



# 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 10

Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i

4:00 pm RCIA

6:30 pm MS Youth Group

7:00 pm Baptism Preparation Class

### Tuesday, May 11

Saint Ignatius of Laconi

8:30 am Mass (Sue Willard – H)

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

### Wednesday, May 12

Saint Leopold Mandic

8:30 am Mass (Patricia Compas – †)

4:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

### Thursday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am Mass (Irene Perez – †)

9:30 am Women's Faith Sharing

12:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting

### Friday, May 14

Saint Matthias

8:30 am Mass (Jerome Boogaard – I)

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Reconciliation

### Saturday, May 15

Saint Isidore the Farmer

8:30 am Mass (Tony B. – I)

9:00 am Hope Garden Planting

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Doug Robinson – †)

### Sunday, May 16 – The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am Mass (Diane Garstka – †)

10:30 am Mass (James Lewis – †)

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

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 Timothy and Madalyn Wiley who celebrated their wedding in the parish on Friday, April 30.**

## Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)

Ephesians 4: 1-13

Mark 16: 15-20

## Liturgical Ministers May 15 & 16

### Readers

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday 5:30 pm

Denny Devlin

Amon Cowan

#### Sunday 8:30 am

Jerry Grondin

Christian & Marcus Conrow

#### Sunday 10:30 am

Julian Cangelosi

Anden Choi & Leo Grosso

#### Sunday 5:30 pm

Mike Faber

Michael & Matthew Mehta

**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:

4/25 collection from Mass & mail **\$3,928.00**

4/19– 4/25 online giving total **\$3,861.00**

5/2 collection from Mass & mail **\$11,936.00**

4/26– 5/2 online giving total **\$9,646.50**

## From the Pastor

Weekend of May 8 & 9, 2021(B)

### **Hail, Holy Mother(s)!**

Mothers should be saluted 1) for their tenacious and sacrificial love for their children 2) for the tremendous impact they have on their children and 3) for their intimate relationship with us from birth to death. We learn to speak by calling “mom” and die with the same name on our lips.

On Mother’s Day, let us Christians, acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our heavenly Mother, Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers.

“It can thus be said that women, by looking to Mary, find in her the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement. In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement” (Pope St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*).

It comes to our St. Francis Parish family as an additional blessing, as we will have our little children receiving their First Holy Communion during this weekend. May they be wrapped in the tender mantle of our Blessed Mother! May we offer special prayers for them as we make our journey together!

On a personal note: Thank you for all the prayers offered for my brother who passed away recently. It certainly offered me solace and strength to come to terms with the loss. With the pandemic situation getting worse in India, I am not making any travel plans now. On Sunday, May 9 (the anniversary of my ordination to priesthood), I will be starting my 31<sup>st</sup> year as a happy Catholic priest. Please keep me in your prayers that I may emulate the Eternal Priest.

Fr. Amal

### **Give the Gift of Education**

The St. Francis School Endowment Appeal kicked off this past weekend. The QR code will take you straight to the link to donate. Please share with family and friends!

[stfrancissherwoodschool.org/endowment](http://stfrancissherwoodschool.org/endowment)



## Happy Ascension Thursday Sunday!

**[Next] Sunday is one of the few days of the year that Catholics (who attend the Ordinary Form) will be hearing different readings depending on where they live. Either they will hear the readings for The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord or for the 7th Sunday of Easter.**

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord celebrates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Two of the evangelists give an account:

*“Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.”-Luke 24:50-51*

*“So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.”-Mark 16:19*

For all Catholics, this day is a Holy Day of Obligation:

*“Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed: the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, Saint Joseph, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints.” -Code of Canon Law #1246 §1 [In the United States we only celebrate: The Immaculate Conception 12/8, Christmas 12/25, Holy Mary the Mother of God 1/1, The Assumption 8/15, All Saints 11/1, and possibly Ascension Thursday]*

### **Why Thursday?**

Historically, this feast was celebrated on Thursday. How was it reckoned? The Book of Acts tells of Jesus appearing to his followers for forty days after his resurrection:

*“After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”-Acts 1:3*

The 40th day after Easter Sunday will always be Thursday, therefore the Church, from very early on, celebrated Christ's Ascension on this day.

### **Why the change?**

This is a subject of great debate. Some say that, in recent history, attendance at Ascension Thursday Masses had been steadily declining. Consequently, the U.S. petitioned the Holy See to transfer the day in accord with Canon Law:

*“With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.”-Code of Canon Law #1246 §2*

### **To move or not to move. Who decides?**

The decision when to celebrate the Ascension is up to the *ecclesiastical province*. What's that? Many Catholics have never heard of this entity. An *ecclesiastical province* is a large archdiocese and other dioceses that are bound to it through geography or history. In the United States, there is typically one *ecclesiastical province* per state (in the Latin Rite).

In the U.S., all ecclesiastical provinces have transferred the celebration of the Ascension to Sunday except Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and Omaha. Why? Perhaps because these are among the oldest provinces in the country and decided to uphold tradition.

### **We are not alone.**

Several other countries have obtained permission from the Holy See to move the celebration of the Ascension to the following Sunday including Canada, Australia, Ireland, England and Wales.

Source: <https://www.massexplained.com/happy-ascension-thursday-sunday/>

## St. Francis Stephen Ministry

### Think Stephen Ministry

You are in the front lines of caring ministry in our parish. Throughout the week, as you meet and greet those around you, think Stephen Ministry. If you see persons who are downcast or struggling through difficult times, think Stephen Ministry. Tell them about this special ministry in our parish where they can receive the extra love and care they need to make it through the challenge or crisis they are facing.

## 100th Anniversary Directory Information

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

You will be asked:

- Are you still members of the parish
- People in your family that live with you
- Phone number(s)
- Address
- Email
- Permission to publish phone number, address and email

Thank you for taking time to respond.

## Garden Planting

May 15, 2021

9:00 AM

Hope Garden

15659 SW Oregon St

Bring gloves

Contact:

Bobbi Fallon 503-625-7067 or  
bfallon@sfsherwood.org

## Respect Life



“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral – a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?”

~Cardinal Mindszenty

Motherhood...making our world something beautiful for God!

May all mothers imitate Mary, the first and greatest disciple.

Happy Mother's Day!

## Catholic Corner

**How does the soul originate?** Each and every human soul is directly created by God at the moment of the conception of the body.

*St. Paul Family Catechism.*

**Next week: Why did God create us?**

# St. Francis School

## ACTIVITIES IN ART

It is such a joy to teach Art at St. Francis Catholic School. The students forever amaze me with their talents and enthusiasm. I am especially grateful to have the artists back in the building!

The middle school art projects have emphasized line and value this year, partly due to the nature of remote learning and inaccessibility to supplies. Since their return, we have explored projects with metal tooling foil, oil pastels, scrapbook paper, and colored markers.

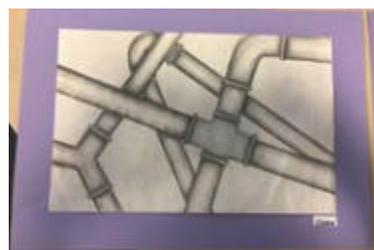
The primary grades completed many Easter artworks, using watercolors, vinyl cling, cut paper, beads, and colored pencils. Second graders are finishing Op Art paper weaving projects that will be on display soon. Third graders created terracotta coil pots and Noah's Ark paintings recently. Fourth graders are working on an underwater scene, experimenting with the properties of liquid watercolors and salt.

I save most of the student work in portfolios throughout the year. On the last day of class, we have a portfolio review. Each artist shares their favorite pieces, describing what they learned or what was challenging. It is really fun to see them take pride in their work and hear feedback.

Thank you for supporting the arts at St. Francis Catholic School.

Sally Green

ART/PE Teacher



# Announcements

## Parish Announcements:

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

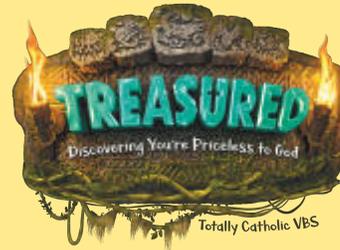
We are in great need of team members to create a VBS team. If you feel like you can contribute in big or small ways as a volunteer, we need your help! Guidance will be provided. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent for the following needs (more info available on the St. Francis website). 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



## **St. Francis Parent Service Organization**

The St. Francis Catholic School Parent Organization (PSO) is a collection of parents who want to support the school through fundraisers and celebrations. Their goal is to bring to light the great work of the teachers & staff, raise funds to help the school make sure that they are properly equipped with the latest technology and curriculums, and engage all families to create the St. Francis Catholic School Family. PSO's largest fundraising opportunity of the year is the Auction each fall. Every family at school participates by volunteering and donating items for the auction. The auction will be a great opportunity for parish members to see the fun and hard work that is happening here.

The PSO also offers mentor family support, dine out nights, annual bookfair, dances for the parents & kids (non-covid years) and a Jog-A-Thon. This years Jog-A-Thon is on Thursday, May 20. The kids will be raising money by running laps. If you are interested in supporting our efforts, please visit our website <https://stfrancissherwoodschool.org/jog-a-thon>

Our greatest goal in PSO is to ensure that our families, children and teachers/staff receive the support that they need to be successful. St. Francis Catholic School Parent Service Organization is proud to be a part of the St. Francis Parish Community.

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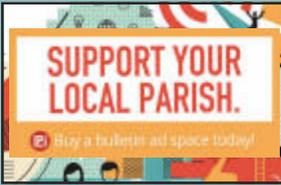
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