



September 3, 2023 22nd 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.

\*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)

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.<sup>+</sup> 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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# Catholic Education—Part 2



his year we have significant additional staff support for the Middle School with four full-time teachers and seven part-time staff, providing teaching and a variety of electives. Going into this academic year, we have three Pre-K classes, and we have three Grades with 20 or more students—which has been our goal for many years. We have a total of 33 full-time and part-time paid staff for the School. That is about one staff person for every five students.

Our Catholic School is also subsidized by those who built these great buildings that most of us have inherited and didn't pay a penny to build. They were built mostly by "blue-collar" working people who saved every penny they could so that their parish could have a Catholic School. They may have their problems but, for the most part, the people using them today didn't pay a penny to build them.

As the Catholic community in town, you have a moral responsibility to send your kids to our Catholic School, or to support the financial aid fund, and support the Church and the School in other ways. Promoting a Catholic Education should become completely central and not as a side-line effort.

Parents are the primary educators of the faith—not the principal—not the parish priest. Where does this come from? It's built into the Rite of Baptism. There are three questions that are asked when parents bring their children for Baptism. The first question is: "What name have you given your child?" Although parents of newborns are often sleep-deprived, they generally can answer this first question with ease.

The second question from the Rite of Baptism is: "What do you ask of the Church for your child?" Again, parents who have generally gone through some kind of Baptism preparation course give the answer to this second question: "Baptism."

It's the third question that's the "kicker" for the parents: "You have asked your child to be baptized. In doing so, you are accepting responsibility for raising her/him in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up according to the laws of Christ

and His Church. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"

When parents answer "yes" to this question—trust me—not all of them really "understand" what they are "undertaking." It's a Marian "yes." It's a "yes" out of faith. It is a great responsibility, and providing to your children a Catholic Education where available is carrying out that responsibility.

Tuition brings in only 59% of what it takes to educate a child here at St. Francis. So, we rely heavily on fundraisers, individual donations, and the support of the Church to raise the remaining 41%.

Thanks to all who worked hard and made sacrifices so that we were able to end in the "black" for the last three years. I would like to engage in sound business practices to move the school from isolated and unconnected instances of fundraising to a sustained vision for development.

We are a school *and* a parish. It is like the two hands or legs we have. Both need to be strong to function well. Ever since we got rid of the Church debt, we have been providing greater financial support to the school. However, we need to further increase enrollment. That is the key to sustainability.

I cannot do this myself. I need the parents to send their children to our school. It is possible with some sacrifices. When each parent makes this sacrifice for their children, we will become successful as a community with God's blessings.

We have set up a Scholarship Fund to assist you, which is something that everyone can help with. Thanks to all those who have supported this fund, we had 28 students last year who were able to attend St. Francis School because of this assistance.

The Annual Giving Appeal—which is an important part of the school's annual budget—starts at the beginning of each school year. You will be hearing about it at all the Masses this weekend as another academic year starts this week.

Thanks for your support of the AGA and of a Catholic Education.

—Fr. Jose Thomas Mudakodiyil

#### MASS INTENTIONS / SCRIPTURE READINGS

DATE Saturday, September 2nd Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27	CHURCH [M]	<u>TIME</u> 5:00 p.m.	FOR St. Francis Parish (L)	REQUESTED BY Fr. Jose & Fr. Roga
Sunday, September 3rd Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 (Spanish Mass) Mt 16:21-27	[M] [M] [M]	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Apostol Family Members (D) David Nasharr (D) Jose Luis Sanchez Alvarado (L) Dcn. Phil McCarty (L)	Leo Apostol Ronald & Madeline Nasharr Miriam Sanchez Tina Hill
<b>Monday, September 4th</b>	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Mary Philip (D)	Fr. Jose Thomas
1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
<b>Tuesday, September 5th</b>	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Vicencio Family Members (D)	Leo Apostol
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Carlos de Guzman (L)	Maria Hoffman
Wednesday, September 6th Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44	[M] [M] [M]	7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	Stephanie McLagan (L) Fr. LawrenceBower (D) Peter Mullen (D)	Anne & Doug Thompson Fr. Jose Thomas Margo Rupp
Thursday, September 7th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Francisco Ortega (D)	Ceberiana Ortega
Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Jack Connoly (D)	Lezlie Matsuyama
Friday, September 8th	[M]	7:00 a.m.	Irene Ford (D)	Veronica Berreen
Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23	[M]	12:15 p.m.	Monique Nebolon (D)	David Pendlebury
Saturday, September 9th Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5	[M]	8:00 a.m.	Reparation for Abortion & Healing for Families	St. Francis Parish

[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"

ou might remember back in April, I sent my first message regarding the **Helping Hands**Donation Drive we are having to benefit the needy. Everything we collect will be donated to non-profit organizations and homeless shelters such as St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd's House, Bethlehem Inn, etc. Well, it's time and we will have our first attempt at it this next weekend. 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, September 10th.** 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 them 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 Knights of Columbus seeks to invite men to join in order to help them become better men, better as a Catholic, and a better family man. The more men who join the Knights, the better we can do, and the more men we can help 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.

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 27th St. Church. Monies collected from this project go to the St. Francis School and youth programs. For more information on the Knights of Columbus, 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 5th, 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 location or more information, send an email to **Benjamin** at bcowan@stfrancisbend.org.

# Alpha Prayer Intention for the Week

Alpha starts on Thursday, September 7th, at 6 p.m. Pray that all those whom the Lord is calling to attend will respond to His invitation, and that He will clear the way for them to be present. Prayer ideas for this intention:



- Pray the Rosary daily.
- Give up your favorite drink 3 to 7 times during the week.
- Read Isaiah 55:10–11 and ask the Lord to fulfill this promise for our Alpha attendees.

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.

hree 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, ext. XXX for more information.

## **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?



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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

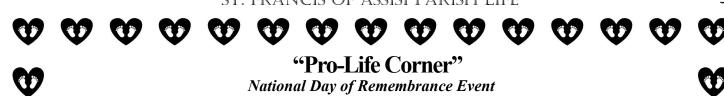
# **Children's Sunday Liturgy**



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: lauren.evans.roach@gmail.com.



Fr. Jose Thomas will preside at the 2023 "National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children," which will be held on Saturday, September 9th, with a Rosary at 10 a.m., followed by the Remembrance Mass at 10:30 a.m. at the 27th Street Church.

Please join us as we offer prayers for the souls that have been lost to abortion, and for those that are still being lost to abortion.



Christine Simone St. Francis Pro-Life Coordinator, Respect for Life Ministry Head, simone.christine54@gmail.com





























## The Parish Office Is Closed . . .

on Monday, September 4th, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no Adoration on that day.

# **Pray for Vocations**

Come for the 1st Tuesday of the month holy hour, September 5th, after the 12:15 p.m. Mass, in the St. Clare Chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life.

# 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: vergiebend@gmail.com / (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 email: music@stfrancisbend.org.

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 & Treats Fundraiser

Please join us on Saturday, September 16th, from 3 to 8 p.m., in the Community Center. Enjoy Tacos, Enchiladas, Tamales, Pozole, and so much more! All proceeds go to the Historic Church Restoration Fund.

### 2023 Christmas Faire

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 20th, at 4:30 p.m., in Seminar Rm. #1. We need lots of help (and a Publicity chair)!



# **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 SUPPORT 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 for more information.

# 40 Days for Life—Bend Event

Please sign up for the Bend "40 Days for Life" event from Wednesday, September 27th, through Sunday, November 5th, on the centraloregonrighttolife.org website. More details to follow with a meeting on Saturday, September 23rd (time and venue TBA). For information: 40daysforlifeinbendoregon@gmail.com or call (541) 539-3970.

# "Women of Hope" Retreat

A Women's Retreat, organized by St. Clare's Helpers, will be on Saturday, October 21st, at the 27th Street Church. We will pass out brochures and answer questions after all Masses next weekend September 9th/ 10th. (Online registration also begins on the 10th).

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-Best regards, Daniele Abedrabbo

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#### St. Francis Annual Golf Tournament

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is excited to bring back its Annual Golf Tournament! Join us for a day of fun and friendly competition on the greens at Lost Tracks as we raise funds for a great cause—our students! This year's tournament will support Virtual Reality Learning for Science and Career Education, as well as our Annual Giving Appeal beginning this weekend.

## First Day of School

We are very excited to welcome 30 staff members and 163 students on September 5th.

- Our school day is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Doors open at 7:45 a.m.
- Aftercare is from 3 to 6 p.m.

We still have openings in Preschool, Pre-K, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, and Middle School.

Is your child old enough to receive a Sacrament this year—Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation? Please register with Faith Formation so your family gets all the information you will need.

### Welcome Back, Sisters!

Sr. Ignacia, Sr. Shaila, and Sr. Jean have returned from Texas! Please join them in the church on Thursday, September 21st, at 6 p.m. for Family Rosary Night.



# **Historic Church Restoration Update**



Workers from Daprato Rigali Studios have begun the detailed work of restoring the sanctuary in the Historic Church.

2023 Stewardship of Giving

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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