## Mass Schedule



 Saturday Vigil
 5:30 pm

 Sunday
 8:00 am

 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

 Tuesday
 12:00 pm

 Wed - Fri
 8:30 am

 1st Saturday
 8:30 am

**Communion Service Monday** 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 -5:00 pm and by appointment

Perpetual Adoration
24 hours a day in the Chapel

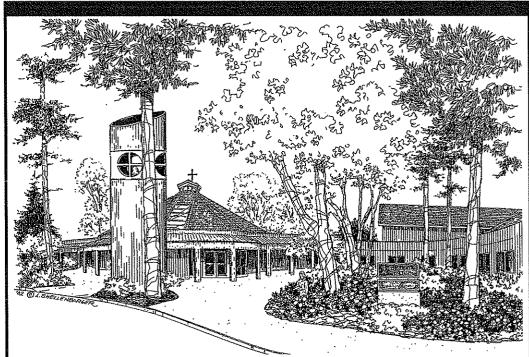
<u>Parish Rosary</u> 4th Thursday

7:00 pm

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#### **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.

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# The Epiphany of the Lord—January 3, 2016

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#### Parish Calendar

#### Monday, January 4 1:30 pm Senior Study Group P.C. Tuesday, January 5 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting P.C. P.C. 7:00 pm RCIA Wednesday, January 6 Church 8:30 am School Mass 9:00 am Ouilting Old Hall P.C. Middle School Youth Group 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (10:30) Church 7:30 pm P.C. 7:30 pm Quest Thursday, January 7 P.C. 9:30 am Quest P.C. Stephen Ministry Training 6:30 pm 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00) Church Friday, January 8 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Old Hall Saturday, January 9

6:30 pm Crab Feed Dinner

Sunday, January 10

9:15am

5:00 pm

6:00 pm



Elementary Faith Formation

9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am Preschool Faith Formation

Confirmation

12:30 pm Baptism Prep Class Youth Mass

### **Mass Intentions**

Week of January 4—10			
Monday	8:30 am	Communion Service	
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Nancy Nebel	
Wednesday	8:30 am	Charles Hunt	
Thursday	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving	
Friday	8:30 am	Juan Perez	
Saturday	5:30 pm	Wilhelmia Callanan+	
Sunday	8:00 am	Gail Ruddiman	
Sunday	10:30 am	Kathy Conrow	
Sunday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



#### Liturgical Ministers - January 9 & 10

Readers	Ushers	<u>Servers</u>
Saturday 5:30 pm	ı Mass	
Thomas Hefner	Joe Corello	Antoinette Reyna
Julie Hefner	John Laughlin	Stephan Zapodeanu
	····	Mikko Rosal
Sunday 8:00 am I	Mass	
Steve Holthouse		Megan Allen
Tim Burke	Shiralee Salon	Samuel Cowan
		Andrew Manning
Sunday 10:30 am	Mass	
Danielle Coughran		Isabella Monroe
Lynette Koppel		Danny Fuchs
		Olivia Fuchs
Sunday 5:00 pm	Mass	
2 Youth	Sal Fuoti	Amanda Volk
	2 Youth	Caitlyn Kreuzer
		Dominic Swanson

#### Coffee Social Hosts - January 10

8:00 am Mass—Roxanne and Ed Sienkiewicz 10:30 am Mass—The Fronczak Family

If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, please find a replacement Minister or Coffee Host.

#### From the desk of Father James

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Yes, it is still appropriate to say Merry Christmas. We must remember for Catholics, the Christmas season comes to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which takes place, January 10<sup>th</sup>. So, I would encourage you all to be bold and continue to wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

It is also the beginning of a new year! While we ushered in our new Church year with the beginning of Advent at the end of November, on January 1 we celebrated and welcomed a new civil year with the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. I do hope that in these early days of January, they will be a blessed beginning for all for the year 2016.

This Sunday is also the feast of the Epiphany. This day, we remember in our Church as the day in which the three Kings came from a far distant land to worship our newborn King, the child that was born in a manger. We don't know much about the kings. We don't know who exactly they were or where exactly they came from, but we do know that they followed a star to come and bring gifts. These gifts represent not only the fact that He is a great king, but also point to His death. Myrrh, one of the gifts, is a resin used to pack a body as it is prepared for burial. Even as an infant, we can see these gifts as signs pointing to His death, a death for which He was brought into our world to endure so that we can have new life in Him.

As we reflect upon the gifts that these wise men brought to this King, let us reflect upon the gifts that we bring to our King. What do we offer to Jesus? And more importantly, how do we use the gifts that He has given to us?

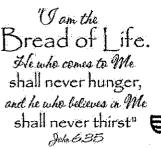
May the three men from the Orient continue to inspire us to follow the star that brings us to new life!!

Fr. James

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

- To all the wonderful volunteers who gave so graciously of their time and talent in 2015.
- To Gladys Gavin for laundering the altar linens for the month of December
- To Young's Funeral Home for providing the parish with 2016 calendars.
- To Kristie Greenslitt and Amy Cookson for sharing their time phone sitting & helping in the parish office.
- To Kay Erwert for the delicious baked goodies she made for the parish office staff.

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







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#### Preschool/Kindergarten

Classes Resume 1/3! Check the website for Mass activity sheets!

#### Elementary

Classes Resume 1/3! Check the website for Mass worksheets!

#### **Sacrament Prep Students**

Please have Chapters 1-3 completed by January 3.

#### Adult Education

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#### **Catholics Can Come Home**

St. Francis is launching a series of gatherings designed to reacquaint non-practicing Catholics with the Catholic faith as well as answer questions and address concerns. Watch the website and check the bulletin for more information. Contact Linda Blackwood at linda@stfrancissherwood.org or 503-625-6185.

#### Middle School

We start Middle School Youth Group this coming Wednesday, January 6. All youth 6th—8th grade are invited to join us. It is not too late to find out how your faith can grow in 2016.

We have a special celebration planned for the Feast of the Epiphany. Fr. James and Peter Laughlin will join us and we will all bless the church together. We will also take home blessed chalk and prayers to bless each of our own homes.

## High School

Juniors and Seniors: Called to Greatness is a discernment retreat for juniors and seniors who are courageous enough to ask the question: Lord, how are you calling me to greatness? There will be an opportunity to explore all four vocations the Church holds up for us: priesthood, married life, religious life and single life. Please contact Ashley for more information.

- What: High School Discernment Retreat
- When: January 8—9
- Where: Fr. Bernard Youth Center, Mt. Angel Oregon
- Cost: \$75

## "Instruct the Ignorant": The First Spiritual Work of Mercy by Philip Kosloski for the National Catholic Register

For the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has repeatedly stressed the importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In the *Bull of Indiction* he wrote, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy.*"

In a letter to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, the Pope gave his appeal even more weight by confirming the promise of a Jubilee Indulgence for performing merciful acts: "I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. Each time that one of the faithful personally performs one or more of these actions, he or she shall surely obtain the Jubilee Indulgence."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2447) says the following: The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Corporal Works of Mercy: To feed the hungry; To give drink to the

thirsty; To clothe the naked; To harbour the harbourless; To visit the sick; To ransom the captive; To bury the dead.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy:** Instruct the ignorant; Counsel the doubtful; Admonish sinners; Bear wrongs patiently; Forgive offences willingly; Comfort the afflicted; Pray for the living and the dead.

To Instruct the Ignorant—The first spiritual work of mercy is to "instruct the ignorant." Biblically speaking, this action comes directly from Jesus when He instructs His apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20) This applies to us today as much as it did in the first century. While much of the world has heard about Jesus Christ, most are ignorant of what Jesus actually taught. This is due to many factors, including the numerous false interpretations of the Gospels. What doesn't help is the fact that we are sheep. We follow blindly whatever the culture tells us, or even what our priest preaches about on Sunday. This means that many in our world don't have the fullness of the Faith. However, this does not give everyone a mandate to instruct those they know in the intricacies of Church teaching. We must be careful, as we could be instructing our fellow neighbor in falsehood, when we think we are giving them truth. Above all things we must remember that Jesus gave His "apostles" the direct mandate to "teach." Bishops are the primary catechists in their geographical region and priests are cooperators with him. After priests come deacons and after deacons come lay catechists. Most dioceses have a certification program that "certifies" a specific catechist for teaching the faith. This is important as the local bishop is ultimately responsible for the souls in his care. What follows is that each catechist assists the bishop in his mission and can only operate with his permission. In cases where local leaders fail to teach the truth, we can confidently turn to the Pope for guidance. He and the magisterium of the Church protect the truth and their official teachings are infallible. At the same time, we have a duty to evangelize our coworkers or family members, but we must do so realizing that we can only take them so far. We must act like arrows, pointing to the truth, bringing these precious souls to those who can instruct them properly. Also, as parents, we have the duty to instruct our children in the Faith to the best of our ability. When our knowledge fails, we turn to the Church for

Next week, we will see what it means to "counsel the doubtful."

assistance.



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**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 4** 

#### Gift Tags on the Giving Tree

You may have noticed that the Giving Tree continues to have tags on it, even though we completed Christmas Food Boxes and presents. These white tags will go to babies in the community who are in need of basic care items and to Operation Baby Lift. We are grateful for any donations.

Operation Baby Lift is a wonderful outreach program that is expanding under Social Action Ministry. Parishioner Cheryl Scott is passionate about celebrating new life by welcoming newborns of inmates at Coffee Creek Correctional Institution. When a baby arrives, volunteers provide a layette and a stuffed animal, visit and pray over baby and mother. This ministry has received many recognitions including State of Oregon Correctional System Volunteers of the Year.

If you would like to donate, please take a tag and bring the unwrapped present with the tag attached to the bassinet in the narthex through January 10.

This is a great way to kick off our Jubilee Year of Mercy and practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy: Clothe the naked.



## St. Francis School

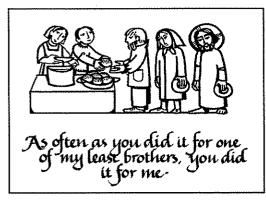
#### Accredited through June 2020

We are at full stride in the computer lab. Kindergarten students are working on navigating, mouse skills, key-boarding, and various fun activities that reinforce classroom learning. I have extended the computer programming that Ms. Skipper started with the first graders into their technology class, along with keyboarding skills. The second grade class is participating in the *Hour of Code* and beyond using *Star Wars* characters for computer programming. Inserting a table, sizing/cropping photos, and researching are a few of the skills the third grade class is learning while creating a flyer about Oregon. The Lewis and Clark Expedition discoveries are the topic for the fourth grade *Infographic* they are making in *Microsoft Word*. The middle school students learned how *SWAY* works and created some interesting and creative biographies that were then presented to the class. *Excel* is the program of choice for designing a large format poster on responsible digital citizenship for the seventh grade class.

Your generous donations toward technology have made it possible to extend the technology into the classrooms opening up many new and exciting learning opportunities.

Merry Christmas Mrs. Veith Technology and Library Teacher

Thank you for your generous support of the technology programs at St. Francis School. With the financial support from the Special Appeal at the auction and the generous giving of time and talent from our technology committee, this Fall we were able to initiate a 1:1 Ipad program in the seventh and eighth grade. Beginning in January we will implement an Ipad cart system for kindergarten through sixth grade.



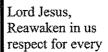
#### **Catholic Corner**

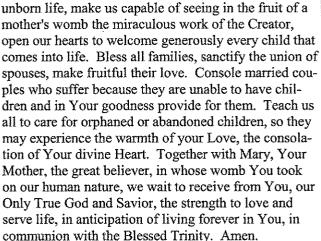
Are vows always public? Vows are not always public. There are also private vows.

St. Paul Family Catechism, 624

Next Week: Which are the most common vows today?

## Respect Life





~Taken from a prayer by Pope Benedict XVI, *Prayer* for Nascent Human Life

## **Announcements**

## **Happening this Week:**

- Please join the Knights of Columbus for their delicious breakfast after the morning Masses this Sunday, January 3.
- There will be **blood pressure screening** after the morning Masses this **Sunday**, **January 3** in the parish center.

#### **Parish Announcements:**

- Tickets for our Annual Crab Feed Dinner can be purchase in the parish office. The Crab Feed Dinner will be next Saturday, January 9 at 6:30 pm in the parish center.
- Please check the narthex for materials on the Holy Year of Mercy. This is a very special year called by Pope Francis to remember the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and to call attention to how we are all "Called to be Merciful like the Father."
- Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers' book "Behold the Man" sold out last Sunday. We have more available in the narthex and parish office if you would like to purchase one.
- Have you liked us on Facebook yet? Prayers, resources and parish events are posted daily!
- The Parish website has great resources and information on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Click the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* tab under Worship/Liturgy. There is a lot of great information on the Parish website. Please be sure to check it out!
- The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Committee invite you to visit the 3rd Annual Field of Crosses for the Unborn. The cross display is on our property this year for the month of January, to honor Sanctity of Life Month. Look for it on Langer Farms Parkway.
- 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 Divine Mercy for the restoration of a Culture of Life, Sanctity of Marriage and Freedom of Religion 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!
- The Knights of Columbus have donated a booklet "Building the Domestic Church" for each family in the parish. These free booklets can be found in the narthex on tables by the windows.



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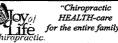


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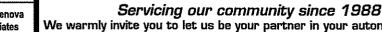
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