



# 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, May 3

Saints Philip and James

4:00 pm RCIA

6:30 pm MS Youth Group

### Tuesday, May 4

Blessed Michael Giedroyc

8:30 am Mass (Clay Meadows – †)

### Wednesday, May 5

Saint Hilary of Arles

### Thursday, May 6

Saints Marian and James

9:30 am Women's Faith Sharing

6:00 pm SAC Meeting

### Friday, May 7

Saint Rose Venerini

1:30 pm Environmental Committee Meeting

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Reconciliation

### Saturday, May 8

Saint Peter of Tarentaise

8:30 am Mass (Willie & Melanie Battilega – T)

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Theresa Manikowski – †)

### Sunday, May 9

8:30 am Mass (Dorothy Hermens – I)

10:30 am Mass (Linda Blackwood – †)

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

**NO Mass Wednesday, Thursday & Friday** as Father is attending the priests' convocation.

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.

## Sacramental News

**Congratulations to Isaiah Joseph Fernando**, son of **Josef and Cheryl Vito**, who celebrated his baptism on April 24.

**Congratulations to Malachi Grant**, son of **Nigel Alexander and Sarah Jordan**, who celebrated his baptism on April 25.

## Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalms 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

## Liturgical Ministers May 8 & 9

Readers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 pm Julie Hefner	Thomas Bui
Sunday 8:30 am Pat Allen	Elijah Payne & Natalie Moore
Sunday 10:30 am Ed Hobbs	Andrew & Michael O'Sullivan
Sunday 5:30 pm Jennifer Swanson	Niko & Mia Swanson

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 Cobbinaah
Knights of Columbus	Chris Roth
Centennial Committee	Keith Blau



## From the Pastor

Weekend of May 1 & 2, 2021 (Easter V- B)

### **'Organic Unity'**

In order to have life, Life in the Spirit and with the Son, Jesus says that we ought to be united with Him, *body-and soul*. The image of vine-branches is very much fitting for the Christ-Church relationship. Just as a branch cut off from the bark dries up and dies, so do we, members of the Church, dry up and die, morally and spiritually, if we distance ourselves from Him.

In any 'organic unity' we cannot even randomly cut off parts without doing any tangible harm to the whole body. Hence there is a dire and inevitable need for each of us to see ourselves organically bound and knit to each other and to the Head, Jesus, animated by the breath of the Spirit. Let us make it deliberate to remain a living and loving Body that will always foster life in society in the abundance envisaged by Jesus.

While the world projects enormous number of divisive elements and factors, the Master of the world proposes the one and only aspect of the unifying factor, which is, to abide in Him, the supernatural Vine in order that we might bear the fruits of love, sharing, sacrifice, and fellowship in super-abundance.

For the next two weekends we will be celebrating the First Communion of our children. Let us keep all those first communicants in our prayers that they will grow in their faith. May they become like Christ to us! Let us also thank all those who journeyed with them in the sacramental preparation.

Fr. Amal

In view of participating in the 'Amazing Parish' program, here is the first step.

We are going to establish something called a parish leadership team: a small group of people, four probably, who will take on considerably more work to help me oversee and manage the entire parish, regardless of what their daily jobs are. This parish is too important, and we have too many wonderful opportunities to bring people to Christ to allow our current way to continue. We need to be more nimble, strategic, informed and clever.

Now, I realize that there is potential in situations like this for people to be nervous about whether they will be on the team or not. And much of that nervousness comes from the idea that if we are not on the parish leadership team, we have somehow been demoted or disrespected. But it just isn't the reality of what we are doing here.

Being a member of my small leadership team is not a reward for good service. It is not an indication of where you stand in the parish in terms of importance and impact. And it is not a message to you about whether you are considered a strong member of the parish/staff. Some of our most talented and senior and committed people might not be on the leadership team, not because they are not fantastic at what they do, but rather because they are appropriately focused on one particular aspect of what goes on in the parish. Or perhaps they won't want to sign up for what I am requiring leadership team members to do. Because being on the leadership team carries with it a weighty set of responsibilities, with little or no public attention or formal upside.

It is NOT an advisory or oversight body like other councils of the parish. It will meet weekly because it is so involved in the day-to-day happening in the parish.

Four qualities of a team member: Committed and present, Team player, Mature and whole-parish oriented.

**Committed & Present:** A committed parishioner who is present at the parish throughout the week and available for weekly meetings.

**Team player:** A committed parishioner who is vulnerable and capable of engaging in productive conflict; will hold people accountable and is willing to be held accountable.

**Mature:** A committed parishioner who is mature, humble, prayerful and able to handle sensitive and confidential information.

**Whole-parish oriented:** A committed parishioner who is focused on the collective results of the parish more than their individual areas of concern.

Please prayerfully consider serving our parish family through the leadership team, if you earnestly feel the call to do so, and reach out to me within two weeks so as to enable me to make this discernment process.

Days of conference: June 21 -23, 2021 in Kansas City.

## OUR PANTRY'S RUNNING OUT OF:

Fruits and veggies: All but Potatoes, Onions, Apples and Oranges  
Frozen meats: Pork  
Baking: Sugar  
Canned goods: Pickles, Beets, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapples  
Snacks and sweets: Chips and Candy  
Toiletries: Shampoo and Conditioner (not hotel sized)  
Pet needs: Dog and Cat Food



## Garden Planting

May 15, 2021

9:00 AM

Hope Garden

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Contact:

Bobbi Fallon 503-625-7067 or  
[bfallon@sfsherwood.org](mailto:bfallon@sfsherwood.org)



## 100th Anniversary Directory Information

Saint Francis volunteers are in the process of calling all parishioners to verify our directory information.

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- Address
- Email
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Thank you for taking time to respond.



### Catholic Corner

**What do we mean when we say that the soul is immortal?** When we say that the soul is immortal, we mean that it will live forever.

*But the soul of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.*

*In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.*

*For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality (Wis. 3:1-4).*

*St. Paul Family Catechism.*

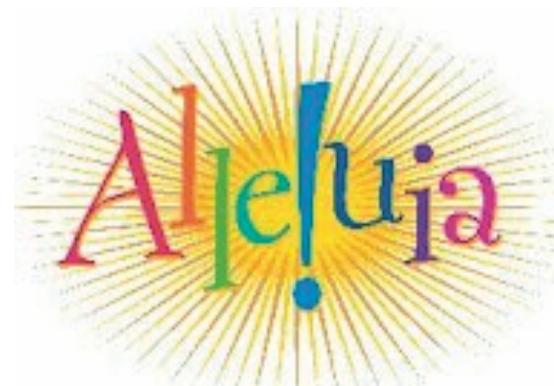
**Next week: How does the soul originate?**

### St. Francis Stephen Ministry

#### Why Lay Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just for a chosen few. God has given us all gifts for ministry and called us to put these gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a place where people with special gifts for caring ministry can use these gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need.

To find out more about the 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.



### Respect Life



"Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy." ~St Pope John Paul II

"...Mercy, like every grace, always enters through a wound."

~Fr Peter John Cameron, OP

# St. Francis School

## 7th Grade News

I hope all of your families had a blessed Easter! We are so excited to welcome Claire Davis as our most recent member of the seventh grade! We have enjoyed our return to in school learning for the entire day. The students are a delight to teach! They are excellent students in their academic work and are kind and helpful to each other every day. It is wonderful to see them socializing each day; as adolescents should. This is such a large part of their growth in the middle school years.

In religion, we are beginning the Theology of the Body curriculum, and will continue throughout the month of April. We will also spend some time on the Second Steps curriculum helping students learn strategies for social and emotional situations encountered with each other.

In math, the seventh graders are solving complex equations using decimals, fractions and integers. The students will start working with solving algebraic inequalities in the following weeks.

In social studies, our seventh graders recently completed a unit on the Crusades. In lieu of a written test, they created timelines of the major Crusades, their purpose, and their outcomes.

In English Language Arts (ELA), the seventh grade students have been studying the finer points of punctuation. We continue to work on Wordly Wise Vocabulary. Students will soon be reading informational text and writing short essays on the topic of their choice.

For science, the seventh grade class is wrapping up their unit on Heredity. They enjoyed making their own DNA base pairs using beads and pipe cleaners as well as extracting DNA from strawberries! Students also did such a fantastic job on their mitosis poster projects.



Strawberry DNA Extraction and DNA Base Pairs Lab

## 8th Grade News

Spring is here and not only are the flowers starting to bloom this season, but also our amazing eighth grade class! Students are in the rhythm of being leaders of St. Francis - they are busy with yearbook planning, and Student Council duties.

In religion, they just reviewed the significance of Holy Week with Christ's sacrifices and love for us. They are starting to learn about the *Theology of the Body and Second Step* curriculum.

In math, students are finishing their study of polynomials preparing for work with quadratic equations.

For science, our eighth graders transitioned from Chemistry to Physics. They learned about speed, velocity, and momentum through a series of labs in-person! Now, they are beginning to learn about acceleration, forces, and Newton's Laws of Motion.

In social studies, the eighth graders have started team research projects on one of the following four topics: Trails West, Reforming American Society (1830-1860) Abolition and Women's Rights, and the Trail of Tears. Their teacher can hardly wait to hear their oral presentations!

In ELA, students are just finishing literary analysis of The Scarlet Ibis, a short story about two brothers, and what it means to be a "good" sibling. Next, each student will read a novel of their choice. All eighth graders have completed writing and sharing their mystery stories. It was amazing to hear their creative ideas, and impressive command of English!



Momentum Lab

# Announcements

## Happening this Week:

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is this **weekend**, May 1 & 2 and provides critical funding for a range of services across the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Envelopes can be found in the narthex.

**There will be NO daily Masses Wednesday, May 5 – Friday, May 7** as Father is attending the priests' convocation.

**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.

## Parish Announcements:

The local Knights would like to congratulate the following parishioners for their winning Essay and Poster submissions. They **along** with 5 other state of Oregon winners entries have now been forwarded to Supreme and we are awaiting word from them.

Kellen Corcoran Male Council 9137 Sherwood  
Sierra Simmons Female Council 9137 Sherwood

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, Save the Dates: August 16-20, 2021**

We are in great need of team members to create a VBS team. If you feel like you can contribute in big or small ways as a volunteer, we need your help! Guidance will be provided. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent for the following needs (more info available on the St. Francis website). Sign up on the website, or contact Monica Conrow at [mconrow@sfsherwood.org](mailto:mconrow@sfsherwood.org).

### **LEADS & HELPERS NEEDED FOR:**

- Decorating Team
- Outdoor Games Team
- Bible Station Team
- Snack Crew
- Kindergarten Station or Preschool Station
- Prayer/Adoration Station
- KidVid Station
- Music/Opening/Closing Station

### **ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED:**

- Crew Leaders
- Slideshow Editor/Photographer



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