



# **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

**O**n 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, contact Allison Faucher Sherman: [allisonfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:allisonfaucher@gmail.com).

**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 Dcn. Phil McCarty: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfrancisbend.org).

**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. The Altar Society also helps to organize and participate in funeral luncheons for families and friends of parishioners who have died. For more information, contact Judy Kennedy: [judyekennedy@icloud.com](mailto:judyekennedy@icloud.com).

**Baptisms:** The Baptism Ministry team consists of three areas—all of which include both English- and Spanish-speaking members. A Baptism Coordinator works with the parents and godparents to make sure that all paperwork is in order for a Baptism here or at another parish. A Baptism Host Team works in pairs to host the Baptism by setting up, greeting the families, and cleaning up. Baptism Catechists teach the monthly Baptism preparation classes. Contact Janet at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).

**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.

**Church Decorators:** Volunteers spend many hours planning and implementing decorations for our churches—especially Advent and Lent, and the festive and colorful Christmas and Easter Seasons. For more information, contact Lupita Wesseler: (541) 977-6535 / [wesseler@bendbroadband.com](mailto:wesseler@bendbroadband.com).

**Collection Counters:** Volunteers help with counting the Offertory Collection money every Monday morning and prepare the deposits for the bank. To volunteer or for information, contact Jane Rude at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, ext. 110 / [finance@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:finance@stfrancisbend.org).

**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. Contact 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 signup to spend an hour with Our Lord, contact Judy Kennedy: [judykennedy@icloud.com](mailto:judykennedy@icloud.com).

## EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS—

### Adults:

- ◆ **Alpha:** The core of the 11-week Alpha is food, a talk, and discussion in a small group setting. We challenge people in the pews to attend so they will fan the fire of their own faith and invite someone else the next time. It is amazing how many Catholics have never entered discussion about their faith. Registration is open during the summer and Alpha starts on the first Thursday of September. For information, contact Dcn. Steve McGlone at: [alpha@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:alpha@stfrancisbend.org).

- ◆ **Bible Studies: There are two Bible Studies at St. Francis—**One uses the Little Rock Program, and the other uses the Bible Timeline Program.

The Bible Study using Little Rock is over ZOOM on Tuesday nights. For information, contact Carl at: [RCIA@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:RCIA@stfrancisbend.org).

The Bible Study using the Bible Timeline meets in person and runs two sessions a year—in the Fall and in the Spring. For more information, contact Vergie Ries: (541) 797-6322 / [vergiebend@gmail.com](mailto:vergiebend@gmail.com).

- ◆ **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** RCIA classes are offered each year on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. 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, contact the Parish Office at (541) 382-3631 / [rcia@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:rcia@stfrancisbend.org).

- ◆ **St. Athanasius Men's Ministry:** Open to all men. 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.

We meet every Tuesday evening. For more information contact Benjamin at (541) 382-3631 / [bcowan@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:bcowan@stfrancisbend.org).

## **EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS—**

### **Youth/Young Adults:**

**Youth Ministries** for middle and high school youth meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Both groups participate in fellowship, prayer, learning, and service, as well as diocesan camps and retreats. Our High School Youth Ministry regularly attends the Idaho Catholic Youth Conference in March.

Sponsors are needed to assist youth attending the camps and conference. Contact the Coordinator of the St. Francis Youth/Young Adult Ministries at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).

- ◆ **Confirmation** for youth as young as 6th grade may prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation if they attended Catholic school or the parish faith formation classes the year before. SFS students preparing for sacraments should complete the online parish Faith Formation registration. Confirmation preparation includes attending faith formation classes either at a Catholic school or in the weekly parish classes, monthly parent-child workshops, service, sponsor-candidate discussions, and a retreat. In order to keep our youth in small groups, Many adult volunteers are needed to keep our classes small and to provide for the small group guidance at the retreat. Contact the Coordinator of Evangelization and Catechesis at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).
- ◆ **Faith Formation for Youth** in grades 6–12 who do not attend a Catholic school takes place on Wednesdays. There are two times offered 4:00-5:30 and 6:30-8:00 pm. These sessions are required for youth preparing to receive a sacrament and not attending a Catholic school. Contact the Coordinator of Evangelization and Catechesis at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).
- ◆ **Newman Club:** For young adults aged 18–24. We meet every Sunday for hikes, meals, prayer, learning, Mass, service, adventures, and more. Time and location change,so get on the communication list to keep up. Volunteers can help with meals and access to adventures. Contact Benjamin at: [bcowan@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:bcowan@stfrancisbend.org).



## **EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS—**

### **Children:**

The Religious Education Program for children offers weekly catechetical classes to all children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Dedicated volunteer teachers instruct our children about the Faith. All children who do not attend a Catholic school are encouraged to attend these weekly classes whether they are preparing for a sacrament or not.

If you would like to assist or be part of this Ministry, contact the Coordinator of Evangelization and Catechesis at (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).

- ◆ **Children Liturgy of the Word:** Most Sundays during the 10 a.m. Mass, two catechists lead the children who are about age 3–6 out of church to a classroom to hear the Word of God in a child friendly wording and explanation. We try to keep our CLOW team large enough, so each catechist is only scheduled once a month. To be part of this ministry, contact Lauren at: [lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com).
- ◆ **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.  
Contact the Coordinator of Faith Formation at (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org) to register your child or for more information.

- ◆ **Sacramental Preparation for Children:** Children may prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion as early as the 2nd Grade if they attended Catholic school or the parish faith formation classes the year before. SFS students preparing for sacraments should complete the online parish Faith Formation registration. Adult catechists are always needed for the weekly parish faith formation programs and monthly parent–child sacrament workshops.  
Contact the Coordinator of Evangelization and Catechesis at (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is a week-long program in the summer for 1st through 5th graders.

For more information, contact the Coordinator of Evangelization and Catechesis at the Parish Office at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 116 / [faithformation@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:faithformation@stfrancisbend.org).

## **FEEDING THE HUNGRY:**

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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, contact Doug and Gina at: (541) 280-7103 / [ginamarie@bendcable.com](mailto:ginamarie@bendcable.com).
- ◆ **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: (541) 410-1060 / [bnblsd@bendbroadband.com](mailto:bnblsd@bendbroadband.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 volunteers to give the food out to the needy. To volunteer, contact Gary Hewitt, SVdP Director, at the Social Services Office: (541) 389-6632 / [stvincentbend@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentbend@gmail.com).

**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. It 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, contact Vicki Audette at: (541) 390-1313 / [va@vickiaudette.com](mailto:va@vickiaudette.com).

**Finance Council:** 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 information, contact Carl Natalizia: (714) 309-9358 / [carl.natalizia@gmail.com](mailto:carl.natalizia@gmail.com).

**Funeral Luncheons:** This Ministry prepares and/or serves meals for the family and friends of deceased parishioners. For more information, contact Sherry Rice: [srice@bendbroadband.com](mailto:srice@bendbroadband.com).

**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 / [mlhmcglone@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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, contact Patrick Driscoll: (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, contact the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Cont'd)**

- ◆ **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, contact Thomas Andrade: (541) 728-8178 / [tdandrade@msn.com](mailto:tdandrade@msn.com).

## **LITURGY:**

- ◆ **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 Dcn Phil McCarty: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfranciscend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfranciscend.org) for more information.
- ◆ **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, contact Dcn. Phil McCarty: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfranciscend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfranciscend.org).
- ◆ **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. For more information, contact Dcn, Phil McCarty at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfranciscend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfranciscend.org).

## **LITURGY (Cont'd)**

- ◆ **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, contact Dcn. Phil McCarty: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfrancisbend.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. Contact Dcn. Phil McCarty at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfrancisbend.org) to learn more about this ministry.
- ◆ **Sacristans:** Sacristans prepare the church for Mass by opening the church, placing the chalices and water in the credenza, wine and bread on the offertory table at the church entrance, place the cushions and bells on the first step before the altar for the servers, and other important preparations. Sacristans are needed for Saturday afternoon Mass, Sunday Masses, and all weekday Masses. Training is provided and sacristans can schedule based on availability. For more information, contact Dcn. Phil McCarty at the Parish Office: (541) 388-5192 / [liturgy@stfranciusbend.org](mailto:liturgy@stfranciusbend.org).

**Miscarriage Ministry:** This ministry helps support parents who have experienced or are currently experiencing a miscarriage. Contact Megan Medley at (818) 461-2591.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY:**

**The Music Ministry** is an integral part of the liturgy of the Church. The choirs lead and enliven the congregation's singing; serve as a small group for faith formation and community building; and sing beautiful music that glorifies God and uplifts the congregation.

- ◆ **Adult Choir:** New members are always welcome! Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 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, and major feast days and liturgical events.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY (Cont'd)**

- ◆ **Hispanic Choir:** Provides music for the Sunday 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the church. For more information, contact the Hispanic Choir Director, Daniel Chevez at: (541) 948-9258 / [danielchevez72@gmail.com](mailto:danielchevez72@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Children's Choir (Joyous Voices):** Open to all children in 2nd to 6th grade from the Parish and the School. The choir sings five times a year for the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, as well as Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday Masses. Middle School and High School youth will be recruited to cantor when the Children's Choir sings in a Mass. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in the School 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, contact the Music Director, Stephanie Mowery at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 114 / [music@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:music@stfrancisbend.org).

**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, please contact Teresa Mikkelson at the Parish Office at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 104 / [officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org).

**On Care for Our Common Home:** This Ministry explores the Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, released by Pope Francis and finds ways to implement Pope Francis' most recent suggestions at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. To be part of this newly formed ministry, contact Cheryl Morgen at: [cherylmorgen@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmorgen@gmail.com).

**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](http://stfrancisbend.org). Send announcements to Tina Hill, Parish Bulletin Editor: [bulletin@stfrancisbend.org](mailto: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: [officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org](mailto: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. Contact Teresa Mikkelson at the Parish Office : (541) 382-3631, ext. 104 / [officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:officecoordinator@stfrancisbend.org) for more information.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** This email Prayer Chain Ministry is 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, contact Sherry Rice at: [srice@bendbroadband.com](mailto: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.

**Parish Prayer Shawl Group:** 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, contact Sue Wellman at [bloomers46@icloud.com](mailto:bloomers46@icloud.com).

## **PRAYER GROUPS:**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has three prayer groups that meet weekly or monthly to pray for the needs of our parish. Prayer groups are the backbone of the Church. If separate details are not included with the ministry listing, contact the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631 for meeting days, times and locations.

- ◆ **Hearts on Fire Prayer Group:** This is a community of Catholic believers who share a charismatic spirituality with a threefold purpose: 1) to offer a sacrifice of praise to the Lord, both at regular prayer group meetings and in our daily lives, 2) to engage in the New Evangelization by leading others to the Baptism of the Spirit—especially through “Life in the Spirit” Seminars, and 3) to be active in our parish, especially in works of charity and justice. Contact Dcn. Steve McGlone at: [stephenmcglone5@gmail.com](mailto:stephenmcglone5@gmail.com) for more information.

## **PRAYER GROUPS (Cont'd)**

- ◆ **Integrated Devotional Prayer Group:** This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m. at Sandy McJunkin's house (except during summer months of June, July, and August). The group meets to:
  - Pray to the Holy Spirit /Consecration to the Holy Spirit:
  - Hymn
  - Allegiance Prayer
  - Morning Offering
  - Prayer for the Pope
  - Prayer to the Holy Angels
  - Crusade Prayer for the Mitigation
  - Flame of Love Rosary
  - Make the Sign of the Cross 5X
  - Unity Prayer
  - Propagation of Flame of Love
  - The Rosary
  - Consecration of the Family to St. Joseph
  - Flame of Love Consecration to Mother Mary
  - Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
  - Prayer to Make Reparation for all Offenses against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary
  - Humility Prayer
  - Chaplet Prayer for Priests (Reparation)
  - Reading
  - Discussions DFOT, MMoP, Flame of Love (rotates each meeting)
  - Intercessions
  - Divine Mercy Chaplet
  - Prayer of Protection
  - Hymn

For the location or more information, contact Sandy McJunkin at (541) 389-3844 / [rogerandsandy@bendbroadband.com](mailto: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.



## **PRAYER GROUPS (Cont'd)**

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 St. Clare's Chapel at the 27th St. Church. (The time varies.) For more information, contact Judy Kennedy at: (541) 389-5964 / [judykennedy@icloud.com](mailto:judykennedy@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.

For more information, contact Sarah Broomhall at: (281) 814-9640 / [Slbroom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Slbroom@sbcglobal.net).

**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 to act toward ending a culture of violence and death, contact Paula Tierney at: (408) 529-9628 / [pauladuray@69@gmail.com](mailto:pauladuray@69@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 School Principal, Jeff Lee, at: (541) 382-4701 / [jlee@saintfrancisschool.net](mailto:jlee@saintfrancisschool.net).

**Secular Franciscan Order:** 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, contact Mary McGlone at: (253) 232-6789 / [mlhmzglone@gmail.com](mailto:mlhmzglone@gmail.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, contact Sherry Rice at: (541) 383-2305 / [srice@bendbroadband.com](mailto:srice@bendbroadband.com).

## **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—a global network of enthusiastic educators who help strengthen schools with a holistic approach to continuous improvement that encompasses accreditation and certification, assessment, professional learning, and customized improvement services.
- ◇ 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 Saint, 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, contact the School Office at: (541) 382-4701 / [admin@saintfrancisschool.net](mailto:admin@saintfrancisschool.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, contact Dcn. Phil McCarty at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfrancisbend.org](mailto: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. Contact Dcn. Phil McCarty at: (541) 382-3631, ext. 106 / [liturgy@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:liturgy@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, contact Sherri Wingerd at the Parish Office: (541) 382-3631, ext. 120 / [db\\_mediatech@stfrancisbend.org](mailto: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. The PreCana Ministry has two parts: the workshop and Foccus mentoring. Volunteers coordinate and host the PreCana Workshops which are offered twice a year and include six different presentations, most given by parishioners. Couples who are trained as Foccus Ministry Mentors meet with the engaged couples for one-on-one mentoring. For more information, please contact Gina Lorenz at: [weddings@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:weddings@stfrancisbend.org).

**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, contact Sue Rosa at: (541) 598-6620 / [happyrosas@msn.com](mailto: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.

Jose Luis Sanchez coordina el ministerio hispano. Pero no es un ministerio que se puede mantener por una sola persona. Necesitamos mucha ayuda. Hable directamente con Jose Luis Sanchez al: (541) 420-0669.

**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 Abraham Hernandez al: (541) 640-6582 o correo electrónico al: [hernandez.abraham12@yahoo.com](mailto:hernandez.abraham12@yahoo.com).

**Bautismos:** Coordinadora, Virginia Hernández. Clase pre-bautismal el primer martes de cada mes, requiere que se registre en línea, [stfrancisbend.org](http://stfrancisbend.org). El papeleo se tiene que coleccionar antes de programar la fecha para el bautismo. Bautismos en español pueden ser cada 3er y 4to sábado del mes a las 10 a.m., dependiendo de la disponibilidad de la iglesia.

**Bodas:** Los planes y la programación de la Bodas deben hacerse con al menos 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 Gerardo Gomez por teléfono al: (541) 610-9966.

**Coro Hispano:** Este coro canta y provee la música para la Misa de español a las 12:30 p.m. cada Domingo. Los ensayos son semanales, generalmente los jueves por la noche. También se unen a los otros coros para varias liturgias bilingüe, como el Jueves Santo y la Vigilia Pascual.

Si está interesado en ser parte del grupo, por favor llame a Daniel Chevez al (541) 948-9258 para mas información.

**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 Martin Camacho, email: [orquidea3790@gmail.com](mailto:orquidea3790@gmail.com).

**Lectores:** Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Maria Ramirez: (541) 306-1394.

**Mesa Directiva:** Consiste de todos los coordinadores de los diferente ministerios hispanos. Normalmente tienen una junta al mes, el cuarto jueves de cada mes. Se reúnen en la oficina parroquial. Para más información por favor póngase en contacto con Jose Luis Sanchez al: (541) 420-0669.

**Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión:** Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Felipe Cabanas al: (541) 390-2432.

**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 mas informacion llamar a Abraham Hernandez al: (541) 640-6582.

**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) 630-2442 o correo electrónico al: [mendozalina77@gmail.com](mailto:mendozalina77@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 todas las Misas de entre semana. Se proporciona entrenamiento y los sacristanes pueden programar según su disponibilidad.

Para obtener más información por favor llame a Lina Mendoza al: (541) 630-2442.

**Ujieres:** Para más información sobre el ministerio favor de ponerse en contacto con Santiago Silva Santos al: (541) 903-0323.

