

# St. Frederic Catholic Church

175 S. 13th St., St. Helens, Oregon



## Mission Statement

*St. Frederic is a Catholic Christian Community that works and prays together to deepen our love of God and to share that love by ministering to each other and the extended community in holiness and justice.*

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

December 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019 4th Sunday of Advent

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## MASS SCHEDULES AND OTHER SERVICES

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	8:00 a.m.
English/Spanish Mass	10:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass	5:00 p.m.

(usually 2nd Sunday of the month)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday—Friday 8:30 a.m.

### HOLY DAYS

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### ADORATION

Friday 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

### HOLY HOUR/PRAYER

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

### ROSARY

Tuesday—Friday	7:50 a.m.
Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 a.m. in Spanish

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

### MATRIMONY

By appointment, at least 6 months in advance. Call the office for an appointment.

### BAPTISM

Call the office for an appointment

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline** 888-375-6074

**Sick Calls or Deaths** 503-380-9085

### Attention!

**This printing of the bulletin is for two weeks. The insert will change but the color fold that is sent to the printer is the same.**

**The next bulletin printing will be for December 28 and January 5 and will be sent to the printer on December 18.**

### 3rd Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2019

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

### 4th Sunday of Advent—December 22, 2019

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. "When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit." For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet "do not be afraid," the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to "expose [Mary] to shame." Yet he was prepared to "divorce her quietly" all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly

**Fair Trade Chocolates will be sold after all Masses the weekend of December 21/22.**

## Report

# St. Frederic Catholic Church, November 2017—November 2020 Capital Campaign

Week 106

No. Pledges	Average Pledge	Total Pledged	Total Received	Goal	Over/Under	% Goal
82	\$3,211.45	\$282,608.00	<b>\$194,384.24</b>	\$300,000.00	\$17,392.00	94.2%

### First Communion Class

Dec. 22—Practice for Program after 10:00 am Mass

Dec. 29/Jan. 5—No Class, Christmas Break

Jan. 12—Class 11:15-12:15 p.m.

Jan. 19—Class 11:15—12:15 p.m.

Jan. 26—Class 11:15—12:15 p.m.

Feb. 2—Class 11:15—12:15 p.m.

Classes meet in the Parish Center.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next class is Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. Do you know the answer to: **How can Mary be conceived without sin before Jesus died to save her from sin?** If you don't know the answer, then join us to find out.

Upcoming classes include:

1/14—Why pray to the Saints? Isn't that worshipping someone besides God?

1/21—Instead of attending a church with so many hypocrites and problems, wouldn't it be better to worship God at home, in my own way?

1/28 - If the first commandment forbids us from making images of things in heaven, why do we make statues of Jesus?

### Attention: First Holy Communion Kids

A signup sheet will be available in the Vestibule starting this weekend. Please make sure to sign in when attending Mass. Thank you.

### Junior High and High School Youth Group

Dec. 22—Class 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Dec. 29/Jan. 5—Christmas Break

Jan. 12—Class 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Jan. 19—Class 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Jan. 26—Class 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Feb. 2—Class 11:15—1:00 p.m.

Classes meet in the Parish Center.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Herbert Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jauron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Patty Lowe, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Craig Chabala, Martin Scheer Sr., Annabelle Scheer, Marcy Wright, Dominique Earl, Dean Ebert, Gail Norwood Young, Kathy Painter, Inge Miller, Manuel Painter, Margaretha Marandu, Bethany Lang, Raymond and Patty Rodabaugh, Alice Whitley, Allen Bork, Quartney Alden, Patsy Ness, Ken Brock, Barbara Brown, Alta Lynch, Dennis Pruchniewski, Kathy Reilly, Ralph DeSantis, Robert Tracey, Claira Grisham, Donna Marie DeSantis, John Weber, Marvel Brown, Randy Dixon, Allen Bower, Margie Tomlinson, Thomas and Jackie Prevish.

### Religious Education Class

The next class will be Sunday, January 5th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St Joseph's Conference Room. This is for all children in Kindergarten to 5th grade.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

**El Tapatio**

We would like to thank El Tapatio for placing an ad in our bulletin! Our advertisers pay for the printing of our bulletin so that we don't. Please be sure to thank them.

## Insert for the Week of December 15

*December 15, 2019 Weekly Need*

From July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 the weekly amount to maintain our church is now **\$4,188.38**. This is only for expenses to maintain our liturgy, ministries, personnel, and facilities throughout the church compound. We are now showing you our weekly income and accumulated deficit for the church throughout the fiscal year.

Week 23	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Need:</b>	<b>\$ 4,188.38</b>	<b>\$ 96,332.74</b>
<b>Collection:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,464.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 58,355.05</u></b>
	<b>\$-1,723.41</b>	<b>\$-37,997.69</b>

### BEQUESTS

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon for the sole benefit of St. Frederic Catholic Church located at 175th S. 13th, St. Helens, Oregon to be used under the direction of the priest at the time of my death.

### FORMED.org Pick of the Week

Formed.org Pick of the week is "Prepare the Way of the King" by Dr. Scott Hahn. Join Dr. Scott Hahn in preparation for Advent by listening to "Prepare the Way of the King" on formed.org. This talk by Dr. Hahn invites us to journey deeper and further into the season in order to truly be prepared for the coming of Christ.

### Children's Christmas Program

Sign-ups are in the Vestibule for children and youth who want to be in the Children's program, scheduled for Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. Practice will be after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 22. Children must be signed up by this Sunday, December 15 to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Larson.

**Reconciliation service is Tuesday  
December 17 at 7:00 p.m. at  
St. Frederic**

### Capital Campaign Project Update

We are now entering the final year of the three-year St. Frederic Capital Campaign aimed at addressing pressing maintenance needs and revitalizing our church. We recently completed three major projects.

First, we addressed a number of safety needs which qualified for 50% cost assistance from the Archdiocese. Included in this category was the replacement and widening of the sidewalk leading from the front of the church on 13th Street to the office entrance, the removal of tripping hazards, and the removal and covering of the baptismal pool. Cost to St. Frederic was \$8,468 (Archdiocese paid \$7,675).

The second major project was preparation and painting the entire exterior of the church building, the rectory and rectory garage. Total cost: \$18,990. The large cross on the top of the church which has been removed will be replaced.

The third major project was removal and replacement of the roof on the old rectory (now Elks Veterans Bunker). This included replacing the four main barge rafters and the flat roof on the utility room addition. Also included was the repair of the carport structure at Sister's home and the installation of new metal roof. Total cost: \$12,985.

As we begin the last year of our Campaign we look forward to focusing our efforts on the Sanctuary Project.

Finance Council

### Retirement Fund for Religious—Second Collection

Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

### Thank you! Thank you!

The Junior High and High School Youth Group thanks everyone who has continued to dropped off bottles and cans. It is very much appreciated. Our last bottle/can turn in earned the Youth Group \$781.

## Evangelization

Last week Paul Monroe talked about evangelization which was discussed at the 2019 Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly held in November.

Below is an outline of the key points in the main talks given by Chris Stefanick and Archbishop Sample that Paula mentioned.

### Chris Stefanick - Evangelization

1. Keep first things first. If the love story of the Gospel isn't the context, nothing makes sense. The rules, regulations and doctrines of the Church make no sense apart from John 3:16 - God so loved the world that he sent his only Son.
2. Make time for evangelization. Friendship is the ordinary forum for evangelization. Friendships mean spending time with people. People need to be known. And loved.
3. Share the mission.
4. Don't let fear come in the way.
5. Present faith as part of life. We need to show people how to celebrate life.
6. Joy. Joy is our strength. Joy is a witness. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete (Jn. 15:11).

Pray. A lot. There is a missionary dimension to prayer.

### Archbishop Sample – Signs of a Vibrant Parish

The three fronts of the New Evangelization are: 1) Catechesis, Faith Formation & Proclamation of the Gospel 2) Sacred Liturgy/Divine Worship 3) Works of Mercy, Justice, Charity

These correspond to the three transcendentals that attract: 1) Truth 2) Beauty 3) Goodness

Eleven Signs of a Vibrant Parish (in no particular order or priority):

1. Parish that teaches. People say: "We wish to see Jesus." We must show them Jesus.
2. Parish that prays. Christ centered. Parish that prays and teaches people to pray. Jesus must be the source and center of our lives.
3. Beautiful liturgical life focused on Christ. God is beautiful. We must reflect the beauty of God in the liturgy.
4. Strong devotional life. Devotions nourish our faith. Both older and newer forms of devotion. Special mention of Eucharistic adoration.
5. Joy. Is it a joyful parish? Do people like each other?
6. Welcoming, inviting community. A community that notices when someone is new. A community that welcomes and invites people to come.
7. Engages in works of mercy & justice. Goes out to the margins. We have what the world needs: Jesus. We show them the face of the merciful Christ. We are not just an NGO (non-governmental organization).
8. Marian. An evangelizing parish is a Marian parish. The Archdiocese of Portland has Mary as its patroness, the Immaculate Conception.
9. Stewardship. Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is needed to fulfill the mission of evangelization.
10. A parish that promotes vocations, especially priestly vocations. Priests come from parishes. When was the last time a priestly vocation came from your parish?
11. Communion. A parish that understands and exhibits communion within itself and with the larger, diocesan and universal Church. Unity in the body of Christ.

If you have any ideas on evangelization for St. Frederic, please fill out a form in the Vestibule and put into an envelope. These ideas will be discussed at the Pastoral Council meeting.