

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12, 2017

St. Francis Catholic Church & School

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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.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, November 13

10:00 am Strong for Life 2.0 P.C.
12:05 pm **Communion Service** Chapel
1:30 pm Senior Study Group P.C.

Tuesday, November 14

12:05 pm **Communion Service** Chapel
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting P.C.
7:00 pm RCIA Conf. Room

Wednesday, November 15

8:30 am **School Communion Service** Church
9:00 am Quilting Old Hall
9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall
10:00 am Strong for Life 2.0 P.C.
5:00 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall
6:00 pm **Communion Service** Chapel
6:30 pm School Advisory Committee Mtg. Library
7:00 pm Adult Education P.C.
7:00 pm Insights Conf. Room
7:00 pm Choir Practice Church

Thursday, November 16

8:30 am **Mass (Kathryn Bosse+)** Chapel
9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet Old Hall
9:30 am Insights Conf. Room
10:00 am Rosary Makers P.C.
7:00 pm Men's Group – Into the Breach Old Hall

Friday, November 17

8:30 am **Mass (Emery & Antoinette Carter+)** Chapel
10:00 am Strong for Life 2.0 P.C.

Saturday, November 18

8:30 am **Mass (Leandro & Victoria+)** Chapel
1:30 pm Couples for Christ Assembly Mtg. P.C.
4:00 pm Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 pm **Mass (June Mojeleski+)** Church

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am **Mass (End & Healing of Abortion)** Church
9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel
10:30 am **Mass (Anita Ruggiero)** Church
5:00 pm **Mass (People of the Parish)** Church
5:00 pm Hope Diner – St Francis Team 6 Old Hall
5:00 pm Hope Shelter Old Hall



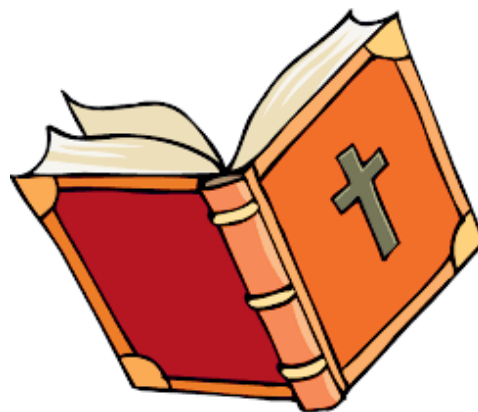
Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-30, 30-31

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30



Liturgical Ministers - November 18 & 19

Readers	Ushers	Servers
Saturday 5:30 pm Mass		
Kelly Beemer	Ted Trecker	Samantha Battilega
Steve Holthouse	David Bonfiglio	Grace Killinger
		Clare Killinger
Sunday 8:00 am Mass		
Mara Cowan	Kevin Moore	Megan Allen
David Laughlin	Mark Cowan	Samuel Cowan
		Angelina Miller
Sunday 10:30 am Mass		
Christine Feleciano	Mike Roos	Isabella Monroe
Ed Hobbs		Chase Highberger
		Aidan Highberger
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass		
Chris Corrado	Carlota Delos Reyes	Carmela Valdez
Barbara Davis	Manny Delos Reyes	Allie Karsseboom
		Carmen Bartoletta

Financial News

	Received	Giving Target
11/4 & 11/5	\$15,639.05	\$12,814.25
Year to date	\$191,919.46	\$243,470.75

Siding Repair		
Special Appeal	\$51,592.00	\$65,000.00
Archdiocesan Loan Balance		\$107,135.41

Coffee Social Hosts - November 19

8:00 am Mass – Respect Life Ministry

10:30 am Mass – Sal & Jackie Fuoti

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

From the desk of Father James

“Stay awake and be ready. . .”

We hear these words in our gospel acclamation this morning; a phrase that we are going to be hearing quite a bit more about in the days and weeks ahead as we wrap up these final weeks of Ordinary Time and prepare to embark on a new Liturgical Year with the season of Advent.

The Gospel today tells us the story of the ten virgins. They were awaiting the bridegroom to return after a long trip and they did not know when he was going to return. They were vigilant and they even had lamps in case he returned in the evening after dark.

Now we have to remember that during this time, they simply could not just flip the handy switch by the door and leave the front porch light on. They had to have oil to keep the lamps lit. When I hear this gospel I remember back to when I was a kid. When the power went out we would light candles and all kinds of different oil lamps that we had in the house. Now these lamps were a bit different than the lamps that the virgins had in our gospel today, but they still required oil. If you did not have enough oil, you would be left in the dark.

So, of course as in the case of many of our gospel stories, the bridegroom returns late in the evening. The virgins hear of his return and get up and get their lamps ready. Now, five did not have enough oil, so they had to go off and get more oil and when they returned, they had missed the bridegroom.

Now, often we take the idea from the story that we have to be prepared. Meaning, that we need to make sure that we are like the wise virgins who made sure that they had enough oil for their lamps and a bit more in reserve. But, I think we can also look at this from a different point of view. Why didn't the wise virgins share the oil they had?

Well, they could have run out and then they would not have had enough. But, would that have been the case? We don't know. The whole point of many of the gospel stories is that there is always enough. There is enough room at the table, there is enough food to feed 5000. I am sure that there would be enough oil, especially because the bridegroom that they are waiting for IS Jesus! Yes, they could run out, but God always provides what we need. Let us strive to always be prepared and when those around us may not be as prepared as they should be, let us offer a bit of what we have, so that they can be included as well.

St. Francis Parish would like to welcome all newcomers and visitors.

We turn your attention to the **Ministry Table** in the narthex of the church where you will find information on the various ministries in our parish and how to contact the coordinator.

New parishioners are encouraged to register by calling the office at 503-625-6185.

We welcome you as we welcome Christ!

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER



Fall Pie Sale

NOVEMBER 11 & 12

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\$10 each



FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Upcoming Events

Sat, Nov 11 & Sun, Nov 12 - following Mass - Pie Sale

Sun, Nov 12 at 5:00 pm - Youth Mass

Sun, Nov 12 at 6:30 pm - Confirmation (dinner-6pm)

Sun, Nov 19 & 26 - No Faith Formation Classes

Sun, Nov 19 & 26 - No Youth Group

Sun, Dec 20 - Faith Formation Christmas Celebration

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Anna Wilson

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Adult Faith Formation Autumn 2017

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the parish center as we present the Symbolon series Living the Faith, the Sacraments and Catholic Moral and Social Teachings presented by Dr Edward Sri of the Augustine Institute

NOVEMBER 15 - Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person

CATHOLICS CAN COME HOME

Everyone knows a Catholic who is no longer participating in the life of the Church.

At St. Francis we wish to extend a warm welcome to those Catholics who might rekindle their involvement and deepen relationships within the Church community by inviting them to Mass and to the **Catholics Can Come Home** sessions which gather throughout the year.

Call the office, 503-625-6185
for additional information.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers are needed to help with Children's Liturgy.

Commitment is approximately one hour per month.

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
(503-625-6185) FOR INFORMATION

The Youth Room Needs Your Help...

- BEANBAG CHAIRS
- RUGS
- STRING LIGHTS
- FUN LAMPS
- CURTAIN RODS
- CHRISTIAN POSTERS OR ARTWORK
- THROW PILLOWS
- BULLETIN BOARDS/ CORK BOARDS

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM TO GIVE, PLEASE
CONTACT ANNA IN THE PARISH OFFICE AT
503-625-7067 OR
ANNA@STFRANCISHERWOOD.ORG



CAN YOU HELP US CREATE A SPACE
OF WELCOME FOR OUR YOUTH BY
DONATING ONE (OR MORE) OF THE
ITEMS LISTED?

Care Ministry

Strong for Life

Interested in combating the stress of the holidays or simply investing some time in yourself? Please feel free to join us for Strong for Life classes in the south classroom on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am.**

Strong for Life 2.0 program enriches the lives of participants by creating a free, safe place to exercise regularly and create new friendships. Our goal is to encourage older adults to exercise and reap some of the benefits such as:

improved balance
strength
flexibility
disease prevention
more energy
better sleep
improved brain function.

Plus, it's a fun fellowship group and a great way to take care of yourself physically and emotionally!

Any senior aged 60 years or older in the community is welcome. Please call Jennifer Mirek in the parish office for more information or with questions.

Sacrifice + Give + Love SOCIAL ACTION

Anna Wilson | Social Action Coordinator |
anna@stfrancissherwood.org | 503-625-7067
Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 9 - 11am & 5 - 7pm
Thursday 9 - 11am

Pantry Needs: canned tuna, cereal, dried pasta, canned fruit, juice, canned vegetables

Volunteer needs: Hope shelter help with making breakfast and doing laundry

Hope Diner host: St Francis Team 3



St. Francis Food Boxes

Every year the St. Francis Food Pantry assembles Thanksgiving food boxes to provide a nice holiday meal for our friends in need. You can help us by

donating any of the following items:

Canned soup	Flour	Eggs*
Stuffing	Vegetable oil	Hams*
Cereal	Frosting	Turkeys*
Toilet paper	Canned Tuna	
Canned Pumpkin	Foil	
Brown sugar	Milk*	
Evaporated Milk	Butter*	

Please have all donations in by
Sunday, November 12th.

*Please have these donations
in on Tuesday, November
14th.



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL: What's Happening?

VIRTUES

As a Catholic school, we recognize that virtues are "Firm attitudes, stable dispositions, and habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions and order our passions" (CCC 1804). Each month we focus on a different virtue. In November, we are emphasizing **respect**. Our virtue board describes respect as "An attitude of honoring and caring about people, their belongings, and their rights."

Respect for Belongings: TOY DRIVE

The kindergarten class is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit children of the 41st Infantry Division of the Oregon National Guard. If you would like to participate, please drop off new, unwrapped toys (children of all ages) to the school office by November 22nd.

Respect for Rights: FOOD DRIVE

Student Council just completed their food drive for the parish's Thanksgiving Food Boxes. Each grade was asked to bring in a different needed item, with the winning class being awarded the coveted *Spirit Stick*!

DINE OUT THANK YOU

Our numbers from our first Dine Out night at *the old spaghetti factory* was a terrific \$298.56. Thank you to everyone who shared that meal with us!

PSO POINSETTIA SALE

If you love decorating your house with poinsettias at holiday time, please consider purchasing them through our school office. This Parent Service Organization-run sale offers \$15 and \$30 vouchers to Al's Garden Center. Sales end on November 16th, and vouchers may be redeemed from November 17th through December 4th.



VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER from USCCB.org

Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.
Amen.

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Catholic Corner

What does the eighth commandment forbid? The eighth commandment forbids false witnessing, lying, rash judging, rash suspicions, flattery, talebearing, detraction, calumny, contumely, libel, and the telling of secrets we are obliged to keep. *St. Paul Family Catechism*.

Next Week: What is a lie?

Respect Life



"To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest amongst us. To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."
~Pope Francis

Sunday, November 12 Where All Are Welcomed and Loved With Mercy - Day 973 "Because they have given life to their children, parents have a most serious obligation and enjoy the right to educate them; therefore Christian parents are especially to care for the Christian education of their children according to the teaching handed on by the Church." *Canon 226, §2*

Announcements

Happening this Week:

It's that time again. **We are putting together our Thanksgiving food boxes!** You can help us by donating things like canned pumpkin, flour, and even a turkey! For the full list please see the sign ups in the Narthex. Please have non-perishable donations in by this Sunday, November 12 and perishable donations in by Tuesday, November 14. Thank you!

Parish Announcements:

Interested in helping with the Hope Shelter? We are in need of volunteers for both the breakfast and laundry portions of the ministry. Breakfast volunteers help prepare a warm meal for our guests to eat before leaving for the day. Our laundry volunteers help wash all the linens from our guests stay the night before. For more information please contact Anna in the Parish Office!

Next weekend, November 18 & 19, will be the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <http://ljp.archdpdx.org/what-is-cchd>. Envelopes can be found in the narthex and the church entrances.

We are putting together a children's choir for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24. If you are in elementary school, and would like to be part of the choir for the Christmas Eve Mass, please call the parish office to sign up. We will have one practice before Christmas Eve. The practice will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 9:30 am in the church. Thank you for singing in our choir on Christmas Eve.

Children in Elementary and Middle School: We are going to have a Living Nativity Scene during the Gospel at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. We need shepherds and angels and a few other parts. There are no speaking parts for this, just a willingness to be part of the Nativity Scene and to walk up to the altar when prompted. We will provide the costumes. We will have a practice on Sunday December 17 at 11:30 am in the church. If you would like to take part in this, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. We need to know how many of you will be participating, so please call the parish office by Monday, December 4.

If you attended the School Auction and are missing a jacket, a blazer or an umbrella, please contact the school office.

We have a parishioner who is taking old, used **candles** and melting them down to make new candles for use in the chapel. If you have used candles you would like to donate for this cause, please drop them by the parish office. Thank you!

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.

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!


Out of Parish:

You are invited! The Franciscan Spiritual Center is co-sponsoring the Portland premier of "**The Sultan and The Saint**" on Thursday, November 16 at the Muslim Educational Trust, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, Tigard. The movie tells the story of St. Francis meeting Egyptian sultan Muhammed Al-Kamir in the middle of the 5th crusade. Doors open at 6:30 pm, film begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and can be purchased at metpdx.org. Come, sit with Muslims and Christians as we use this story to build bridges of peace. For more information visit: www.francisspctr.com.

MARRIED COUPLES ~ "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Let us appreciate our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is February 23 - 25, 2018 at Mt. Angel Abbey. For more information apply on-line at www.rediscoverthepark.org or call 503-853-2758. Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

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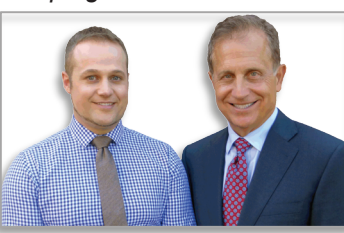
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