

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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St. Francis of Assisi: *Living the Gospel Radically*—Part 1

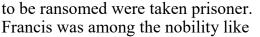
s we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis in a couple of weeks, I would like to reflect on his life and works. He was born at Assisi in Umbria, in 1181. Pietro Bernardone returned from a trip to France to find out his wife had given birth to a son. But far from being excited or apologetic because he had been gone, Pietro was furious because she'd had his new son baptized Giovanni after John the Baptist. The last thing Pietro wanted in his son was a man of God. He wanted a man of business, a cloth merchant like he was, and he especially wanted a son who would reflect his infatuation with France. And so, he renamed his son Francesco—which is the equivalent of calling him "Frenchman."

Francis enjoyed a very rich, easy life growing up because of his father's wealth, as well as the permissiveness of the times. From the beginning, everyone loved Francis. He was constantly happy, charming, and a born leader. If he was picky, people excused him. If he was ill, people took care of him. If he was so much of a dreamer that he did poorly in school, no one minded. No one tried to control him or teach him.

As he grew up, Francis became the leader of a crowd of young people who spent their nights in wild parties. Francis himself said, "I lived in sin" during that time. He fulfilled every hope of Pietro: He loved the songs of France, the romance of France, and especially the free, adventurous troubadours of France who wandered through Europe. And despite his dreaming, Francis was also good at business.

However, Francis wanted more than wealth but it was not holiness! He wanted to be a noble a knight. Battle was the best place to win the glory and prestige he longed for, and he got his first chance when Assisi declared war on its longtime enemy, the nearby town of Perugia.

Most of the troops from Assisi were butchered in the fight. Only those wealthy enough to expect



he always wanted to be, but he was chained in a harsh, dark dungeon. Finally, after a year in the dungeon, he was ransomed.

Strangely, the experience didn't seem to change him. He gave himself to partying with as much joy as he had before the battle. The experience didn't change what he wanted from life either: "Glory."

Finally, a call for knights for the 4th Crusade gave him the chance for his dream. His father got him a suit of armor—one decorated with gold and with a magnificent cloak. His dream was to return a prince. But he never got farther than one day's ride from Assisi. It was there that he had another dream in which God told him that he had it all wrong and to return home—and return home, he did. But for returning home without ever making it to battle, he was humiliated, laughed at, called a "coward" by the village, and raged at by his father for the money wasted on the armor.

Francis' conversion did not happen overnight. God had waited for him for 25 years, and now it was Francis' turn to wait. He started to spend a lot more time in prayer, and God's grace overwhelmed him with joy. But life couldn't just stop for God. There was a business to run and customers to wait on.

One day while riding through the countryside, Francis—the man who loved beauty, who was so picky about food, who hated deformity—came face-to-face with a leper. The look and the smell of the leper was abhorrent to him. But something had changed. He jumped down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper. When his "kiss of peace" was returned, Francis was filled with joy. As he rode off, he turned around for a last wave and saw that the leper had disappeared. He always looked upon it as a test from God . . . and that he had passed!



-Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>DATE</u> Saturday, September 23rd Isiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-	CHURCH [M] 16a	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	<u>FOR</u> Nina Hurst (D)	REQUESTED BY Ann McCance
Sunday, September 24th	[M]	7:30 a.m.	Shawn McCance (L)	Ann McCance
Isiah 55:6-9	[M]	10:00 a.m.	Megan Moira Mahoney (D)	John & Barbara Koegler
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a (Spanish	Mass) [M]	12:30 p.m.	St. Francis Parish (L)	Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Matthew 20:1-16a	[M]	4:30 p.m.	John Wolfer (D)	Ann McCance
Monday, September 25th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Bill Holt (D)	Ann McCance
Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
Tuesday, September 26th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Ray Cichon (D)	Ann McCance
Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Cipriana Alvarado (L)	Jose Luis Sanchez
Wednesday, September 27th Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (School	[M] Mass) [M] [M]	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Monica Cichon (D) Tina Hill (L) Geneveve Strake (D)	Ann McCance Elizabeth Green Ann McCance
Thursday, September 28th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9	[M]	12:15 p.m.	David Byrum (L)	Ann McCance
Friday, September 29th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Mary Rubadue (D)	Terry Doi
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Bill Strake (D)	Ann McCance
Saturday, September 30th Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Therese Byrum (L)	Ann McCance

[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"



We continue with the "Helping Hands" Donation Drive to benefit the needy. Everything we collect will be donated to non-profit organizations and homeless shelters in Bend. We are asking all parishioners to donate any coats or blankets you might have (they don't have to be new), socks, underwear (new items only please), as well as hygiene items. Please bring anything you can donate to Mass **next Sunday, October 1st.** We will have collection bins in the narthex.

Another area where we could use help is with non-perishable food donations. There are bins for this in the narthex as well. When you go to the store, throw an extra item in your cart. Go through your pantries, check for things that might not get used (nothing expired please), and help us with our continued effort in our "Food for Families" Program.

The monthly award Knights' winners were: "Knight of the Month" went to **Mark Sampson**, "Family of the Month" went to **Bruce and Tina Kjesbo**, and "Lady of the Month" went to **Joleyne La Chappelle.** Congratulations to all!

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

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

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

Be Bold! Be Catholic! Be a Knight!

-Pat Burrus, Grand Knight

College Game Nights

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

St. Athanasius Group

All men are invited to attend a weekly men's group. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th, at **6:30 p.m.** The focus is to be the men we are called to be by deepening our spiritual lives and by having a brotherhood to support us. For more information, contact **Benjamin** at: bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

Alpha Prayer Intention for the Week

That the participants discover how to receive faith. Prayer ideas for this intention:

- Reflect on Jesus' words to the penitent woman, "Your faith has saved you."
- Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary reflecting on the faith that Mary and Joseph had.
- Pray for Alpha at home between 6–8 p.m. each Thursday or come to the chapel to pray.

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

Faith Formation

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.
- \blacktriangleright 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.

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

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

Sacramental Preparation for 1st Communion and Confirmation: Children as young as 2nd Grade may receive 1st Communion. Youth as young as 6th Grade may be Confirmed.

All children preparing to receive a sacrament this year need to register using the online Faith Formation registration.

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

RCIA

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

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

Children's Sunday Liturgy

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

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

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.

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.



Honoring Our Patron Saint

Wednesday, October 4th, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The 7 a.m. Mass will be in the main church that day, but there will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass due to the Annual Clergy Retreat.

We will pray a Novena to St. Francis after all Masses from Monday, September 25th, through Tuesday, October 3rd. Copies of the Novena Prayer are available in the St. Clare's Chapel, in the narthex, and on the parish website.



St. Clare's Helpers

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

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.

Breakfast Burritos

Those fabulous Knights of Columbus chefs will be serving Breakfast Burritos next Sunday, October 1st, after the 7:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.

Pro-Life Rosary

The St. Francis for Life Committee invites you to pray the Rosary on the first Sunday of every month. The next Prolife Rosary is on October 1st, at 9:30 a.m., in St. Clare's Chapel. Please join



us in prayer for our vulnerable brothers and sisters in the womb.

—Patty Marx

Annual Clergy Retreat/ Daily Mass Change



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

The regular Daily Mass schedule resumes on Friday, October 6th. We ask everyone to please pray for our bishop and priests attending the Clergy Retreat.

Can You Please Help?

A parishioner at the Hixon Apartment complex, which is located off SW Century Blvd. and SW Simpson, needs a ride to the 10 a.m. Mass. Call (502) 642-7275 if you can help.

2023 Christmas Faire

The Christmas Faire committee is busily planning and needs lots of help (even for a few hours). The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 4th, at 4:30 p.m., in



Seminar Room #1. All proceeds go to the Historic Church Renovation. We'll have many outstanding vendors, a "Silent Auction," a gift-card raffle, three choirs, food, and the Kids' Store!

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

"Women of Hope" Retreat

The Women's Retreat is on Saturday, October 21st, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Community Center. Women of all ages are welcome. Register online at: stfrancisbend.org/womens-retreat.html or use the registration form in the brochure. The deadline to register is October 10th.

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. and 12:30 p.m. Masses
- Saturday, November 11th, after the 5 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, November 12th, after the 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses.

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

A Thank You From PRCCO

We are truly grateful for your participation in the Baby Bottle Drive this year! Your congregation raised \$5,647, and this gift helps ensure that we can continue to encourage women to make life-affirming decisions for themselves, their pregnancies, and their relationships—all in the name of Jesus Christ. May God richly bless you for your generosity and partnership as together we serve the smallest among us. Thank you!

–Kari Ellis. Bend Center Manager, Pregnancy Resource Centers of Central Oregon



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The mission of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is to educate the whole child in a Christ-centered community that values service, leadership, and academic excellence.

Our vision is to inspire academic scholars, motivated to serve with faith and moral character.





Service

The students joined the other diocesan Catholic Schools and donned their Hawaiian colors to raise funds for the Sacred Heart Recovery Fund in Lahaina, Hawaii. We raised \$1,025, and St. Mary's in The Dallas raised \$1,600.



Retreat Portion of the Middle School Confluence: A day to team-build and lay ground rules for a successful year.

St. Francis Annual Golf Tournament

When:Tuesday, October 3, 2023Where:Lost Tracks Golf Club
60205 Sunset View Drive
Bend, OR 97702Check-In:9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration ends Monday, September 22nd, and includes breakfast, lunch, and a swag bag.

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

Proceeds will be included in our Annual Giving Appeal and will support the use of "virtual reality" in Science and Career-readiness courses.

Why is there so much traffic in the parking lot between 4 and 5 p.m.?

Middle School Girls Volleyball is now hosting home games in the parish center.

Middle School Cross Country is using the field and back yard to practice.

Lego Robotics is meeting after school.

Faith Formation classes have started.

Do you still need to register your child to receive a sacrament during the 23–24 school year?

https://www.stfrancisbend.org/faith-formation.html



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	Pray-4-Life Ontario Pilgrimage / Vig	gil
	cis Parish Registration Weekend is past, but it is not to rish Pilgrimage/Vigil on this most important Pro-Life There are several options to register:	
	ails about the pilgrimage and register on-line on t ww.stfrancisbend.org/pray-4-life.html.	ne parish website
 Use the QR Send an ema 	Code below on your mobile phone to reach the reg il to: simone.christine54@gmail, and she will assis about the event.	
Also	, for parishioners who cannot attend the Pilgrimage in we will have two prayer support opportunities:	Ontario,
36 hours that	er Chain. Parishioners can sign up for one hour to pra we are on the road, on Wednesday, October 25th, sursday, October 26th, until 7 p.m. (Sign-up Genius 1	arting at 7 a.m.,
	<i>apel" for Adoration.</i> For the two, one-hour times that nthood, we ask for extra prayer support from home w pration, on Wednesday, October 25th, from 3 to 4 p.	ith a commitment to
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A small number of parents and staff of St. Francis and St. Thomas Schools are working to start an exploratory committee for the creation of a Catholic high school to serve the communities of central Oregon. We are looking for dedicated parents, parishioners, teachers and staff, and anyone who has experience or an interest in Catholic high school education to help serve on this committee and to grow our local Catholic school system. The immediate goals of this exploratory committee are to quantify the community interest and potential and to identify and discern potential educational models. If interested, please reach out to Colin Roach at colin.p.roach@gmail.com. —Thank you, Colin Roach

2023 Stewardship of Giving

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

The Scholarship Fund Balance is: \$301,300

Historic Church Renovation Funds Raised to Date: \$1,726,188 ◆ Funds Spent: \$896,894 2023 YTD Budget: \$869,406 ◆ YTD Actual: \$863,885 ◆ Variance: \$5,521

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