

Please Pray For:

Margarite Woods, Eunice Tevlin, Rita Merchant, Wendell & Jeanne Anne Werner, Sue Beckham, Sharon Bjork, Tim Henson, Susan Altenhofen, Jeannie Dolley, Julie and John Rollin, Jeanne McCabe, Ed DeNoyer, Joan Olson, Lindy Turocy, Donna Cherryholmes, Lisa Mastaler, Annie Mastaler, Doug Arduini, Anna LaVoie, Fr. John Congdon, Jay Straley, Bill Miltonberger, Sandy Vaccaro, Kay Law

For the Repose of the Souls of: Larry LaVoie, Erik Larsen, Pat Beckham, Cliff Rannow, Mary Ann Newville, Lisa & Steve Marx, Michael Lawson, Richard Rasmussen, Ed Woods, Saralee Caldwell, Bryan Cissna, Julie Bower, Robert & Katherine Bibbo, Lisa Cissna, Richard Catalano, Kathy Murphy, Patricia Curtis

Please respect their privacy.

There will be a special **Blue Mass** celebrated in honor of the **Military, Veterans, and Public Safety First Responders**. We will celebrate this Blue Mass on **Monday, October 12th, at 5:30 PM** here at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes. All are invited to attend.

Catechetical Sunday, September 27th

A blessing and commissioning of our catechists will be celebrated today. The cooperation of a great many people is needed if individuals and communities are to grow to full maturity in faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments, through study, and through their way of living. **Those who devote themselves to the ministry of catechesis play a vital role in the Church's pastoral activity. Catechists lead others to know the living Jesus Christ through word and deed.**

Sunday, October 4th, right after Mass, Father will be **blessing pets** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. He will be blessing them in the breezeway of the hall.

COR Meeting

Our Lady of the Dunes **COR Meeting** changed to next **Thursday, Oct. 8th at 4 PM**. Come join us. Any questions contact Richard Huff @ 541-999-2015.

Knights of Columbus , BINGO!!

Friday, October 2nd, Doors Open at 1 PM, Games Start at 2 PM, All are invited, bring a friend!!



DID YOU KNOW....

1. **Q:** Which sacrament is often called "the gateway to all sacraments"?
2. **Q:** What is the term for a priest's official permission to perform sacraments?
3. **Q:** Who is the patron saint of animals and ecology?
4. **Q:** Who is considered the first martyr of Christianity?
5. **Q:** Who is the patron saint of lost souls and the sick?
6. **Q:** Which martyr was thrown to the lions in the Roman Colosseum?
7. **Q:** What is the main message of the Beatitudes?
8. **Q:** What is the Catholic belief about the communion of saints?



**Find the answers in another column
in this bulletin.**

Religious Education for Children

Registration for Religious Education for Children is starting. You may **register children for 1st Holy communion, Confirmation, and general Catholic Instruction** after the Saturday 5:30 and Sunday 11 AM Masses. Children applying for 1st Communion will need to provide proof of Baptism prior to the sacrament. **Classes to begin Sept. 27th.**



Our Lady of Peace Retreat House

will host a **Men and Women's Silent Ignatian Retreat on November 13-15, 2026**, with Father Ed Broom, OMV, a renowned retreat master and expert in Ignatian spirituality. The peaceful weekend offers silence, reflection, and deep spiritual renewal rooted in the wisdom of St. Ignatius Loyola. This retreat invites you to encounter God personally in the stillness through scripture, guided meditations, and the beauty of silence. **Reservations are required; please register at <https://olpretreat.org/retreat-register>. For more information, email sisters@olpretreat.org or call 503-649-7127.**



September 19/20, 2026

Regular Collection: \$3,526.00

Maintenance: \$ 87.00

Thank you for your Generosity

Pastor's Note Seven (7) things not to say (or do) when in confession. This is a continuation from the previous. As already mentioned in the previous issue of the bulletin, we must avoid at all costs confessing the sins of other people. Our concern is our own need for forgiveness therefore we must focus on our own sins.

When we confess, we must say clearly what we did. There is no need to explain why we sinned, let alone tell the story or details of the sin. If it is mortal sin, we only need to say the frequency of committing the sin since the last time you had a good confession. Now, we proceed to the last four (4) items on the list, beginning with number three (3).

3. Forgetting the true purpose of confession. The purpose of confession is to be reconciled with God and with others. If you come to confession with the wrong intention, that is, to do a task, to check off a box, to do a ritual necessary to be wed, or receive communion, then you are not actually transformed. When you confess your sins with the right intention, you come in the confessional a sinful man, and you come out of the confessional a changed man.

4. Omitting serious sins out of shame. Yes, it is not easy to confess sins. It requires a lot of courage as well as humility. Now, if we keep coming to confession and deliberately leave out grave sins unconfessed, you are not just being unforgiven of that sin but also commit another sin: the sin of sacrilege. Confession is a healing sacrament. Shame might be stopping you to confess grave sins, but shame is nothing as compared to condemnation of your soul.

5. Not making a firm resolve to amend one's life. Confession is an active resolve to change one's life. A contrite heart is a resolve to change and become better. If a penitent confesses sins without a true desire to be transformed by the grace of God, the penitent must seek to be humbled by the beautiful grace of true conversion of heart.

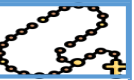
6. Rushing through confession. While it is true that the confession line may be too long, that does not warrant for a penitent to rush confession. Do not make the long confession line as an excuse. Thoroughness does not mean to talk on and on either. One key thing to do so as not to rush in confession as well as not to talk too much requires preparedness. Do a thorough examination of conscience. If a list will help, do so.

7. Doubting God's mercy. God forgives sins. That is His character. Because of His immense love, even allowing Christ's death, he forgives all sins confessed through contrition. Believe that God forgave you your sins.

**Thank you to everyone who has
continued to contribute to the weekly offertory!**



The Women's Guild, is planning for their **Annual Bazaar October 24, 2026**. Please start bringing in your unwanted, in good condition, household items. There will be a table in the vestibule where you can place them before Mass.

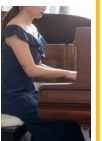


ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCIA)

If you are interested in **becoming Catholic**, we have a **sign-up sheet** on the table in the vestibule, and **Registrations forms**. Please take one and fill it out, and you can return to office personnel. **The first class will begin on Monday, October 5th at 5:30 PM.**

SEEKING A CHOIR DIRECTOR/PIANIST or GUITARIST !!!

We are hiring a **part-time choir director/pianist or guitarist**. The choir director directs, trains, accompanies the choir and leads the church congregation in singing church liturgies. Must be knowledgeable in choir directing. Preferably plays piano or guitar; one who has grasp of church liturgies or is willing to learn and engage in Catholic liturgies. **Send your Bio to aguiriba@archdpdx.org**



ANSWERS TO: DID YOU KNOW...

1. Baptism, 2. Holy Orders (or Ordination), 3. St. Francis of Assisi, 4. St. Stephen, 5. St. Jude Thaddeus, 6. St. Ignatius of Antioch, 7. Instructions for living a blessed and holy life, 8. All members of the church, living and dead, are spiritually united.

In the pews you will find envelopes and cards for the 2026 Seminarian Appeal. Through this Appeal, we are investing directly to the **future shepherds of our Church**. This year, **thirty-six men are in formation for the priesthood**, responding to God's call to a life of prayer, service, and sacrifice. A successful appeal ensures these men can focus fully on their **spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation**. **Please share in their mission**. You can give **by mail using the envelope, or online using the QR code, or at Appeal.ArchdPDX.org/SEM.**

Join us in the Parish Hall after Sunday mass for donuts.
Below are the groups who will be serving:

9/27 Men's Club
10/4 St. Vincent de Paul
10/11 Women's Guild



