

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)



Catholic Education—Part 3

hy is Catholic Education important? Our schools evangelize. Our schools celebrate the Word of God day in and day out. If a child goes to a Catholic School, K–G-8, and he/she goes to the weekly School Mass, he/she will have heard the Word of God at Mass over three hundred times. That does not include the classroom Religion Class, Advent and Lent specials, and hundreds of other times. No one who goes to our schools could possibly graduate and not have a sense of the Word of God. Our schools have been, are, and will remain the best, the very best way to evangelize.

I do not think that society is all bad and that everything is wrong with society. But I can say this: Thirty years ago when I was a boy, had I not gone to Catholic School, I still might have been somewhat formed as a good and honest person by the culture around me. I don't think that this is true for children today. They are being shaped and formed by a culture that does not have God at its core—at its center. In fact, they are being shaped and formed by a culture that is anti-God. We are living in a confused society, a society that does not know the difference between male and female, a gender-fluid society, where children as young as 13 can start puberty blockers and hormonal therapy to begin transitioning into a gender of their choice without parental consent.

If you are an immigrant from Mexico, Latin America or Asia, the culture you came from was mostly Catholic and it evangelized. When you immigrate here you often realize too late that the town or city that you are living in now is not Catholic or evangelizing your children the way it did in your village in Mexico or Central or Latin America. Rather, this anti-God culture is shaping and forming your children. That is why Catholic schools are important—to evangelize and form your children with God at the center of their lives.

Our schools teach children to pray. Teach a child to pray, and you will do him/her a favor for the rest of his/ her life. When you learn to pray as a child, it goes into a groove in your brain that stays with you for life. It gets stuck in there. I have visited a lot of people who are ill and who are dying. Some of them often times are not able to respond or talk. But the moment you make the Sign of the Cross, you see their hands moving as well. Or, you say the "Our Father" prayer or the "Hail Mary," and you see their lips moving. They make the Sign of the Cross every time I bless them.

Our schools are the only educational system that tracks the poor, so that they will not "fall through the cracks." The poor are known by name. They are cherished. They are helped. Research has shown that Catholic School graduates vote more, are less racist, contribute more to the Church, and are more active in their communities. They participate in civic and community life. I encourage you to attend one of the School Masses on a weekend, and see and hear the amazing things St. Francis students do at Mass. The children of our School animate one Mass a month.

A Catholic School has the unique capacity to academically connect reason and faith; science and religion. This is an especially important feature for our young people today. Indeed, the Center for Applied Research (CARA) at Georgetown University suggests the same.

St. Mary's Press recently published a CARA research study it commissioned in a publication entitled *Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics.* Its findings noted that the average median age when formerly Catholic teens and young adults left the faith was 13. Just under half (45%) said their disagreement with the Church's stance on a political issue important to them was at least "somewhat" important to their decision to leave. This is not surprising given the cultural wars, social issues and divisive political polarization in our wider society. But what was very surprising was that 36% said that the perception that their Catholicism conflicts with their scientific learning was at least "somewhat" important to their decision to leave the Church.

A Catholic Education is the answer to this. When confronted with science competitive with his/her Catholic faith, many young people simply leave their faith instead of delving deeper into it. Our young people don't know that their Catholic faith and science go together they complement each other. Or as St. John Paul II so eloquently noted in his encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth. . . ."

-Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>DATE</u> <u>C</u> Saturday, September 9th Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20	:HURCH [M]	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	<u>FOR</u> Ray Posner (D)	REQUESTED BY Betty Posner
Sunday, September 10th	[M]	7:30 a.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Ez 33:7-9	[M]	10:00 a.m.	Diane Michelsen (D)	Jan Michelsen
Rom 13:8-10 (Spanish Mass)	[M]	12:30 p.m.	Odilon Cortez (D)	Maria Cortez
Mt 18:15-20	[M]	4:30 p.m.	Katie McCance (L)	Ann McCance
Monday, September 11th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	Patricia Cappy
Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Kathleen Martin (D)	John Martin Jr.
Tuesday, September 12th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19	[M]	12:15 p.m.	John Martin Sr. (D)	John Martin Jr.
Wednesday, September 13th Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26 (School Mass	[M]) [M] [M]	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Ric Rubadue (D) Front Desk Volunteers (L) Mike McCance (L)	Terry Doi St. Francis Parish Ann McCance
Thursday, September 14th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Karl Levine (L)	Patricia Cappy
Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Maria Hoffman (L)	Richard Hoffman
Friday, September 15th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Patricia Mary Cappy (L)	Anonymous
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
Saturday, September 16th 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Cardinal Otunga House Sisters of Mary of Kakamega (L)	Pam & Ed Cheeney

[M] = Main 27th Street Church \blacklozenge [H] = Historic Church \blacklozenge (D) = Deceased \blacklozenge [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.



Presented by St. Clare's Helpers

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Community Center

Keynote Speaker: Very Reverend Saji Kumbungal Thomas, CMI, Vicar General, Diocese of Baker and Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Redmond, Oregon

Women of all ages are welcome!

Saturday, October 21st, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$25 per person (scholarships available) Continental Breakfast and Lunch included.

Registration begins on Sunday, September 10th, online at: <u>stfrancisbend.org/womens-retreat.html</u>

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College Game Nights

Sundays, from 5:45 to 7 p.m., gather in Room FD4, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass for food and games. Game Night is open to all young adults (about age 18 to 24).

St. Athanasius Group



All men are invited to attend a weekly men's group on Tuesday evenings. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m. The focus is to be the men we are called to be by deep-

ening our spiritual lives and by having a brotherhood to support us.

For more information, contact **Benjamin** at <u>bcowan@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

Alpha Prayer Intention for the Week

That the Alpha participants be open to Jesus and His love for them. Prayer ideas for this intention:

- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Fast on Thursday, the day Alpha meets.
- Attend one daily Mass.

Contact **Deacon Steve** at <u>alpha@stfrancisbend.org</u> for more information.

Faith Formation Online Registration is Open! Use the Parish Faith Formation Registration for:

- Children not attending St. Francis School, there are classes every Wednesday at 4 p.m. for Grades K-5 and at 6:30 for Grades 6-12.
- Children who attend St. Francis School and are preparing to receive a sacrament this year.
- Any child in Grades K-12 who is preparing to receive a sacrament.
- Any youth in Grades 7–12 who is already Confirmed and wants to join our Middle School Youth Ministry or High School Youth Ministry.

Three more catechists are needed for Wednesday afternoon children Faith Formation and for Wednesday evening youth Faith Formation.

Contact **Janet** at: <u>faithformation@stfrancisbend.org</u> or (541) 382-3631, for more information.

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.

Pre-Cana Workshop

Friday, September 29th, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 30th, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gather Meals Talks Prayer Discussion Prepare

The Pre-Cana workshop is for couples who are preparing to enter the Sacrament of Marriage for the first time, and for couples married civilly and who would like to have their marriages validated in the Catholic Church. Registration is on the Holy Matrimony page of the Parish Website.

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 fol-low up dialogue; (2) oversee our FOCCUS mentors, and (3) organize two Pre-Cana Workshops each year.

We are also looking for two new FOCCUS mentor couples. A mentor couple will be trained to meet with engaged couples one-on-one and guide them through a dialogue.

RCIA

- Do you know anyone who would like to become a Catholic?
- Or do you know a Catholic who needs Confirmation?
- 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: <u>https://www.stfrancisbend.org/rcia.html</u>.

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.

At this time, we are seeking **three more volunteers** to help lead the Children's Liturgy. The commitment is no more than one Sunday per month. All

volunteers must complete the Diocese Safe Environment training. Please contact **Lauren Roach** for more information at: <u>lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com</u>.

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, please contact **Natasha** at (541) 213-8399.



Hearts on Fire



The Hearts on Fire Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the RCIA room. Join us **tomorrow, September 11th,** for praise, worship, and a time to listen to the Lord. Contact **Deacon Steve McGlone** for more information: (253) 222-0582.

St. Clare's Helpers

The next meeting is **Tuesday**, **September 12th**, **at 2 p.m.** in the RCIA room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

New Bible Study ...

starts on Tuesday, September 12th! For any questions, please contact Vergie Ries at: <u>vergiebend@gmail.com</u> or call (541) 797-6322.

Music Ministry Seeks Instrumentalists

Are you a musician who plays keyboard, percussion, guitar, violin, flute, or other type of instrument?



Are you skilled in audio or visual technology?

The Music Ministry is looking for experienced instrumentalists and those with audio and visual skills to share their gifts in the liturgies at St. Francis.

If you are interested—or know of someone who might be—please contact Music Director, **Stephanie Mowery**, at the Parish Office or send send her an email at: <u>music@stfrancisbend.org</u>.

Also, the Children's Choir (Joyous Voices) rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 13th, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Music Room.

Mexican Food and Treats Fundraiser

Please join us on **Saturday, September 16th, from 3 to 8 p.m.,** in the St. Francis Parish Community Center. Enjoy Tacos, Enchiladas, Tamales, Pozole, and so much more!

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Historic Church Restoration Fund.



Come and See ...

The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) will meet on Sunday, September 17th, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the 27th St. Church in Seminar Room #1.

For more information, please contact **Robert Smith** at (541) 948-2341 or send an email to: <u>kisok@hotmail.com</u>.

;Lotería!

On Sunday, September 17th, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Bend Municipal Court, 555 NE 15th St., the Bend Police Department welcomes all members of our community to take part in a fun afternoon of Lotería—an easy game of chance played with a deck of cards—as part of our "Welcoming Week." The deck of cards was colored, in part, by CO Summer Spanish Immersion students from the Community College. Enjoy snacks, drinks, and prizes at this free, family event!

2023 Christmas Faire



The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 20th, at 4:30 p.m., in Seminar Rm. #1.

Did you hear? Applications to sell your homemade Arts and Crafts at our *November 18th Christmas Faire* are

now available! Pick one up at the Parish Office (closes at noon on Fridays), or request one by sending an email to: <u>stfranchurchfaire@outlook.com</u>.

Grief Ministry Classes

New classes start on **Thursday**, **September 21st**, **from 9:30 to 11 a.m.**, in the RCIA Room for all who've lost a loved one. We welcome everyone, but we need at least four people to hold



these classes. Please contact **Mary McGlone** at: <u>griefministry@ stfrancisbend.org</u> or call (253) 232-6789.

40 Days for Life—Bend Event

Please sign up for this event from **Wednesday, September 27th, to Sunday, November 5th,** at the CORTL website: <u>centraloregonrighttolife.org</u>. More details to follow with a meeting on **Saturday, September 23rd** (time and venue TBA). For more information: <u>40daysforlifeinbendoregon@gmail.com</u> or call **Diana** at (541) 539-3970.

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 and we'd love to see you there! 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, send us an email at: <u>vac.co.or@gmail.com</u>.

Parish Photo Directory

We are gathering family photos for a new Parish Directory. Please send in a digital family photo to: <u>db_mediatech@</u> <u>stfrancisbend.org</u> and include your names—first and last and the names of any children. If you don't have a digital photo, the parish staff can take your picture on designated days (to be announced later). Photos must be submitted no later than **November 15th** to be included in the directory.

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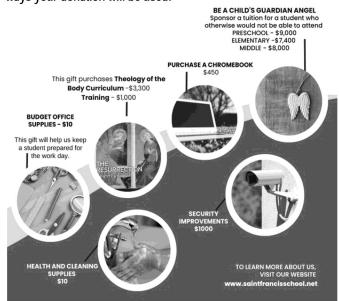
Dear Friends of the St. Francis Parish Community,

As the academic year begins, St. Francis of Assisi faculty and students have much to celebrate. We are extremely fortunate and give thanks for the support that we are blessed with by our parish community! Last year's enhancements to our academic programs and, with the addition of exemplary staff, we have strengthened our ability to further educate our students spiritually and academically. This year, we are excited to welcome 168 students to our community, and we look to continue growing our enrollment in years to come. *Our mission remains strong in its commitment to provide a quality Catholic education to our community.*

Over the next month, we are asking our Parishioners to consider making a contribution toward our Annual Giving Appeal to ensure that the Legacy of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is secure.

Howcanyouhelp?

This year's Annual Gift Catalogue includes many ways your donation will be used.



You can make a donation by visiting the School Office, by mail, or online at: <u>www.saintfrancisschool.net/giving/aga</u>.

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V	Pro-Life Corner	Ø
Ф Ф	Diocesan-Wide Pro-Life Event, Pray-4-Life / Ontario Bishop Cary is encouraging all parishes in the Diocese to participate in a Pro-Life prayer/ pilgrimage, each parish traveling together, to pray outside the new Planned Parenthood Center in Ontario, OR, any time during the dates of September 27th to November 5th. These dates coincide with, but do not replace, the Bend Fall "40 Days for Life" Campaign.	v v
Ŷ	Our Parish dates are Wednesday, October 25th, and Thursday, October 26th, although parishioners can travel on a date convenient to them.	Ŷ
ଫ ଫ	Depart Bend for Ontario Wednesday, October 25th, at 7 a.m.—Stand our Vigil time at Planned Parenthood, which starts with a blessing at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 3:30 p.m. Then on to the Vigil from 4 to 5 p.m. —Dinner / Overnight Lodging—	ଫ ଫ
V	Thursday, October 26th, at 8 a.m. —At Blessed Sacrament for the 8:30 a.m. blessing at Mass. Grab something to eat, and then on to the Vigil at Planned Parenthood from 11 a.m to 12 p.m. Depart Ontario for Bend	V
Ŷ	Register after all the Masses next weekend, September 16th/17th, at a "sign-up" table in the narthex.	Ŷ
V	For those not able to register for the pilgrimage next weekend, and for discounted lodging information,	V
Ŷ	please send an email to: Christine Simone Parish Pro-Life Coordinator	Ŷ
Ŷ	St. Francis Respect for Life Ministry Head <u>simone.christine54@gmail.com</u>	Ŷ

2023 Stewardship of Giving

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Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
August 26–27 2023	\$38,545	\$22,756	\$15,789	\$798,234
August 19–20 2023	\$16,022	\$22,756	(\$6,734)	\$759,689
August 12–13 2023	\$19,920	\$22,756	(\$2,836)	\$743,667
August 5–6 2023	\$25,263	\$22,756	\$2,507	\$723,747

Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$1,679,948 ♦ Funds Spent: \$586,627 The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$297,210

2023 YTD Budget: \$801,141 YTD Actual: \$798,234 Variance: (\$2,907)

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