WEEKLY BULLETIN

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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CHURCH OFFICE

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY: 9AM TO 5PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 4PM

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAY - FRIDAY DAILY NOON MASSES

TUESDAY: 12:30PM-10PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

> FRIDAY: 6:30PM GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY: 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY: MASS 9AM (ENGLISH), 11:30AM (BILINGUAL), 5PM (ESPAÑOL)



Saturday, July 5

◆ 5pm: Joe and Alicia Guzman (50th Wedd. Anniv.), Jeff Sperbeck †

Sunday, July 6

- 9am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ 5pm: Emmanuel Luna † (Eterno Descanso), Rosa Maria Lopez † (Eterno Descanso)

Tuesday, July 8 - Friday July 11, at Noon

- ◆ Tues: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ Wed: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Thurs: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Fri: Joseph Lockridge † and Healing for the Family

Saturday, July 12

♦ 5pm: Wally † and Darlene † Perry (1yr. Anniv.)

Sunday, July 13

- ♦ 9am: Greg Keyes †
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los parroquianos vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF

June 29, 2025

Mass Offerings	\$ 6,349
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 3,302
TOTAL	\$ 9,651
Peter's Pence — Second Collection	<u>\$ 2,335</u>



Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office. Thank you for supporting CSA.

CLASE DE BAUTISMO Miércoles 9 de Julio,

6 - 8PM

Por favor NO NIÑOS y PUNTUALES!



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Fourth of July to all of you! Please welcome back Debbie Larson as she again takes the helm of the latest St. Francis project. As many of you know, Debbie was the Renovation Coordinator for the \$5 million 2006-2008 complete overhaul of our building and parking lots to bring everything up to code and make needed improvements.

Now, almost twenty years later, it's a blessing amidst the national climate of closing parishes, that we are facing two growth-related challenges:

How to best support parish ministries and activities requiring gatherings beyond the capacity of our parish hall, and

How to best house one of our busiest and most fruitful ministries, Saint Clare's School.

Over the past couple of years, various groups of parishioners have met regularly to look at options to address these challenges, including suggestions many of you offered. All agreed that the current school in the parish hall situation is not optimal for housing the school on a long-term basis.

Upon holding up the many possibilities to given constraints and specific needs, creating a multipurpose building somewhere across Kelly Drive made the most sense.

But nothing is definite. One of the first steps is a feasibility study to see if building is possible for us to take on as a parish. And that's where Debbie comes in. As a part-time Project Coordinator, she will be the glue that holds all the moving parts together and the fuel to make sure the efforts continue, as we all work together to navigate how St. Francis of Assisi parish is called to change Incline Village for the better and expand God's works and blessings and make manifest his Kingdom to our community.

In Christ,

Rev. Jorge Herrera

Pastor



Breakfast at the Beach!

All women are invited to join us for a casual breakfast to enjoy God's beautiful creation, contemplate God's Word and share in fellowship at Burnt Cedar Beach.

Dates are:

Thursday, July 10th 8am
Thursday, August 7th 8am

Bring your own morning beverage, a lite breakfast will be provided.

RSVP to Jill Mulcahy

so we can get an approximate count for food. If you do not have a IVGID card please let us know and we will provide punch card access.

14th Annual Golf & Giggle Fun-Raiser Tournament

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community Presented by the Knights of Columbus

Monday September 15th, 2025



For more information and signups, please contact the office at 775-831-0490







Religious Education and Confirmation Information Nights for Parents

Please join us for ONE of these meetings if you want to learn more about Religious Education and Confirmation programs, which will start in September 7. Sessions will break out into an English and a Spanish group.

You only need to attend one of the meetings which begin at 7:00 pm: Wednesday, July 9th, Wednesday, July 23rd, or Tuesday, August 5th Please bring your child's baptismal certificate and \$90! NO CHILDREN PLEASE.

EVERYONE HAS TO RE-REGISTER!!!



Noches de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación Informativas para Padres

Acompáñenos a UNA de estas reuniones si desea obtener más información sobre los programas de Educación Religiosa y Confirmación, que comienzan el 7 de Septiembre. Las sesiones se dividirán en dos grupos: uno en inglés y otro en español.

Solo necesita asistir a una de las reuniones que comienzan a las 7:00 pm:
Miércoles 9 de Julio, Miércoles 23 de Julio o Martes 5 de Agosto.
¡Por favor, traiga el certificado de bautismo de su hijo/a y \$90! NO NIÑOS PORFAVOR.

TODOS TIENE QUE VOLVER A REGISTRARSE DE NUEVO!!!

In preparation for the upcoming parish Synod on Saturday, September 27, many of you assisted the pastoral council by providing your feedback on the emergent needs and opportunities here at St Francis. The pastoral council has incorporated your feedback into prayerful discernment, reflection, and dialogue over the past two months.

We're happy to announce that our parish Synod will center on the topics of unity and

formation, which people seemed most interested in. The pastoral council expects that the precise theme for the Synod will crystallize over the next month, with an announcement to follow.





Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 10:25–37. In this text we read of Jesus' interaction with a lawyer regarding eternal life and then the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. Because most of us are very familiar with this passage we may actually miss some of the subtle teachings Jesus wants to communicate. Let's study the passage in depth to see what insights can be offered for our discipleship. The passage begins with a lawyer asking Jesus what must he do to inherit eternal life. Although the lawyer already knows the answer, the question is posed in an effort to test Jesus. The malicious question of the lawyer reveals a serious dichotomy in his faith life: although he may know the correct answer (love God and neighbor), he is not acting on that knowledge as is demonstrated by his repeated attempts to test and trap Jesus. In response to the Lawyer's actions, Jesus commands him to start acting on his knowledge of the Law.

The question "What must I do" is a common theme in Luke's Gospel and surfaces at various moments. For more information on the importance of this question of practical discipleship, the reader is encouraged to consult the reflection in Come Follow Me for the 3rd Sunday of Advent in Year C. Certainly the study of the Law is important, but what good is it to know the right answer yet not live it? A person who knows (what is) the right thing to do but doesn't do it is more culpable than the person who lacks knowledge of right and wrong. For disciples, it is important to have an integrated faith that seeks to live out in concrete deeds what we know to be true and revealed by God. If we fail to integrate our faith into daily action, then we are like the lawyer in this story who may have known the way to eternal life but wasn't following it. Jesus' teaching was challenging because contemporary groups like the Pharisees actually esteemed the study of the Law over practicing it. Jesus is emphasizing the necessity of doing as a result of studying. Christian love is not a mere sentiment but rather an active movement to do the divinely-willed good for another person. To love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind is to give the Lord a complete sovereign claim on every aspect of our lives. If any part of our lives is held back from the Lord then we have not fulfilled the commandment to love.

It is worth reflecting on the various aspects of life governed by the categories of heart, soul, strength, and mind. The heart is the center of affection and represents all those attachments we have to things and people. When we love God with all our heart, then we will root out any affection or attachment that is irreconcilable with the Lord's presence and will. We will also root out all affections and attachments that are self-serving to the exclusion of our neighbor. The soul is the principle of life and the eternal aspect in each of us. To love God with all our soul, means to give God His rightful place in the center of our lives every hour of every day. It means to have a mature relationship with the Lord in which we faithfully live out our friendship with Jesus and do His will in each moment and every decision. We cannot love God with all our soul unless we are dedicating quality time to be in prayerful communion with the Lord each day. When we love God with all our soul then we turn to the Lord and the Lord alone for our identity, value, worth, meaning, and security.

To love God with all our strength is to serve God with our actions whether they occur during work, family life, recreational activities, leisure, and so forth. God has blessed all of us with natural talents and abilities by which we can serve the Lord as an active member of the Body of Christ. When we fail to use our strengths to serve the Lord by doing His will, then we fail in our love of God. The focus of our actions will demonstrate where our true love lies and that is often with ourselves rather than God or others. To love God with all our mind means to be conformed to the mind of Christ through the process of repentance. It also means that we commit ourselves to studying and learning the Lord's self-revelation to us through His Word in Scripture and the living tradition of the Church as authentically taught by the Magisterium. We are not loving God with all our mind if we are not committing a part of each day to the study of God's Word. We are also not loving God if we choose to fill our minds with vengeful, addictive, lustful, or other such sinful preoccupations.

- What part of people's lives can they be tempted to hold back from God and why?
- What happens when a person loves God with only a part of their being?
- When have you seen a Christian accumulate knowledge of faith without living it?
- What affection or attachment is present in your life that is irreconcilable with God's presence and will?



I know there are important conversations that I need to have with my children about relationships, love, understanding, and what it means to be a boy or a girl. How do I get started? When do I start?

You might have had a talk with your parents during middle school that answered questions about developing bodies—and perhaps the whole big picture of life and love. Hopefully, it was more like an ongoing dialogue that helped you navigate your questions in a free, honest, and clear way. Even if this wasn't your experience, it's probably what you want for your children. Here are some thoughts from Aimee MacIver based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. To learn more about this topic, you can find many resources from Ascension.

"The Talk"

The talk shouldn't be a "talk," singular. Rather, the topic should unfold over time. That's a HUGE premise of JPII's Theology of the Body. The Theology of the Body is often believed to be a chastity program, but it's much more about anthropology—who are we as male and female and what our bodies reveal about what we are made for. The facts about our bodies should flow from a prior foundation about the body-and-soul relationship, what the body is for, and more.

Most teachers of the Theology of the Body (me included) prefer using correct terminology and avoiding cute or confusing nicknames or euphemisms for private parts. This helps foster respect and wonder for the body instead of the shame that can be implied by avoiding direct talk about the body. If we can't even say the names of these parts, does that mean they are bad or shameful? It's truly amazing how God has made our male and female bodies with such differences! What an awesome gift! What a great God who gave us such wonderful bodies that can do so many things and, most especially, that can show love!

I have found that being honest but broad is a good tactic when talking with children about the body because there's no need to give more details than

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necessary. Kids are often satisfied with broad truth.

Being broad gives information without burdensome or confusing details but also allows for follow-up questions.

Children are not always ready for the full answer to a question. Start by just answering the basic question that was asked, and allow them to guide the discussion with any follow-up questions that they have. If the discussion goes deeper than you or they are prepared for, it's OK to tell your children that's all they need to know for now and that you will give them more information when they are a little older.

Ponder and Pray

- · How did my parents guide me through the big questions I had about love, life, and my developing body? What was helpful? What do I wish happened a bit differently?
- · How do I want to have those conversations with the next generation?



















Make It Your Own

Anticipate some important topics that you want to be sure to pass on to your children, and take some time to work on how and when you would like to communicate them. To start, list 10 things you want to absolutely be sure to communicate to your children about life, love, and the human body.

Dive Deeper

Parents only: To read Aimee McIver's full article, scan the code

Or visit the URL: The Talk: Where to Start as a Parent - Ascension Press <u>Media</u>



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