31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 Spiritfilled and challenges us to enable each person, each
family and the parish and world communities to
promote the kingdom of God every day.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Sunday

5:30 pm 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



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Parish Calendar

Monday, November 5				
10:30 am	Strong for Life	P.C.		
1:30 pm	Senior Study Group	P.C.		
Tuesday, November 6				
8:30 am	Mass (Kathryn Bosse+)	Church		
6:00 pm	Confirmation Leadership Team Mtg.	P.C.		
7:00 pm	RCIA	P.C.		
Wednesday, November 7				
8:30 am	School Mass (Helen Mulloy+)	Church		
9:00 am	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall		
9:00 am	Quilting	Old Hall		
10:30 am	Strong for Life	P.C.		
5:00 pm	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall		
7:00 pm	Adult Education	P.C.		
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church		
7:00 pm	Insights	P.C.		
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Library		
Thursday, November 8				
8:30 am	Mass (Michelle & Tucker)	Church		
9:00 am	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet	Old Hall		
9:30 am	Insights	P.C.		
1:00 pm	Adult Education	P.C.		
6:30 pm	K of C Dinner	Old Hall		
7:30 pm	K of C General Meeting	Old Hall		
Friday, No	ovember 9			
8:30 am	Mass (Leandro & Victoria+)	Church		
Saturday, November 10				
8:30 am	Mass (In Thanksgiving)	Church		
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Chapel		
5:30 pm	Mass (Agnes Weisner+)	Church		
Sunday, November 11				
8:00 am	Mass (Yolanda Flores+)	Church		
9:10 am	1st Communion Class	School		
9:45 am	Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy	Chapel		
10:30 am	Mass (Yolanda Flores+)	Church		
12:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Class	P.C.		
12:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Library		
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 – Sherwood Rotary Team	Old Hall		
5:00 pm	Hope Shelter	Old Hall		



Financial News

 Received

 10/27 & 10/28
 \$7,999.00

 Year to date
 \$193,620.35

 Archdiocesan Loan Balance
 \$64,501.32

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44



Liturgical Ministers - November 10 – 11

Readers	Ushers	Servers		
Saturday 5:30 pm Mass				
Denny Devlin	Jeff Dennison	Robin Reyna		
Jerilyn Felton	Ted Trecker	Reanne Guevara Thomas Bui		
Sunday 8:00 am Mass				
Barbara Davis	Marilyn Sykes	Drew Knickerbocker		
Geoff Horning	John Milroy	Amon Cowan		
	1 Volunteer	1 Volunteer		
Sunday 10:30 am Mass				
2 Volunteers	Sal Fuoti	Austin Grosso		
	2 Volunteers	JohnPaul Grosso		
		Leo Grosso		
Sunday 5:00 pm Mass				
Anthony Swanson	Giovi Paras	Caitlyn Kreuzer		
Jennifer Swanson	Scott Volk	Dominic Swanson		
		Miah Swanson		

<u>Coffee Social Hosts - November 11</u>

8:00 am Mass – Ana & Martin Keim 10:30 am Mass – Aguirre Family

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



October 10, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

With your help, Oregon voters were able to get an important, state-wide citizen initiative on the November ballot. Measure 106 is the Stop Taxpayer Funding for Abortion measure.

Through the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon taxpayers fund ten abortions every day. It is heartbreaking to know that our public taxes are used in a way that not only results in the death of a child in the womb, but also harms women and families.

Catholics have a special responsibility to be involved in political affairs. While the church is non-partisan, we do speak out on matters that impact the good of our neighbors and the larger community. Following the example of Jesus, we reach out especially to assist those who are struggling with life's difficult burdens and protect those who are vulnerable.

In the case of abortion, the Church understands the difficult choice a woman may face if she has an unplanned pregnancy. Abortion can seem like an easy solution, but ending the life of a newly conceived child is a costly choice. Every child is a precious gift. In addition to killing a child in the womb, abortion causes devastating emotional, spiritual and physical harm to women, children and families.

Our public tax dollars should be used to truly support women and families in need and not to pay for the irreversible and harmful effects of abortion. Oregonians should no longer be forced to pay for elective, late-term and even sex-selective abortions. Please vote Yes on Measure 106.

We know that the majority of Americans oppose using taxpayer money for elective abortions. In fact, thirty-two states and the District of Columbia already prohibit the use of public funds for abortion. Oregon can join them by voting YES on Measure 106.

Voting YES on Measure 106 will not stop all taxpayer money from funding abortions, and it will not prevent women from continuing to choose abortion, but it will limit the use of public money that can be used to pay for abortions. By voting YES on Measure 106, we will let Oregon legislators know we do not want public funds used to pay for elective abortions.

Please vote YES on Measure 106. As Catholics, in good conscience, we have a responsibility to work through the legislative process to reduce and even eliminate abortions whenever possible. Measure 106 gives us that opportunity. Please join me in voting YES on Measure 106. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample Archbishop of Portland in Oregon

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This Sunday's Gospel is from Mark 12:28-34. The personal lesson which comes over loud and clear for every sincere Christian from today's gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two commandments into daily practice. For example: why am 1 forbidden to murder my neighbor? Simply because he belongs to God; it was God who gave him his life, and God has commanded me to love and respect him. Taking his life is interfering with God's rights, and disobeying him as well. Likewise, the prohibition of idolatry, refraining from insulting God's name, keeping the Sabbath day holy are the principal ways of indicating how we should love God.

One may ask: how can I love God? He is infinitely perfect, he needs nothing from me, what therefore can I do for him? I can understand loving my neighbor—for a neighbor can need help, advice, encouragement and consolation. I can prove my love by giving these to my neighbor, but God has no such needs. It is quite true that true love is not theoretical but pragmatic, it means doing some good for somebody. While the infinite God has no needs that I can supply, he has claims on my service, on my respect, on my gratitude—claims so basic and so great that I must be ready to suffer persecution and even death rather than deny or dishonor him (Mt. 5: 10; Lk. 6: 23). It was God who gave me existence and every gift that I have. It was God, through the incarnation of his own divine Son, who made me his adopted child and heir to heaven. Everything that I am and have and hope to be, I owe to God's generosity; therefore, he has an unquestionable right to my gratitude, my reverence, my respect—these are the ways in which I can show my love for him.

The keeping of God's commandments, the prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition which daily we offer, the attendance at Mass and other liturgical functions, these are the means God gives us of showing our love, our recognition of total dependence on him and our gratitude for all he has done and is doing for us. God does not need any of these signs of our submission and reverence and respect, but we need them absolutely, for they are the means he has given us of fulfilling his purpose in creating us—to share his eternal glory with him. To love God then, is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has in store for us.

Loving our neighbor—and in the Christian code this means all men no matter what may be their color, race or religion—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. Because of our common humanity we should be inclined to help our

fellowmen, our neighbors, but the Christian law spiritualizes this natural inclination, by commanding us to help our neighbor because he is God's child. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common Father we will do all we can to help his other children also to attain salvation. It will earn for us God's favor.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets,"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.

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



Strong for Life 2.0

Strong for Life is a free class that emphasizes strength, balance, cardio and stretching for adults 60 years and over. The program, developed by Providence Health and Services, is designed to improve your strength and flexibility by presenting three levels of participation so each person can join in at a level that is the most comfortable and beneficial for themselves.

Please join us for this 45 minute class as this is a fun way to stay healthy, enjoy some fellowship, and exercise in a safe, supportive environment. Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the south classroom of the parish center.

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

- To the Knights of Columbus members for all of their work in renovating the old hall!
- To Gladys Gavin for laundering the altar linens for the month of October.

BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH

November's Book-of-the-Month is

Saints for Sinners Nine Desolate Souls Made Strong by God Archbishop Alban Goodier ISBN#: 978-1-933184-28-9

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Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Hope Diner host: St Francis Team 4

Needed items:

Turkey Canned soup Ham Canned tuna Eggs Canned corn

Butter Canned green beans

Thanksgiving Food Box Donations: Sign up sheets to donate food to our Thanksgiving Food Boxes are in the narthex now. These food boxes are in addition to regular visits to the food pantry each month, so we really need your help to fill these boxes and keep the shelves stocked!

All non-perishables need to be placed in the donation barrels in the narthex by **Monday**, **November 12**. Perishables can be brought to the Old Hall on **Tuesday November 13**. Distribution will be on Wednesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 15 during regular food pantry hours. Thank you for your donations!

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Sacramental News

Congratulations to Marguerite Rose, daughter of Geoffrey and Katrina Gagner, who celebrated her baptism last weekend.

Catholic Corner

Which of the virtues are the most important? The most important of the virtues are the three supernatural virtues that are called "theological." *St. Paul Family Catechism.*

Next week: What does "theological virtues" mean?

Respect Life



Cardinal Gerald Lacroix of Quebec has suggested that

individuals should speak with people who are nearing the end of their lives... "tell that person that he or she has a great worth in your eyes and will always be able to count on your presence," the Canadian primate suggested. He said that the results of these conversations would shed light on the question of assisted suicide, because when people facing terminal illness feel that they are loved, they rarely wish to end their own lives. The demands for assisted suicide, the cardinal said, "disappear when someone is well accompanied." catholicculture.org

Announcements

Happening this Week:

The **Fall Pie Sale** is this weekend after **all Masses**. Pick up a pie and support the St Francis Social Action and Youth Ministries!

The **St Francis Quilters** are having their annual **Boutique** in the narthex after the 5:30 pm Mass this **Saturday** and in the parish center after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses this **Sunday**. Come see all the beautiful quilts they have for sale.

There will be a Knights of Columbus breakfast after the morning Masses this Sunday.

The school has partnered with Red Robin in Sherwood to have a fundraising dinner on Monday, November 5. Please present the flyer in this bulletin so the school will receive a percentage of the proceeds. The flyer is double printed so please share half with a friend to double the benefit to the school.

The **Strong for Life** exercise class has re-started with a slight change in schedule. We now meet Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the south classroom of the parish center. Please come and check out the program for yourself.

Parish Announcements:

It's that time again. We are putting together our Thanksgiving food boxes! You can help us by donating things like canned soup, brown sugar, and even a turkey! For the full list please see the sign ups in the Narthex. All non-perishables need to be placed in the donation barrels in the narthex by Monday, November 12. Perishables can be brought to the Old Hall on Tuesday November 13. Thank you!

Envelopes are available around the church for **remembering the souls of the dead** during the month of November. These envelopes will be present at all Masses during the month.

The parish would like to extend our grateful thanks to all the parishioners who have over the years contributed to the floral displays that have added beauty to our church. So many of you have been generous with your gift of flowers and we humbly appreciate your efforts. We hope that you will continue to grace our parish with them. If you love the beauty of flowers and you could help once a month either bringing or arranging flowers, you are most welcome to join our team. Please call the parish office at 503-635-6185 to lend a hand.

Out of Parish:

THE YEAR OF LUKE presented by Dr. Elaine Park on Wednesday, November 14 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at St Anthony, Francis Hall. In Advent, we will begin a new liturgical year in which the Liturgy of the Word will center on readings from the Gospel of Luke. In preparation for "The Year of Luke", you are invited to join in an evening presentation as we read, pray, and reflect on some of the important themes developed in Luke's gospel.

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Attend a Save First Financial Wellness half-day workshop to learn about money management. You will learn about saving money, debt reduction, budgeting and building credit. The cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. The cost covers registration fee and class materials (scholarships are available). Sign up for an upcoming workshop from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, November 3 or Saturday, December 1. Workshops take place at Catholic Charities' Clark Family Center at 2740 SE Powell Blvd., Portland. To register, call 503-688-2596 or email Emily@SaveFirstFinancial.org.

Volunteer as a Financial Coach with Catholic Charities' Save First Financial Wellness! Help us support families in making a positive financial change. Join us for a Volunteer Financial Coach training on Wednesday, November 7 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Catholic Charities Clark Family Center. Refreshments will be provided. Interested? Please contact Katie Earley at <u>Katie@SaveFirstFinancial.org</u> or 503-688-2575.

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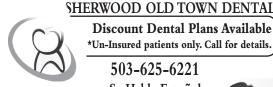
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