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Mass Schedule

Tuesday – Saturday	8:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed for lunch from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	

St. Francis Parish Mission Statement

We, the faithful Catholic community of St. Francis Parish, through the celebration of the Sacraments, the fruitful sharing of the graces from God and intentionally imparting these values through Catholic education, earnestly strive to emulate our Patron in practicing the virtues, reaching out to people in need at large and making the kingdom of God present.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, March 29

Saint Ludovico of Casoria
4:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, March 30

Saint Peter Regalado
8:30 am Mass (Joe Omner – †)
11:00 am Funeral Mass for John McGuigan
7:00 pm Bible Study - The Great Adventure

Wednesday, March 31

Saint Stephen of Mar Saba
8:30 am Mass (John Alto – †)
6:30 pm Lenten Reflection Group

Thursday, April 1 – Holy Thursday

Saint Hugh of Grenoble
6:30 pm Mass (Elmyra Bloudek – †)
8:00 pm – midnight Adoration

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

Saint Francis of Paola
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3 – Easter Vigil

Saint Benedict the African
10:00 am RCIA Morning of Reflection
8:30 pm Mass (Theresa Manikowski – †)

Sunday, April 4 – Easter

8:30 am Mass (People of the Parish)
10:30 am Mass (Gail Louise Rowe – †)

The key for the Mass intentions is as follows:

- Deceased – †
- Healing – H
- Thanksgiving – T
- Intentions – I

To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:34A, 37-43
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6B-8
John 20:1-9

Liturgical Ministers April 1 – 4

Readers

Altar Servers

Holy Thursday 6:30 pm

Adolf Eppich Michael & Matthew Mehta

Good Friday 6:30 pm

Tim Mixdorf Thomas Bui
Drew Knickerbocker

Easter Vigil Saturday 8:30 pm

1 – Pat Allen Kenny & Dylan Conrow
3 – Julie Hefner
7 – Mike Faber
E – Trish Killinger

Easter Sunday 8:30 am

Gordon Stewart Natalie Moore & Emily Pitt

Easter Sunday 10:30 am

Mark Garand Andrew & Michael O'Sullivan

**If you are unavailable for your scheduled time,
please find a replacement Minister.**

St. Francis Council Chairs

Finance Council	Jim Carter
Pastoral Council	Timothy Mixdorf
Liturgy Committee	Deacon Bill Bloudek
SAC	Kofi Cobbinah
Knights of Columbus	Chris Roth
Centennial Committee	Keith Blau

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings of love and peace from Fr. Amal.

As we are preparing for the great events of the Holy Week, I am happy to share a few thoughts with you to celebrate those events meaningfully. As Pope Francis has said, "in the great events of Holy Week, we see love unfold in its most radical form". Let us live the Holy Week in a way that is radically different from every other week of the year, by being attentive to the special and spectacular events of the same.

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) March 28

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's solemn entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. It's a reminder to focus our attention on the purpose of life and remain committed to the task. We will have a simple procession with palms before Mass @ 8:30 am and a solemn procession before Mass @ 10:30 am.

Chrism Mass in the Cathedral - Monday, March 29 at 3:30 pm

** A day of sanctification*

This Mass, which the Archbishop concelebrates with his presbyterate and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with the Archbishop. It is on this occasion, all the priests serving in the Archdiocese of Portland will renew their priestly commitment/vows. In a normal situation, it would be desirable for the parishioners to witness their pastor renew his commitment but during this pandemic situation, may you keep me and all the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers!

Holy Thursday – April 1

** A day of service*

Mass of the Lord's Supper: The institution of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood takes place with the radical and exemplary act of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. It is an illustration of the way we are called to serve others.

While the pastor gets so many people to serve him (and the parish as well) all through the year, it is the most appropriate time for him to serve them. This year, I will wash the feet of few members from the parish councils, as they represent our parish serving in collaboration with me.

The Mass will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the south classroom, where the adoration will be held till midnight.

Good Friday – April 2

** A day of sacrifice*

The commemoration of the Lord's passion is a sound reminder of God's love for us and also a great challenge to exercise the spirit of service by taking up sacrifices in our lives. As a mark of our solidarity in spirit with the sufferings of our Lord and those of our brothers and sisters, we observe fasting and abstinence on that day.

The reflections on the Stations of the Cross will be shared and prayed at noon in two locations, as always. The celebration of the passion with the veneration of the Cross will be held at 6:30 pm.

Easter Vigil – April 3

** A day of salvation*

Jesus' triumph over sin, death, and hell brings joy to us and beckons us to raise above all evils, rise from death to life and share with him the glory of resurrection. The symbolic acts we perform that night are not only spectacular but they are faith-stimulating.

It is highly recommended that we take part in the celebration of those mysteries of salvation at the vigil service which will begin at 8:30 pm, and not to grumble about the time it takes. It is not a fun-event to watch but a faith-event which gives us a wake-up call. Besides, our candidates who went through the RCIA program will receive all the initiation sacraments. Let us all gather at this grace-filled event to express our solidarity with them.

May God inspire our hearts with the zeal for growing in holiness by faithfully following the instructions of the Church during the Holy Week so as to taste the joy of resurrection by rising to new life with our Risen Lord! Let us live to love; love to die for others; and die to rise again!

Wish you all a happy and blessed Easter!

Fr. Amal



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Office of the Principal

March 15, 2021

Dear Parents:

Congratulations to our eighth graders! All students that applied to a Catholic high school were accepted at the school of their choice. Thank you to their teachers and you, parents, for your support of Catholic education. Whether attending a public or parochial high school, the eighth-grade class will be fine representatives of St. Francis Catholic School. We are proud of them all!

A thought felt thank you to St. Francis Catholic School's Endowment Board, Matthew Wiren, Leanne Contreras, and Dr. Mike Cary, for their dedication to a Catholic education for all. For the 2021-2022 school year, the endowment is contributing \$15,034.50 towards tuition assistance. Thank you to all of you that support the St. Francis School's Endowment, and for those of you that want to support the school's endowment, the next Endowment Appeal will commence on May 5th. Information will be provided as the appeal gets closer.

After much discussion, we will not be hosting a raffle this school year. The Auction Committee and Jog-a-Thon Team will collaboratively work together on the Jog-a-Thon fundraiser. Please stay tuned in to how you can help support our school. The raffle will be back next school year in conjunction with the auction.

Starting March 29, 2021, students in fifth – eighth grade will return to school for a full day. All students (PreK-8th) will be dismissed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:10 and at 2:15 on Wednesdays. Starting on March 29, if students in fifth – eighth need extended care, please contact Ms. Hilburger now.

We have enrolled many new families, so please make sure to reach out and welcome the new families. PSO and I will be planning a welcoming/social for our new and existing families, details to follow at a later date.

We are so grateful to all of you for entrusting your children with us during these unique times. May God continue to bless us with our faith, health, and care for one another.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gonzalez
Principal

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**Knights of Columbus and Parish Social Action
Lenten Food Drive**



Requested Items

Canned Milk	Canned Refried Beans	Toilet Paper	Brown Sugar
Aluminum Foil	Canned Cranberries	Soup	Stuffing Mix
Muffin Mix	Canned Fruit	Butter	Corn
Green Beans	Cereal (Hot or Cold)	Frosting	Jam/Jelly
Mixed Vegetables	Canned Tuna or Chicken	Syrup	Pancake Mix
Vegetable Oil	Wide Noodles	Rice	Cake Mix

Hams or Turkeys (deliver to the Old Hall on Wed. March 31)

Cash donations should be forwarded to St. Francis Church

Thank you for your loving contributions

St. Francis Stephen Ministry

Control: To exercise directing influence, power, and authority over conditions ~ Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately life isn't like that -- we only think we're in control. So when something happens and we realize we're not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. Stephen Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God. To learn more about the Stephen Ministry call the parish office at 503-625-6185 and ask to speak to a Stephen Minister; or visit us online at: <https://www.stfrancissherwood.org/stephen-ministry-care>.

Respect Life



Since the Lord wanted to undergo death in full knowledge, the Christian desires to imitate Him in that. The Church asks that the dying should not be deprived of consciousness if possible, so that they can make peace with God, say a last prayer and last words to loved ones, etc. To frustrate them is an act repugnant to Christian sentiments. It is even simply inhumane."

~Pope Pius XII, 1957

May these holiest of days bring us all to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ. In the mystery of Christ's suffering, dying and rising from the dead may we discover the deepest truth about God, about ourselves and about our world.

~Adapted from a reflection at USCCB.org

Catholic Corner

Do the good angels care for us? The good angels pray for us and serve as guardian angels.
St. Paul Family Catechism.

Next week: What does our guardian angel do?

St. Francis School

Kindergarten celebrated Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day on March 2nd. Our teacher tackled the tongue twister book *Fox in Socks* and only had a couple slip ups. Our Big Buddies, 8th graders, read Dr. Seuss books to us virtually. They even held up the books so we could see the silly pictures. We



came up with rhymes like in the book *There's a Wocket in My Pocket* and finished the day by watching *The Cat in the Hat*. It was a fun day, there is nothing more to say, we hope you have a good day.

Easter Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday Mass: April 1 at 6:30 pm
Adoration 8:00 pm to Midnight in the south classrooms; sign-ups required

Good Friday: April 2, Stations of the Cross at noon in the church and outside
Good Friday service at 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday Masses: April 4 at 8:30 am, 10:30 am
(there is NO 5:30 pm Mass)

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Garden Planning

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HOPE GARDEN AND HELP US PLAN THIS YEARS GARDEN. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Monday, April 5th | Old Hall | 7 PM

For more info email bfallon@stsherwood.org

Announcements

Happening this Week:

This weekend, **March 27 & 28**, we will have the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your donation will help provide humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of the vulnerable. Envelopes can be found in the narthex.

Neighbor to Neighbor Day, sponsored by Community Connections/Faith in Action is coming Saturday, May 8 and St Francis is putting together a team of volunteers. Assignments will be outside projects that can be done safely from a distance and are in Dundee, Newberg, Sherwood, and King City.

- Teams will help seniors with yard work, window washing and/or gutter cleaning.
- Projects will take place at recipient(s) homes from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Contact Rachel Morrow by Sunday, March 28 at 503-703-1610 or formorrow4@aol.com to join the St Francis volunteer team!

Parish Announcements:

Are you interested in supporting our St. Francis **Respect Life ministry**? Please contact Josie Wiren at josiewiren@frontier.com for information about volunteering and upcoming events, or to be included in our email updates!

During Lent, we are participating in **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger and our Gospel call to care for our global human family. CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout Lent. Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl. Pick one up in the narthex. They will be collected at the end of Lent.

Itel—Knights of Columbus—Contreras Scholarships—These scholarships are again available to any high school graduating senior who is a parishioner of St Francis. You must have applied to and been accepted by a College or University for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications (one application for all) are available in the Parish Office, or in the church narthex. The deadline for submitting your application is Thursday, May 6. The primary criteria for selection are church and school involvement together with financial need.

Family Pictures for our 100th Year Celebration as a Parish

We as a parish have been around for 100 years. To help celebrate this event we are going to publish a directory of members of Saint Francis together with history of the parish. There are some extenuating circumstances this year because of Covid, so we are doing this task in house.

We are asking each person/family to send us a picture of themselves. **Please include all family members that are living with you.** We will include one picture in our 100th year memorial book/directory.

Why do this? It is a way to document for the future, who we were, who we are, and say proudly that we are a family community here at Saint Francis.

Please send your hard copy picture to Deacon Bill at the church office at 15651 SW Oregon Street, Sherwood, OR 97140 or send an electronic picture to bbloudek@sfsherwood.org. We are most interested in faces, not landscapes. Also, very importantly, please label all people in the picture by printing on the back or include in your email so we get the spellings correct. The pictures will NOT be returned, so please make copies. The deadline is May 1, 2021.

An update on the 100th Anniversary Parish Directory Photos:

As of this week we have received **23** photos of parishioners. Remember the deadline to turn in your pictures is May 1, just 6 weeks away.

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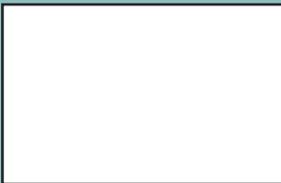
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