



ST. FRANCIS

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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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	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed for lunch	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, April 19

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

4:00 pm RCIA

6:30 pm MS Youth Group

Tuesday, April 20

Saint Conrad of Parzham

8:30 am Mass (John Alto – †)

Wednesday, April 21

Saint Anselm

8:30 am Mass (Adolph Nebel – †)

10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

6:00 pm SAC Meeting

Thursday, April 22

Saint Adalbert of Prague

8:30 am Mass (Mary Clancy – †)

9:30 am Women's Faith Sharing

6:00 pm Care Giver Support Group

Friday, April 23

Saint George

8:30 am Mass (Vera Korchinski – †)

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am Mass (Pam Wall – †)

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Theresa Manikowski – †)

Sunday, April 25

8:30 am Mass (Ken Shannon – H)

10:30 am Mass (Stephen Dicker – †)

1:00 pm First Communion Parent Formation

5:30 pm Mass (People of the Parish – I)

6:30 pm HS Youth Group

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 4:8-12

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 21, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Liturgical Ministers

April 24 & 25

Readers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 pm	
Sandra Sandness	Thomas Bui & Amon Cowan
Sunday 8:30 am	
Gordon Stewart	Natalie Moore & Jorge Apodaca
Sunday 10:30 am	
Julian Cangelosi	Kenny & Dylan Conrow
Sunday 5:30 pm	
Mike Faber	Drew Knickerbocker
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

Financial News

Collection total:

4/11 collection from Mass & mail	\$8,929.40
4/5– 4/11 online giving total	\$3,569.00

From the Pastor

Weekend of April 17 & 18, 2021 (Easter III – B)

Bold witnesses

If there is something we really believe in beyond doubt, then, we must cling to that truth even if others offer advice, suggestions and even threats to change our beliefs. The frightened fishermen-followers of Jesus were in a predicament as they sought to comprehend Jesus' life-death-resurrection, and more importantly, to proclaim Him to others.

There is an interesting thing happening in the post-resurrection apparition that Jesus ate fish! Obviously, instead of inquiring into the 'what', we should ask 'why' did Jesus eat the fish? Perhaps to prove that the risen, resplendent Lord was the same crucified Jesus, and thus there was a need for bodily identification. No one dared to ask any question about the identity of Jesus, though they had initially doubted.

The identity of the risen Lord became obvious for the disciples as it came with the impending mission to go out to the ends of the earth to become His faithful witnesses. As we encounter the same risen Lord in a) the celebration of the Eucharist, b) the Sacred Word, c) the community of believers, and d) every individual who bears the image of God, we need to be aware of the mission that comes with it to become His bold witnesses both in word and deed.

On a personal note: May I request you to pray for my older brother, Mr. Arul Anandan (59) who passed away on Wednesday, April 7; the funeral was held on the following day. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it to the funeral as I am waiting for the US passport. If everything goes well, I may plan on attending the memorial Mass on the 40th day. Please keep him in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace!

Fr. Amal



100th Anniversary Parish Photo Directory

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Thank you for taking time to respond.

If you are having a difficult time taking your picture for the directory, please see me after Mass and I will take your picture.

Blessings in Christ.
Deacon Bill

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J. Chris Hrouda, President
Biomedical Services



American Red Cross
Premier Blood Partners Program



Social Action

March Numbers:

116 families served

472 individuals

2,966 pounds of food donated

6,887 pounds of food from

Oregon Food Bank

PANTRY NEEDS:

**SPAM, COCONUT MILK, SUGAR, JELLY,
SYRUP**

FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY 9 AM - 11 AM

WEDNESDAY 5 PM - 7 PM

THURSDAY 9 AM - 11 AM

Bobbi Fallon, Social Action Coordinator
bfallon@sfsherwood.org, 503-625-7067



ST. FRANCIS
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Wednesday, April 21, 2021

12:00 PM - 05:00 PM

St Francis Church

15651 SW Oregon Street, Sherwood, OR 97140

Room Name: Parish Center

Appointment Required



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you Catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

At Baptism, you were given the Life of God in your soul.

In Confirmation, this grace is perfected with a special strength of the Holy Spirit, uniting you more perfectly with Christ and His Church.

Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church and discover your true purpose and conviction in the Lord.

Dates for weekly classes are not set yet for Spring 2021. We will be considering the availability of attendees for class meetings as best we can. So please fill out your information on the St. Francis website, including your availability or unavailability.

www.stfrancissherwood.org

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

Catholic Corner

Can the devils harm us? The devils want to harm us by tempting us to offend God, but we can resist them with God's help.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world (1 Pt. 5:8-9).

St. Paul Family Catechism.

Next week: What is man?

St. Francis Stephen Ministry

Rejection

"I don't believe in all that stuff, anyway." You remember her baptism, her first communion, the years of religious education, the time she was an angel in the Christmas play. It hurts. You can't agree with the way she's living her life now. To find out more about our parish's Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, please call the parish office at 503-625-6185 and ask to speak to a Stephen Minister. You can also visit us online at: <https://www.stephenministries.org>. All care, and inquiries for care, are confidential.

Sacramental News

Congratulations to Matthew, son of Antonio and Elizabeth Venegas, who celebrated his baptism on April 4.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Ramona Weisgerber died on February 25. **Her funeral was on March 12.**

Parishioner, John McGuigan died on March 12. **His funeral was on March 30.**

Respect Life



"Let us bear our cross and leave it to God to determine the length and the weight. He will never let the trial surpass the strength He gives you, and at the very moment you think yourself overwhelmed by sorrow, He will lift you up and give you peace."

~St Rose Philippine Duchesne
Jesus lives! He is the reason for our hope!
He has risen indeed!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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Office of the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy spring! The weather could not be better. There are many new and exciting changes and additions to our school for next year.

First of all, we hired a music teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Lucy Neary has been teaching music in the Archdiocese of Portland for eleven years. She graduated from Gonzaga University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance and a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, as well as a certification in Elementary Education and a minor in Conducting. During her time at Gonzaga, she sang in many choirs and performed in operas. She received her Masters in Choral Conducting from Portland State University in 2014 and since then, has conducted elementary, middle school, high school, collegiate, and adult choirs. Mrs. Neary lives in Tualatin with her husband and four children and she and her family are parishioners at St. Francis Catholic Church. Mrs. Neary loves teaching students how to read and compose music. Additionally, the students will investigate Music History through projects on composers, musical genres, and musical eras. The students will use their knowledge of Music Theory and History to explore all kinds of new music and performance opportunities. Mrs. Neary is looking forward to forming a choir, playing instruments, and instilling a love of music in the students.

Our long-term first grade substitute teacher, Jonathan Johannesen, will become our Kindergarten through eighth grade PE teacher and health teacher in grades 6th-8th. Mr. Johannesen earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon and a Masters degree in Elementary Education from Pacific University. He has worked with the Portland Trail Blazers, Portland Winterhawks, and coaches and referee's youth basketball and baseball. In the meantime, I am interviewing many qualified applicants for the first-grade teaching position.

Mrs. Green, our beloved art and PE teacher, will be the full-time art teacher and assistant in multiple classrooms. Mrs. Green will have more time to dedicate to the arts and the wonderful projects she initiates.

St. Francis Catholic School was awarded a \$5,000.00 donation from an anonymous donor. With these funds St. Francis will be sending two teachers to be Orton-Gillingham trained this summer in reading literacy. Additional funds will be used to purchase more Chromebooks, as enrollment continues to increase, and the remaining funds will be applied to update our science program.

We are continuing with our STEAM certification with Portland Public Schools. At this time, we are working on unit plans at each grade level. Ms. DeJesus has been a real driving force for us, and we appreciate her guidance and knowledge as we seek to advance our science program at all grade levels.

We are looking forward to our second largest fundraiser the Jog-a-Thon. Please pay close attention to the Wolf Post for updates and due dates. This year's Jog-a-Thon is really exciting as we will be able to have volunteers on campus and the students will be allowed to run with their respective classes. Many thanks to Lynne Nanson and the PSO team for making this event possible.

Starting this week is the school's Bookfair. Thank you to Jill Biallas for organizing this online affair. The kids and the teachers are excited about the books offered and it is so awesome to see children's faces in a good book reading for the love of reading. You can find more information in the Wolf Post.

Each weekend I tour many families that are so eager to attend St. Francis Catholic School. It is very inspiring to share the school and curriculum with others. Thank you for continuing to be a part of this community. The faculty, staff, and I could not do it without your continued support.

We are looking forward to completing this school year on a great note and introducing many exciting curriculum updates, instructional materials, and new roles.

Have a blessed week and enjoy this beautiful weather!

God bless,
Ms. Gonzalez
Principal

Announcements

Happening this Week:

The Knights would like to invite the parish to join us in our exemplification of new members after the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, April 18. This is the first time this ceremony has been open to the parish and family members. Any gentleman over the age of 17 of the parish who would like to join us please contact the Grand Knight, Chris Roth at GrandKnight9137@gmail.com or 503-925-9259 for more information.

Parish Announcements:

Next weekend, April 24 & 25 is the collection for the **Catholic Home Missions**. This appeal supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their populations. If you would like to support this worthy cause you can pick up an envelope in the narthex and place it in the collection basket next weekend.

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.

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An update on the 100th Anniversary Parish Directory Photos: 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. 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. As of this week we have received **56** photos of parishioners. **Remember the deadline to turn in your pictures is May 1, just 2 weeks away.**

Out of Parish:

Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille simply means “rediscovery”. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the June 4-6 Oregon Spanish weekend at Mt Angel Abbey, St Benedict, Oregon call Spanish (800) 966-7981 or English (503) 225-9191. Visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org.

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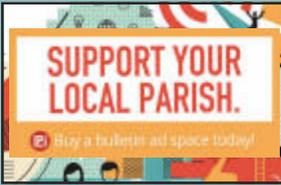
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