

# The Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2016

## St. Francis Catholic Church & School

15651 SW Oregon St, Sherwood, OR 97140  
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### 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

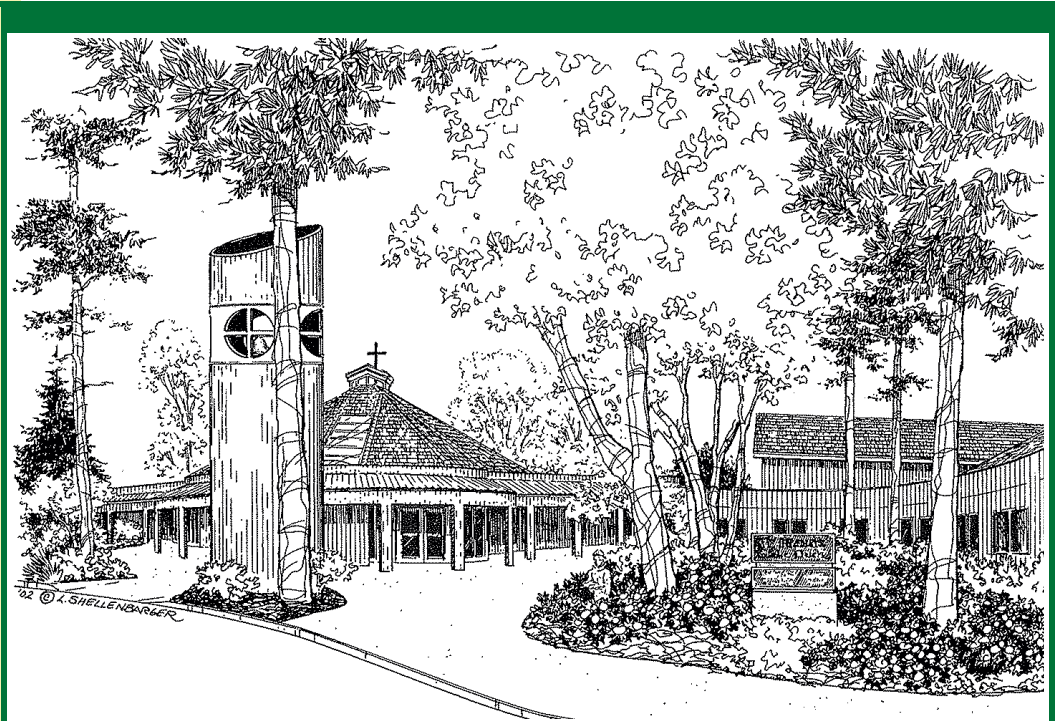
**Wednesday** 5:00 -5:45 pm  
**Saturday** 4:00 -5:00 pm  
and by appointment

#### Perpetual Adoration

24 hours a day in the Chapel

#### Parish Rosary

**4th Thursday** 7:00 pm



### 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.*

### Pastoral and School Staff

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## Parish Calendar

**Monday, December 26**

**Parish Office Closed**

12:05 pm **Communion Service** Chapel

**Tuesday, December 27**

12:05 pm **Mass (For the Birth of Our Savior)** Chapel

**Wednesday, December 28**

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 (All Lives Lost to Abortion)** Chapel

**Thursday, December 29**

8:30 am **Mass (Heather Debra Swientek)** Chapel

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall

**Friday, December 30**

8:30 am **Mass (Mary Rose Modzelewski)** Chapel

**Saturday, December 31**

4:00 pm Reconciliation Chapel

5:30 pm **Mass (Preservation of the Family)** Church

**Sunday, January 1**

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

9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel

10:30 am **Mass (Preservation of the Family)** Church

5:00 pm Hope Diner Old Hall

5:00 pm Hope Shelter Old Hall

## Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21



## Liturgical Ministers - December 31 & January 1



### Readers

### Ushers

### Servers

#### Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

Tricia Killinger

Sue Willard

Grace Johnson

Jerry Grondin

Ted Trecker

Sophie Johnson

Stephanie Killinger

#### Saturday 8:00 am Mass

Geoff Horning

Linda Shannon

Victoria Pitt

Pat Allen

John Milroy

Emily Pitt

Angelina Miller

#### Sunday 10:30 am Mass

LeRoy Nollette

Ed Contreras

Oliver Fisher

Adolf Eppich

Jonah Raleigh

Samantha Raleigh

## Financial News

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Giving Target</u>
12/17 & 12/18	\$9,210.11	\$12,814.25
Year to date	\$274,004.78	\$320,356.25
Archdiocesan Loan Balance		\$162,428.65

## Coffee Social Hosts - January 1

No Coffee Social– Happy New Year!

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

## From the desk of Father James

For unto us a child is born! Christ Jesus the Lord!

After four very quick weeks through Advent we have arrived at that day in which our world was forever changed, the day in which Christ the Lord, Jesus, the Son of the Living God became flesh!

I just want to take this moment to wish each and every one of you a very blessed and Holy Christmas!

I am blessed to have spent this last year with you and look forward to the year to come!!

May 2017 bring many blessings, much joy and abundant health to you and your families!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

In Christ's Love,

Fr. James



To all visitors and guests.

Hopefully you had a positive experience relating to God at Mass on the anniversary of Jesus' birth. We at St. Francis Catholic church want you to feel welcome whenever you visit us. Have a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

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

- ♦ **To everyone** that helped with the celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe, especially **Luz Dodson** who provided the Mexican Sweet Bread for coffee & doughnuts.

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

### St. Francis Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, January 14 in the parish center 6:30 pm

Tickets are \$25/person

Tickets will be sold after each Mass on the weekends of 12/31 and 1/7.

Please note: this is an **adult only** event.

#### Volunteers are needed!

Contact Lisa Wilson to see how you can help:  
lisa.wilson61@gmail.com or 503-692-1063







## FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

### Preschool/Kinder & Elementary

No classes on 12/25 and 1/1.  
Classes will resume on 1/8.

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**



### Middle School Youth Group

December 21 & 28 - No MSYG  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Join us for faith, fellowship and food!  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.  
ALL Middle School students are invited!

Contact Anna for more information  
503-625-6185  
[anna@stfrancissherwood.org](mailto:anna@stfrancissherwood.org)

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Lively discussion resulted in the formation of several groups at the recent gathering of Women's Ministry. Groups include discussion of literary works from a Catholic Christian perspective, and a survey of Catholic teaching and Tradition. The plan is to begin meeting in January. Details are to be determined. For further information regarding these groups contact Linda in the parish office at 503-625-6185 or [linda@stfrancissherwood.org](mailto:linda@stfrancissherwood.org). All women of the parish are welcome.

### Read the Nativity Story with Your Children

Isaiah 9:6  
Luke 1:5-17  
Luke 1:18-25  
Luke 1:26-38  
Luke 1:38-42  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Luke 2:1-5  
Luke 2:6-7  
Luke 2:8  
Luke 2:9-14  
Luke 2:15-20  
Luke 2:19  
Matthew 2:1-2, 9-10  
Matthew 2:3-8, 11-12  
Luke 2:22-33  
Matthew 2:13-15  
Matthew 2:19-23  
Luke 2:40,52



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## 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
- ◇ The Springs at Sherwood
- ◇ 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.



## Sacramental News

**Congratulations to Avery and Amaya Johnson,** children of **Mary Murphy**, who celebrated their baptism last weekend.



**Anna Wilson - 503-625-7067**  
**Old Hall - 503-625-1263**  
**[anna@stfrancissherwood.org](mailto: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:** See food box sign-ups in the Narthex.

**HOPE SHELTER GUESTS for 12/18/16: 31**

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



# ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Come discover the benefits of a **rigorous, student-focused, and Catholic education** for your child.

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### Stephen Ministry

#### The First Christmas without Him

And it hurts. The family gathered around the tree is smaller now. You keep thinking of the way it was last year. You miss him. At this difficult time, a Stephen Minister would like to care for you. Your Stephen Minister will listen while you work through your sorrow and pain. At a time like this, you need a caring, concerned friend to listen to you and be with you. A Stephen Minister would like to be that friend. To receive a Stephen Minister's care, please call the parish office at 503-625-6185. We're also online at: <http://www.stfrancissherwood.org/stephen-ministry-care>. (Please do not report a friend's need without asking his or her permission to do so.)

### Catholic Corner

**What is scandal?** Scandal is giving another person – through one's words, actions or omissions – the occasion of committing sin. St. Paul Family Catechism, 680

**Next Week: What does the fifth commandment oblige us to do with regard to physical life and health?**

### Respect Life

*"O Child, who willed to have for your crib a manger; O Creator of the universe, who stripped yourself of divine glory: O Redeemer, who offered your vulnerable body in sacrifice for the salvation of Humanity! May the radiance of your birth light up the night of the world. May the power of your message of love thwart the proud snares of the evil one. May the gift of your life make us understand ever more clearly the worth of the life of each human being."* ~Pope John Paul II, Christmas Homily at Midnight Mass, 2003



**Sunday, December 25** Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 651 The effects of what happens during the prenatal period and during the earliest months and years of a child's life can last a lifetime. **All the key ingredients of emotional intelligence** — confidence, curiosity, intentionality, self-control, relatedness, capacity to communicate and cooperativeness — that determine how a child learns and relates in school and in life in general, depend on the kind of early care he or she receives from parents, pre-school teachers and caregivers.



# Announcements

## Happening This Week:

- There will be no Mass or Communion Service this Monday, December 26.

## Parish Announcements:

- There is no 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday, January 1.
- The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Committee invite you to visit the 4th Annual **Field of Crosses for the Unborn**. The cross display will once again be on our property for the month of January, to honor Sanctity of Life Month. Look for it on Langer Farms Parkway starting Saturday December 31.
- **Please be sure to check the website and Facebook for Mass cancellations due to poor weather conditions.** St. Francis Church and School go by the Sherwood and Tigard/Tualatin School Districts for closures and late starts when school is in session. This applies to the parish office and daily Mass as well as the school.
- There are two types of new tags on the **Advent Giving Tree**. One goes to babies in the community through our Social Action Ministry. The other is for "Operation Baby Lift," providing for newborns of inmates at Coffee Creek Correctional Institution. The unwrapped presents, with the tags attached and put in the bassinet in the narthex, are due by January 8 (Feast of the Epiphany). Please consider donating to these ministries. We are grateful for your generosity.
- To count for the 2016 tax year, please have all donations to St Francis postmarked by Saturday, December 31.
- 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!
- Check out the **parish library** in the gathering space in the parish center. There are many wonderful books for you to check out and read.
- **Did you know that we have a wide selection of books for your spiritual journey and growth in the narthex?** We have a new selection of books each month from Paulist Press for your purchase. Check out the book rack in the inner narthex.

## Out of Parish:

- St Elizabeth Ann Seton, 3145 SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Aloha, will have Mass for the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** on Wednesday, December 28 at 7:00 pm, rosary at 6:30 pm. This Mass remembers all deceased children, especially those who have died before birth or baptism, and for victims of abortion. Reception following Mass. All are welcome!
- **Are you called to be a Monk?** Monastic Vocation Retreat at Mount Angel Abbey is Friday – Sunday, January 6 – 8. It is open to men 18 – 45. It is free of charge. Contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at [odo.recker@mtangel.edu](mailto:odo.recker@mtangel.edu), 503-845-3123 or visit [www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations](http://www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations).
- **Marriage Help** - Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January 2017 program beginning with a weekend on Jan 20-22, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

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