

# October 1, 2023 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. 27th St. Church Saturday: 27th St. Church 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. \*Except on Holy Saturday—No Confessions

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



## St. Francis of Assisi: *Living the Gospel Radically*—Part 2



Francis' search for conversion led him to the ancient church at San Damiano. While he was praying there, he heard Christ on the crucifix speak to him: "Francis, repair my church." Francis assumed that this meant church with a small "c"—the crumbling building that he was in.

Acting again in his impetuous way, he took fabric from his father's shop and sold it to get money to repair the church. His father saw this as an act of theft and dragged Francis before the bishop and in front of the whole town, demanding that Francis return the money and renounce all rights as his heir. It is the same call that challenges us today to renovate the Historic Church.

The bishop was very kind to Francis; he told him to return the money and said God would provide. That was all Francis needed to hear. He not only gave back the money but the very clothes he had on. In front of the crowd that had gathered he said, "Pietro Bernardone is no longer my father. From now on I can say with complete freedom, 'Our Father who art in heaven.' "Wearing nothing he went off into the freezing woods—singing.

From then on Francis had nothing . . . and everything. He begged for stones and rebuilt the San Damiano Church with his own hands, not realizing that it was the Church with a capital "C" that God wanted repaired. Scandal and avarice were working on the Church from the inside, while outside heresies flourished.

Soon Francis started to preach. He preached about returning to God and obedience to the Church. Francis must have known about the decay in the Church, but he always showed the Church and its people his utmost respect. Slowly companions came to Francis, people who wanted to follow his life of sleeping in the open, begging for food...and loving God. With companions, Francis knew he now had to have some kind of direction to this life. So, he opened the Bible in three places. He read the command to the rich young man to sell all his good and give to the poor, the order to the apostles to take nothing on their journey, and the demand to take up the cross daily. Francis took these commands literally. He never wanted to found a religious order. His companions came from all walks of life, from fields and towns, nobility and common people, universities, the Church, and the merchant class. Francis practiced true equality by showing honor, respect, and love to every person—whether they were beggar or pope.

Francis' brotherhood included all of God's creation. Much has been written about Francis' love of nature, but his relationship was deeper than that. He really felt that nature—all God's creations—were part of his brotherhood. The sparrow was as much his brother as the pope. In one famous story, Francis preached to hundreds of birds about being thankful to God for their wonderful clothes, for their independence, and for God's care. The story tells us that the birds stood still as he walked among him, only flying off when he said they could leave.

Another famous story involves a wolf that had been eating human beings. Francis intervened when the town wanted to kill the wolf, and he talked the wolf into never killing again. The wolf became a pet of the townspeople who made sure that he always had plenty to eat.

Following the Gospel literally, Francis and his companions went out to preach two by two. At first, listeners were understandably hostile to these men in rags trying to talk about God's love. People even ran from them for fear they'd catch this strange madness! And they were right. Because soon these same people noticed that these barefoot beggars wearing sacks seemed filled with constant joy. They celebrated life. And people had to ask themselves: "Could one own nothing and be happy?" Soon those who had met them with mud and rocks, greeted them with bells and smiles.

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>DATE</u> Saturday, September 30th Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32	<u>CHURCH</u> [M]	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	<u>FOR</u> Bob Strake (D)	REQUESTED BY Ann McCance
<b>Sunday, October 1st</b>	[M]	7:30 a.m.	William Ford, Jr. (D)	Veronica Berreen
Ez 18:25-28	[M]	10:00 a.m.	David Nasharr (D)	Ronald & Madeline Nasharr
Phil 2:1-11 (Spanish Mas	s) [M]	12:30 p.m.	Jose Luis Sanchez Alvarado (L)	Miriam Sanchez
Mt 21:28-32	[M]	4:30 p.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Monday, October 2nd	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Marylin Kern (D)	Veronica Berreen
Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Gertrudes O. Cruz (D)	Maria Hoffman
Tuesday, October 3rd	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Eric James Canlas (D)	Frances Kravelsky
Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Kristie Holman (L)	Faithful Friend
Wednesday, October 4th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Pat Smith (D)	Greg Thornton
Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Jessica Foster (L)	Susan Foster
<b>Thursday, October 5th</b>	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Pat Smith (D)	Greg Thornton
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Dr. Elinor Ford (D)	Veronica Berreen
<b>Friday, October 6th</b>	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Lee Cheeney (D)	Pam & Ed Cheeney
Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Sibi Poulose (L)	Bruce & Tina Kjesbo
<b>Saturday, October 7th</b> Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Sibi Poulose (L)	Patricia Cappy

[M] = Main 27th Street Church ♦ [H] = Historic Church ♦ (D) = Deceased ♦ [L] = Living

To schedule a Mass Intention, call the parish office at (541) 382-3631 by 1 p.m. on Wednesday—10 days before the next bulletin.

#### "Knights Corner"



The "Helping Hands" Donation Drive is to benefit the needy. Everything we collect will be donated to non-profit organizations and homeless shelters in Bend. We ask parishioners to donate coats and blankets (they don't have to be new), socks, underwear (new items only please), as well as hygiene items. We have collection bins in the narthex **this Sunday.** We also have bins in the narthex for non-perishable food donations for our "Food for Families" Program.

We continue with our "Bottles and Cans" Drive, and we urge all parishioners to please drop your Oregon redeemable bottles and cans in our kiosk located in the parking lot behind the Church. Monies collected from this project go to the St. Francis School and Youth Programs.

The Knights of Columbus seeks to invite men to join in order to help them become better men, better Catholics, and better family men. The more men who join the Knights, the better we can do, and the more men we can help to form.

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus. Men, if you have an interest in becoming a Knight, please contact **Pat Burrus** at (435) 659-4623 or **Matt Deppmeier** at (541) 904-5548 for more information. Also visit kofc.org.

Be Bold! Be Catholic! Be a Knight! —Pat Burrus, Grand Knight

A small number of parents and staff of St. Francis and St. Thomas Schools are working to start an exploratory committee for the creation of a Catholic high school to serve the communities of Central Oregon. We are looking for dedicated parents, parishioners, teachers and staff, and anyone who has experience or an interest in Catholic high school education to help serve on this committee and to grow our local Catholic School system. The immediate goals of this exploratory committee are to quantify the community interest and potential and to identify and discern potential educational models. If interested, please reach out to Colin Roach at:

colin.p.roach@gmail.com.

—Thank you, Colin Roach

#### **College Game Nights**

Meeting every other Sunday at 5:45 p.m., in Room FD4, for food, games, and faith. On the remaining Sundays we will do something fun around Bend. For details contact **Benjamin** at bcowan@stfrancisbend. org. Open to all young adults (about age 18 to 24).

### St. Athanasius Group

All men are invited to attend a weekly men's group. **The next meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd, 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, contact **Benjamin** at: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

### **Family Holy Hour**

All families are invited to join us for Adoration in the St. Clare Chapel on **October 6th, the 1st Friday of the month, from 6 to 7 p.m.** For more information, call **Natasha** at (541) 213-8399.

### **Parent Sacramental Preparation**

Information meetings on Parent Sacramental Preparation will take place in the Faith Development Center after all the Masses on the weekend of **October 7th and 8th**.

#### **Event for Catechists of the Central Deanery**

The pastors of the Southern Deanery and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis have partnered to bring you an in-person event designed to Energize, Empower, and Encourage your Catechetical Team on Saturday, October 28th, from 9 a.m. to noon (PT) at St. Thomas Church in Redmond. Refreshments and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

This will be an event to "go beyond" the Catechetical Symposium. There will be opportunities for networking, sharing experiences, asking questions, and taking back practical tips to the parish.

Please talk to your Pastor, DRE, or Youth Minister for more information.

### Alpha Prayer Intention for the Week

## That the participants grow in their understanding of prayer:



- Read and reflect on Mt 6: 6–15.
- Pray the "Our Father" at 11:02 a.m. each day.
- Spend 5 minutes each day praying for the Alpha participants and the team.

Contact **Deacon Steve** at alpha@stfrancisbend.org for more information.

#### **Faith Formation**

Middle School and High School Youth Ministries meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Register using the Faith Formation online 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.

**Only one more catechist is needed** for Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening Faith Formation. Contact **Janet** at: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

## Marriage Preparation Help Needed

Contact **Janet** at the parish office if you are interested in learning more. We are looking for a new Pre-Cana Coordinator who will: (1) work with engaged couples to set them up for their FOCCUS interviews and follow up dialogue; (2) oversee our FOCCUS mentors, and (3) organize two Pre-Cana Workshops each year.

We need two new FOCCUS mentor couples who will be trained to meet with engaged couples one-onone and guide them through a dialogue.

#### RCIA

- Do you know anyone who would like to become Catholic?
- Or do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

 Or do you know anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith?

If so, visit our Adult RCIA page on the Parish Website for more information and/or to find the Inquiry form at: https://www.stfrancisbend.org/rcia. html.

## Children's Sunday Liturgy

Each week at the 10 a.m. Mass, we lead the little ones who join us to engage with the Gospel on their own level and in fellowship with other children.

We need **three more volunteers** to help lead the Children's Liturgy for no more than one Sunday per month. All volunteers must complete the Diocese Safe Environment training. Contact **Lauren Roach** for more information at: lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com.

## Miscarriage Ministry

This ministry helps to support parents who have (or are currently) experiencing a miscarriage. You can each out to one of our two Miscarriage Ministers, **Megan Medley** at (818) 461-2591 or **Natasha Rider** at (541) 213-8399.

#### **Pray for Vocations**

Please pray on the 1st Tuesday of the month, October 3rd, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### **Clergy Retreat/Daily Mass Change**

There will be <u>no</u> 12:15 p.m. Daily Mass on Tuesday, October 3nd, through Thursday, October 5th, while our priests attend the Annual Clergy Retreat.

The regular Daily Mass schedule resumes on Friday, October 6th.

#### Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

Also on **Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.,** in the St. Clare Chapel, there will be a gathering in honor of the Transitus of our patron saint. "Transitus" is the celebration by Franciscans throughout the world of the passing of St. Francis from this life to life with God.

There is a brief "Social" taking place afterward, and all are invited.

#### 2023 Christmas Faire



The next meeting is **Wednesday**, **October 4th**, **at 4:30 p.m.**, in Seminar Room #1. All proceeds go to the Historic Church Renovation. We'll have many

outstanding vendors, a "Silent Auction," a gift-card raffle, three choirs, food, and the Kids' Store (\$1–5)!

Applications to sell your homemade Arts 'n Crafts are available at the parish office or request one via email at: stfranchurchfaire@outlook.com.

#### **Vigil of Reparation**

- Ist Friday, October 6th: Adoration from 7 to 8 p.m. (6 to 7 p.m. for families). Then at 8 p.m., the Rosary, Adoration, and Scriptural Meditations through the night.
- Ist Saturday, October 7th: A 20-decade Rosary at 6:20 a.m., the Liturgy of the Hours at 7:30 a.m., Benediction at 7:50 a.m., Holy Mass at 8 a.m., and Confessions at 8:30 a.m.

#### St. Clare's Helpers

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday**, **October 10th**, and **Tuesday**, **October 24th**, at **2 p.m.**, in the RCIA room. All parish women are invited.

#### Catholic Young Adults of Central Oregon (CYACO)

CYACO is hosting its annual BBQ on **Sunday, October 15th, at 4 p.m.,** at St. Edward's Church in Sisters. Join a growing community of young adults for regular fellowship and faith development. CYACO is open to all young adults 18 to 35. For more information, email: yac.co.or@gmail.com.

#### **Adoration Needs**

If you are willing to commit to a specific hour with Jesus each week, please call or text **Judy Kennedy** at: (541) 640-9600. There are 10 hours where only one person is signed up instead of 2. And there is an <u>urgent need</u> for someone on **Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m.**, because as of **October 19th**, <u>no one is signed</u> <u>up for that hour</u>!

#### The "Women of Hope" Retreat ...

is **Saturday, October 21st, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** in the Community Center. Register at: stfrancisbend.org/ womens-retreat.html by <u>October 10th</u>.

#### **New Connections**

You are invited on **Sunday**, **October 22nd**, **after the 10 a.m. Mass**, in the Faith Development Rooms. Join us so we can welcome you into our parish officially!

You will meet friendly parishioners and connect with other people who volunteer time for Mass, adult education, fellowship, and practicing their faith.

We will have light refreshments and a presentation for our new members presented by St. Clare's Helpers, an organization for the women of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

**RSVP by Sunday, October 15th,** to the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or send an e-mail to **Sherri** at: db\_mediatech@stfrancisbend.org.

-Yours in Christ, Fr. Jose Thomas

#### **Parish Photo Directory**

We are gathering family photos for a new St. Francis Parish Directory. Please send a digital family photo to: db\_mediatech@ stfrancisbend.org and include your name (first and last) and the name(s) of any children. Horizontal pictures are preferred.



If you cannot take a digital photo, a member of the staff can take your picture on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 24th, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 28th, after the 5 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, October 29th, after 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses
- Saturday, November 11th, after the 5 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, November 12th, after the 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses.

Photos must be submitted no later than **November 15th** to be included in the Directory.

#### Historic Church Restoration Fundraiser

The Hispanic Ministry will take **Tamale orders** on **October 7/8 after all Masses** for delivery <u>after all Masses</u> <u>October 14/15</u> for the Historic Church Restoration.



#### 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.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Annual Giving Appeal. The school's operating budget relies on the appeal to meet start-up costs for the new year. This year our Golf Tournament adds an extra boost to our fund raising, but we know that it takes several years for tournaments to be highly successful. Please help us by sharing news of this event so we can grow our future success.

—Thank you, Principal Manion



St. Francis girls' first volleyball match in the new Small Schools League. This is our first volleyball team in several years. Its a privilege to be a part of a new beginning and watch these girls becoming athletes.

#### St. Francis Annual Golf Tournament

When:Tuesday, October 3, 2023Where:Lost Tracks Golf Club60205 Sunset View DriveBend, OR 97702

Check-In: 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start Registration ends Monday, September 22nd, and

includes breakfast, lunch, and a swag bag.

https://www.saintfrancisschool.net/golf-register-now.html

#### Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Wednesday, October 4th

The school children will participate in a Spirit Rally to celebrate our patron saint. Each child will receive a blessing prayer and a small bottle of holy water so that all of their pets can be blessed.

#### **October Events**

- ► Golf Tournament—October 3rd
- ► Diocesan Teacher Inservice—October 13th
- ► Harvest Festival—October 20th at the Imwalle's Ranch
- ▶ Parent–Teacher Conferences—October 26–27
- ► "Trunk" or Treat—October 31st

## Sr. Desirée Barron's Biography

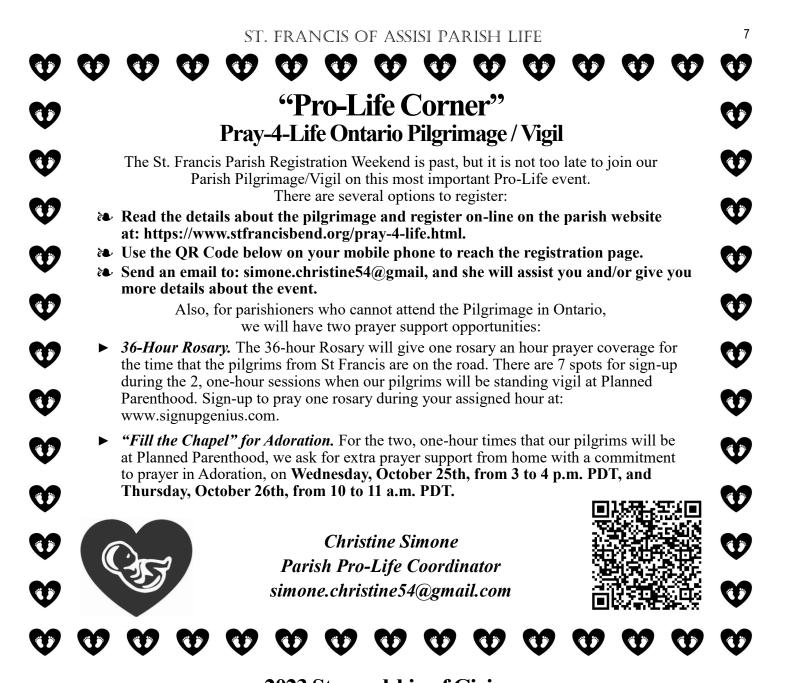
Hello! My name is **Sr. Desiree**, and I was born in Helena, Montana. When I was 6, my family moved to Ranchester, Wyoming. There, I was raised in a very devout home where my mom taught me how to talk to God and showed me how to become friends with Jesus. When I was young, my mom took me to daily Mass at a little monastery near our house. I loved the warmth and kindness the Sisters showed me and my siblings. Their simple witness to the joy of giving all to Jesus watered the seed of my vocation.



As I grew up, I enjoyed exploring the vast mountainous landscape that Montana and Wyoming treasure so dearly. The natural beauty of Wyoming gave me a love for adventure and helped me to become aware of God's presence in all things. I enjoyed the responsibility of being the oldest child of 6 kids by the age of 12. I loved caring for my siblings and helping my mom however I could. While in high school, a young priest in my parish befriended my family and guided me to explore the possibility of a religious vocation. Thanks to the support of Fr. Brian and my mom, I began to respond to the call the Lord had placed in my heart as a little girl.

When I was 17, I went to visit the Salesian Sisters for the first time in 2019. The peace and joy that filled my heart there confirmed for me that this was where God wanted me. After spending a year as a SPIRITUS Missionary in Wisconsin, I entered the congregation at the age of 20. In formation, my love for the youth has grown all the more, and my joy in serving the Lord has blossomed beyond measure.

– Sr. Desirée Barron



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Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering	
September 23–24, 2023	\$16,886	\$22,756	(\$5,870)	\$880,771	
September 16–17, 2023	\$18,312	\$22,756	(\$4,444)	\$863,885	
September 9–10, 2023	\$23,540	\$22,756	\$ 784	\$845,573	
September 2–3, 2023	\$23,799	\$22,756	\$ 1,043	\$822,033	

## 2023 Stewardship of Giving

#### The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$\$302,309

Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$1,752,110 ◆ Funds Spent: \$896,894 2023 YTD Budget: \$892,162 ◆ YTD Actual: \$880,771 ◆ Variance: \$11,391

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