

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2017

St. Francis Catholic Church & School

15651 SW Oregon St, Sherwood, OR 97140
stfrancissherwood.org

503-625-6185



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.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, January 2

Parish Office Closed

12:05 pm **Communion Service** Chapel
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting P.C.

Tuesday, January 3

12:05 pm **Mass (Fr Richard Clifford+)** Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA P.C.

Wednesday, January 4

8:30 am **School Mass (Gary Lynk+)** 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 (Theresa Motyka+)** Chapel
6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group P.C.
7:00 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 pm Quest P.C.
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting School

Thursday, January 5

8:30 am **Mass (Nancy Nebel)** Chapel
9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall
9:30 am Quest P.C.

Friday, January 6

8:30 am **Mass (Melvina Klier+)** Chapel

Saturday, January 7

8:30 am **Mass (Lives Lost to Abortion)** Chapel
4:00 pm Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 pm **Mass (Doug Stetner)** Church

Sunday, January 8

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Blood Pressure Screening

8:00 am **Mass (Wilhelmia Callanan+)** Church
9:15 am Elementary Faith Formation School
9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel
10:30 am **Mass (Lives Lost to Abortion)** Church
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word P.C.
10:30 am Preschool Faith Formation P.C.
5:00 pm **Youth Mass (People of the Parish)** Church
5:00 pm Hope Diner – St Paul Lutheran Team Old Hall
5:00 pm Hope Shelter Old Hall
6:00 pm Confirmation Class P.C.



Financial News

Archdiocesan Loan Balance \$156,372.12

2016 Contribution Statements will be mailed by the end of the month.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12



Liturgical Ministers - January 7 & 8

Readers Ushers Servers

Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

Jill LaFave	Jeff Dennison	Robin Reyna
Denny Devlin	Joe Corello	Elly Will
		Jaden Will

Saturday 8:00 am Mass

Jerry Grondin	Collin Borla	Megan Allen
Mara Cowan	Marilyn Sykes	Hayden Smith
		Samuel Cowan

Sunday 10:30 am Mass

Jennifer Biever	Keith Blau	Aidan Highberger
Bob Biever		Chase Highberger
		Leo Grosso

Sunday 5:00 pm Mass

2 Youth	Sal Fuoti	Carmen Bartoletta
	2 Youth	Amelia Snyder
		Gwenyth Snyder

Coffee Social Hosts - January 8

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

Happy New Year!

This weekend we gather around the altar and begin a New Year! I pray that as we begin this new year, we take a moment to reflect upon all that we have experienced this past year: all of the joy filled moments, all the moments that filled us with sorrow, the events that helped us to grow in who we are, and the relationship that we have with our Lord.

These moments have formed us into the people that we are at this moment. And now we look ahead to 2017. What are our dreams for this near year? What do you want to accomplish? How do you want to improve your relationship with God?

We have many opportunities ahead of us, but we should never take it for granted. We must keep the words that greet us each year at the beginning of Advent to be alert and awake. We know not the hour of the day.

Let us not be caught off guard this coming year. Let us be alert and be ready. Our Lord comes to us in many different ways, let us always recognize his presence and how he calls us to draw near to him every day of the year.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that send various cards and others treats and goodies to bring Christmas Cheer to me. I am very grateful for all of your greetings of Christmas joy!! I pray that you all had a very blessed Christmas!! For me, the biggest joy and gift is being able to be your shepherd and serve this amazing community of St. Francis!!!! Thank you!!

In the Spirit of St. Francis...

- ♦ To **Chris Roth** for advancing Mary and Joseph on their Advent journey toward Christmas.
- ♦ To **Mike Roos, Adolf Eppich, Michael Corella, Keith Blau, Donna Kreitzburg, Matt McIntosh, Mark & Lori Oliver, Jennifer Pitt, Dennis Freiburg, Dick Haltiner, Rich Heinichen, John Egan, John Feleciano Jr and Jeffrey Manning** for installing the new lockers for the school.
- ♦ To **LeRoy Nollette** for donating new knives for the parish center kitchen.
- ♦ To **Maggie Doud** for donating a blower to clear the leaves from the parish office entrance.
- ♦ To **Leo and Ryan Urmini** for putting out the chairs for the Family Christmas Mass.
- ♦ To **Young's Funeral Home** for providing us the 2017 for all parishioners.
- ♦ To **Michael Corella** for blowing the debris out of the parking lot.
- ♦ To **Liz Harris, Julianne Polowicz and Ryan Urmini** for putting the "Christ Be Our Light" labels on the candles to hand out at the Christmas Masses.
- ♦ To **Kay Erwert, Kimra Corrado and Kate Hickmann** for the delicious baked goodies for the parish office staff.

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 1/1.
Classes will resume on 1/8.

Happy New Year!

High School

January

- * **8th** - Youth Mass/dinner (5:00 pm - 7:15 pm)
- * **15th** - Small discipleship group formation meeting (6:00 pm - 7:15 pm)
- * **22nd** - Event TBA
- * **29th** - Steubenville fundraising parent meetings (noon and 4:00 pm)

Youth Group

January 8th: Youth Mass training for middle and high school youth (3:30 pm-4:45 pm)



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. All women of the parish are welcome.

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.



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Food Pantry Hours:

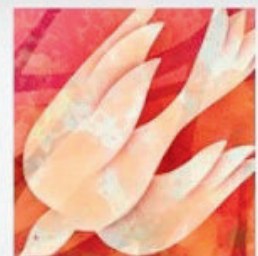
Wed & Thur 9:00 am—11:00 am and

Wed 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

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



Thank you all so much for your generous donations and support! We were able to provide food boxes and gifts to 70 families. Your contributions, no matter what shape or size, made it possible! Blessings to you and yours!



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

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

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Stephen Ministry

Was It Only Last Year?

You stayed up to watch the New Year come in together.
You talked about the past year, all the memories, good and bad.

How you laughed over some of them.

But this year you are alone.

And the memories bring you nothing but pain.

To find out more about St Francis' Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, please call the parish office at 503-625-6185 and ask to speak with a Stephen Minister. (Please do not report a friend's need without asking his or her permission to do so.)

Catholic Corner

What does the fifth commandment oblige us to do with regard to physical life and health? The fifth commandment obliges us to take the ordinary means to preserve our own life and health and that of our neighbor as far as we are able. St. Paul Family Catechism, 681

Next Week: Are we obliged to take extraordinary means to preserve our life?

Respect Life



"The one who accepted 'Life' in the name of all and for the sake of all

was Mary, the Virgin Mother; she is thus most closely and personally associated with the Gospel of life. Mary's consent at the Annunciation and her motherhood stand at the very beginning of the mystery of life which Christ came to bestow on humanity (Jn 10:10)."

~Blessed John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*

Sunday, January 1 Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 658 "I appeal strongly for peace.... How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake in that martyred country, especially among civilians and the unarmed! I think of many children who will not see the light of the future!" *Pope Francis*

Announcements

Parish Announcements:

- There will be a **Knights of Columbus breakfast and blood pressure screening** after the morning Masses next **Sunday, January 8.**
- The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Committee will be having **Stations of the Cross** for the victims of abortion: Stations will immediately follow the 8:30 am Mass at the memorial cross area on our parish property all Fridays in the month of January. Hope you will consider joining us in reparation for the lives lost to abortion.
- **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.
- 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!
- Visit 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:

- **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, 503-845-3123 or visit www.mountangelabbey.org/vocations.
- **Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 20-22 please call 503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

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