



# ST. FRANCIS

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### Regular Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 am  
 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

### **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, June 30

11:00 am ARC Blood Drive

### Tuesday, July 1

**8:30 am Mass**

9:00 am Unload Food Pantry Truck

2:00 pm PLT Meeting

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry

### Wednesday, July 2

**8:30 am Mass (In Thanksgiving - T)**

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

10:00 am Rosary Makers

5:00 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

### Thursday, July 3

**8:30 am Mass (Joe Corello - †)**

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

### Friday, July 4 *Independence Day*

**8:30 am Mass (Aarron Contreras - †)**

### Saturday, July 5

7:30 am Men's Bible Study Group

**8:30 am Healing Mass (Ken Elkington - H)**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

**5:00 pm Mass (Dale Remillard - †)**

### Sunday, July 6 *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 am Mass (People of the Parish - I)**

**10:30 am Mass (Vincent Downing - †)**

**5:00 pm Mass**

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 any Mass intentions.*



## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 66: 10-14c  
 Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
 Galatians 6: 14-18  
 Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

## St. Francis Parish Council Chairs

**Pastoral Council**

Timothy Mixdorf

**Finance Council**

Susie Jordan

**Liturgy Committee**

Deacon Bill Bloudek

**SAC**

Brian Cordell

**Knights of Columbus**

Timothy Mixdorf

## Liturgical Ministers

### Servers

### Readers

### Ushers

#### Sat. July 5 at 5:00 pm

Kieran O'Connor

Steve Holthouse

Phil Fritz

Marilyn Arentz

#### Sun. July 6 at 8:00 am

Michael O'Sullivan

Chris Corrado

Mark Cowan

Andrew O'Sullivan

Brian Volk

Marilyn Sykes

#### Sun. July 6 at 10:30 am

Delanie Ward

Kristi Ward

Keith Blau

Desirae Ward

Ed Hobbs

Linda Stevens

#### Sun. July 6 at 5:00 pm

Nate Knickerbocker

Sean O'Halloran

Iya Vito

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

## Parish Fellowship Hosts

### Wine & Cheese Social on July 5

Hosts - Spratt Family

### Coffee & Doughnuts on July 6

8:00 AM Hosts - TBA

10:30 AM Hosts - TBA

## Parish Offertory News

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Giving Target</u>
<b>6/14 &amp; 6/15</b>	<b>\$8,696.94</b>	<b>\$13,600.00</b>
<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$637,260.67</b>	<b>\$680,000.00</b>

## **From Our Pastor**

Weekend of June 28 & 29, 2025 (St. Peter & St. Paul)

### **Pillars of the Church**

St. Peter & St. Paul are known as the two great pillars of the Church or Christianity's cornerstones or Gospel giants or Jesus' exemplar emissaries for their outstanding service despite the marked differences in their callings and charisms. What brings them on par is: A) both were great apostles; B) both were led by God's Spirit; and C) absolutely nothing could weaken their total commitment to God and God's people.

They both inspire us to awaken and animate the diverse callings and charisms that make us truly 'Catholic' – reaching out in love and service to all God's peoples. The vocation that comes from the Spirit is the common thread by which we are woven together so that the world may see in us the working of the same Spirit. We are called to give glory to God by our good deeds, active involvement and committed service so as to become the light of the world.

The scriptural reference to their friendship/relationship with Jesus is awesome and serves as an evidence to the fact. St. Peter said to the crippled man: "I don't have silver or gold with me, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus rise and walk" (Acts 3:6). St. Paul said: "I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I now live I live by believing in God's Son" (Gal 2:20).

*An update on the Capital Campaign:* As we enter into the first phase of taking up the church project, we invite you to the last of our intimate small gatherings, hosted in the parish hall on this Sunday after 10:30 am Mass. We would love to have you with us. Thank you.

Fr. Amal

***...God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7***

*We have all been given at least one gift we can use to help others. Feeding the poor, assisting in teaching Faith Formation, joining the parish choir, are all ways we can help.*

***Parish Leadership Team - PLT***

## Catholic Corner

### **Is the state of grace necessary for the reception of the Sacraments?**

The state of grace is necessary for the reception of the majority of the Sacraments, namely: Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Holy Orders, Matrimony and normally the Anointing of the sick.

- St. Paul Family Catechism

### **In next week's Catholic Corner:**

*What is Baptism?*



## Sacramental News

**Congratulations to Golden Ray daughter of Abel and Babe Garcia, who celebrated her Baptism on Sunday, June 22nd.**



## **Respect Life**

"The United States was founded upon certain self-evident truths: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As Catholics, we protect life, exercise our religious liberties, and pursue happiness through the practice of our Faith and cultivation of virtue. We know that there is no dichotomy between our Faith and our lives, and that a good Catholic is a good American, because the practice of virtues – such as prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude - leads to good citizenship." ~The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio Archbishop for the Military Services, USA National Catholic Prayer Breakfast June 6 2017 Washington DC

## **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.

## K of C Monthly Update

<b>Knight of the Month (May)</b>	<b>Steve Holthouse</b>
<b>Lady of the Month (May)</b>	<b>Carol Jensen</b>
<b>Family of the Month (May)</b>	<b>Cookson Family</b>
<b>Knight of the Year</b>	<b>Paul Mayer &amp; John Egan</b>
<b>Lady of the Year</b>	<b>Alexis Mina</b>
<b>Family of the Year</b>	<b>Johnson Family</b>

If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, please reach out to our Grand Knight, Sid Thiel at [kcbooster@comcast.net](mailto:kcbooster@comcast.net)





## Office of the Principal

June 18, 2025

Dear St. Francis Community,

Thank you for another wonderful and productive school year. I am immensely grateful to everyone for your countless hours of volunteering, chaperoning, organizing, donating, and for doing whatever was necessary to support our students, faculty, and staff. A special thank you goes out to our School Advisory Board (SAC), Parent Service Organization (PSO), Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Endowment, Choir, Chess Club, Geography Club, and Art Literacy who, as always, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide everything needed to enhance our students' enriching school experience.

### Graduates

On an exciting note, the eighth graders successfully completed their education at St. Francis Catholic School with Mass and a graduation ceremony with family, friends, student body, faculty and the St. Francis Community on Thursday, June 12. I would like to take this time to recognize the following on their achievements: **Archbishop Sample Scholarship:** This award is presented to a student that in the judgment of the pastor, the principal, and the teachers has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service. Congratulations to: **Lucy Cowan**—attending Jesuit Catholic High School. **St Mary's Academy Scholarship:** This award is presented to a student who, in the judgment of the St. Mary's Board, has demonstrated that she is a well-rounded individual committed to continuing her Catholic education at St. Mary's Academy. Congratulations to: **Charlie Owens** **Christian Leadership Award:** These graduating students, whether participating in service projects, acting as a great role model to younger students and classmates have earned an "exceeding standard" mark in each trimester for work habits and personal development. Congratulations to: **Mia Barker and Avery Murray** **Gretchen Brown Christian Service Award:** This student encompasses all Catholic Social Teachings, is a compassionate and caring individual, friend, and fulfills all Schoolwide Learning Expectations: Congratulations to: **Gabrielle Cusick**

**Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs) Awards:** All St. Francis students are taught to be members of many groups and are aware of what is expected of them at graduation. It is important that each student be Faith-Filled, a Life-Long Learner, responsible for Personal Actions, and is Self-Aware. Congratulations to the following: **Faith-Filled Award:** **Gabrielle Cusick** **Life-Long Learner Award:** **Isaac Borowiec** **Personally Responsible Award:** **Avery Murray** **Self-Awareness Award:** **Paige Golda**

**Academic Excellence Award:** This graduating student maintained the highest-grade point average of 4.0 throughout the 23-24 school year; this is not an easy accomplishment. **Congratulations to Lucy Cowan.**

**A final word to our St. Francis Graduates:** Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am grateful for your work ethic, joy, perceptive insights, and the kindness you showed to your kinder buddies and me. *We wish you many more years of good health and success!* Please come back and visit.

### Geography Bee in Orlando, FL

Five students—Alex Blume, Emmett Czarnecki, Brady Headrick, Brody Karamanos, and Kieran O'Connor—competed in the National Geography Bee in Florida this past week, standing out among over 1,200 students! Brody advanced to the quarterfinals, and Alex, Emmett, Brady, and Brody qualified for the International Competition, which will be held in either Thailand or Paris. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and outstanding achievement!

### Endowment Golf Tournament

The Endowment Committee is incredibly grateful for your support and participation in our annual Endowment Golf Tournament. It was our largest one yet with over 70 golfers. Your generosity and enthusiasm have made this event a tremendous success. The funds raised will significantly contribute to our endowment, ensuring the sustainability of financial assistance to students' educational needs and the continued impact on our community. Thank you for your commitment to our cause and for making a difference.

### Campaign Update

The Campaign Committee is excited to share several important campus updates. This summer, our top priority is the church, where essential repairs to the siding, windows, and bell tower are currently underway. In addition, both the church and school buildings will receive a fresh coat of paint by late August or early September, creating a renewed and unified look across our shared campus. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers—Mike Cowan, Greg Stoermer, Bill O'Sullivan, Dave Cookson, Geoff Hill, and Cameron Cusick—who have generously given their time and talent to support these vital improvements. Their commitment to our mission is truly appreciated. Our school's Capital Campaign remains right on track. We continue to meet regularly with contractors, architects, the City of Sherwood, and other key stakeholders as we work to make the school addition a reality. We remain *Rooted in Faith, Growing in Excellence*, thank you for your continued support and prayers as we move forward together.

### St. Francis Community

As the school year ends, I am grateful for the community of St. Francis Catholic School and everything it represents. As we enjoy time with our families and friends this summer, let us proudly represent our school, sharing the incredible experiences we've had this school year. Until next school year, here's wishing you prayers, love, laughter, and rest.

Sincerely and God Bless,  
Ms. Gonzalez, Principal



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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Church Repairs Phase 1

ONLY WITH YOUR HELP - THIS SUMMER

# \$330,000

- ✓ Exterior Siding Repair
- ✓ New Church and Hall Siding
- ✓ Full Campus Paint
- ✓ New Church Windows

**\$101,000  
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## SIGN UP AND COME TO A MEETING FOR MORE DETAILS

SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH  
OR ONLINE [HERE](#):

Meeting Dates:

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 11:45am

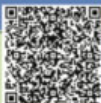
Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> - 6pm

Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> - 6pm

Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> - 11:45am

# \$229,000

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ST. FRANCIS  
FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for contributing essential items for the St. Francis Food Pantry.

Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a positive difference to the members of our community who are in need.

#### Suggested Items:

- Sugar, Flour
- Oil (Vegetable, Canola, Olive)
- Granola Bars, Protein Bars
- Salt and Pepper
- Packaged Dried Herbs and Spices
- Peanut Butter, Jelly
- Canned Tuna Fish, Salmon
- Canned Black Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Shelf Stable Almond or Oat Milk
- Canned Chili (With and Without Beans)
- Canned Meat Such as Ham, SPAM
- Pancake Mix, Syrup
- Canned Ravioli, Stew
- Pasta Sauce Such as Tomato, Alfredo
- Condiments such as Mustard, Mayonnaise, Hot Sauce, and Ketchup
- Toilet Paper, Plastic Food Storage Bags, Foil, Plastic Wrap, Kleenex, Dish Soap

#### We are Unable to Accept:

- Expired Food
- Refrigerated or Frozen Food

"For I was hungry, and you fed me, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink." Matthew 25:36

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JULY 5TH



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# Announcements

## Happening This Week:

### ***American Red Cross (ARC) Blood Drive -***

We are excited to announce the upcoming Red Cross blood drive at the St Francis Community Hall on Monday, June 30, 2025 from 11:00 AM—7:00 PM. This drive is a wonderful opportunity to give blood and help save lives. The need for blood is constant, and your donation can make a significant difference in our community. To sign-up for one of our blood drives, please visit the American Red Cross website: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> to schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation and enter in our zip code 97140. Or feel free to stop by during the donation hours!



## Parish/ Local Announcements:

### ***2025 Fr. Jim Nibler Memorial Golf Tournament -***

We are excited to announce our 18th annual golf tournament on September 13, 2025, at Chehalem Glenn Golf Course. The tournament registration is now open. Whether you are a seasoned golf pro or just perfecting your swing, we invite you to participate. Please register at [www.stpeternewberg.org](http://www.stpeternewberg.org) to secure your spot in the tournament. Complimentary range balls, snacks, and beverages are provided. Lunch, prizes and raffle immediately after golf. Tournament proceeds directly benefit St. Peter Parish youth and facility development. If you have questions, contact Annell at 503-538-3399 or Maureen at [maureen.kuhlman@comcast.net](mailto:maureen.kuhlman@comcast.net). We are also accepting sponsorships and donations for the raffle. You can deliver items to St. Peter Church at 2315 N. Main St., Newberg, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We look forward to seeing you on the course on September 13th!

### ***Thanking Our Graduating Altar Server -***

Our Parish has been blessed over the past several years with the service of 4 dedicated young men and women who have been Altar Servers. These 4 are moving on to college this fall and we want to acknowledge them. If you see them around campus this summer, please take a moment and express your gratitude for their service to our church. They are Thomas Bui, Topher O'Connor, Andrew O'Sullivan, and Emily Pitt.

### ***St. Francis Vocation Prayer Families-***

We are looking for Parish families to represent our whole Parish by providing a month of daily prayer for all Vocations in their various forms with a particular emphasis on the Ordained Ministries (Priesthood and Diaconate) and Consecrated Life (male and female Religious). If you are interested, please contact the Parish office with your preferred contact information to receive additional information. Thank you!

### ***Retrouvaille: Join us this Summer 2025-***

Even Diamonds Start as Coal! Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) for testimonials, confidential information or to register for the August 22-24, 2025 in Canby, Oregon or email [portland@retrouvaille.com](mailto:portland@retrouvaille.com) or call 503-704-7382.

### ***St. Francis Men's Group -***

The St. Francis Men's Group meets every Saturday morning at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall's North Classroom, followed by Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 am. Issues pressing to today's Catholic Men are discussed, along with that week's Scriptural Study. All are welcome, come join us!



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