



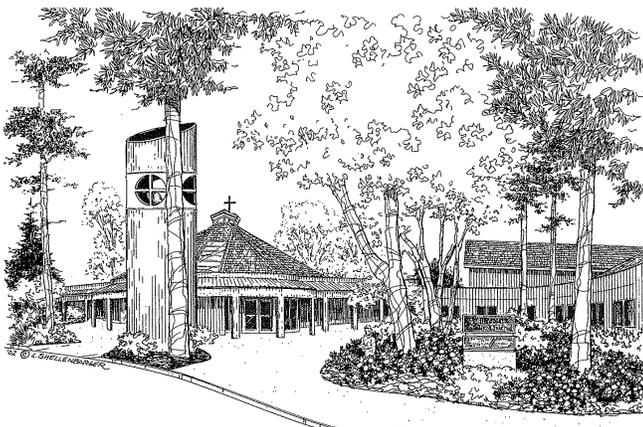
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Sunday 10:30 am**

Reconciliation is Saturday at 4:00 pm

**Let us keep all people, the country and
the world in our prayers.**

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US

Whether you are a long-time parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the information below and place in the offertory basket, mail to the parish office or email the information to murmini@sfsherwood.org.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

- New Parishioner Returning Catholic Moving (please remove from parish directory)
- New Phone Number New Address Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

The parish office is available by phone, 503-625-6185, Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign up online (www.stfrancissherwood.org) or call the parish office to attend Mass Tuesday through Sunday. **You must sign up in order to attend.**

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 27

Blessed Antonio Lucci

Tuesday, July 28

Blessed Stanley Rother

8:30 am Mass (Fr. Amal – I)

Wednesday, July 29

St. Martha

8:30 am Mass (Emery & Antoinette Carter – †)

Thursday, July 30

Blessed Solanus Casey

8:30 am Mass (David Johnson– T)

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30 am Mass (Emery & Antoinette Carter – †)

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass (Teresa Gagatek – †)

Sunday, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli

8:30 am Mass (People of the Parish – I)

10:30 am Mass (Asa Twombly – †)

5:30 pm Mass

Mass intentions are requested for many reasons. Most people remember to have a Mass said for the death of a loved one (†) and a few may think to have a Mass offered for a special intention (I) or for a friend who is suffering (H), but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration (T)! Is there a better way to show our gratitude to God? Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!

We will now indicate for each Mass intention if it is for:

- Deceased – †
- Healing – H
- Thanksgiving – T, or
- Intentions – I

To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Financial News

Collection total:

Collection from Mass and mail	\$4,492.00
Online giving 7/13 – 7/19	\$2,772.00

St. Francis Parish, Sherwood

Financial Analysis

April – June 2020

Church

INCOME

Weekly Collections: \$112,716

Grant/Donations: \$15,547

Other Income: \$7,341

Total Income: \$135,504

EXPENSES

Salaries/Wages: \$44,130

Employee Benefits: \$19,448

Archdiocese Assessment: \$12,046

Archdiocese Insurance: \$3,152

Utilities: \$7,301

Administrative: \$2,129

Services to parish: \$806

Liturgical: \$106

Education (Subsidy): \$10,000

Maintenance: \$2,527

Miscellaneous: \$4,009

Parish Trust Fund Loan: \$4,572

Total Expenses: \$110,559

NET INCOME: \$24,945

PPP Loan: \$49,531.50

School

INCOME

Tuition: \$176,194

Fundraising: \$10,470

Donations: \$13,430

Other Revenue: \$10,033

Total Income: \$210,127

EXPENSES

Salaries/Wages: \$219,524

Employee Benefits: \$55,027

Student Support: \$-515

Archdiocese Insurance: \$6,304

Utilities: \$6,837

Administrative: \$4,560

Instructional Supplies: \$-59

Technology: \$12,882

Maintenance: \$1,783

Miscellaneous: \$1,789

Total Expenses: \$308,131

NET INCOME: \$-98,005

PPP Loan: \$146,421

From the Pastor

Weekend of July 25 & 26, 2020 (17 A)

A costly deal

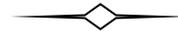
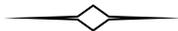
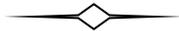
Jesus' triple parabolic presentation of God's kingdom describes its core nature, namely standing far more superior and majestic than anything in the world and to attain the goal it demands a huge price of commitment and dedication. One must give up everything, and everyone! While Jesus stresses that discipleship entails great sacrifice, he also implies that such sacrifice must engender profound happiness.



While God's calling and choosing is a matter of grace, the 'chosen' ones have the responsibility of responding radically. And for the generous one, no price is too high for serving God. The overpowering joy of discovering something beautiful, the kingdom, would drive us crazy.

Accepting God's invitation without counting the cost certainly entails courage and determination; and it is not without any reward. The blessing of being counted among the blessed ones in the royal banquet of his kingdom awaits us and the foretaste of it comes to us in the form of spiritual blessings that He continues to bestow on us.

Fr. Amal



Are you tired of being locked up in the house?
Are you looking for a night to share fellowship with your brother Knights?
Do you want to contribute to the St Francis Parish?

Have you come by the parish lately? Take a look at the two attached photos. This beautiful upgrade to God's landscape at St Francis is in thanks to the Contreras, the Fritzs, and several other parishioners. But there's much more to do.

Come join us for WWW (Wednesday's Weed and Wine) as the St Joseph's Tool Box (SJTB), sponsored by the Knights of Columbus council #9137, would like to join these fine parishioners to make God's home in Sherwood a beautiful place to come to.

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM for one hour of weeding followed by some relaxing fellowship with your fellow parishioners. Let's try to turn our parish grounds into a place we would be proud to present to our Lord by Labor Day. Please bring your families to join in as well.

Please bring a folding chair to relax in as well as your garden tools (weed eater/trimmer, leaf blower, tree pruners, etc). See you there,

In Christ,

Chris Roth
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St Francis in Sherwood OR
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My dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings of love and peace in the name of Jesus, our Lord!

I am happy to reach out to you through this letter. It has been more than two weeks since I joined the parish family of St. Francis in Sherwood, taking the pastoral leadership of this historic and great faith-community. In the midst of this pandemic situation, it may take a while to get to know each other; nonetheless, the small gatherings of 25 for the celebration of the Eucharist have given me an opportunity to see (though not the smiling faces) and interact with the parishioners. We will indeed play a waiting and patient game!

At the outset, I want to go on record saying that I am here to serve; may we all have the attitude of our Divine Master to serve. This will go a long way to let others know who we are and who we are called to be. May we set our eyes on the goal of envisioning the values of our Patron, St. Francis by praying and working together to build our parish family as a vibrant and faith-filled community!

We do have the special privilege of imparting the Gospel values through Catholic education that is offered in our school, serving as the mission of our parish. The church and school will continue to function as one entity (parish) and walk hand-in-hand in serving the needs of our parishioners and others as well.

In our sojourn to reach the goal, we need to intentionally work together. As we all cherish the long history of our parish which was built upon the great and meritorious works of its members in the past, let us continue our journey with the same mindset. Let us recognize the God-given gifts in us and feel that we are called to share them with our larger parish family by way of participating in the ministries, meaning you may want/volunteer to serve in any of the councils (Pastoral, Finance or Liturgy), organizations (School, Knights of Columbus) or programs (Faith Formation, Social action), to name a few.

It is my earnest wish and prayer that each of us will seize the opportunity to serve our parish; while we are proud of the realized potential, we need to come together to reach the unrealized potential which is enormous.

May all that we sincerely do, bring glory to God and success to our parish family!

May the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother and that of our beloved Patron, protect and guide us in the journey of faith!

May God bless us all!

United in Christ,

Fr. Amal

Little 'bio' to introduce myself.

Family:

Both my parents are with the Lord. May they rest in peace!

A family of five boys (three are priests) and two girls (one is a nun).

Fr. Amirtham (meaning Ambrose) is a Salesian priest, serving in India.

Fr. Dominic is a Jesuit priest, teaching in Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome.

Sr. Vinnarasi (meaning Mary, Queen of Heaven) is a Servite nun, serving in India.

Priestly ministry:

29 years, as a happy Catholic priest.

16 years in India (Pastor, Vocation Director and Student Counselor)

13 years in the archdiocese of Portland (Tigard, Sublimity & Tillamook)

Interests

Faith

Spiritual direction

Faith sharing in small groups

Scripture study

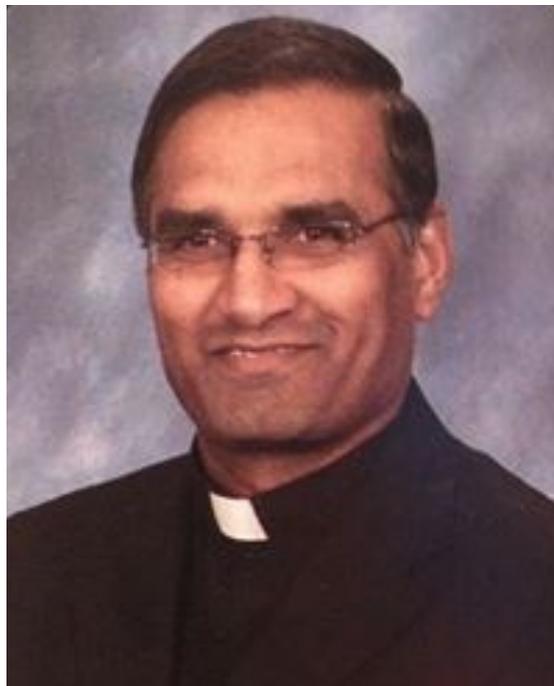
Fun

Hiking

Cooking (of course, Indian Food)

Field work

Individual, family or group counseling



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We cannot improve on God's plan for our happiness. God loves us better than we love ourselves, and He has a better knowledge of our needs and of our heart than we have ourselves, and He has the will and the power to satisfy all the longings of our heart, if we only trust Him. We need never be afraid to abandon ourselves to God's will, for God's will is God Himself—and God is infinite goodness.

~ Dom Eugene Boylan

Catholic Corner

Can we be mistaken in how we understand the Bible?

We can be mistaken in how we understand the Bible, and one of the reasons Jesus gave us the Church is so that it can explain and interpret the Bible with divine assistance the way He meant it.

There are some things in them [St. Paul's letter] hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures (2 Pt. 3:16).

Next week: Can the Church make a mistake in interpreting the Bible?

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join the chorus from around the world,
imploping your divine assistance in this difficult season.
We entrust our families, schools and parishes to Your loving mercy.
Heal the sick; console the anxious;
Be our guide in every decision – big and small,
so that we may give glory to Your name at all times.
Grant us a spirit of tenderness and
patience, that we may become witnesses
of Your great love in this valley of tears.
Increase in us a hunger for your
Son's Real Presence as we strive to be truly present to one another.
Raise up men and women of courage in this Archdiocese
who will serve as instruments of Your mercy.
Let us not be overwhelmed by fear or sorrow,
but rather overcome by hope in Your divine majesty.
You are Lord over all!
Your ways are mysterious and marvelous.
Your plans are beyond our understanding,
but You hold us in the palm of Your hand.
Awaken in us a deep trust in Your divine providence,
so that we may move forward in confidence and serenity.
We turn to Mary, our loving Mother,
whose own heart has been pierced by our lament.
May we find comfort and protection in her Immaculate Heart,
and may she lead us to Jesus, in whose friendship we find
our everlasting home. Amen.



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