



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 17

Saint Paschal Baylon

Tuesday, May 18

Saint John I

8:30 am Mass (Clare B. – I)

6:00 pm Centennial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 19

Saint Theophilus of Corte

8:30 am Mass (The B. Family – I)

6:00 pm SAC Meeting

Thursday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Siena

8:30 am Mass (Jeremy Chamber – I)

9:30 am Women's Faith Sharing

7:00 pm Moms' Group

Friday, May 21

Saint Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions

8:30 am Mass (Molly Todd – I)

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia

8:30 am Mass (Mike Whitmarsh – †)

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Theresa Manikowski – †)

6:45 pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am Mass (People of the Parish – I)

10:30 am Mass (Stephen Dicker – †)

2:00 pm Confirmation Mass (Gayle Barrow – †)

5:30 pm NO MASS due to 2:00 pm Conf. Mass

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.

In the Spirit of St. Francis ...THANK YOU!

To **Steve and Yvonne Holthouse** for graciously purchasing, planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers around the unborn memorial cross area. We are grateful for your generosity and kindness.

To **Madeleine Clancy and Elizabeth Gleason** for laundering the altar linens.

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Liturgical Ministers

May 22 & 23

Readers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 pm	
Jim Gigliotti	Sophie Green
Sunday 8:30 am	
Jeananne Bloudek	Moses Irwin & Jorge Apodaca
Sunday 10:30 am	
Grace Garand	Andrew & Michael O'Sullivan
Sunday 5:30 pm	
Barb Davis	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:

5/9 collection from Mass & mail	\$6,802.00
5/3– 5/9 online giving total	\$3,348.55

From the Pastor

Weekend of May 15 & 16, 2021 (B)

Ascension - Upward and outward

The Ascension cannot be understood without Jesus' Resurrection. The 'Acts of the Apostles' is the only book/place where we have the Ascension dated 40 days after the resurrection. The number forty is not to be taken literally but symbolically as a holy period of revelation. Be that as it may, what is more important is that Jesus was taken up and enthroned at the right hand of God.

This feast makes us look heavenward and move forward with hope. Jesus has preceded us in our heavenly home so that where He is, we shall also be. While the Ascension reminds us of our divine connections, through the words of the angels, it also invests us with the responsibility of moving down and outward within our own 'end of the world'.

Hence, when He will return, seated on His glorious throne, He will not ask us how much upward we have progressed, but how far outward and downward we have bent to serve the least of His brothers and sisters (Mt 25:31-46). Will we be judged worthy to move upward with Him?

Next weekend some of our young boys and girls will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, a significant and life-changing moment in their journey of faith. May we witness the graceful occasion, in-person or live-streamed, to extend our prayerful support to them so that they can be led by the Holy Spirit to commit to the ministries in our parish family!

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





FIRST COMMUNION

Last weekend, many of our young children were able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. This weekend at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate more children being blessed with this experience. Let us pray for each of these young ones and their families to continue their pursuit of union with Christ in their lives.

May 8 and May 9

Samantha Aguirre
Isabel Barton
Connelly Bies
Katherine Burr
Olivia Choi
Malachi Alexander-Jordan

Owen McAndrews
Tessa McAndrews
Teagan McAndrews
Lauren McGinnis
Mia Mucha
Elijah O'Brien

Emanuel Payne
Stella Soldani
Alexander Swanson
Khue Trinh
Adelynn Wagner

May 16

Julian Favale
Jameson Fisher
Francinne Guevara

Riley O'Connor
Jameson Schnabel
Dominic Stuart

St. Francis Stephen Ministry

Eyes and Ears of Jesus

We are the eyes and ears of Jesus on earth today. It is our duty to be watching and listening to people around us, recognizing when they have needs for care. If you find someone with a need, listen and care. Jesus is depending on us to be His eyes and ears on earth.

To find out 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>.

Before the pandemic 1 in 11 Oregonians were at risk of hunger. Today, that number is nearly 1 in 5.

How can you help?

- *Donate food to our pantry by dropping off food items**

Wednesday from 9 AM to 11 AM & 5 PM to 7 PM
Thursdays from 9 AM to 11 AM

- *Donate cash/checks to Social Action**
- *Help in our Hope Garden at the St. Francis Community Center (Old Hall)**

Catholic Corner

Why did God create us? God created us to know, love, and serve Him, our Creator and Lord, and to love our neighbor for the sake of God. In this way we attain to salvation, that is, the eternal happiness of heaven.

St. Paul Family Catechism.

Next week: Why did God make us free?

Pantry Needs



Respect Life



The Glory of the Ascension

God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with Him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on His throne.

~Adapted from a priestsforlife.org reflection

[Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.]

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day.

These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.

Source: reference <https://www.catholic.org/lent/pentecost.php>

Some of our young people will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost at 2:00pm. They will always remember that they were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

Announcements

Parish Announcements:

Next Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 pm will be the Confirmation Mass. There will NOT be a 5:30 pm Mass that evening.

Sunday, May 30 we will have a Celebration welcoming parishioners back to Mass. It will be filled with food, fellowship and fun following the 10:30 am Mass.

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

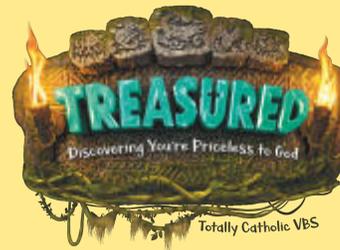
We are in great need of team members to create a VBS team. If you feel like you can contribute in big or small ways as a volunteer, we need your help! Guidance will be provided. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent for the following needs (more info available on the St. Francis website).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

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.

Saint Francis volunteers are in the process of calling all parishioners to verify our directory information. You will be asked:

1. Are you still members of the parish
2. People in your family that live with you
3. Phone number(s)
4. Address
5. Email
6. Permission to publish phone number, address and email

Thank you for taking time to respond.

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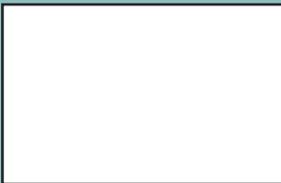
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