



Welcome to Our Parish

St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church

Bend, Oregon 97701

(541) 382-3631

**Directory of
Parish Ministries and Organizations**

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish History

On March 30, 1910, two Irish priests arrived in Bend, Oregon, but only Fr. Luke Sheehan remained, traveling by horse to visit his parishioners. The first church building was an old schoolhouse purchased in 1912 for \$75. Population growth necessitated a larger church; thus, the foundation stone for St. Francis of Assisi was laid on January 25, 1920, and it was opened and dedicated that same year (E. P. Brosterhous constructed the \$55,000 church). In addition, Fr. Sheehan asked nuns from the Order of St. Joseph to start a hospital, which later became St. Charles Hospital.

The Catholic School was started in 1936, with an enrollment of 140 students. The rectory was built in 1949, and is still in use today. In 1959, the nuns opened their own convent across the street from the church. As the number of parishioners increased, additional school and office space was needed. In July, 1992, 17 acres on 27th Street were purchased for \$300,000; and in July, 1995, an outdoor Mass celebrated the initial ground-breaking.

Construction of a school, offices, and community center began in 1997, with facilities officially opening in January 2000. The former school in downtown Bend was sold to McMenamins, which converted the school into a restaurant/hotel complex.

In 2006, the Franciscan Capuchins could no longer staff the parish, and Diocesan priests were assigned. Continued population growth prompted the building of a new church adjacent to the school. Official dedication of the St. Francis of Assisi Church was held on August 23, 2009. The 100th Anniversary of the Historic Church was celebrated in October 2020.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church offers a number of ministries to share your God-given gifts of time and talents with the Church, as well as with the community. I earnestly encourage all of you to give to God, in return, by engaging in one or more ministries in the parish.

Please go over these ministries that St. Francis of Assisi Church offers, listed in alphabetical order, to see where God wants you to be involved. If you don't find a ministry that fits your God-given talents, let us know. We would be glad to begin a new one where you can exercise your talents for the parish. He is calling you to build His Church. Will you listen to Him?

—*Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil*

Access Ministry: A Ministry to help parishioners of any age with any kind of disability to become more involved in St. Francis Parish life—including serving at Mass, volunteering at Church events, or participating in Church programs. This Ministry pairs people with and without disabilities to learn from each other so that the gifts and talents of all parishioners are recognized and utilized. If you are a person with a disability or a person who would like to support a person with a disability to get more involved, please contact Allison Faucher Sherman at allisonfaucher@gmail.com.

Acolytes: Any adult Catholic man in good standing with the Church can be an acolyte. It is a minor order conferred by the Bishop. All priests and deacons receive this order during the years of their theological formation. The acolytes' proper function is to serve at the altar and helping the priest and deacon at liturgical functions. Acolytes also set the altar for the liturgy of the Eucharist and assist in the distribution of Communion. Acolytes can expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration and repose the Blessed Sacrament when Adoration is completed. Training is provided, and ministers may schedule based on their availability.

Contact Deacon Phil McCarty at (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfrancisbend.org for more information.

Altar Servers: Altar servers help the priest in all liturgical functions and are an essential part of the liturgy and the Eucharist. Any child who has received first Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar server. Altar servers arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass, vest themselves with altar server robes, light the candles, and join for the prayer before Mass. Training is provided and altar servers may schedule when they are available.

Contact Deacon Phil McCarty at liturgy@stfrancisbend.org, or (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, for more information.

Altar Society: All women of the parish are encouraged to join the Altar Society. These ladies manifest their love of God by the attention they give to the cleaning of the sanctuary and other parts of God's house. They purchase and care for the altar linens, altar cloths, altar server albs, cinctures, etc. The Altar Society also supports the Church Decorators Ministry in providing flowers and decorations, especially in preparation for Easter and Christmas.

In addition, the Altar Society helps to organize and participate in funeral luncheons for families and friends of parishioners who have died. For more information, please contact Judy Kennedy at judykenedy@icloud.com.

Alpha: An 11-week course in Christianity that meets periodically at the Parish Office. For information, call the Director of Faith Formation at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or email faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

Bible Study Program: Study programs are offered covering various aspects of the Catholic Church, some books of the Bible, and other interactive programs. Sessions are normally held twice a year—in the fall and in the spring.

Call Vergie Ries at (541) 797-6322 or email to: vergiebend@gmail.com for more information.

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA): This group of women strives to embrace the principles of faith by working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all. The group supports the parish financially through fundraisers and provides social and educational opportunities.

For more information, please email Debra Dupuis at her email address: Debra.dupuis@bryanuniversity.com.

Church Decorators: Volunteers spend many hours planning and implementing decorations for our churches—especially for Advent and Lent, and for the festive and colorful Christmas and Easter Seasons.

For more information, please call Lupita Wessler at (541) 977-6535 or send an email to wessler@bendbroadband.com.

Collection Counters: Volunteers help with counting the Offertory Collection money every Monday morning and prepare the deposits for the bank.

Please call Jane Rude at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, ext. 110, or send an email to finance@stfrancisbend.org to volunteer, or for more information.

Community Building and Fundraising: There are many events throughout the year for parishioners to gather for fun and food. Many are free to parishioners in an effort to build parish community. Also, some events have a secondary goal to raise funds for the Church. All of the events require several volunteers to be successful. Call the Parish Office at: (541) 382-3631 if you can donate your time to help or to be added to a list of volunteers.

ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women): This Ministry provides women with a way to explore what it means to be a Catholic woman today and to understand what a gift it is to be a feminine person created in God's image. ENDOW promotes St. John Paul's "New Feminism," which recognizes and affirms what he calls the "genius of women" and responds to our culture's desperate need for an authentic feminine presence in every aspect of life and society. By providing knowledge and fellowship in an intimate group setting, ENDOW also fosters a sense of belonging and gives women an opportunity to deeply understand and personalize the faith that draws us together.

Please call Kristine McLean at (541) 408-0905 for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration: Also known as the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, it is the adoring or honoring of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This is an opportunity to spend as little as an hour (or as much time as you would like) once a week in the presence of God who made you and loves you. Bring your prayers, your joys, your works, and/or your sufferings to Him and experience His comfort and peace. It will be the best time you spend all week! There must be at least one person present at all times, so if you can commit to at least one hour per week, it would be most helpful. Adoration starts daily (Monday through Friday) after the 7 a.m. Mass and ends at 6 p.m. The daily Benediction is at 11:55 a.m. To sign up to spend an hour with Our Lord, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 or send an email to Judy Kennedy at judykennedy@icloud.com.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The Ordinary Ministers of Communion are the bishops, priests, and deacons. The Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are those who help in the distribution of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ during the Eucharist. Training is provided, and ministers may schedule based on their availability. Ministers need to be 18 or over. Call Deacon Phil McCarty at (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfrancisbend.org for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Adults:

- ◆ **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** This is the journey by those who wish to join the Catholic faith community. For those not yet baptized, this process leads to the Easter Vigil where the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist are received. Those who have been previously baptized in another Christian tradition are invited to participate fully in the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

RCIA classes are offered each year on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning in September until the Feast of Pentecost. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic or learn about the Catholic faith, or if you want to be part of this ministry as a volunteer, call at (541) 382-3631, or email to rcia@stfrancisbend.org.

Children:

- ◆ The Religious Education Program for children offers catechetical classes to all children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Dedicated volunteer teachers instruct our children about the Faith, and prepare them for reception of the sacraments—especially First Holy Communion in the 2nd Grade. If you would like to assist or be part of this Ministry, please call the Director of Faith Formation at the Parish Offices: (541) 382-3631 or email to faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

Fellowship: If Mass builds and strengthens our relationship with God (the vertical dimension), it is the fellowship after Mass that builds up and strengthens our relationship with one another. The coffee hour is after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses, September to June, except on the first Sunday of the month, when the Knights of Columbus offer Sunday Breakfasts. This Ministry prepares, sets everything up for the coffee hour, and cleans up afterward. This ministry strengthens our Church as a family, as it helps promote relationships among members. Parishioners can help just by attending coffee hour. Visitors and newcomers are also introduced at the coffee hour.

For more information, call Vicki Audette at (541) 390-1313 or email to va@vickiaudette.com.

Finance Council: It is the task of the Finance Council to advise the Pastor on administering the finances of the parish judiciously and responsibly. The Council prepares the budget, monitors the income and expenses regularly, and prepares and presents quarterly financial reports to the congregation. The Council meets once a month on the third Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Joe Ney at (541) 318-6316 or joelin71@me.com.

Funeral Luncheons: This Ministry prepares and/or serves meals for the family and friends of deceased parishioners. For more information, please send an email to Sherry Rice at srice@bendbroadband.com.

Greeters and Ushers: This Ministry greets people as they enter church and provides them with liturgical aids for proper participation. Greeters make our church warm and welcoming. The Ushers direct and help people to find a seat at Mass, and they help the disabled in and out of church. They also take up the offertory collections. All parishioners, including families and couples, are invited to be part of this Ministry. Those in this Ministry need to be at the church a half hour before Mass. Training is provided. For more information, call Deacon Phil McCarty at (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

Grief Ministry: This program was established to support those who have lost a loved one. This program is entirely voluntary and is an outreach effort to help people through the grief journey. Monthly luncheon groups offer grief education and friendship through this difficult process. For more information, contact Mary McGlone at (253) 232-6789 or send an email to mlhmcglone@gmail.com.

Healing Ministry: There is a healing service after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on the second Tuesday of every month.

Holy Hour: A Holy Hour to pray for vocations is held on the first Tuesday of the month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass at the Historic Church. Prayers, reflections, and meditations are offered for an increase in priestly vocations.

Homebound, Assisted Living: St. Francis Parish has volunteers who visit and take Communion to the sick in a variety of environments. If you are interested in becoming part of the Homebound and Assisted Living Ministry, call Patrick Driscoll at: (312) 438-5640.

Hospitality (See “Fellowship” Ministry.)

Knights of Columbus: This is an international society of more than 17 million Catholic men in more than 14,000 local councils dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Bend Council, chartered in 1917, is instrumental in the work of the parish, supporting the activities of the handicapped, pro-life, financial aid to the seminarians, and supporting various youth programs.

Membership is limited to “practicing Catholic” men aged 18 or older. It was originally formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to the sick, disabled, and needy family members.

In addition, social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief, and public relief works. The Knights of Columbus often refers to its organization as the “strong right arm of the Church,” and every Catholic man is encouraged to be part of this amazing organization. For more information, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631.

- ◆ **Breakfasts:** The Knights of Columbus offer breakfast in the Catholic Community Center on the 1st Sunday of the month, after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses, from September until June. For more information, please contact Pat Burrus at (435) 659-4623 or send an email to kofc1872.pat@gmail.com.

Lectors: Lectors are those who proclaim the word of God during the Eucharist and other liturgical services. In addition, lectors read the Prayers of the Faithful and announcements. Training is provided, and lectors may schedule based on their availability.

Lectors must be confirmed and 18 or over. For more information, call Deacon Phil McCarty at (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to him at liturgy@stfranciscbend.org

Liturgy Committee: This group meets periodically to coordinate special functions throughout the year—particularly during Advent, Lent, Christmas, and Easter, respectively.

Assignments are given, and schedules are prepared and distributed. Please call Deacon Phil McCarty at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfranciscbend.org to learn more about this ministry.

FAITH FORMATION—Children (Cont'd)

- ◆ **RCIA for Children:** This is for children 8 years and older who are not yet baptized. Children receive one year of faith formation and one year of sacramental preparation. During the second year, children experience special rites, and at the end of their sacramental preparation at the Easter Vigil, they receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, or send an email to faithformation@stfrancisbend.org to register your child or for more information.
- ◆ **Sacramental Preparation:** Beginning in the 2nd Grade, children are prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This is a great Ministry where there is a curriculum to follow, and children are taught to learn and love the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, or send an email to faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

FAITH FORMATION—Youth/Young Adults:

Youth/Young Adult Ministries: The goal of St. Francis Youth/Young Adult Ministries is to bring teens in Grades 6 through 12—and their families—closer to Jesus Christ through the sacraments and through liturgy, music, conferences, service to the Church and community, retreats, Faith Formation Classes and Youth Nights. Contact the Director of the St. Francis Youth/Young Adult Ministries at: (541) 382-3631.

- ◆ **Confirmation (and Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist)** Youth who are in 6th Grade or older and have journeyed on a year of faith formation the previous year, may start preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. *Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press is used for classroom time on Wednesdays or Sundays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in addition to “sponsor nights,” service, and a retreat.
- ◆ **Faith Formation for Youth** in Grades 6 to 8 who have not been involved in a formal Faith Formation program for over a year—or ever. *Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press is used. Classes meet Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. During the second year, the youth will enter the Confirmation classes to prepare to receive one or more sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, and Confirmation.

FAITH FORMATION—Youth/Young Adults (Cont'd):

- ◆ **Youth Ministry** for Middle and High School Youth uses *Edge and Life Teen*, a movement within the Roman Catholic Church, whose mission it is to lead teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. The youth gather on Wednesday Youth Nights, attend Regional Youth Conferences, do community service, spend time at Eucharistic Adoration, and take part in Youth Masses.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY:

- ◆ **Christmas Food Baskets:** Each year, St. Francis provides food baskets for the needy families in our parish. Appeals are made for food donations, and then baskets are filled a few days before Christmas and delivered to those families. For more information, call Doug and Gina at (541) 280-7103 or send an email to ginamarie@bendcable.com.
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry—Bend (SVdP):** Provides food for the needy in Bend. Located at 950 SE 3rd St., it is open every Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As a parish community, St. Francis has a responsibility toward the poor and needy. All kinds of food items and warm clothing in winter are welcome. Please drop your donations into the bins that are located in the Narthex of the 27th Street Church or the Historic Church. Those who have fresh produce or meat to donate, please bring them directly to the food pantry. All donations are greatly appreciated. Apart from food donations, SVdP also needs hands to give the food out to the needy. To volunteer, call Gary Hewitt, SVdP Director, at (541) 389-6632, or send an email to stvincentbend@gmail.com.
- ◆ **The Bethlehem Inn Homeless Shelter Dinners:** The St. Francis Ministries prepare and serve dinner for approximately 80 residents on the second Saturday of the month. The meal is prepared in the kitchen at the Bethlehem Inn for serving. Currently, the following Ministries rotate months with the Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministries, and Hispanic Ministries.
- ◆ **The Family Kitchen:** Located in downtown Bend, 231 NW Idaho, meals are prepared and served to those in need. On the first Thursday of the month, volunteers from the St. Francis community help to prepare and distribute meals. For more information on how St. Francis helps out, contact Shirley Lattin at (541) 410-1060, or send an email to bnblsd@bendbroadband.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY: The Music Ministry is an integral part of the liturgy of the Church. The role of the choir is to lead and enliven the congregation's singing, to serve as a small-group within the church for faith formation and community building; and to sing beautiful and challenging music to glorify God and uplift the congregation. The choirs provide a supportive and joyful environment where singers of all ages are inspired to offer music of beauty and prayerfulness that enhances worship and helps bring people closer to God.

All voices and experience levels are welcome in any of the choirs—Adult, Hispanic, Youth, and Children's.

- ◆ **Adult Choir:** New members are always welcome! Rehearsals are held every Wednesday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the church. The Adult Choir offers a variety of music and sings at most Sunday 10 a.m. Masses, as well as at major feast days and liturgical events.
- ◆ **Hispanic Choir:** Provides music for the 12:30 p.m. Spanish Masses. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the church. The Hispanic Choir combines with the Adult Choir for various bilingual liturgies, such as Holy Thursdays and Easter Vigils. For more information about the Hispanic Choir, contact the Hispanic Choir Director, Martin Camacho, at orquidea3790@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Youth Choir:** Open to all youth in Middle School (6th–8th Grades) and High School (9th–12th Grades). For more information, please call Stephanie Mowery, Music Director, at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 114, or send an email to music@stfrancisbend.org.
- ◆ **Children's Choir:**
 - ◇ ***Joyous Voices I:*** Provides first experiences in singing for children in 1st and 2nd Grades. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., in the Music Room.
 - ◇ ***Joyous Voices II:*** Open to all children in 3rd–5th Grades from the parish and the school. The choir sings once a month for the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass; Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday; and once a month for the School Mass on Wednesday mornings at 8:15 a.m. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Music Room.
- ◆ **Cantor Program:** Open to adults and youth who seek to serve and lead the parish in song.

For more information about any of the choirs or about the Music Ministry at St. Francis Church, please contact Music Director, Stephanie Mowery, at music@stfrancisbend.org, or call (541) 382-3631, ext. 114.

Office Assistant Volunteers: These volunteers answer the phone and greet parishioners and visitors at the front desk of the Parish Office on Mondays through Fridays during office hours. They also help with office duties such as mailings, data entry, and other projects that add to the efficient daily running of St. Francis. Volunteers may sign up for a four-hour morning or afternoon shift each week, or be on a list of substitutes to be called when needed.

To volunteer, call Teresa Mikkelson at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, ext. 104, or send an email to officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org.

Parish Bulletin: This publication is distributed at all the weekend Masses. It provides an overview of the activities going on in the parish. It is also available on the Parish Website at stfrancisbend.org.

Please send announcements to Tina Hill, Parish Bulletin Editor, at bulletin@stfrancisbend.org no later than 5 p.m. on Fridays—8 days prior to the next weekend publication.

(A Spanish version is also available. Send announcements to Teresa Mikkelson at officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org.)

Parish Council: This is a volunteer Advisory Council to the Pastor, and meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The Council is the responsible body that represents the people, making their wishes known to the Pastor, and plans and executes every activity of the parish. Members are elected for a two-year term with the possibility of being reelected for another term. Once two terms are completed, the members must wait for at least a year before being elected again. The Parish Council cares for the physical and spiritual needs of the parish, plans for the future, and takes care of the material property of the Church.

Call Teresa Mikkelson at the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631, ext. 104, or email to officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org for more information.

PRAYER GROUPS: We have several prayer groups that meet weekly or monthly to pray for the needs of our parish and to read and discuss wonderful books on the Catholic faith. Prayer groups are the backbone of the Church. If specific details are not included with the Ministry listing, call the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 for meeting days, times, and locations.

- ◆ **Direction for Our Times Prayer Group:** A group that prays on the approved mystic, Anne, and the messages given to her by Jesus. This group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, from September through May, at 1 p.m. For the location for or more information, please call Sandy McJunkin at: (541) 389-3844, or send an email to rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com.

- ◆ **Hearts on Fire Prayer Group:** This is a community of Catholic believers who share a charismatic spirituality with a threefold purpose: to offer a sacrifice of praise to the Lord, both at regular prayer group meetings and in our daily lives, to engage in the New Evangelization by leading others to the Baptism of the Spirit—especially through “Life in the Spirit” Seminars, and to be active in our parishes—especially in works of charity and justice. For more information, send an email to Deacon Steve McGlone at stephenmcglone5@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Marian Movement Prayer Group:** This group prays for all those committed to a life of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome! For more information, please call Lisa Burley at: (541) 633-7142, or send an email to lisaburley99@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Sword of the Spirit Prayer Group:** This group meets on the third Sunday of each month, from September through June, at 2 p.m., gathering in the RCIA room for discussion and review of sections in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, then moves to St. Clare’s Chapel for praying the Rosary and Intercessory Prayers. For more information, please send an email to Patricia Mary Cappy at pmcappy@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group:** This group meets the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m., September through May, to pray for bishops, priests, and religious. For more information, please call Sandy McJunkin at (541) 389-3844 or send an email to rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com.
- ◆ **Twenty-Decade Rosary Group:** This group provides a tremendous prayer cover for our parish, our priests, and the Central Oregon region. We pray all 20-decades of the Rosary *every* morning in front of Our Lord in the tabernacle. On Saturdays, we start at 6:30 a.m., at the Historic Church. On the other days of the week, the Rosary is usually said in the St. Clare Chapel at the 27th St. Church. (The time varies.) For more information, please call Judy Kennedy at: (541) 389-5964, or send an email to judykennedy@icloud.com.

Prayer Chain: This is an Email Prayer Chain Ministry dedicated to praying for the requests of our parishioners without having to come together in a group. The “prayer warriors” receive a prayer request via email. To be on the list, email Sherry Rice at srice@bendbroadband.com. You will receive an email when a request for prayers is submitted. And if you should submit your own request, please send along an update whenever you know how the prayers are being answered. God always answers our prayers—sometimes as “yes,” sometimes as “no,” and sometimes as “not now.” We want to know, as these intentions are prayed for by many people.

Prayer Shawls: This group gathers together in prayer to knit shawls for those in need. These shawls provide comfort, healing, joy, hope, and a sense of belonging with love from St. Francis Parish. Everyone is welcome to receive a shawl and/or join our knitting endeavors.

For more information, please send an email to Sue Wellman at bloomers46@icloud.com.

Queen of Angels Rosary Makers: This is part of a larger missionary group known as “Our Lady of the Rosary Makers” out of Louisville, KY. The Queen of Angels group makes rosaries for our parish and other missions that need them. By doing so, the group shares in our Lord’s mission to service and pray the Rosary.

Please contact Sarah Broomhall: (281) 814-9640 or send an email to Slbroom@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Respect for Life Group: This pro-life group sensitizes our parishioners about the respect we must show toward life from conception until natural death. It has a four-part focus: prayer, education, pastoral care, and public policy to create awareness about the sacredness of life.

If you would like to be more active in our parish to pray and act toward ending a culture of violence and death, please call Chris Simone at: (541) 639-8235, or send an email to simone.christine54@gmail.com.

SAC Committee (School Advisory Council): This Committee advises the Parish School Principal and Pastor about school needs, projects, and other activities that are ongoing. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the School Library.

For more information, please contact Julie Manion, Head of the St. Francis School Administrative Team, at (541) 382-4701, or send an email to jmanion@saintfrancisschool.net.

Sacristans: Sacristans are men and women of the parish who prepare the sacred vessels and other items used in the celebration of the Eucharist. Among other things, this includes setting up the priest’s chalice, placing the Communion cups and water on the credence table, and the wine and bread on the offertory table.

Sacristans also clean the sacred vessels after Mass and put them in the appropriate place.

Training is provided, and sacristans may be scheduled based on their availability.

For more information, please contact Deacon Phil McCarty at (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

Secular Franciscan Fraternity: This is an organization approved and recognized by Rome and the Roman Catholic Church, not bound by religious vows: married, single, young or old, laity or clergy, who want to follow Christ by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. This organization meets in fraternity to pray, study and support each other in its mission to “Live the Gospel and bring the Gospel to Life” by bringing peace, forgiveness, and love to others. For more information, call Robert Smith at: (541) 948-2341 or send an email to rkisok@hotmail.com.

St. Clare’s Helpers: This group is open to all women of all ages. We gather to serve others, enrich our lives spiritually, and join together for social activities. For more information, email Sherry Rice at srice@bendbroadband.com or call (541) 383-2305.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School: Our parish school offers Preschool through 8th Grade classes and is a fully accredited Elementary and Middle School through Cognia.

For more than 85 years, St. Francis Catholic School has continued to foster a culture of excellence with high academic standards. The school differentiates curriculum, providing students with multiple options for acquiring information and making sense of ideas, while focusing on each child’s learning style. Differentiation recognizes student background knowledge, readiness, and preferences in learning and interests.

The teachers at St. Francis School provide students with deep and complex learning experiences-challenging them at all levels-using a dynamic blend of whole group, small group, and individual instruction. Flexible groupings allow students to interact with others to develop new ideas. Students are encouraged to question the assumptions behind ideas, collaborate, evaluate, and demonstrate. The primary way of achieving this deep learning is to use reasoning to produce an artistic or technical piece of work.

St. Francis School standards are to meet or exceed State standards with respect to length of the school year, instructional time, student/teacher ratio, and curriculum. Our Catholic faith is integrated throughout the day as well as taught in a core subject in the classroom. Our Catholic heritage is celebrated with school-wide events based in the liturgical season, weekly Masses, monthly confessions, and community service projects. We are grateful for the presence of the Salesian Sisters of Mary Help of Christians, Western Province. Together we prepare our students to lead their lives in the spirit of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, with humility and integrity.

The school welcomes volunteers for reading and math support, library, art room, music programs, lunch room, recess and more. All of our volunteers must pass the state background screening.

To become eligible to volunteer, call Mrs. G (Crystal Giudice) at the School Office: (541)382-4701 or email to admin@saintfrancissschool.net

St. Francis Stewardship (SFS): God has asked His people to live their lives as good stewards of His gifts. The purpose of SFS is to explore ways to bring each parishioner to a better understanding of what stewardship means to us as individuals, while examining what stewardship means to our parish as a community. The SFS builds on opportunities to thank and honor parish supporters who have shown commitment to living lives of good stewards and working with the Pastor and Parish Council to study other successful stewardship programs. Upon completion of the study, recommendations are made to the Pastor and Parish Council for creating a sustaining stewardship program.

For more information, please contact Deacon Phil McCarty at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

- ◆ **The Stewardship Committee:** This committee promotes a lifestyle of stewardship within the parish and includes conducting annual stewardship campaigns for time, talent, and treasure. Specific activities of the Stewardship Committee are the Annual Financial Stewardship Drive and the Annual Ministry Fair. Call Deacon Phil McCarty at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106, or send an email to liturgy@stfrancisbend.org.

Vacation Bible School: This is a week-long program in the summer for 1st through 5th graders. For more information, contact Janet Deppmeier, at (541) 382-3631, ext. 116, or email to faithformation@stfrancisbend.org.

Website Upkeep: The function of this ministry is to update the Parish Website and Mobile App on a weekly basis to keep it current and be of assistance to the parish. Anyone with time and knowledge is welcome.

If you would like to help, call Sherri Wingerd at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, ext. 120, or email to db_mediatech@stfrancisbend.org.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance, as paperwork, certificates, and other documents have to be collected in time. A Priest and a Wedding Coordinator will assist couples with their planning. For more information, please send an email to weddings@stfrancisbend.org or call the Parish Office: at (541) 382-3631.

Young@Heart Seniors Group: This group nurtures and supports the spiritual, social, and physical well-being of seniors. Activities focus on the great adventure of living—including fun, adventure, travel, mutual support, friendships, and service to our parish and community. This group boasts of having many of the most active volunteers at our parish. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend any and all of our activities. We meet from September through May. Check the St. Francis Parish Bulletin for activity dates and locations.

For more information, call Sue Rosa at: (541) 598-6620 or send an email to happyrosas@msn.com.



Ministerio Hispano

El Ministerio Hispano existe para dar apoyo e información a aquellos católicos cuyo primer idioma es el español. Se extiende a las familias católicas en necesidad y a las familias que se encuentran en crisis o en situaciones difíciles. El Ministerio Hispano también ayuda a todos a una mejor comprensión de su fe católica a través de la catequesis.

El Ministerio Hispano provee materiales de adoración en español y ofrece sesiones de catequesis para adultos y familias durante todo el año. Es la tarea de este ministerio organizar recaudaciones de fondos durante todo el año que ayudarían a financiar presentaciones, retiros y materiales catequéticos.

Elva Tamayo coordina el ministerio hispano. Pero no es un ministerio que se puede mantener por una sola persona. Necesitamos mucha ayuda. Hable directamente con Elva al: (541) 390-6051.

Acólitos: Cualquier adulto católico de buena reputación con la Iglesia puede ser un acólito. Es una orden menor conferida por el Obispo. Todos los sacerdotes reciben esta orden durante los años de estudios teológicos. Su función propia es servir en el altar, ayudando al sacerdote en todas las funciones litúrgicas. Arreglar el altar para la liturgia de la Eucaristía, ayudan al sacerdote a repartir la comunión y comunión a los enfermos.

Los acólitos también pueden exponer al Santísimo Sacramento para la Adoración Eucarística y traer la comunión del tabernáculo y llevarla de vuelta. Para más información, llamar a Alfredo Tamayo al: (541) 390-3010 o correo electrónico al: tamayo2007@msn.com

Bautismos: Coordinadora, Virginia Hernández. Clase pre-bautismal. Primer martes de cada mes. Favor de llamar para asistencia de la clase. (541) 382-2631, ext. 111. El papeleo se tiene que coleccionar antes de programar la fecha para el bautismo. Bautismos en español son cada 3er y 4to sábado del mes a las 10 a.m.

Bodas: Los planes y la programación de la Bodas deben hacerse con 6 meses de anticipación. El papeleo, los documentos y certificados de Bautismo y Matrimonio se tienen que coleccionar con tiempo. El Sacerdote y un coordinador de bodas le ayudaran con su planificación. Llamar al (541) 382-3631, ext. 111.

Caballeros de Colón—Mesa Redonda: Un grupo de Caballeros Hispánicos que se reúnen para apoyar y discutir una variedad de temas, ideas y proyectos en su lengua materna con el fin de traer adecuadamente estas cosas a las reuniones mensuales de los Caballeros de Colón. Se reúnen 15-20 minutos antes o después de cada reunión mensual de los Caballeros. Para mas informacion contacte a Binicio Orea Por teléfono al: (541) 848-8375 o correo electrónico al: winyorea@gmail.com.

Coro Hispano: Este coro canta y provee la música para la Misa de español a las 12:30p.m. cada Domingo. Los ensayos son semanales, generalmente los jueves por la noche, y algunas clases vocales y de teoría se ofrecen, gratis, durante todo el año los sábados y jueves por la noche. También se unen a los otros coros para varias liturgias en bilingüe, como el Jueves Santo y la Vigilia Pascual. Si está interesado en ser parte del grupo, por favor póngase en contacto con el líder del coro hispano, Martin Camacho por teléfono al: (541) 668-2471 o correo electrónico al: orquidea3790@gmail.com.

JPC (Jóvenes Adultos Para Cristo): Están llamado a todas las personas a través de la proclamación de la Palabra de Dios. Logrado a través de un proceso de capacitación de un apostolado. Discipulado los lunes a las 7 p.m. Abierta a la comunidad cada viernes a las 7 p.m.

Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Margarito Vasquez, email: vasquezsalinas76@gmail.com.

Lectores: Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Guillermina Valdes: (541) 508-8025.

Legión de Maria (Adultos): Una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica. Cuenta con más de 33 millones de miembros en el mundo. Comenzando en Dublín, Irlanda el 7 de septiembre de 1921. El ministerio tiene como fin entablar contacto de verdadera amistad con todas las personas que tengan necesidades espirituales, y animarlos a acercarse a la iglesia. Todo Católico que practique fielmente su religión y quiere ser útil a la iglesia y a la sociedad, y que esté dispuesto a cumplir las normas de la asociación puede ingresarse al ministerio. Los adultos se reúnen cada martes de 7 p.m. a 9 p.m. en las oficinas de la parroquia. Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Binicio Orea al: (541) 848-8375.

Mesa Directiva: Consiste de todos los coordinadores de los diferentes ministerios hispanos. Normalmente tienen dos juntas al mes. La primera junta es el primer jueves del mes de 7 p.m. a 9 p.m. para todos los servidores y ministros de la parroquia. Se reúnen en las oficinas de la parroquia. La segunda junta es el 3er jueves de cada mes y normalmente es solamente para los coordinadores de los diferentes ministerios hispanos. Igual, se reúnen en la parroquia de las oficinas. Para más información por favor póngase en contacto con Elva Tamayo al: (541) 390-6051.

Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión: Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Rene Lemus al: (541) 610-4499.

Monaguillos: Los monaguillos ayudan al sacerdote en todas las funciones litúrgicas y son una parte esencial de la liturgia y la Eucaristía. Cualquier niño que haya recibido la primera Comunión es elegible para ser un monaguillo. Los monaguillos llegan 15 minutos antes de la Misa. Se proporciona capacitación y los monaguillos pueden programar cuando estén disponibles. Para más información llamar a Alfredo Tamayo al: (541)390-3010

Quinceañeras: La programación de las Quinceañeras se debe hacer con 6 meses mínimo de anticipación. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Lina Mendoza al: (541) 848-8375 o correo electrónico al: mendoza-lina77@gmail.com.

Sacristanes: Los sacristanes son personas que preparan la iglesia para la Misa. Incluidos en sus deberes están: abrir la iglesia, colocar los cálices y el agua en la credenza, y vino y pan en la mesa del ofertorio a la entrada de la iglesia; colocan los cojines y las campanas en el primer escalón ante el altar para los servidores, y otras preparaciones importantes. Los sacristanes son necesarios para la Misa del Sábado por la tarde, las Misas del Domingo y

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todas las Misas de entre semana. Se proporciona entrenamiento y los sacristanes pueden programar según su disponibilidad. Para más información por favor llame a Magali Tejada-Lopez al: (541) 419-7870.

Ujieres: Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Maria Morales al: (541) 948-9945.

