

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

CLERGY

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CHURCH OFFICE

MONDAY: CLOSED  
TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM TO 4PM  
SATURDAY: 9AM TO 5PM  
SUNDAY: CLOSED

2nd Collection for this weekend is for the  
*Seminarian Education*

Segunda Colecta para este fin de semana, será para la  
*Educación de Seminaristas*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 4PM  
CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

TUES - FRI  
DAILY NOON MASSES

TUESDAY: 12:30PM-10PM  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BY  
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)



**Youth meeting on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. All those who registered to go to Sixth Flags, and all who wish to go, must attend.**

**Reunión de jóvenes el domingo 7 de septiembre. Todos los que se inscribieron para ir a Sixth Flags, y todos los que deseen asistir, deben asistir.**

## MASS Intentions

### Saturday, Sep. 6

- ♦ 5pm: Marcie Ellis †, Betty Bishop (healing prayers)  
Filomena Stillwagon (happy b-day)

### Sunday, Sep. 7

- ♦ 9am: Dean Deranieri †
- ♦ 11:30am: Jim Doyle †, Bernie Yedinak, Susan Montgomery, Erma Jaramillo, Tina Archuleta and Sue Brock (healing prayers)
- ♦ 5pm: Las Almas del Pulgatorio

### Tuesday, Sep. 9 - Friday Sep. 12 at Noon

- ♦ Tues: Marci Ellis †
- ♦ Wed: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ Thurs: Marci Ellis †
- ♦ Fri: Tony Chavis †

### Saturday, Sep. 13

- ♦ 5pm: Chris David †

### Sunday, Sep. 14

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

**THE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND  
OF  
*August 28, 2025* will be posted  
NEXT WEEKEND !**

***Thank you for your understanding!***

## Catholic Services Appeal

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be this weekend **(Sep. 6-7)** after each Mass

**LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS** será para este fin de semana **(Sep. 6-7 )** después de cada Misa

## CLASE DE BAUTISMO

***Miércoles 10 de Septiembre,  
6 - 8PM***

*Por favor*

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September 3, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 22-28 is National Migration Week. For over 40 years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated this week, which generally culminates with World Day of Migrants and Refugees, a day commemorated by the universal Church since 1914. This observance connects the plight of migrants in our land and throughout the world to the plight of the migrating Joseph, Mary, and infant Jesus and the scriptural mandate to welcome the stranger, the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

The struggle of immigrants to the United States has steadily increased over the past 40 years. Methods of legal immigration have become so complicated and expensive that many have sought other means to come to and remain in our country in order to survive and provide for their families. In turn, this causes reasonable consternation about the lack of respect for the rule of law and creates an environment ripe for people to use fear and falsehoods to increase ignorance and impede trust among those who have been living and working together, sometimes for decades.

On Wednesday, September 24, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Reno, Fr. Chuck Durante, joined by other priests and faithful of the Diocese, will celebrate a special Mass in Solidarity with Migrants at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral at 7:00 pm. I invite everyone to come and pray for the many human beings, both in our land and throughout the world, who find themselves caught without a land to call home, often due to violence and/or natural disaster. We pray also for reasonable and just immigration reform.

Please mark your calendars for this time in prayer together.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno





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3 de septiembre de 2025

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Del 22 al 28 de septiembre se celebra la Semana Nacional de la Migración. Durante más de 40 años, la Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos ha celebrado esta semana, que generalmente culmina con la Jornada Mundial del Migrante y del Refugiado, un día conmemorado por la Iglesia universal desde 1914. Esta celebración conecta la difícil situación de los migrantes en nuestra tierra y en todo el mundo con la difícil situación de los migrantes José, María y el Niño Jesús, y con el mandato bíblico de acoger al extranjero, al forastero, al huérfano y a la viuda.

La dificultad de los inmigrantes en Estados Unidos ha aumentado constantemente en los últimos 40 años. Los métodos de inmigración legal se han vuelto tan complejos y costosos que muchos han buscado otros medios para venir y permanecer en nuestro país para sobrevivir y mantener a sus familias. A su vez, esto genera una consternación razonable por la falta de respeto al estado de derecho y crea un ambiente propicio para que las personas usen el miedo y las falsedades para aumentar la ignorancia y obstaculizar la confianza entre quienes han convivido y trabajado juntos, a veces durante décadas.

El miércoles 24 de septiembre, el Vicario General de la Diócesis de Reno, P. Chuck Durante, acompañado de otros sacerdotes y fieles de la Diócesis, celebrará una Misa especial en Solidaridad con los Migrantes en la Catedral de Santo Tomás de Aquino a las 19:00 h. Invito a todos a venir a orar por los numerosos seres humanos, tanto en nuestra tierra como en todo el mundo, que se encuentran sin un hogar, a menudo debido a la violencia o a desastres naturales. Oramos también por una reforma migratoria razonable y justa.

Por favor, anoten en sus calendarios este momento de oración conjunta.

En Cristo,

Obispo Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Obispo de Reno





This is just a reminder of our Parish Mission starting this Sunday, September 7th. We start with the Spanish night right after the 5pm Spanish Mass. Below is the schedule and description of the mission. This is a great opportunity for us to show unity and integration as one body at Saint Francis. Let us gather together for one purpose and feed each other as brothers and sisters. This my dream: that we show the rest of our town that we are united in Christ under the patronage of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The detailed schedule is as follows:

- **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Spanish, followed by light refreshments provided by the English community.**
- **Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-7:30 p.m. in English, followed by light refreshments provided by the Latino community.**
- **Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-7:30 p.m., Bilingual including Adoration, followed by wine and nibbles.**

#### **Formation & Unity: One Body in Christ**

This Parish Mission talk will center on how we are continually formed by Christ and called to live as His disciples in unity with one another. Drawing on Scripture, prayer, and stories, it explores the mystery of the Incarnation, the lifelong journey of discipleship, and the beauty of being one Body in Christ. Participants will be invited to see how God's love first received transforms our hearts, equips us for mission, and strengthens us to walk together as a community of faith. Rooted in the spirit of the Synod, the talk will emphasize listening, discernment, and prayer as the foundation for living out our shared mission in the Church.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you during this mission that we have planned for our parish. This should prepare us for the parish synod on September 27th, where we can as one body under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit mark our journey towards making manifest the Kingdom of God in the North Lake Tahoe.

*With love and prayers,*



Este es solo un recordatorio de nuestra Misión Parroquial que comienza este domingo 7 de septiembre. Comenzamos con la noche en español justo después de la misa en español de las 5pm. A continuación, el horario y la descripción de la misión. Esta es una gran oportunidad para que mostremos unidad e integración como un solo cuerpo en San Francisco. Reunámonos con un mismo propósito y aliméntense mutuamente como hermanos y hermanas. Este es mi sueño: que mostremos al resto de nuestro pueblo que estamos unidos en Cristo bajo el patrocinio de San Francisco de Asís.

El horario detallado es el siguiente:

- **7 de Septiembre: 6:00-7:30 pm en español, seguido de un refrigerio proporcionado por la comunidad angloparlante.**
- **8 de Septiembre: 6:00-7:30 pm en inglés, seguido de un refrigerio proporcionado por la comunidad latina.**
- **9 de Septiembre: 6:00-7:30 pm, bilingüe, incluyendo Adoración, seguido de vino y aperitivos.**

#### **Formación y Unidad: Un Cuerpo en Cristo**

Esta charla sobre la Misión Parroquial se centrará en cómo Cristo nos forma continuamente y nos llama a vivir como sus discípulos en unidad. Basándose en las Escrituras, la oración y las historias, explora el misterio de la Encarnación, el camino del discipulado y la belleza de ser un solo Cuerpo en Cristo. Se invitará a los participantes a comprender cómo el amor de Dios, recibido primero, transforma nuestros corazones, nos capacita para la misión y nos fortalece para caminar juntos como comunidad de fe. Enraizada en el espíritu del Sínodo, la charla hará hincapié en la escucha, el discernimiento y la oración como fundamento para vivir nuestra misión compartida en la Iglesia.

Espero verlos a todos en esta misión que hemos planeado para nuestra parroquia. Esto nos preparará para el sínodo parroquial del 27 de septiembre, donde, como un solo cuerpo, bajo la inspiración del Espíritu Santo, podremos marcar nuestro camino hacia la manifestación del Reino de Dios en North Lake Tahoe.

*Con cariño y oraciones*



August 21, 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With gratitude to God and to each of you, I am pleased to share with you the Annual Parish Financial Report for 2024-2025. This report provides an overview of how your generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure have supported our parish's mission throughout the past year.

Your faithful stewardship has enabled us to celebrate the sacraments, strengthen our liturgical life, support our parish ministries, maintain our facilities, and assist those in need. Together, we continue to live out the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ in our community.

I want to thank each of you for the many ways you give—through prayer, volunteer service, and financial sacrifice. Your generosity is a true witness of faith, and it allows our parish to remain a place of worship, welcome, and hope for all.

As we look ahead, let us continue to work together as one family in Christ, trusting that God will bless our efforts and guide our parish in the year to come.

Please take some time to review the enclosed report. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Iliana in the parish office. Transparency and accountability are important to us, and we welcome your thoughts.

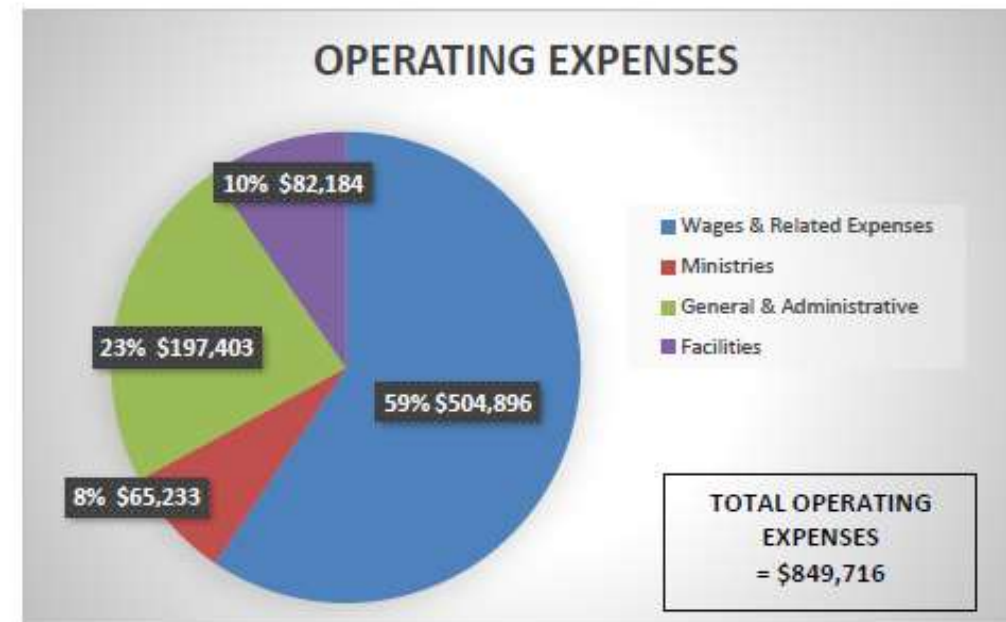
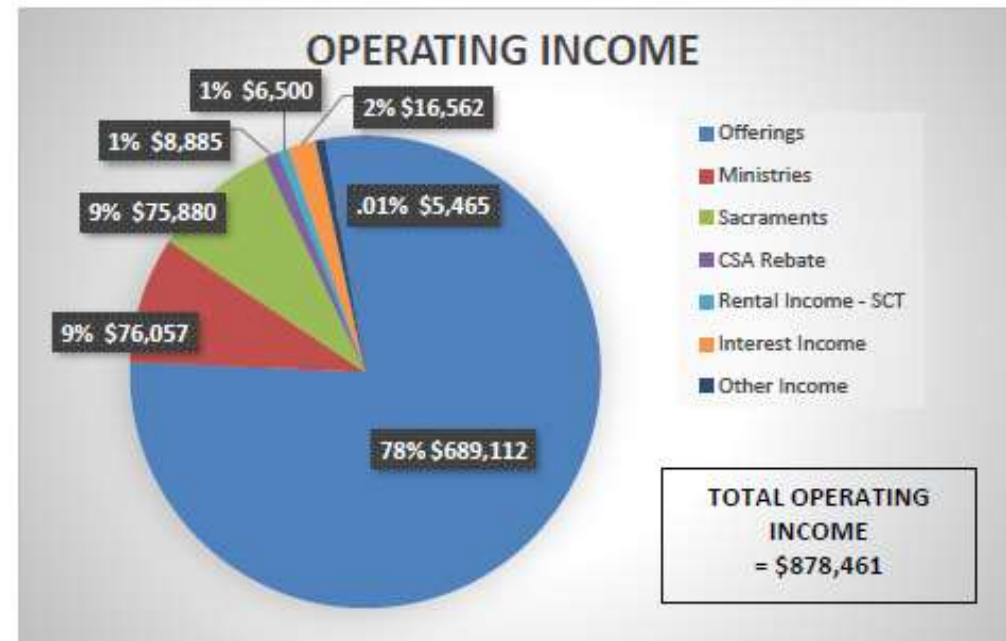
May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly. Be assured of my prayers for you each day.

In Christ,

Rev. Jorge Herrera, Pastor  
Saint Francis of Assisi



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES**  
**Fiscal Year 2025 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**



**NET OPERATING ACTIVITY = \$28,745**

*St Francis of Assisi is thankful for the continued generosity of its parishioners in keeping our Parish in good financial condition.*

*For the Parish's complete Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2025, please go to <https://sftahoe.org/financial>*



**Religious Education/ Confirmation Classes begin, Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

**Las clases de Educación Religiosa / Confirmación comienzan el  
Domingo 7 de Septiembre a las 10 am.**

**BIBLE STUDY** with David Frank will resume on **Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30 – 11am** in the Large Conference room. We will begin with 2 Samuel using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, covering the First and Second Books of Samuel, which is available through Amazon and through Ignatius Press.

We hope to see many of you join the group this year as we continue our journey through God's Word, whether in person or via zoon.



### **Women's Ministry**

St Francis of Assisi Women's Ministry has a great opportunity for all those looking to volunteer to assist those less fortunate in the Reno area. We are partnering with Catholic Charities to distribute food at their Farmer's Market. Those who have volunteered previously have found it to be a very humbling and rewarding experience.

If interested in participating, please sign up for a date(s) as follows:

- **September 19 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**
- **October 3 - 12:00 pm - 3:00pm**



We can take up to 10 volunteers each date. Please do not sign up if you will not be able to commit to actually participating.

*Please contact Renee at [cbzno1bb@yahoo.com](mailto:cbzno1bb@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.*

**Housekeeping: If you bring cut flowers for the Sanctuary, please use the church vases provided in the marked cabinet to the left of the St. Francis statue in the Gathering Area. We appreciate the beautiful flowers but are accumulating quite a collection of vases and have a shortage of storage space.**

***Thank you.***



## What Makes St. Clare's So Special?

You're invited to a "Come & See" night in the parish hall.

Grow warm with renewed hope for the future as you learn about what and how our local children are learning under the St. Francis roof. Prepare to be inspired!

*Thursday, September 11, 6:00-7:30 pm*

*No RSVP necessary. Just show up.*

A poster for a 9/11 memorial concert. The background is a photograph of the World Trade Center towers in New York City, with a large American flag waving in the foreground. The text "9/11" is prominently displayed in large white numbers. Below it, "WE REMEMBER" is written in bold white capital letters, followed by "Requiem Concert" in a smaller white font. At the bottom, the date and time "Wednesday, September 10 7:00pm" and the location "INCLINE VILLAGE: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church" are listed. On the left side, a blue vertical banner contains the logo of the Tahoe Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, the text "Tahoe Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus", and "Maestro James Rawie, Conductor".

Tahoe Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus  
Maestro James Rawie, Conductor

**9/11**  
**WE REMEMBER**  
Requiem Concert

Wednesday, September 10 7:00pm  
INCLINE VILLAGE: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church



**ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Knights of Columbus**

**Last Chance to Register  
is September 6th**



**Registration Deadline  
is September 6th  
Don't delay!!!**

**14th ANNUAL Golf & GIGGLE and "GATHER"**

**Monday, September 15, 2025, at  
Incline Village Championship Golf Course  
AT THE CHATEAU**

**NOT A GOLFER?**  
**DON'T MISS THIS FIRST TIME DINNER EVENT**

**GATHER** WITH FELLOW PARISHNERS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN,  
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP (RAFFLE & AUCTION)

**5:30pm Beer, Wine & Buffet Dinner**

**\$85 PER PERSON**

**Beer and Wine Included (no host bar for cocktails)**

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Join us for a

# NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Friday | October 17 | 5:30PM - 8:30PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church

\$10.00

All women are invited to join this special evening hosted by Women's Ministry. Evening includes a casual dinner, fellowship and a focus on God's Creation and how it reflects His presence in the different seasons of our lives.

RSVP is necessary and payment is due by October 10, 2025.  
To complete your registration, please turn in your fee to Anne, Jill or the church office.

For more information;

[Annieblay@aol.com](mailto:Annieblay@aol.com)

[Jill@snowhound.net](mailto:Jill@snowhound.net)





## Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2025

Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 14:25–33. It is a surprisingly harsh teaching in which, on a surface level, Jesus appears to be telling His disciples to hate those who are closest to them. This passage is challenging, indeed, and offers many points worthy of our reflection.

For background information, it is important to note that we are told there were many crowds following Jesus (some translations may render the Greek words *ochloi polloi* as great multitudes or a similar phrasing). That is a peculiar and distinctive way of describing those who were following the Lord. It probably means that there were many different kinds of people with Jesus including those committed, those interested, and those who were just curious. They were all sharing the same journey with the Lord to Jerusalem.

Jesus issues a wake-up call for them in today's passage. To be a disciple might sound good and appealing, but it also means there will come a time when they will have to choose between Jesus and the other people and priorities in their lives. It is then, in that moment of decision, that the challenge of discipleship will require commitment and sacrifice.

True discipleship is not a matter of convenience but of strong conviction in, and commitment to, the person of Jesus Christ. It will require great sacrifice to faithfully persevere to the end with Jesus. Many will not be able to endure the trials and tests that will inevitably occur because they will be unprepared to make the necessary sacrifices so that Jesus can always be the highest priority of their lives.

The context of this teaching is important for understanding its application. Immediately before this instruction, Jesus had told a parable about people who were invited to a great banquet but were not able to attend due to all sorts of conflicting obligations. One declined because he had purchased a field (see Lk 14:18). Another declined because he had purchased oxen (see Lk 14:19). The third one declined because he had married a wife (see Lk 14:20). Whether it be relationships or possessions, these attachments prevented those invited from actually attending the banquet. Jesus wants us to be free so we can accept the invitation to discipleship and follow Him, but we will not experience that freedom if any attachment is more important to us than being with Him.

- **If you were to describe the “many crowds” that compose your faith community, what would they be?**
- **How does the sacrifice required for committed discipleship differ for each group?**
- **When have you been surprised by the sacrifice required of you in your discipleship?**
- **What are some of the attachments people have today that can cause them to falter in their discipleship?**



# Sunday Q&A

Your Faith in Focus



## SAFETY IS THE FIRST RULE

### How do I navigate access to technology with my children?

To help answer this big question for parents, today's bulletin is based on Ascension's *Envision: Theology of the Body for Middle School Parent's Guide*. These are simple tips that every parent ought to consider and that everyone who is not currently a parent should anticipate and pass along to families in the thick of raising children.

### Technology Safety Tips

A parent once asked an online safety expert when children should get a smartphone. The reply? "As soon as you want their childhood to end." This answer might seem pessimistic and extreme, but an important question remains: How can parents help their children retain their innocence while gradually learning to use technology responsibly?

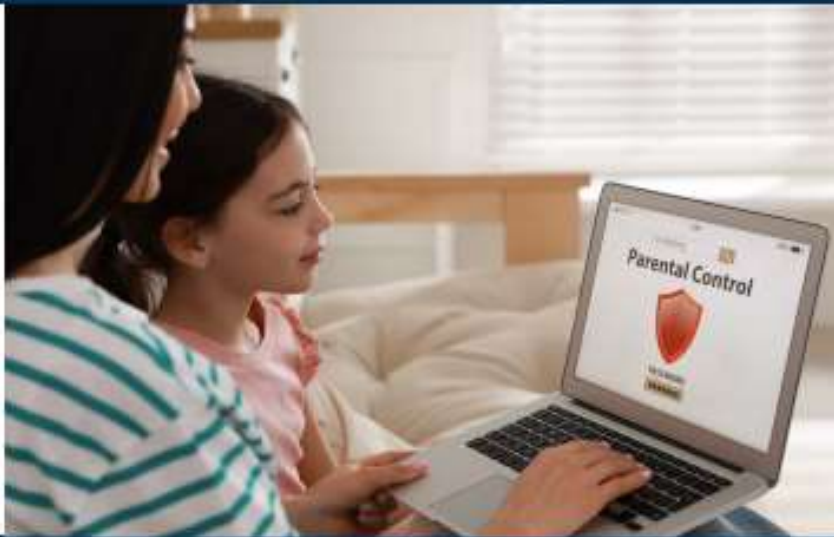
You can implement these safety tips today to help your family stay safe and grow in virtue online:

- Remind your children that all devices in the house belong to you, the parent, and that one of your key responsibilities is to keep your child safe. Ownership needs to be especially clear when you give them any new screens so that they don't develop a false sense of ownership that entitles them to absolute privacy.
- Review movies, online games, music, and programs on a trusted site like Plugged In ([PluggedIn.com](http://PluggedIn.com)) before allowing your children to view them.
- Install filters, accountability software, and other technology on all family members' devices to prevent access to impure content and anything else you want to keep off your family's screens.
- Monitor the quality of what your children view on screens and the quantity of time they spend on them. Levels of anxiety and depression in young teens are directly correlated to the amount of time they spend on screens.
- Practice what you preach. If you expect transparency from your children and hope they will guard their senses online, you must do the same. Use your phone and computer in such a way that you're comfortable allowing them to view your activity as well. Imagine that your screen is always being mirrored onto the living room television for all to see. If you're comfortable with that, you're in the right place to expect them to live by the same standard.



Ponder and Pray

- How do we handle tech access in our family? Was this an issue in my own upbringing? What were the similarities and differences compared to the current situation?
- Is there someone I should be talking to about this issue? Who might benefit from reading this? How can I have that conversation?



Make It Your Own

Start with yourself. Maybe you are reading this and it isn't immediately relevant to your situation or state of life, but you have your own habits to consider. Maybe you are a parent and realize that the "practice what you preach" recommendation in the reflection is a good place to start. Here, write your own technology examination of conscience. How are you building virtuous habits in your own life?


Tip of the Week

Look at the tech situation in your home and seek out one or two things that you can improve.

Dive Deeper

For an in-depth look at *Envision: Theology of the Body for Middle School*, scan the QR code or visit:

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