

# Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2014

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

Jesus calls us to conversion and discipleship. Because we believe in Jesus, we the St. Francis Parish Family minister to each other and to the larger community in holiness and justice. Our celebration of the sacraments helps us to be Spirit-filled and challenges us to enable each person, each family and the parish and world communities to promote the kingdom of God every day.

#### Mass & Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Holyday Masses as announced

Weekday Masses - Tue - 12:00 pm, Wed - Fri & first Sat - 8:30 am

Communion Service - Mon - 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 4:00 -5:00 pm

Perpetual Adoration - 24 hours a day in the Chapel

Parish Rosary - 7:00 pm - 4th Thursday of each month



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# **Announcements**

#### Happening This Week:

- Tickets for our Annual Crab Feed will be sold after all Masses this weekend. The crab feed is on Saturday, January 10, 2015 and the cost is \$20 per person.
- Christmas Eve Masses  $-5:00 \, pm$ ,  $8:00 \, pm$ ,  $12:00 \, midnight$  with carols at  $11:00 \, pm$ .
- Christmas Day Mass 9:30 am

#### Parish Announcements:

- The Hope Shelter is in need of volunteers on Monday mornings, to help with laundry and get the old hall put back together after the shelter closes. Volunteers can work anytime between 7:00 am and 10:00 am. Please contact Jennifer Mirek at 503-625-7067 or Jennifer@stfrancissherwood.org if you are able to help.
- Thank you, St. Francis parishioners! Because of your generosity and kindness, we were able to supply 182 presents for local children plus Christmas food boxes for 60 families. There were so many expressions of gratitude from the families we served. Thank you very much for helping make the season a little brighter for others in our community.
- Children from 3rd grade and up who would like to sing at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass are invited to a rehearsal on Tuesday, December 23, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the church. Please arrive for Mass by 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Contact Angele Rogers at 503-603-0120 for more information.
- Consider joining the Respect Life Committee from 9:45 am to 10:15 am on Sundays in the chapel as we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of VM for a restoration of a Culture of Life in our nation. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 18:20. All are welcome!

#### Out of Parish:

- We have much to be thankful for as Americans. But many of the values and liberties that have made our way of life so blessed are now being threatened. That's why it is imperative that each of us does our part to protect those values. The **Political Tax Credit** allows most taxpayers to give up to \$50\*-and then receive every penny back when they file their 2014 Oregon tax return. **The deadline is December 31.** Remember, this is money you absolutely cannot keep. If it does not go to a qualified political organization like the Oregon Family Council PAC or Oregon Right to Life, you must pay it to the state in taxes. \*Please note, due to a recent change in Oregon law, individuals with adjusted gross income over \$100,000 or joint filers with combined income exceeding \$200,000 no longer qualify for the Political Tax Credit.
- Feast of the Holy Innocents: Rosary and Mass for the Little Saints will be on Monday, December 29, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 3145 SW 192nd Avenue, Aloha beginning at 6:30 pm. A reception will follow. This bilingual Mass remembers all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Steiner.
- Monastic Vocations Discernment Retreat—Mount Angel Abbey invites men who are between 18—45 years
  of age and are discerning a monastic vocation, to come join them for a three-day discernment retreat experience
  on Friday, January 9 through Sunday, January 11, 2015. This is free of charge and they welcome you as their
  guest. Please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at odo.recker@mtangel.edu, 503-845-3123 or visit
  www.mountangelabbey.org.

#### From the Pastor

In a real sense, Christmas is all about faith. To remove faith from Christmas is to empty it of its meaning. It is a season born of faith and a privileged time to renew our faith. Christmas vividly recalls the coming of the Savior Jesus Christ, incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Christmas season invites us to receive Jesus as the true Son of God become flesh, to accept him as our Savior and to enter the door to life in the Holy Spirit. Since Christmas is a moment of faith, it is, therefore, a moment of grace, communion and togetherness as a family of God. Merry Christmas to all of you! I am blessed to belong to our community of faith at St. Francis. I hope you feel the same way. God bless you!

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of December 22-28				
Monday	8:30 am	Communion Service		
Tuesday	12:00 pm	John Miller+		
Wednesday	8:30 am	Rose Safina		
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Choi God Children		
Wednesday	8:00 pm - I	Frank Souki+		
Thursday	12:00 am - I	Bobby Hobbs+		
Thursday	9:30 am - I	Sue Wallace		
Friday	8:30 am	An end to abortion		
Saturday	5:30 pm	An end to abortion		
Sunday	8:00 am	An end to abortion		
Sunday	10:30 am	An end to abortion		
Sunday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish		
I = use of incense				

# Liturgical Ministers—December 24, 25, 27 & 28

Readers	<u>Ushers</u>	Servers
Wodnosday 5:00 nm	Presider:	Fr. Ysrael Bien
Wednesday 5:00 pm Chris Corrado	Joe Corello	Sean Allen
Lynette Koppel	KC Wilson	Megan Allen
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Wednesday 8:00 pm	Presider:	Fr. Ysrael Bien
Linda Blackwood	Jeff Dennison	Nicole Bardon
Jerry Grondin	David Bonfiglio	Jeffrey Manning
	Don Wanner	Michael Wanner
Thursday 12:00 am	Presider:	Fr. Ysrael Bien
Lonnie LaFave	2 Volunteers	Ben LaFave
Jill LaFave		Noah LaFave
Thursday 9:30 am	Presider:	Fr. Ysrael Bien
LeRoy Nollette	Collin Borla	Stephanie Killinger
Steve Holthouse	1 Volunteer	Grace Killinger
Saturday 5:30 pm M	lass Presider:	Fr. Ysrael Bien
Jeanne Corello	David Bonfiglio	Stephanie Killinger
Tricia Killinger	Hank Becker	Mateo Catibayan
-		Derek Yau
Sunday 8:00 am Ma	ss Presider:	Fr. Jeff Eirvin
Mike Roos	Linda Shannon	Isabelle Cowan
Tony Schweiss	Mark Cowan	Ryan Cowan
•		Victoria Pitt
Saturday 10:30 am	Mass Presider:	Fr. Jeff Eirvin
Adolf Eppich	KC Wilson	Ellie Erwert
Christine Feleciano	Rick Rementeria	Jonah Raleigh
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Scott Volk

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Sunday 5:00 pm Mass

Kelly Elkins

Joey Biever

Presider: Fr. Francis Chun

Amanda Volk

Allie Karsseboom

Abbi Karsseboom

## **Next Sunday's Readings**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40

#### **Weekly Financials**

December 13 & 14 \$ 11,978.01 \$ 370,206.98 Archdiocesan Loan Balance

> Loan Pay Back—Week 100 Joe and Judy Smith

# Please join us as we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season.

Christmas Eve Masses – 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 12 midnight with carols at 11:00 pm.

Christmas Day Mass – 9:30 am December 31 - Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 5:30 pm

**January 1** - Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 9:30 am

We are seeking a highly organized and selfmotivated professional to serve as a full time **Development Director.** The Development Director is responsible for managing and implementing a comprehensive program which includes annual events, grants, endowment, planned giving and capital campaigns. Five or more years experience preferred. Practicing Catholic required.

## **Coffee Social Hosts - December 28**

8:00 am Mass—Roxanne & Ed Sienkiewicz 10:30 am Mass—Timberly Marek & Vilma Boggs If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, please find a replacement Minister or Coffee Host.

#### In the Spirit of St. Francis...

- To Kristie Greenslitt, Amy Cookson, Kimra Corrado and Frances Jewell for sharing their time phone sitting & helping in the parish office.
- To Dennis Freiburg for volunteering to host the 8:00 am Coffee Social on Sunday, December 14.
- To Illaine Randall's family for the lovely flowers left after her funeral.
- To the Knights of Columbus and all parishioners who helped with the parish wide clean up.
- To Brenden Tuohy for building benches in the stations of the cross for his Eagle project.
- To Kay Erwert, Donna Kreitzberg, Kimra Corrado and Amber Rementeria for the delicious holiday baked goods for the parish office staff.
- To everyone who helped with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.
- To everyone who donated to our Christmas food boxes and Giving Tree! We had an amazing response from the parish and are very grateful for your support.
- To everyone who volunteered to pick up donations, pack boxes and give out Christmas food boxes and Giving Tree presents. You all worked very hard this week and made our Christmas outreach a success!
- To Reagan Ruggiero for assembling and donating hygiene kits to the Hope Shelter.

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

#### Parish Calendar

Monday, December 22 Tuesday, December 23

10:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 pm RCIA P.C. 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (8:30) Church

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Parish office closed half day

Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day

Parish office closed

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27—Anniversary Blessing Sunday, December 28—Anniversary Blessing

9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel 11:00 am RCIA Breaking Open the Word P.C.

#### Respect Life

"The Christmas song 'O Holy Night' includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease." This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice. In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause." Priests for life

#### **Social Action Ministry**

Jennifer Mirek - 503-625-7067 (x233)
Old Hall - 503-625-1263
Food Pantry Hours:
Wed & Thur 9:00 am—11:00 am and
Wed 5:00 pm—7:00 pm
Hope Shelter count for 12/14/14 was 7 guests

HOPE SHELTER NEEDS: Sleeping bags.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Cereal, canned chicken or tuna, canned fruit.

**HOPE DINER:** A place for people hungry for food and friendship. Sundays - 5:00 pm at the Old Hall. All are welcome. **Hosts:** St. Francis Team 3

#### Office of Life, Justice and Peace

The Archdiocese of Portland offers a wonderful resource: The Office of Life, Justice and Peace, which can be found on the Archdiocese's website: <a href="https://www.archdpdx.org/jprespect/">www.archdpdx.org/jprespect/</a>. The mission of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace is "To inspire and form Catholic disciples to build God's kingdom of justice and faithfully witness His love. Empowered by the many gifts of the Holy Spirit, we ground ourselves in Catholic social teaching."

When visiting this website, parishioners can learn about where the Church stands on timely social issues; and learn about the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teachings and receive a comprehensive list of online resources to help Catholics learn ways to incorporate charity and social justice activities into their parish and family lives.



#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

No Children's Liturgy of the Word on December 28 – Merry Christmas!

#### **Preschool**

No Class on December 28 and January 4! Be sure to check the website for family activities and other resources.

#### Elementary

No Class on December 28 – Merry Christmas! No Class on January 4- Happy New Year!

#### **First Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 pm.

Please help us ensure your child is prepared by attending weekly Sunday classes.

#### **Middle School**

Family Christmas Party: We had a great time joining together in celebration of community. Snacks and games were the main agenda of the evening, closing with a powerful prayer to remind us to always be hopeful. Ending our Advent Lesson Series with a family event allowed us to identify "CHURCH – "God's people gathered in His name to praise and worship Him."

Advent in a Different "View": Through Advent we have looked at the Birth of Christ in a different "view"; The Birth of Our Catholic Church. We have looked at the history of the Catholic Church beginning with Peter as our first Pope, and the great heritage that brings us to our Church today. We have looked at Gifts in a different view; the Gifts Jesus left us in the Sacraments, especially the gift of the Eucharist. We are challenged to graciously accept these gifts and put emphasis on them during this Advent Season.

Grateful for Leadership Team: We wanted to take a moment and thank our leadership team for all of the time and "heart" they share with the middle school youth. Thank you to Jill Hereth, Peter Laughlin, Rachael Lucas, and Yolanda McVicker,

NO MIDDLE SCHOOL – Wednesdays, December 24 & 31.

#### **High School**

Sundays, December 21 and 28: No class

#### **Baptism Guidelines**

Do you want to have your child baptized at St. Francis Parish? There are several things to keep in mind when planning for the baptism.

- Vou MUST let the parish know at least three months before the day you want the child baptized. If you are pregnant, let us know three months before the scheduled birth date.
- ♦ The child MUST be less than 8 years of age, otherwise the program of RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) applies. Call the parish office for details.
- ♦ You MUST be a registered member of St. Francis Parish.
- Both parents must attend with the prospective godparents if they are local, two training classes to understand your roles as parents and godparents in the raising of your child; and to also practice the rite of baptism.
- You MUST schedule a one-on-one visit with the pastor so he can get to know you a little better.

# St. Francis School

#### **Accredited through June 2020**

Congratulations to the St. Francis Lego Robotics Team who competed at the Intel Oregon FIRST® LEGO® League 2014 Qualifying Tournament Sunday, December 14. The theme this year was World Class Learning Unleashed. The team, Cyber Chefs, researched how to cook a delicious meal. They talked with Chef John, their parents and friends and decided to develop a pair of glasses, similar to Google glasses, that would help you cook. They did a great job presenting their idea and competing at Hillsboro High School. Well done Lego Team! Bon Appetite!

#### 2014 Cyber Chefs Team Members

Matthew Castronovo

Anna Falbo

Nicholas Guiley

Michael Kelsay

Zachary Mirek

# The school office will be closed December 22- January 2.

Sacrame	nts	Worship/Liturgy		
Baptismal Preparation 1st Reconciliation/Communion Confirmation-High School Confirmation -Adult Marriage Preparation  Parish Min Respect Life	Georgine Freiburg Violet Wanner Monica Conrow Jerry Grondin Deacon Bill Bloudek istry Amy Cookson	Communion for Homebound Hospital Visitation Perpetual Adoration Altar Servers Ushers Eucharistic Ministers Readers	Deacon Bill Bloudek Bob & Sharon Boryska Adolf Eppich Pat Allen Colin Borla Deacon Bill Bloudek Deacon Bill Bloudek Melanie Battilega Angele Rogers Deborah Brugato 503-625-6185	
Funeral Luncheon Holly Rollers Quilters Parish Administrative Help Prison Ministry Small Business Organization	Maggie Doud Vida Eppich Sue Willard Mimi Urmini Suzanne Moore	Church Environment Music Ministry Prayer Chain prayer-chain@stfrancissherwood.org  Faith Fo		
Coffee Social Women's Ministry Blood Pressure Screening School Gym Coordinator Hope Diner Hope Shelter	Michael Cary Maurissa Fisher Lisa McGuigan Robin Freadman Todd Bowman Jennifer Mirek Rob Watson	Children's Liturgy of the Word Vacation Bible School RCIA Adult Education Senior Study Group		
Food Pantry Jennifer Mirek Clothes Closet Jennifer Mirek		<u>Organizations</u>		
Bereavement Welcoming Committee Parish Librarian	Jennifer Mirek Linda Shannon Elaine Gregoire	Knights of Columbus Stephen Ministry	Rob Watson Paul Mayer Sean O'Halloran	
Holiday Food Boxes	Jennifer Mirek	Teams of Our Lady	Rob & Sharla Walsh	

Couples for Christ

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