

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 17, 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

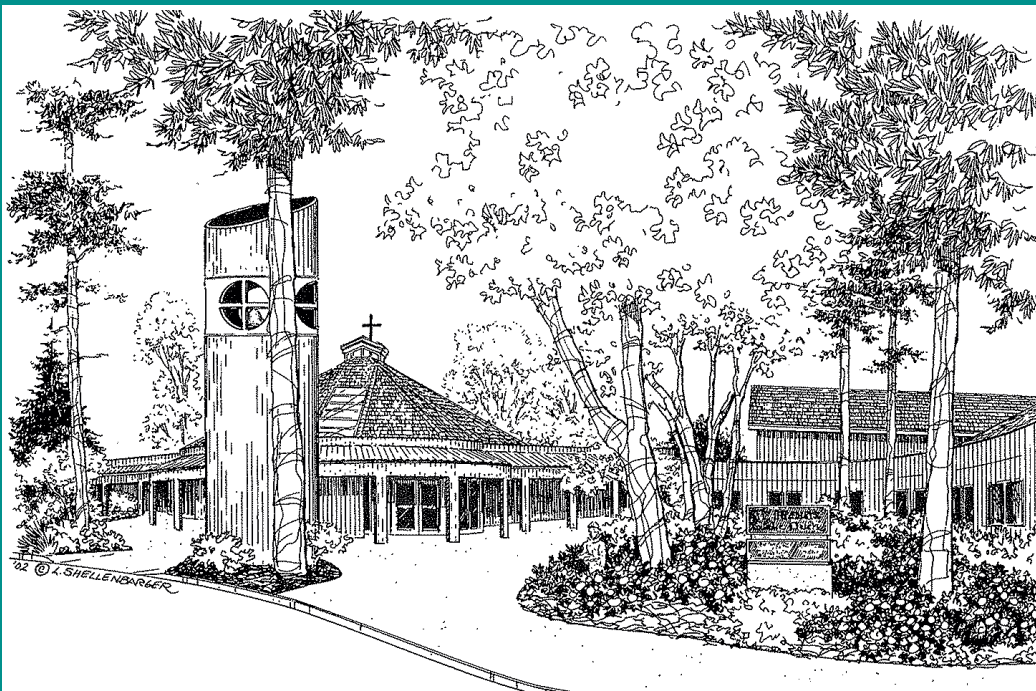
and by appointment

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, December 18

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, December 19

12:05 pm	Mass (Brian McCarry+)	Chapel
6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting	P.C.

Wednesday, December 20

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
5:00 pm	Reconciliation	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass (Anna Burke+)	Chapel
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Christmas Party	P.C.
7:00 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Thursday, December 21

8:30 am	Mass (Roger & Meta Conkling+)	Chapel
9:00 am	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall
9:30 am	Insights	P.C.
10:00 am	Rosary Makers	P.C.

Friday, December 22

8:30 am	Mass (Jelena Suiderskaya+)	Chapel
10:00 am	Strong for Life 2.0	P.C.

Saturday, December 23

8:30 am	Mass (Margaret Bates+)	Chapel
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Chapel
5:30 pm	Mass (Agnes Weisner+)	Church

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am	Mass (Frank Souki+)	Church
9:45 am	Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Chapel
10:30 am	Mass (Juanita Dicker+)	Church
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Mass (Choi Godchildren)	Church
5:00 pm	Hope Diner – St Paul Lutheran Team	Old Hall
5:00 pm	Hope Shelter	Old Hall
8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (People of the Parish)	Church

Monday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

12:00 am	Midnight Mass (Melvina Klier+)	Church
9:30 am	Christmas Morning Mass (Sue Wallace)	Church

Next Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

Advent

Liturgical Ministers - December 23, 24 & 25

Readers	Ushers	Servers
Saturday 5:30 pm Mass – 4th Sunday of Advent		
Denny Devlin	John Laughlin	Antoinette Reyna
Tricia Killinger	Jeff Dennison	Reanne Guevara
		Ryan Knickerbocker
Sunday 8:00 am Mass – 4th Sunday of Advent		
Geoff Horning	Linda Shannon	Emily Pitt
David Laughlin	Marilyn Sykes	Victoria Pitt
		Amon Cowan
Sunday 10:30 am Mass – 4th Sunday of Advent		
Lynette Koppel	Mike Roos	Austin Grosso
Ed Hobbs	Chris Corrado	Oliver Fisher
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass – Christmas Eve Family Mass		
Chris Corrado	Mark Cowan	Eleanor Snyder
Kelly Beemer	Ted Trecker	Amelia Snyder
	Ed Contreras	Gwenyth Snyder
Sunday 8:00 pm Mass – Christmas Eve Mass		
Tim Burke	Jeff Dennison	Jeffrey Manning
LeRoy Nollette	David Bonfiglio	Stephanie Killinger
		Drew Knickerbocker
Monday 12:00 am Mass – Midnight Mass		
Adolf Eppich	Augustine George	Gabrielle Morrow
Jill LaFave	Scott Volk	Megan Allen
		Noah LaFave
Monday 9:30 am Mass – Christmas Morning Mass		
Steve Holthouse	Dennis Freiburg	Austin Grosso
Jerilyn Felton	Giovi Paras	JohnPaul Grosso
		Leo Grosso

Financial News

	Received	Giving Target
12/9 & 12/10	\$11,780.51	\$12,814.25
Year to date	\$248,494.10	\$307,542.00

Siding Repair		
Special Appeal	\$52,275.00	\$76,230.00

Archdiocesan Loan Balance	Not available at time of printing
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To have your donations count for the 2017 tax year, your contributions need to be postmarked no later than Saturday, December 30.

Coffee Social Hosts - December 24

No Coffee Social – Merry Christmas

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

From the desk of Father James

This week we come to the third Sunday of Advent and it is known as Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon which begins by reminding us to REJOICE.

Advent is certainly a time to rejoice. Yes, there is a certain penitential aspect that is present during this season. It is a time for us to stop everything that we are doing and to watch! Watch for whom? We are to watch for Jesus who promises to us that He will come again.

As we stop and refocus our lives once again on our beloved God, we may recognize that there are some areas in our lives in which we still need to grow. There may even be a few areas in which we need to take heed of John the Baptist's advice for us to repent. We need to turn away from those things that keep us from being able to meet Christ and recognize Him as He comes to us in our daily lives.

This year our penance service here at St. Francis was a bit earlier than normal and there was not a large turn out from our parish. I would encourage those of you that have not had the opportunity to take advantage of our God's mercy and forgiveness as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth to see about possibly attending one of the two final penance services in our vicariate. They are being offered, Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake and then on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony.

At this time I also want to take a moment to thank everyone that has taken tags from our giving tree that is located in the outer narthex. Two weekends in a row the tree has been stripped bare of its tags. It is amazing to see the outpouring of love and Christmas cheer from all of you, particularly as you have responded so generously to bringing Christ's light and love to those in need. May God bless you for your generosity and compassion.

Advents Blessings and Love,

Fr. James

Please join us as we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season

Saturday, December 23 – Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent at 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent Mass times are 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Masses – 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm
Christmas Day Mass – 12 midnight and 9:30 am
Monday, January 1 – Mass for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God at 9:30 am

Rejoice



Advent Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake

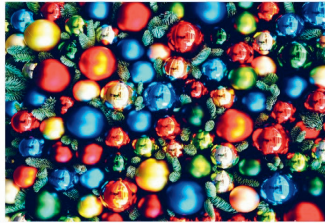
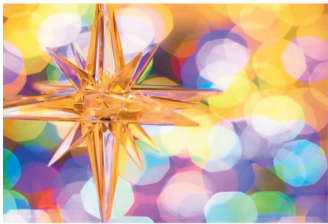
St Anthony

Faith Formation Christmas Celebration

PIZZA, HOT CHOCOLATE BAR & A MOVIE!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

PARISH HALL - 6:00 PM



RSVP by December 18
violet@stfrancissherwood.org

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.



WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? WHY?

Over the years, there have been several requests from parishioners to participate in RCIA classes.

This year, under the umbrella of Adult Education, we are pleased to offer an overview of this information to ALL parishioners.

Classes will begin on Thursday, January 11 and continue until April 26

from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm in the south classrooms of the Parish Center.

There will be no class on Holy Thursday, March 29.

Keep an eye on the bulletin and the parish website for a list of classes.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Questions? Call the office 503-625-6185



*Loving
Father,*

help us remember
the **birth of Jesus**
that we may share in

the *song of the angels*,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the *worship of the wise men*.

Close the door of hate and

open the door of love all over the
world. Let kindness come with every gift and

good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings*, and teach us
to *be merry with clear hearts*. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children*, and the Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



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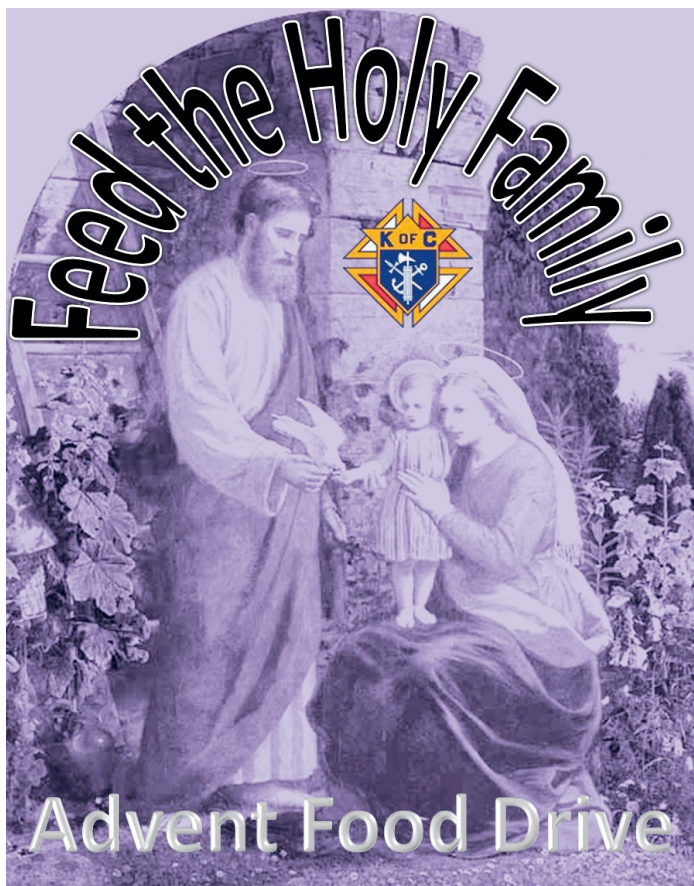
SOCIAL ACTION

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

Hope Shelter guests for December 10: 22

Hope Diner host: Respect Life Team



First Sunday: Starch

Second Sunday: Fruit/Vegies

Third Sunday: Canned Meat

Fourth Sunday: Cake Mix/Icing

St. Francis School: OPEN HOUSE coming soon!

SUNDAY, JAN. 28 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

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Advent Wreath Prayer:
Gaudete Sunday, WEEK 3

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that fest with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Respect Life



"...Advent is about preparation for the birth of the Lord. The joy of his birth, as John Paul II wrote in *Evangelium Vitae*, is reflected in the joy at the birth of every child. Advent is a perfect time to commend to the prayers of our people all who are carrying a child, and may be tempted by fear or a lack of trust in God's Providence." Priestsforlife.org

Catholic Corner

Which mental reservations are permissible?
Those mental reservations are permissible which give a clue as to the person's real meaning. Mental reservations which give no such clue are really lies and can never be permitted *St. Paul Family Catechism*.

Next Week: Are there lies in actions as well as in words?



Announcements

Happening this Week:

Practice for the **Children's 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass Choir** will take place this Sunday, December 17 at 9:15 am in the church. Also practice for the **Live Nativity Scene during the Gospel at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass** will be this Sunday, December 17 at 11:30 am in the church.

Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Giving Tree! Please have your items in by Sunday, December 17. We will be giving them out the following week. If your items are late they will not go to the family in need, however, they will to the pantry to help other families.

Strong for Life Class members: Please join us for brunch right after class on Monday, December 18 at Miller's Homestead Restaurant (17933 SW McEwan Rd., Tualatin) for some fellowship and good food! See you then!

The **Workbooks for Lectors** for the church year 2018 are available in the Inner Narthex. Your name is on the workbook. The cost of the book to the parish is \$10. We would like to ask you to donate \$10 for the book if you can. If you cannot, simply take the workbook.

If you would like to take home the **Remembrance Candle** for your loved one that was displayed in front of the altar during November, it is available in the outer narthex.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual **Feed the Holy Family food drive** to benefit the St. Francis food pantry. The four weeks of Advent will each have a different food focus. Check the bulletin for the different categories and join us in donating to feed our brothers and sisters in need! Donations can be dropped in the marked bins in the narthex before or after Masses.

Sign-ups are out for our **Christmas food boxes**. Please check the narthex for lists of what we need to provide hearty boxes to those we serve. Please have all non-perishable donations in by this Monday December 18, and all perishable donations in by Tuesday December 19. Thank you!

Parish Announcements:

To have your donations count for the 2017 tax year, your contributions need to be postmarked no later than Saturday, December 30.

Christmas Day 2017 is on Monday, December 25 which follows the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24. There have been some questions with regard to the obligations of this Holyday.

The Archdiocese has determined that each obligation must be met by attendance at one of the Masses of the Sunday and one of the Holyday. That is, a Christmas Mass on the evening of Sunday, December 24 (Vigil or Night) will not satisfy the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

There are two distinct obligations: that of the 4th Sunday of Advent which can be met by attendance at the vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or the morning Masses on Sunday, December 24; and that of Christmas which can be met by attendance at Masses on Christmas Eve (Vigil or Night) and on Christmas morning.

Save the date for the **Annual St Francis Crab Feed** on Saturday, January 13 at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Please contact the parish office by Monday, January 8 to RSVP.


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 School District for closures and late starts. This applies to the parish office and Mass as well as the school.

Out of Parish:

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 19-21, 2018 call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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