1st Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2016

St. Francis Catholic Church & School

Mass Schedule



Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm **Sunday** 8:00 am 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

For daily Mass schedule see the Parish Calendar inside the bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 5:00 -5:45 pm Saturday 4:00 -5:00 pm and by appointment

Perpetual Adoration

24 hours a day in the Chapel

Parish Rosary 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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Parish Calendar

Monday, November 28					
12:05 pm	Mass (Peggy Zach)	Chapel			
1:30 pm	Senior Study Group	P.C.			
Tuesday, I	November 29				
12:05 pm	Mass (Sr Mariam Sharbel Vianney)Chapel			
7:00 pm	RCIA	P.C.			
Wednesday, November 30					
8:30 am	School Mass (Lori Havel)	Church			
9:00 am	Quilting	Old Hall			
9:00 am	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall			
5:00 pm	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall			
5:00 pm	Reconciliation	Chapel			
6:00 pm	Mass (Fr EJ Resinto)	Chapel			
6:30 pm	Middle School Youth Group	P.C.			
7:00 pm	Combined Choir Rehearsal	Church			
7:00 pm	Quest	P.C.			
Thursday, December 1					
8:30 am	Mass (Jess Wells+)	Chapel			
9:00 am	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall			
9:30 am	Quest	P.C.			
Friday, December 2					
8:30 am	Mass (In Thanksgiving)	Chapel			

School Gym

P.C.

Chapel

4:00 pm Reconciliation 5:30 pm Mass (Emery & Antoinette Carter+) Church

Saturday, December 3

Sunday, December 4

7:00 pm

8:30 am 3:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Quilters Boutique after morning Masses

Kindness Presentation

Quilters boutique after morning wasses				
8:00 am	Mass (Deacon Craig Casey+)	Church		
9:15 am	Elementary Faith Formation	School		
9:45 am	Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Chapel		
10:30 am	Mass (People of the Parish)	Church		
10:30 am	Preschool Faith Formation	School		
10:30 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	P.C.		
5:00 pm	Hope Diner – St Francis Team 4	Old Hall		
5:00 pm	Hope Shelter	Old Hall		
5:00 pm	HS Youth Mass (Beth Wells)	Church		
6:00 pm	HS Youth Dinner	P.C.		

Couples for Christ Christmas Party

Mass (Respect of All Human Life) Chapel



Financial News

Received **Giving Target** 11/19 & 11/20 \$10,294.25 \$12,814.25 Year to date \$226,920.14 \$269,099.25 Archdiocesan Loan Balance \$162,428.65

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12



Liturgical Ministers - December 3 & 4

Readers	Ushers	<u>Servers</u>		
 Saturday 5:30	pm Mass			
Jill LaFave	Sue Willard	Thomas Bui		
Kate Hickmann	Ted Trecker	Derek Yau		
		Mikko Rosal		
Sunday 8:00 am Mass				
David Laughlin	John Milroy	Hayden Smith		
Pat Allen	Linda Shannon	Angelina Miller		
		Emily Pitt		
Sunday 10:30 a	m Mass			
Mike Roos	Keith Blau	Grace Bowman		
Jeanne Corello		Sophia Bowman		
		Drew Knickerbocker		
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass				
2 HS Youth		Abbi Karsseboom		
	2 HS Youth	Dominic Swanson		
		Caitlyn Kreuzer		

Coffee Social Hosts - December 4

No Coffee Social—Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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

From the desk of Father James

Christ Be Our Light!

"Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see."

These words from the familiar song <u>Christ</u>, <u>Be Our Light</u>, by Bernadette Farrell, are our theme this year for our journey through the season on Advent.

Advent is a time that is set aside for us each year by the Church to prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's second coming at the end of time. We also prepare to celebrate the anniversary of Christ's coming into the world at His birth, which we celebrate at the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day.

During Advent, we find ourselves at the darkest time of the year. We wake up in the morning and head out on our usual daily routines. We are surrounded by darkness, and we come home in the late afternoon and it is dark. Darkness surrounds us, but we are reminded that Christ is indeed our light.

We wait through these winter days in the dark, longing for light. The light we long for is not only the light that our glorious sun provides but also the light that comes from the Son of God, the Christ.

What is the darkness that is present in your life today? What is the darkness that is present that keeps you from living the life that God has given you to live? What is the darkness that prevents Christ's light from shining through your heart into the world in which we live?

Let us strive during these four weeks of Advent to take a good look at the darkness we carry with us each day and let us hand that darkness to God, so that we can fully be a people of light, a holy people, shining Christ's light for all the world to see.

During this season of Advent we will be adding a daily Mass on Mondays, so please plan to come and join us at 12:05 pm on Mondays in the Adoration Chapel. We will also be having our Advent Reconciliation service on December 14 at 7:00 pm.

Sacramental News

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen Maria Virginia Breen died on November 11. Her funeral was on November 22.

In the Spirit of St. Francis...

- To Maggie Doud for sweeping the leaves out from the entrance to the parish office.
- To Chris Welters for blowing the leaves off the church property.
- ◆ **To Safeway** for providing the dinner rolls that Father blessed and distributed at the Thanksgiving day Mass.
- To Holly Farrah-Elliott for wrapping and adding the prayer for the Thanksgiving rolls.



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



High School

December

- * 4 Youth Mass/dinner
- * 11 Festival of Lights at the Grotto 4:00 pm 7:00 pm



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Prayer after an election

God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy
in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

Amen.

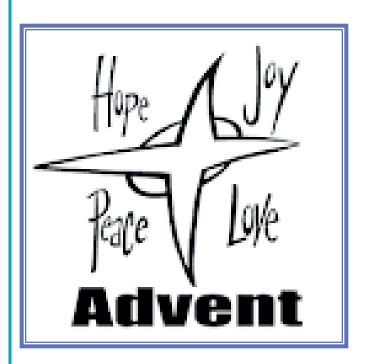
Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, revised edition (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007). The "Prayer After an Election" by Cardinal Adam Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, is used with permission.

Care Ministry

St. Francis visiting **Eucharistic Ministers and Friendly Visitors** serve not only parishioners in their homes, but also serve Catholics in assisted living centers and memory care facilities. As our ministers could tell you, residents express over and over how much joy they receive from the Eucharist, from reciting familiar prayers, and from receiving fellowship and support during the visits. Currently, our visiting Eucharistic Ministers and Friendly Visitors serve at the following assisted living centers/memory care facilities:

- -- Prestige Senior Living Riverwood in Tualatin
- -- Farmington Square Tualatin
- -- Avamere in Sherwood (Deacon Bill, Communion Service)
- -- Marquis Tualatin Assisted Living (Fr. James celebrates Mass once per month)

If you have a loved one in any of these facilities, please contact Jennifer Mirek in the parish office, so we can make sure he or she is being served. If your loved one resides at a private home, please call Jennifer as well so we can serve him or her at home.



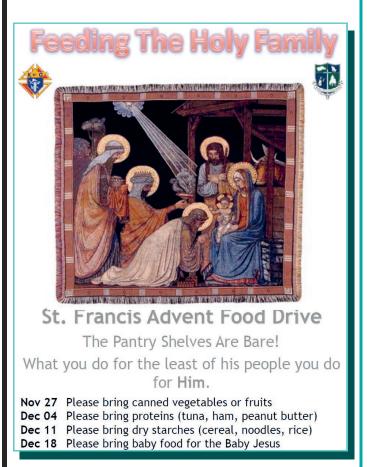


Anna Wilson - 503-625-7067 Old Hall - 503-625-1263 anna@stfrancissherwood.org Food Pantry Hours: Wed & Thur 9:00 am—11:00 am and Wed 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Canned tuna, canned soup, toilet paper, paper towels, peanut butter, cereal, rice, beans.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS: We are in need of volunteers for the Hope Shelter. For more information contact Anna Wilson in the parish office.

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 6



St. Francis School

KINDNESS IS COMING

Hear motivational speaker Brian Williams, founder of Think Kindness, talk about Family-Style Kindness: Creative and Fun Ways to Raise Kind & Caring Children.

Friday, December 2 St. Francis School Gym 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please join us for this complimentary event proudly hosted by St. Francis School. Childcare provided.



Brian has been featured on TED Talks, MTV, USA Today, and MSNBC. He has motivated over 250,000 students across the country to be kind, and to collect over 300,000 pairs of shoes for needy children and families around the globe. Visit **ThinkKindness.org** to learn more.

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<u>Stephen Ministry</u>

Two Weeks' Notice!

For years you were the wage earner. Now each morning is the same.

It's harder to get out of bed, tie your tie, shine your shoes. A cup of coffee, scan the want ads, make a few phone calls. The search goes on.

While you look you need someone to listen. Someone you can trust. A Stephen minister can be that person. To find out more about the St. Francis Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, contact the parish office at 503-625-6185 and ask to speak with a Stephen Minister. You can also find us on the web at: http://www.stfrancissherwood.org/stephen-ministry-care.

Catholic Corner

Does lawful public authority have the right to put a criminal to death? Lawful public authority has the right to inflict capital punishment on criminals who have been lawfully convicted of grave crimes. Many Catholic thinkers, however, hold that capital punishment is not justified in our time. St. Paul Family Catechism, 676

Next Week: Why is direct or culpable suicide sinful?

Respect Life

"The beginning of the liturgical year helps us to relive the expectation of God made flesh in the



womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself small, He becomes a child, it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is near, who wanted to experience the life of man, from the very beginning, to save it completely, fully. And so the mystery of the Incarnation of the Lord and the beginning of human life are intimately connected and in harmony with each other within the one saving plan of God, the Lord of life of each and every one of us. The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in an amazing way, that every human life has an incomparable, a most elevated dignity." ~Pope Benedict XVI 11/27/2010

Sunday, November 27 Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 623 We need affordable childcare and paid sick leave so workers don't have to choose between their health, their child and their livelihood.

Announcements

Happening This Week:

- Come and make an Advent Wreath with your family after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses this Sunday. An Advent Wreath is a sacramental that helps us as families prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
- The Holy Family begins its Advent journey from the intersection of Oregon St and Langer Pkwy to the statue of the Sacred Heart in front of the church. Similar to our Lenten Food Drive, Knights of Columbus and St. Francis School are asking that you help feed the Holy Family. Each week in Advent, we are dedicating a food group that you can donate 1 can or package each day and put it in one of the usual barrels each week. The fourth week of Advent, we finish the drive with a request for baby food for the Baby Jesus, as what we do for the least of His people we do for Him. See the Social Action section of this bulletin for the schedule of food groups for each week.
- **St Francis' annual giving tree** will be up in the narthex next weekend. Please stop by and take a tag to help provide gifts for children in our community who would otherwise go without.

Parish Announcements:

- There will be a **Knights of Columbus breakfast** and **blood pressure screening** after the morning Masses next **Sunday, December 4.**
- The St Francis Quilters will be selling their lovely quilts during the Knights of Columbus breakfast next Sunday, December 4.
- CYO is hosting a "CYO Gift Wrapping Party" event on Saturday, December 10 in the parish center from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This fundraiser will support our CYO program and the money raised will go towards the purchase of new equipment. Please contact Sombra Wagner at smccaulley1675@gmail.com for details about the event.
- **Be a Prayer Sponsor** There are many members of our parish that will be receiving Sacraments for the first time this upcoming year. Prayer cards with their names are in the Narthex. Please take a card and pray for these parishioners as they continue their sacramental journey in the Catholic Church.
- The **Knights of Columbus** will **not** be accepting garage sale items for next year until June 2017. Please do not leave any items at the old hall. Thank you for all your donations that made this year's garage sale a success.
- **Blood Pressure screening ministry** is looking for volunteers with medical backgrounds to help with monthly screenings after the morning Masses. If interested, please contact Jennifer Mirek in the parish office.

Out of Parish:

- Our Lady of Peace Retreat is having their Annual **Advent Day Retreat** on Wednesday, November 30 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The theme is "The Holy Longing"; retreat master is Father Dave Gutmann. Cost is \$40 per person; lunch is included. Registered online at www.olpretreat.org, email sisters@olpretreat.org or call 503-649-7127.
- The Archdiocesan Office of Catechesis and Faith Formation is pleased to welcome Dr. Peter Kreeft, a professor in Philosophy at Boston College on Saturday, December 3 at Holy Rosary Parish in Portland. Join Archbishop Alexander Sample for this special event, which will begin at 9:30 am and will wrap up by 11:30 am. Mass will be offered at the parish at 8:00 am, for those who would like to attend. The topic is "Culture & Catholicity: How Catholics Can Respond to the Challenges of Today's Culture and be Effective Witnesses of Christ." There is no cost for this event, and registration is not required. Visit http://www.peterkreeft.com/home.htm to learn more about Dr. Kreeft.







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