

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018



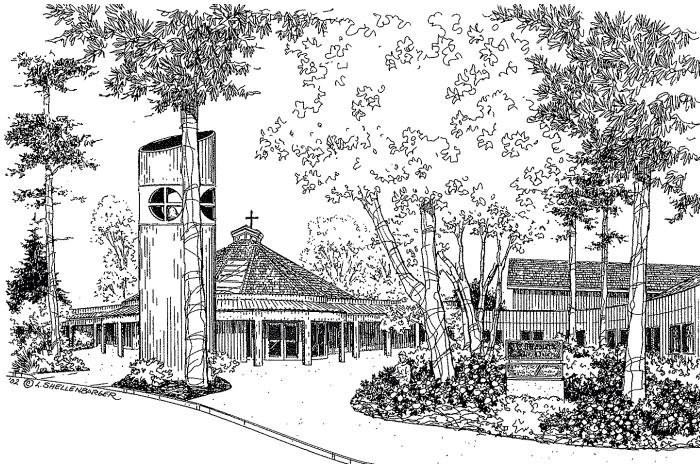
# ST. FRANCIS

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND 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

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, September 24

1:30 pm Senior Study Group ..... P.C.

### Tuesday, September 25

7:00 pm RCIA ..... P.C.

### Wednesday, September 26

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet ..... Old Hall

9:00 am Quilting ..... Old Hall

5:00 pm Food Pantry/Clothes Closet ..... Old Hall

7:00 pm Insights ..... P.C.

7:00 pm Adult Education ..... P.C.

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal ..... Church

### Thursday, September 27

9:00 am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet ..... Old Hall

9:30 am Insights ..... P.C.

1:00 pm Adult Education ..... P.C.

7:00 pm Parish Rosary ..... Chapel

7:30 pm K of C Officers Meeting ..... Old Hall

### Friday, September 28

#### No School

### Saturday, September 29 – Anniversary Blessings

4:00 pm Reconciliation ..... Chapel

5:30 pm Mass (Bill & Cathy Diss & Family) ....Church

6:30 pm 1st Comm. Faith Engagement Session ..... P.C.

### Sunday, September 30 – Anniversary Blessings

8:00 am Mass (In Thanksgiving) ..... Church

9:45 am Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy ..... Chapel

10:30 am Mass (Ray Hoffarber+) ..... Church

12:30 pm Middle School Youth Group ..... P.C.

2:00 pm High School Youth Group ..... P.C.

5:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish) ..... Church

5:00 pm Hope Diner – St Francis Team 2 ..... Old Hall

## Ordinary Time

A time to deepen one's prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist and become a more holy and whole person.



## Financial News

9/15 & 9/16

### Received

\$7,587.50

Year to date

\$130,591.25

Archdiocesan Loan Balance

\$66,354.50

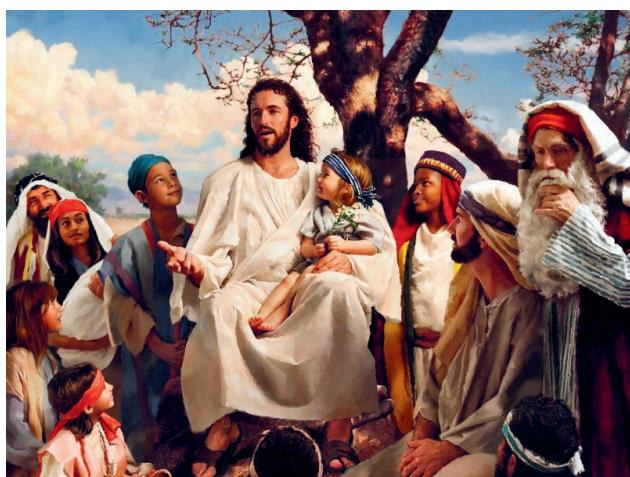
## Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## Liturgical Ministers - September 29 & 30

### Readers

### Saturday 5:30 pm Mass

Julie Hefner Joe Corello  
Thomas Hefner John Laughlin

### Ushers

Robin Reyna  
Grace Johnson  
Sophie Johnson

### Servers

### Sunday 8:00 am Mass

Jerry Grondin Sal Fuoti  
Geoff Horning Collin Borla  
1 Volunteer

Drew Knickerbocker  
Emily Pitt  
1 Volunteer

### Sunday 10:30 am Mass

Danielle Coughran Dennis Freiburg  
Linda Blackwood 2 Volunteers

Joseph Conrow  
Kenneth Conrow  
Dylan Conrow

### Sunday 5:00 pm Mass

Hank Becker Giovi Paras  
Maurissa Fisher Scott Volk

Kathleen Mehta  
Matthew Mehta  
Michael Mehta

## Coffee Social Hosts - September 30

8:00 am Mass – Ana and Martin Keim

10:30 am Mass – Sanabria Family

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

This Sunday's Gospel is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death.

Now, either in trying to understand what he had so plainly told them, or maybe in putting this disturbing thought far from their minds, they began disputing with one another as to which of them would have the highest post of honor in the earthly messianic kingdom which they had envisaged. How worldly but how human they were! We must not forget though, that they were not yet really Christians — they needed the death and resurrection of Christ to make them what they became — His true followers and loyal disciples.

There was in the unformed Apostles a desire to turn Christ's kingdom into an earthly welfare state, rather than into a preparation for heaven. All Christians know that Christ suffered and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervor of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to

make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening. These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise its a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



### CATHOLICS CAN COME HOME

Have you been away from the Church but feel as if you are being called home?

Were you raised as a Catholic but do not come to Mass or seldom come?

Do you feel separated from the Church because you feel that you don't know what is going on?

Are you thinking about rekindling your participation in the Catholic Church and your relationship with Jesus?

We are here to welcome you home! Listening sessions are forming.

Call the parish office for more information  
Linda 503-625-6185



LUKE 15:4-7

### BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH

*September's Book-of-the-Month is*

*Celebrating the Mass*

A Guide for Loving and Understanding the Eucharist

Father Alfred McBride, O. Praem

Father McBride extends to all an earnest invitation to know and love the Mass more deeply. The Catechism calls the Eucharist "the heart and summit of the Church's life" (1407).

Certainly we are called to participate as fully and enthusiastically as possible. Along with the official texts of the Ordinary of the Mass are Father McBride's enlightening explanations.

Also included are:

- The scriptural and historical background of the Last Supper.
- The tremendous significance of the Eucharist and what really happens.
- All four Eucharistic prayers, how they differ in focus and what elements remain the same.
- The liturgical sights and sounds, altar vessels, furnishings, and vestments.

An ideal prayer companion, *Celebrating the Mass* is a convenient guide for all who seek a better understanding of this, our most sacred banquet and to celebrate more profoundly the great mystery of love we call the Mass.

ISBN: 9780879731489

Available through Amazon.com

Questions? Call Linda –  
503-625-6185

**Adult  
Faith formation**

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**IS HE CALLING YOU?**

**IS HE CALLING SOMEONE YOU KNOW?**

*Jesus calls us to COME AND SEE.*

*This is your opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic faith and the process we call the RCIA.*

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Linda 503-625-6185  
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*Sacrifice + Give + Love*

# SOCIAL ACTION

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Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 9 – 11am & 5 - 7pm  
Thursday 9 – 11am

**Hope Diner host: Sherwood Rotary Team**

**Food Pantry Needs:** toilet paper, sugar, soup, corn, coffee

## SOLIDARITY ALONE?

**Courtesy of the office of Life, Justice, and Peace**



The mission of the Church is to reveal the love of God, made manifest in Jesus Christ, to all persons (cf. 1 John 4:9). This is the rationale for believing in the unbreakable bond between love of God and love of neighbor.

This is also the rationale for the Catholic principle of solidarity.

"We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be." (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Faithful Citizenship, 53)

Solidarity is about living in unity with each other. One cannot be in solidarity alone.

Solidarity is about living as equals with each other. One cannot be in solidarity with another while being "better" than him or her.

In each of today's readings and Responsorial Psalm, we find examples of people acting as if they were better than another. In Wisdom it is the wicked, "The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

In the Responsorial Psalm it is the haughty and the ruthless, "For the haughty men have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

In the second reading it is those who are selfishly ambitious, looking out for themselves rather than each other, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice."

In the Gospel reading it's the apostles themselves, "They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."

The first step toward solidarity is an internal, personal conversion that strives for humility. Jesus warned the apostles of the consequences of pride, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The second step toward solidarity is to cultivate peace. St. James asks rhetorically, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?" For James explains, "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." We cultivate peace by removing the obstacles of envy and passion and, once freed, making the journey towards humility, towards each other, and towards the love of God.

"Our commitment to solidarity with our neighbors—at home and abroad—also demands that we [cultivate] peace and pursue justice in a world marred by terrible violence and conflict." (Faithful Citizenship, 53)

Solidarity: the unbreakable bond between love of God and love of neighbor, which leads to peace.

# St. Francis School

*Spiritual, moral and academic excellence under the patronage of St. Francis of Assisi.*

## Saturday, October 20, 2018

16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
St. Francis School  
Gala and Auction



### "United in the Spirit of St. Francis"

Our Gala is a celebration of fine food, drinks and community!

St. Francis School would like to invite all school and parish families and members of our community to our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Auction.

Part of the night is our silent and live auctions, our biggest fundraisers of the year, with a wide range of items and experiences to bid on, from discounted name-brand items, to multi-night vacations.

We'd love for you to join us! Registration is open on the website:

[StFrancisSherwoodSchool.org/auction](http://StFrancisSherwoodSchool.org/auction).



### HELP US PROVIDE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

(Left) During third-grade math, Jack and Angelica work together to practice rounding numbers.

(Below) Isaiah (7<sup>th</sup> grade) gets hands-on with



microscopes during the second week of school.

Thank you to everyone who contributes regularly (such as monthly envelopes), or has assisted St. Francis School in years past.

## Ordinary Time

- Liturgical Color
  - Green
    - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
  - Between Christmas and Lent
  - Between summer and the fall
    - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
  - To recall the life of Jesus
  - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians



## Sacramental News

Congratulations to JJ and Megan Masterson who celebrated their wedding in the parish on Saturday, September 15.

## Catholic Corner

**What is a day of abstinence?** A day of abstinence is a day on which we may not eat meat. Catholics. *St. Paul Family Catechism.*

**Next week: Who are obliged to abstain?**

## Respect Life



"Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative—it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives."

~Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan,  
Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
2017 Respect Life Month Statement

# Announcements

## Happening this Week:

We welcome Father Thomas A. Wantland of **Cross Catholic Outreach** who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

**There will not be daily Mass this Tuesday - Saturday, September 25 - 29** as Father Shane is with his family.

**The school has partnered with the Old Spaghetti Factory in Sherwood to have a fundraising dinner on Tuesday, September 25.** Please present the flyer in this bulletin so the school will receive a percentage of the proceeds.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be hosting the monthly **Rosary this Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 pm** in the chapel. All are welcome to honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary with us.

## Parish Announcements:

**There will not be daily Mass next Tuesday – Thursday, October 2 - 4** as Father Shane will be at the annual Priest Convocation.

**St Francis' Parish Picnic is Sunday, October 7.** Assistance is needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. If you can help out, please sign up on the forms in the narthex after Mass.

United in the Spirit of St. Francis, **St. Francis School Gala and Auction**, our largest fund raiser for the year, is fast approaching. We would love to have the members of our parish community come celebrate with us. There are many wonderful and unique items to bid on: hot air balloon adventure, concert tickets, PGA Golf passes and an African Safari to name a few. Tickets are available at <https://stfrancissherwood.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2018GalaandAuction>. Thank you for your continued support.

**Saint Francis is renting a piece of our property next to the old hall to the construction company that is building the new addition to The Springs.** After construction, the property will be cleaned up and restored to its original condition.

## Out of Parish:

You're invited to join the "**40 Days for Life**" campaign - 40 days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion September 26 to November 3 . You're also invited to stand & peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Lovejoy Surgicenter in Pdx. For more information visit [40daysforlife.com/portland](http://40daysforlife.com/portland).

The **12th Annual Rosary Bowl NW** is on Saturday, October 6 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, Pavilion Building. Don't miss your chance to see Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC — the author known for his amazing conversion from a life plagued with drugs and crime to a life of zeal for the priesthood and devotion to Our Lady. Contact Dina Marie Hale at (503) 380-2575 or visit [www.rosarybowlnw.org](http://www.rosarybowlnw.org) for more information.

A **Grief Recovery Weekend**, for those grieving the loss of a marriage from a death, divorce or permanent separation, will be held October 12-14 in Milwaukie. The retreat consists of presentations by *Beginning Experience* team members, periods for private personal reflection, and sharing in small groups. The cost of \$195 which includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Single rooms are available for an additional \$20. For more information, please contact Karen at 971-404-6512 or [karenmelvin@comcast.net](mailto:karenmelvin@comcast.net).

**Pray the Rosary with Song...October 13, Saturday, 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm.** Local composer, Aaron Thompson, has put the prayers of the rosary to captivating and meditative melodies. Come and join our voices to sing the rosary during the Month of the Rosary, October. You are also welcome to stay for the Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm. St. Juan Diego Parish, 5995 NW 178<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland across the street from the PCC Rock Creek Campus on Springville Road. The rosary is sung on the second Saturdays of the "even" months. We look forward to singing the rosary with you.

