

September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church aspires to be a vibrant and welcoming community of disciples committed to worship, grow, and serve. We invite all to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ to accompany them on their journey and send them forth to be His witnesses.

Sunday Masses* (All Masses are at the 27th St. Church during the Historic Church Restoration)

05:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)

07:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

04:30 p.m.

Saturday:

Tuesday:

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*All Masses Are Livestreamed on the Parish Website

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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)

Reconciliation # Confessions:

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.⁺

7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Adoration follows until 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. (27th St. Church)

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Catholic Education—Part 4



Ontinuing my reflection on the importance of a Catholic education, one of the more challenging findings of the CARA study commissioned by St. Mary's Press, "Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics," is this observation: "The authors of the CARA study do not perceive any significant way for the Church to attract many who have left to return to the faith. While historically some do return, often as they age or because of a 'life-cycle effect,' there seems to be a difference in the millennial generation, particularly with respect to the idea of not wanting to force religion on their own children. That suggests that this life-cycle effect may no longer be true" (p. 32).

There are many things that parents force onto their children—like what to eat, who to play with, when and how long to play, what toys to have, where to go, what chores to do, what to school to attend, what medicine to take, etc.—which are part of parenting. But when it comes to religion and faith, they prefer to stay out of it.

Younger parents—"millennials"—don't come back. It used to be that when young adults had children, they often returned to the practice of the faith and the habit of Sunday Mass. But the most recent findings suggest that—today—young parents do not necessarily return to the practice of their faith once they have children. Therefore, Catholic schools reach out to evangelize, not only the child, but also the parents. The mission of Christ has Catholic schools in order to bring our parents back to Him. Catholic schools do not exist simply for the economic and social well-being of our students, or even of our larger society.

Yes! We can and should be proud of the academic and social achievements of our graduates. But we also must remember that these achievements mean nothing if the child and the parents are not brought closer to Christ—and closer to the commitment they made at the baptism of their children.

Our schools are communities of faith, where our faith is lived and professed and talked about. Just think of how difficult it would be to educate and form children if you could make no real reference to God or to Jesus who came to save them, loves them, gave His life for them, forgives their sins, and redeems them!

Just think of how difficult it would be if you could not tell children that Jesus walks with them, knows them, loves them, and so much more!

I have seen children and parents, who were not Catholic, come to the faith just by being in a Catholic school. Children are powerful agents to evangelize their family—especially the parents.

Catholic schools build up the life of the parish—life, energy, and commitment. The parents get involved, do things, and often carry the parish forward. They are often the first ones there and the last to go. They oversee the Auction, the Carnival, the Family Night, and so much more.

In Catholic schools you have the opportunity to impact and form—not just the lives of the children—but of the parents and families as well.

If a School Pastor has a heart attack, no one would be surprised. Everyone knows he works too hard and thus he is more susceptible to a heart attack! But, at least, it will be a heart attack worth having! He works in ways that most parishioners have no clue.

There is also a very high percentage of Pastors, Principals, and Teachers who are products of Catholic schools.

Catholic schools are very important and essential to the life of the Church—and to the life of society. Today, we can hardly imagine the United States land-scape without Catholic schools. A Catholic Education is an investment in eternity. Your new car will be old in a year. The child you educate in a Catholic school is immortal. This education will never have to be replaced. It will last forever. The school that you help to educate that child is in business with God for that child.

So, as a Catholic School, we are in business with God for your children. It's an investment that you'll never regret. May God reward your generosity and your goodness!

—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, September 16th 1 Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49	CHURCH [M]	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	FOR Janet Luiz (D)	REQUESTED BY Stanley Luiz
Sunday, September 17th Sir 27:30—28:7 Rom 14:7-9 (Spanish Mass) Mt 18:21-35	[M]	7:30 a.m.	St. Francis Parish Family (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
	[M]	10:00 a.m.	Faith Hauck (D)	Dcn. Steve & Mary McGlone
	[M]	12:30 p.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
	[M]	4:30 p.m.	Pamela Van Eikeren (L)	Ann McCance
Monday, September 18th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
1Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Jack Chiaverini (D)	John Martin, Jr.
Tuesday, September 19th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Cele Chiaverini (D)	John Martin, Jr.
1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Grace Foss (D)	St. Francis Parish Community
Wednesday, September 20th 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 (School Mass)	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Lindsey White (D)	John Martin, Jr.
	[M]	8:15 a.m.	Fr. Lawrence Bower (D)	Fr. Jose Thomas
	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
Thursday, September 21st Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Dione Solman (D)	John Martin, Jr.
	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Dottie McCance (D)	Ann McCance
Friday, September 22nd	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Joseph Vorndran (D)	Connie Vorndran
1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Sr. Katherine Hellman (D)	Margo Rupp
Saturday, September 23rd 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Matt Hogan & Kate Korneer (L)	Leigh Hogan

[M] = Main 27th Street Church ♦ [H] = Historic Church ♦ (D) = Deceased ♦ [L] = Living
To schedule a Mass Intention, call the parish office at (541) 382-3631 by 1 p.m. on Wednesday—10 days before the next bulletin.

"Knights Corner"

hanks to all our parishioners, the Bottles & Cans Drive has been a big success and is now our most successful fundraiser! Below are pictures of a recent bagging party we held. We collect from the kiosk in the parking lot daily, transfer everything to the Pederson farm where we do all the bagging, and from there the bags are delivered to the bottle drop. A lot of manhours go into this project—it is no small task!



Please continue to drop off all your Oregon redeemable bottles and cans in the kiosk. Proceeds not only go to St. Francis School and Youth Programs, but they also help in supporting many other worthy causes.

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

If you have an interest in becoming a Knight, contact **Pat Burrus** at (435) 659-4623 or **Matt Deppmeier** at (541) 904-5548 for more information. Also visit: kofc.org.

Be Bold! Be Catholic! Be a Knight!

—Pat Burrus, Grand Knight



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 19th, at 6:30 p.m. The focus is to be the men we

are called to be by deepening our spiritual lives and by having a brotherhood to support us.

For more information, please contact **Benjamin** at: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

Alpha Prayer Intention for the Week

That Jesus opens the hearts and minds of the participants to understand the depths of His love in the Cross:



In Chapter 11 Verse 2 of St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples the "Our Father." *Join the Alpha team in praying the "Our Father" every day at 11:02 a.m.*

Contact **Deacon Steve** at alpha@stfrancisbend.org 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: faithformation@stfrancisbend.org 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 follow 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: https://www.stfrancisbend.org/rcia.html.

Children's Sunday Liturgy



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

At this time, we are seeking **three** more volunteers to help lead the Chil-

dren's Liturgy. The commitment is no more than one Sunday per month. All volunteers must complete the Diocese Safe Environment training.

Contact **Lauren Roach** for more information at: lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com.

Family Holy Hour

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

Can You Please Help?

A parishioner at the Hixon Apartment complex needs a ride to the 10 a.m. Mass. The location is off SW Century Blvd. and SW Simpson.

Please call (502) 642-7275 if you can help.

Come and See . . .



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

For more information, contact **Robert Smith** at (541) 948-2341 or kisok@hotmail.com.

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 via email at: stfranchurchfaire@outlook.com.

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: griefministry@stfrancisbend.org 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,

40 Days for Life in Bend, Oregon Organized by Central Oregon Right to Life

at: centraloregonrighttolife.org. More details will be available at a meeting on **Saturday, September 23rd, at 11:15 a.m.** Call or text **Diana** at (541) 539-3970 or send an email to: 40DaysforLifeinBendOregon@Gmail.com if you plan to attend.

For more information on this event, please send an email to: 40daysforlifeinbendoregon@gmail.

St. Clare's Helpers

The next meeting is **Tuesday**, **September 26th**, **at 2 p.m.** in the RCIA room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.



Healing Service

Come join us at St. Francis Church for the "Feast of the Archangels," on **Friday**, **September 29th**, for Holy Mass at **5:45 p.m.**, followed by a healing service. Hosted by the Hearts on Fire Prayer Group.



"Women of Hope" Retreat



The Women's Retreat, presented by St. Clare's Helpers, is on **Saturday, October 21st, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** in the Community Center. Women of all ages are welcome, and there will be a wide variety of small group sessions from which to choose. The registration deadline

is October 10th. (Also, please see the insert included with this bulletin!)

Parish Photo Directory

We are gathering family photos for a new St. Francis Parish Directory. Please send a digital family photo to: db_mediatech@stfrancisbend.org and include your name(s)—first and last—and the name(s) of any children. Horizontal pictures are preferred. If you cannot take a digital photo, a member of the staff can take your picture on the following dates:

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Desperately Needs Volunteers!

We provide food boxes and a variety of other social services to our brothers and sisters in need here in Bend. Join us—and you will see the rewards that come from giving of yourself. Call (541)389-6643 or apply at: stvincentdepaulbend.org.

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—Thank you, Gary Hewitt, Executive Director

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Back to School

We love being together again. We have taken the opportunity to pray, say grace, and attend Mass with joy. We are getting to know our new spiritual buddies and old friends.

After School Activities

Middle School Girls Volleyball and the Lego Robotics Team are meeting indoors while the Co-Ed Cross Country Team will be out on the field.

Second through Fifth Graders have Children's Choir, Marian Club, or St. John Bosco Club.

Service

The Students raised funds for families in Lahaina, Hawaii. Their contributions will go to the Sacred Hearts Recovery Fund.

St. Francis Annual Golf Tournament

When: Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 Where: Lost Tracks Golf Club 60205 Sunset View Drive

Bend, OR 97702

Check-In: 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Please register to play before September 22nd:

https://www.saintfrancisschool.net/golf-register-now.html Proceeds will be included in our

"Annual Giving Appeal"

and will support the use of virtual reality in Science and Career Readiness Courses.



Family Rosary Night

September 21st, at 6 p.m., in the St. Clare Chapel.
All are welcome.

Grand Parents & Grand Friends Day

We are inviting our grandparents to Mass and some interactive entertainment on

Friday, September 22nd. Mass at 9 am with Fr. Unger

Coffee and entertainment following Mass. Visits in the classrooms and on the playground before the noon dismissal.

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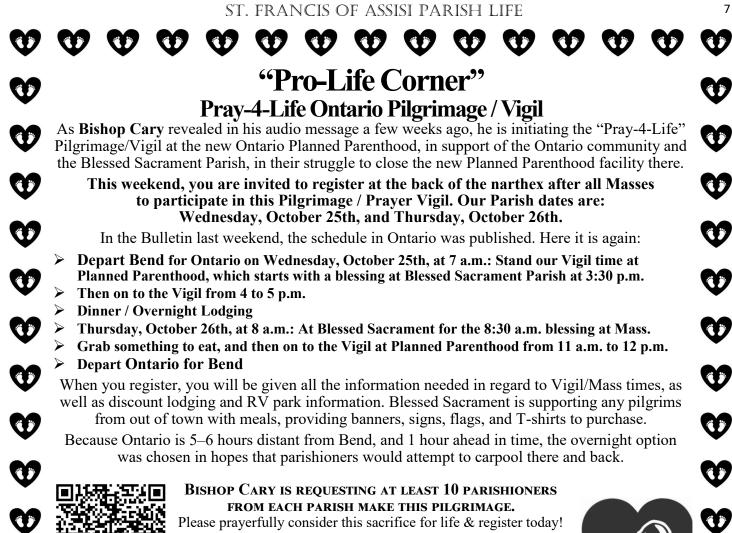


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Christine Simone Parish Pro-Life Coordinator simone.christine54@gmail.com





St. Francis Historic Church Made the Local News Again!

In case you missed it, the Historic Church Renovation project was on the Central Oregon Daily News on Thursday, September 7th. To view, scan the QR Code on the right



—Andrew Untermeyer, Senior Media Consultant

2023 Stewardship of Giving

Date	Weekly Offering	Weekly Needed	Difference	YTD Offering
September 9–10, 2023	\$23,540	\$22,756	\$ 784	\$845,573
September 2–3, 2023	\$23,799	\$22,756	\$ 1,043	\$822,033
August 26–27 2023	\$38,545	\$22,756	\$15,789	\$798,234
August 19-20 2023	\$16,022	\$22,756	(\$6,734)	\$759,689

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$300,403

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