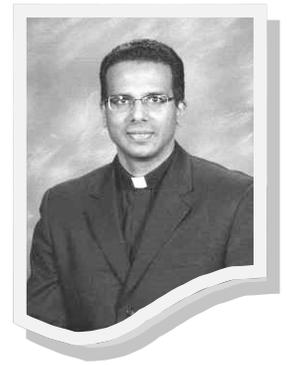
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From the Pastor



Stewardship 2022: *Rebuild My Church—Part III*

Stewardship is the path of discipleship. It is living in gratitude for what God has given. A good steward is grateful, responsible, generous, and returns with increase. We know the story of Cain and Abel. While Abel brought to God the first born of his sheep, Cane brought what was left over. God was pleased with Abel's offering.

Stewardship is about living and using the gifts God has given to each of us. It is about being the Church today in the 21st Century. We need to stop "doing" the Church and start "being" the Church.

A Church congregation can be divided into three groups. The first group of people is **the Engaged**. Studies have shown repeatedly that, in general, only 16% of the people are engaged in the Church. These 16% do all the work. These are the people who show up for every event in the Church. They give 5% of their income, which accounts for 40% of the financial needs of the Church.

The second group of people is the **Not Engaged**. They are 49% of the parishioners. These 49% go to Sunday Mass more or less regularly, but they will not be there for anything else. They contribute 2% of their income to the Church.

The third category of people in every Church will be the **Actively Disengaged** group. They make up 35% of the parishioners. The actively disengaged can then be divided into two groups: those who show up a couple of times a year, and those who are dissatisfied and find more things to complain about than to be positive about. They give less than 1% of their income or nothing at all to the Church.

Our goal is to become an evangelizing community—to be a community that is not afraid to invite others. We need to build a culture of invitation. It is the key to evangelization. It is the key to help more people to move into the "Engaged" category.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Becoming good stewards means becoming part of the engaged group of people. Our goal is to raise the percentage of people who are engaged. We do not want 16% of the parishioners doing the work of the

remaining 84%. By embracing stewardship, you are challenged to become members who contribute to the growth of the Church, rather than those who merely benefit from others' sacrifices.

We have an amazing Catholic community here in Bend., and we have made great progress. To continue to grow, please respond positively to the call to be good Christian stewards by putting God first, and loving Him with all your heart, mind, and soul. We are asked to love God more than we love material possessions. We are asked to give God more than what we spend in Starbucks, or on drinks, the Internet, television, Netflix, smart phones, or on other subscriptions.

In a society that encourages us to constantly buy and think of ourselves, God is asking us to give and think of others and our collective responsibility as the Church. Therefore, to succeed as stewards, we need faith and commitment.

We are coming off of a very difficult time in our Church history—having to close for several months with limited seating for almost a year. This interruption has had an effect on giving habits. The Bible is full of sacrificial giving:

- Abram tithed as a symbol that he depended totally on God.
- Moses said tithing was holy and an act of worship.
- Malachi challenges us to tithe.
- David reminds us, "The earth and everything in it belongs to Him."

Our tithe is merely a way to recognize that. Every family will need to prayerfully discern their level of giving to the measure they have received from God. "Everyone who has given up home, brother or sister, father or mother, wife or children, or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life" (Matthew 19:29).

—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, November 27th Jer 33:14-16; Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	[M]	5:00 p.m.	The Posner Family (D)	Betty Posner
Sunday, November 28th Jer 33:14-16 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	[M] [M] [M] [H] (Spanish)	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	St. Francis Parish Family (L) Mary Harris (L) Kaitlyn Bird (L) Michael Stauder (D)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Shaji Robert & Pat Smith Amy Conger Laura Bender
Monday, November 29th Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Kristie (L) Kenneth Shrader (D)	A Faithful Friend Mike Shrader
Tuesday, November 30th Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	William Ford, Sr. (D) Morgan Conger (L)	Veronica Berreen Jason & Amy Conger
Wednesday, December 1st Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Natalie (L) Mica Andrew Bland (D)	Bruce & Tina Kjesbo Cheryl O'Donnell
Thursday, December 2nd Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Anabelle Rodriguez (D) Charlene Blahnik (D)	St. Francis Parish Family David Blahnik
Friday, December 3rd Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	[M] [H]	7:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Pat Sams (D) Irene Branco (D)	St. Francis Parish Family Tony & Gina Branco
Saturday, December 4th Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Honey Canney (L)	Cheryl Loomis

(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.)

Rebuild My Church**Historic Church Restoration & Renovation Campaign****Annual Stewardship Campaign: 2021-2022**

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)	\$ 883,965
Cash Received to Date:	\$ 607,173

Thank you to the 129 families who have returned their cards.

- ♦ **Purpose:** To raise funds for the operating budget of the Parish (Offertory) and Parish Scholarship.
- ♦ You should have received your campaign package in the mail. If not, they are available in the narthex.
- ♦ Read the information and pray about your financial support.
- ♦ Return your 2022 Commitment card in the Offertory, or mail it to the Parish Office.
- ♦ Create an Online Giving Account.

The Prudent Steward: Tax-Wise Giving

As the year-end approaches and you consider your 2022 financial support of the parish, see if one of the options below makes sense for you:

- **Over 70½? Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA.** There is no tax on the transfer, and it counts toward the RMD. Contact your plan administrator and Deacon Steve or Jane Rude for the required parish information. Many seniors find this a great way to give—especially if they cannot itemize their deductions.
- **Give long-term appreciated stocks.** This bypasses the tax on the capital gain, and you can deduct the fair-market value of your gift if you itemize deductions. Contact your broker and Jane Rude or Deacon Steve for the required parish information.



Rectory Construction at the 27th Street Facility



All-Night Adoration Vigil



On December 1st, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the *Dobbs vs. Jackson* case, which has significant pro-life implications.

Along with a nation-wide movement, we will sponsor an All-Night Prayer Vigil on **Tuesday, November 30th, beginning at 6 p.m.**, at the Historic Church, and ending **Wednesday, December 1st, at 6 a.m.**

Sign-up for an hour of Adoration after Mass THIS WEEKEND, or contact Deacon Steve.

1st Friday Vigil of Reparation

Silent Adoration is on **Friday, December 3rd, from 6 to 8 p.m.** The Vigil begins at 8 p.m. with the Rosary, Adoration, and Scriptural Meditations throughout the night. A 20-decade rosary begins at **6:20 a.m., on Saturday morning, December 4th.** Then we drive over to the 27th St. Church for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that begins at **8 a.m.** Confessions are **after Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

Breakfast Burritos

The Knights of Columbus chefs will be serving their heavenly burritos again next **Sunday, December 5th, after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.**

The Immaculate Conception— A Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 8th.** This holy day of obligation proclaims our belief that Mary was conceived without sin. Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patroness of the United States.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

27th Street Church
5 p.m. December 7th
7 a.m. December 8th
7 p.m. December 8th (Spanish)

Historic Church
12:15 p.m. December 8th



Christmas Flowers

On the weekends of **December 4/5 and December 11/12, after all the Masses**, the Altar Society will collect donations to pay for Christmas Flowers. You can also use the Flowers envelope that comes in your envelope packet, or donate online at stfrancisbend.org under the GIVING tab and choose "Christmas Flowers."

—Thank you, Judy Kennedy

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe, is the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a Marian apparition and a venerated image enshrined within the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

As part of the celebration on **Sunday, December 12th, the 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass is being moved to 3 p.m.**, following the procession from Pilot Butte.



Christmas Basket Food Drive



A mountain of food is growing, but we need more to fill 100 Christmas Baskets! Please continue to donate only the following nonperishable items:

sugar ♦ flour ♦ cooking oil
peanut butter ♦ jam or jelly
rice ♦ pancake mix ♦ syrup
toothbrushes ♦ toothpaste

Monetary donations are also needed to purchase perishable items including ham, produce, eggs and dairy products. Please write "Christmas Baskets" on the memo line of your check and place your contribution in the Offertory basket, or bring it to the Parish Office.

Applications to receive a food basket are available at the Parish Office. Sign up your family or someone you know who is in need of food assistance in the Bend area.

Many volunteers will be needed to deliver food baskets on **Saturday, December 18th!**

Questions? Please contact **Gina Lorenz** at: gmlorenz63@gmail.com. Thank you for your generous donations!

—The Christmas Basket Team

Happy Wedding Anniversary!

Let me know if you will be celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th wedding anniversary in 2022.

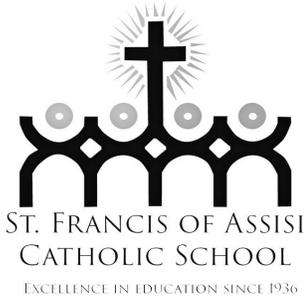
Please send me an email to: frjose@stfrancisbend.org and include your anniversary date and the place where you were married. Or, drop the information off at the Parish Office.



—Thank you, Fr. Jose Thomas

Finance Council Needs 2 Volunteers!

A background in Finance is preferred. If you would like to serve on the Parish Finance Council, please send an email to Fr. Jose Thomas at: frjose@stfrancisbend.org.



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.

Renew a Christmas Tradition!

We cordially invite all extended family and St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners to view this year's Christmas Musical on the parish live-stream. Join us using the stfrancisbend.org home page link for our performance.

"That's How The Story Goes!" will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th.

Our Christmas angels will be telling the scriptural story of the birth of Christ.

The school children and immediate-in home family members will be in person in the church.



St. Francis School will make an appearance in the **Bend Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4th.**

This year's theme is "We Are Better, Together!" Give our float, decked out with a tree, Santa, and elves a cheer as it passes—and let Bend know that we have been part of the hometown spirit for 85 years!

Teacher Spotlights



Sister Ignacia Carrillo, Sister Anna Kim, and Sister Ngan Do are the 1st & 2nd Grade team this year. The Sisters are part of the Western Conference of the Salesian Sisters, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Their home convent is in San Antonio, Texas. The sisters are licensed educators who prepare our young students in all of the core subjects and to receive the initial sacraments. We are grateful for their daily presence in our school.

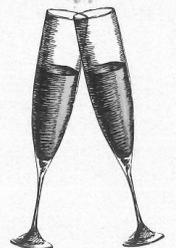
*We are excited to announce
that we will be back
in person for
this year's Auction!
Please look for more details to
come in this Parish Bulletin!*

*Cheers
to 40 years!*

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Annual Dinner and Auction

Save the Date

02.26.22





Faith Formation

Sacrament Preparation for Children & Youth

- **Who:** Families with children receiving sacraments in 2022 and Families of children in their first and second year of RCIA.
- **What:** 4 mandatory monthly parent-child workshops
- **When:** We offer two dates per month so families can choose the one per month that best fits their schedule.
- **Where:** Meet in the narthex of the church.

Sunday, January 9th, 2 to 3:30 p.m. or
Monday, January 10th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.:
 “Accepting our Invitation to the Banquet”

Sunday, February 6th, 2 to 3:30 p.m. or
Monday, February 7th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.:
 “Encountering God’s Endless Mercy”

Sunday, March 6th, 2 to 3:30 p.m. or
Monday, March 7th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.:
 “Become Who God Meant You to Be and You Will Set the World Ablaze.” —*Catherine of Siena*

NOTE: Families who missed the November workshop, watch for an email with information on a new date and time or contact Janet at faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

- 2 Catechists for children on Wednesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- 1 Substitute catechist for youth on 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.



RCIA

Rite of Acceptance is **Sunday, November 28th, at 10 a.m. Mass** at the 27th St. Church for catechumens (those to be baptized) and candidates (those to be received into the Catholic Church).

Prayers for Our Students:

Please pray for the children and youth who, in December, will be going to Confession for the first time.

Young Adults:

The next Young Adult Mass is **Sunday, December 5th, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass**, at the Historic Church. For more information on our Catholic Young Adult group, please contact Kelly at: kelly@stfrancisbend.org

Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
November 20–21, 2021	\$27,076	\$19,000	\$ 8,076	\$1,041,618
November 13–14, 2021	\$14,436	\$19,000	(\$ 4,564)	\$1,014,542
November 6–7, 2021	\$41,085	\$19,000	\$22,085	\$1,000,106
October 30–31, 2021	\$16,893	\$19,000	(\$ 2,107)	\$ 959,021

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$283,627 ♦ Historic Church restoration fund balance: \$607,173
 2021 YTD Budget: \$874,000 ♦ YTD Actual: \$1,041,618 ♦ Variance: \$167,618

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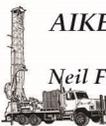
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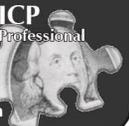
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