



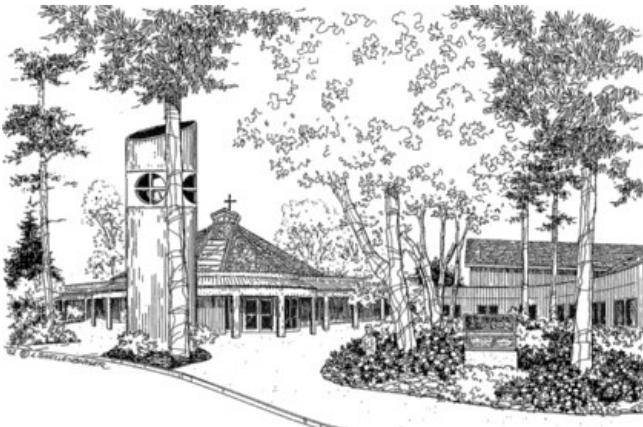
# ST. FRANCIS

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday	8:30 am
Wednesday	1:00 pm
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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### 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, October 21

1:00 pm Senior Study Group

### Tuesday, October 22

**8:30 am** Mass (Gayle Barrow - T)

9:00 am Unload Food Pantry Truck

4:00 pm Children's Youth Choir

6:00 pm Caregiver Support Group

### Wednesday, October 23

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

**1:00 pm** Mass (Linda Blackwood - †)

2:30 pm Faith Sharing Group

5:00 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

### Thursday, October 24

**8:30 am** Mass (Karol Warren - †)

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

9:30 am Insights Group

3:10 pm St. Francis Chess Club

6:00 pm OCIA/OCIC

7:00 pm KOC Officers Meeting

### Friday, October 25

**8:30 am** Mass (Marcie Buck -- †)

9:00 am Adoration 24 HR for All Saints'

7:00 pm Reconciliation

### Saturday, October 26

7:30 am Men's Bible Study Group

8:15 am Benediction, End of 24 HR Adoration

**8:30 am** Mass (Ed Mills - H)

3:30 pm Reconciliation

**5:00 pm** Mass (Helen VanDyke - †)

### Sunday, October 27

**8:00 am** Mass (Franklin Gleason - I)

9:15 am Faith Formation

**10:30 am** Mass (Sigitas Babusis - †)

11:45 am Community Day Event

**5:00 pm** Mass (People of the Parish - I)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry

The Mass intention symbols are as follows:

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

Please call the parish office to request a Mass intention.

## Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31: 7-9  
Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Hebrews 5: 1-6  
Mark 10: 46-52

## St. Francis Parish Council Chairs

Pastoral Council	Timothy Mixdorf
Finance Council	Susie Jordan
Liturgy Committee	Deacon Bill Bloudek
SAC	Brian Cordell
Knights of Columbus	Sid Thiel

## Liturgical Ministers

### Servers      Readers      Ushers

#### Sat. Oct. 26 at 5:00 pm

Trish Killinger      Ed Contreras  
Larry Laughlin

#### Sun. Oct. 27 at 8:00 am

Michael Babusis      Jeananne Bloudek      Kevin Moore  
Gabrielle Cusick      Tim Mixdorf      Brian Cordell

#### Sun. Oct. 27 at 10:30 am

Nataly Venegas      Barb Lance      Colleen Jeffery  
Antonio Venegas      Myra Parrott      Greg Parrott

#### Sun. Oct. 27 at 5:00 pm

Ina Vito      Emmanuel Aroza  
Jana Vito      Rich DeVitis

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

## Parish Fellowship Hosts

### Wine & Cheese on Oct. 26

The Spratt Family



### Coffee Socials on Oct. 27

Our 8:00 am host Burton Family

Our 10:30 am hosts Lori G., Elizabeth G., & Joyce V.

## Parish Offertory News

	Received	Giving Target
10/5 & 10/6	\$15,785.00	\$13,600.00
Fiscal YTD	\$171,419.00	\$190,400.00

## **From Our Pastor**

Weekend of October 19 & 20, 2024 (29 B)

### **Called to Serve**

Of the two 'paradigms of governance' namely, worldly and godly, while the former centers on power and authority, the latter is obviously expressed in service. Jesus never minces his words when it comes to portray the primary quality to become great: to become a servant of and for others. A servant of God is called, "To inspire, not to legislate; to awaken, not to coerce; to love, not to regulate; to serve, and certainly not to be served". The Divine Master poignantly pointed out the purpose of His coming into the world: "I came, not to be served, but to serve and give my life for you", and invites us to emulate Him.

The disciples, James and John, arguably among the closest ones to Jesus, apparently missed the point by having their mother recommend the honorary positions for them in the kingdom. The response was an antidote to what they expected: to drink the cup of suffering. Startled as they were, they learnt a new lesson on service and sacrifice, the two inseparable realities in the life of a disciple who wants to commit.

As human beings we all exercise some power over others. Let us ask ourselves: Are we mad about power or do we possess true authority? Do we induce fear through power or earn respect through authority? Do we love and serve those entrusted to our care? Do we realize that God is the source of all power and that it is He who gives us that power, as an opportunity to serve? May God give us the grace to serve with love!

Once again let us thank all the wonderful people who helped us with a special event in our parish/family. Yes, it was a wonderful experience of fellowship and solidarity when we came together as the members of St. Francis when we celebrated the annual feast of our patron St. Francis, with the International Food Festival on Saturday, October 5. It would not have been possible without the coordinated efforts of all the families that spent lots of time and energy to make this happen. Events like this would certainly serve the purpose of living our faith in action and become powerful witnesses to the community in Sherwood and beyond. May God bless us all!

Fr. Amal

***"Let every action of mine be something beautiful for God." ~ St. Teresa of Kolkata***

**Stewardship of Caring – When we serve others, we are imitating Jesus. We advance from volunteer to steward when we consciously choose to dedicate a portion of our time, talent and treasure to the Lord, in appreciation for all He has given us.**

**Parish Leadership Team – PLT**



## Respect Life

We live in a culture that idolizes productivity, efficiency, and independence, often measuring a person by what he or she can do. These and other false standards are used to determine whether someone's life is considered worth living. But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our dignity. Because His love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives. ~Taken from a reflection on usccb.org

## Sacramental News

**On Thursday, October 17th a Funeral Service was held for our dearly departed parishioner, Frances Rita Marcellino, who passed away on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.**

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

“  
ONE MUST  
SEE GOD IN  
EVERYONE.  
”

- ST. CATHERINE LABOURE

## Catholic Corner

### What must we do to attain heaven?

*To attain heaven we must fulfill the purpose for which God made us—that is, know, love, and serve Him in this life. Those who strive to know, love, and serve God better will be rewarded with greater glory.*

*“And this is eternal life, that they know You are the only one, true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent (Jn. 17:3).”*

*“He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him (Jn. 14:21).”*

*“...each shall receive his wages according to his labor (1 Cor. 3:8)”*

**In next week's Catholic Corner:  
How do we end the Apostles' Creed?**

## St. Francis Stephen Ministry

“My Stephen Minister was a consistent presence walking with me as I went through my divorce. He would always show up, and most importantly, he refused to give up on me. I'll forever be grateful for his presence, and how he changed my life.” – Robert.

Want to learn more contact our parish office.

## Prayer REQUESTS

from our St. Francis Parish website  
Please pray for the following intentions:

- ♦ Ruby's personal intentions
- ♦ Brigitta's personal intentions
- ♦ For the Holy Father's intentions
- ♦ For all those in our parish community
- ♦ Healing for all those who are sick
- ♦ Repose of all faithful departed souls
- ♦ For Respect of all human life & dignity

## News from our Math Program at St. Francis School

The new school year is off to a fantastic start! I thought I would take a moment to share news from our middle school math program at St. Francis. I enjoy teaching all of these classes each week and watching your children grow in the area of math understanding each year!

Our fifth graders are getting a small taste of middle school by moving classrooms for math and science classes in their day. They are studying different ways of multiplication including powers, exponents and factors for numbers. They are a great group of students who have so much enthusiasm in the day!

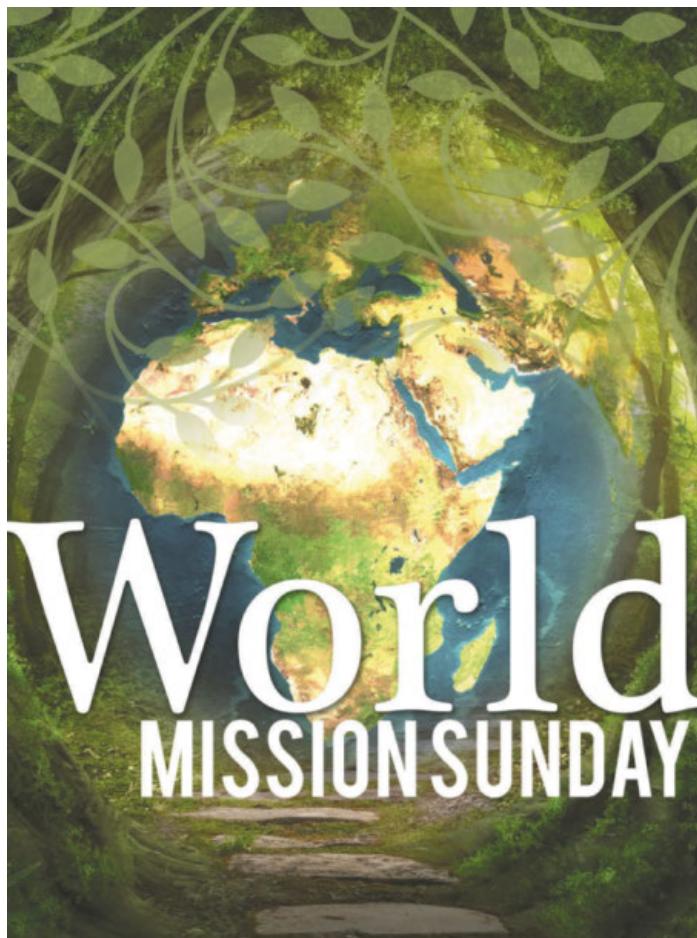
In sixth grade, we are studying ratios and rates and how these relate to coordinate plane graphs and functions. We will continue with percent, fractions and decimals and how these numbers relate to each other.

The seventh grade class is working on ratios and proportions, direct variation and linear functions. We will be moving into percent, percent of change, and sales taxes in the next few weeks.

Eighth graders are studying the real numbers and how they can be expressed in a variety of ways. We have been converting fractions and decimals, converting negative exponents and using scientific notation to compute large and small numbers.

Algebra I students are beginning to solve linear equations, including absolute value equations. We will also work on dimensional analysis to simplify rates and ratios.

All of these classes are augmented by our **ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces)** math program allowing our students to work ahead at their own pace. It uses artificial intelligence to find the areas all students need to work on in math at many levels and is specific to each child. Students who need extra help can join our math homework club each Tuesday afternoon.





# October Community Day Coffee & Doughnuts with the Saints!

Come celebrate with us in honor  
of all the Saints and Holy Souls.



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Let us all gather in our Parish 'Risen Christ Hall' on Sunday, after our 10:30 am Mass. Please come dressed as your favorite Saint, eat some tasty treats, paint a Saint, and spend time talking and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us.

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From 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Contact our Parish Office  
for more information.

# Announcements

## Happening This Week:

### ***World Mission Sunday, Second Collection -***

This weekend there will be a second collection during all of our weekend Mass times, for World Mission Sunday. Please consider giving to this very important collection. World Mission Sunday celebrates missionaries and their work. Donations go directly to helping fund the vital work done around the world by the Catholic Church and our countless missionaries ministering.

### ***St. Francis Hosting a 24-hour Adoration on October 25-26, 2024 -***

There will be a 24-hour Adoration in preparation for our up-coming Holy Day, All Saints Day, this coming Friday and Saturday. Please consider signing up for the time slot you are available to come and adore our Lord! More information can be found on our Parish website or see the flyer within this weeks bulletin for the QR code to sign up for a time slot!

### ***St. Francis is hosting an All Saints' Community Day -***

On Sunday, after 10:30 am Mass, we will host our first Community Day of this academic year. All are invited to come together for fellowship and fun in preparation of our up-coming Holy Day, All Saints' Day. Come paint a Saint and enjoy some doughnuts with the Saints. All are encouraged to come dressed up as their favorite Saint! Hope to see you all there! For more information or to assist with this Community Day reach out to Alexis Mina.

## Parish & Local Announcements:

### ***Friday, November 1, 2024 All Saints' Day Retreat -***

An invitation for you! Archbishop John G. Vlazny will join us again for an inspiring and informative retreat: "The Jubilee Works of Mercy; Corporal and Spiritual." Our Lady of Peace Retreat House – Beaverton 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. \$50 per person; includes lunch. To register online visit [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org) or call us at the retreat house at 503-649-7127

### ***Confirmation In-House Meditation Day Reminder -***

To all our Confirmandi and their chosen Sponsors, please mark your calendars for November 2nd. We will be having our in-house meditation day from 8 am to 3 pm right here at St. Francis. Lunch is provided. Please arrive on time. We are all looking forward to this spiritual day.

### ***St. Francis PSO Wreath and Garland Fundraiser -***

The St. Francis PSO is excited to introduce a new fundraiser that's a wonderful holiday opportunity for our entire parish! We've partnered with a local farm to offer Christmas wreaths and garlands, which will be delivered to the school. Orders are being accepted now through November 5th, with pickup scheduled for November 23rd. Please scan the QR code for additional information and details to place your orders. Thank you for supporting St. Francis!



  
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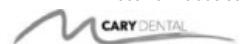
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