St. Francis Newsletter

Servite Domino in laetitia!
-St. John Bosco

Week of October 30, 2026

Principal's Corner

Thank you to all of our families who have taken the time to complete the survey regarding our current pick-up protocols. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will help us as we continue to evaluate and improve the process. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by November 3. Click here for the link.

A huge thank you as well to all of the parents who decorated their trunks for Trunk or Treat and to Parents of Saint Francis for organizing another wonderful Harvest Festival! We are grateful for the time, energy, and enthusiasm you give to our school community. Events like these are a wonderful reminder of what makes Saint Francis such a special place!

Important Date Change - Our School's Annual Auction "A Legacy Set in Stone" is now on Saturday, April 10th at the Riverhouse!

Advent Family Praise Night. Sunday, December 6th, 6 - 7 pm in the Community Center. Click here for more information.

It's that time of year again to place your orders for St. Francis' Christmas Wreath fundraiser. Order sales will begin on Tuesday, October 14th and end on Wednesday, November 12th. Click here.

Our talented St. Francis students have been busy creating beautiful, one-of-a-kind Christmas cards filled with creativity, love, and holiday spirit! Join us at the Parish Christmas Faire on November 14th as we kick off our Christmas Card Sale. These heartfelt cards are perfect for sharing the joy of the season with family and friends while supporting our students and school. Come shop and spread a little Christmas cheer! Click here to order.

Upcoming Events

November 4th - Parent's Meet Up 6:00 pm @ El Rancho Grande
November 11th - No School - Veteran's Day
November 12th - Veteran's Day Continental Breakfast
November 20th - Picture Retake
November 23rd - 27th - No School Thanksgiving Break
December 2nd - 3rd grade - 5th grade Confession after Mass
December 4th - Noon Dismissal
December 5th - Bend Christmas Parade
December 6th - Children's Mass 10:00 am
December 6th - Advent Family Praise Night 6 - 7 pm. Click here
December 16th - 6th grade - 8th grade Confession after Mass
December 17th - Christmas Music Program
December 18th - January 3rd - Christmas Vacation

Important Information

Join us this Wednesday, November 4th for our PARENT's MEET UP @ 6pm at El Rancho Grande. It's a great way to get to know other parents while enjoying fine food and cocktails.

Please send Danielle (development@saintfrancisschool.net) your veteran photos for our Veteran's Day breakfast and slideshow. If you have already submitted one from previous years, those will be automatically included.

A heartfelt thank you to the many individuals who continue to support our students and school community!

Thank you to Mr. John Herzig for assembling the new shed that will be used to store our Early Childhood Education bicycles.

Thank you to the family members who have volunteered to help with recess duty. Your time and support are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our wonderful Book Fair volunteers for making the event possible.

Thank you to all the families who supported our middle school students through their pie fundraiser. Your generosity means so much to our students.

Thank you to Stefanie Reel and Dayne Ralston for their time and dedication in coaching our volleyball teams.

Finally, thank you to our soccer coaches and assistant coaches for supporting and encouraging our student-athletes throughout the season. Good luck in your final game this weekend!

We are grateful for all the ways our families and volunteers give their time and talents to Saint Francis!

Library Notes

Kids build independence by choosing what to read about.😉
Reading builds vocabulary, which leads to academic growth.📈
Library books are FREE! 💰

Reading builds empathy and social skills, and exposes kids to the world!🌍

Returning books builds responsibility.📚
Thank you for supporting our library!

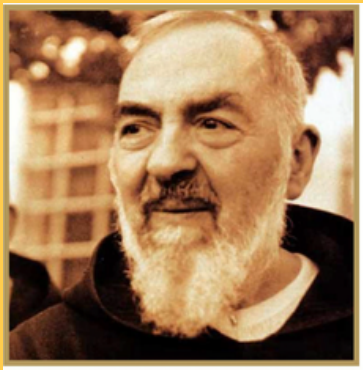
Virtue of the Month

Humility: accepting your limitations and God-given talents

Humility is knowing the truth about yourself. There are some things that you do very well such as studies, sports, or art. The humble person acknowledges these gifts because they come from God and should be used for His glory. Humility helps us to rejoice in one another's achievements, because we know every person's talents are a gift from God.

We all also have areas of weakness, such as a certain school subject, or a lack of artistic or athletic skill. Humility reminds us that all people are weak, and nobody is perfect. Yet God loves us and uses even our weaknesses to make us holy if we rely on His strength.

SAINT OF THE MONTH:



Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

(1887-1968, Italy)
Feast: September 23

Padre Pio was a Capuchin friar who is best known for the unusual spiritual gifts he received from God, including the stigmata and the ability to read souls and heal physical illnesses. As a priest, he always helped people to make a good and thorough Confession. Because God worked Saint Pio of Pietrelcina miracles through Padre Pio, many people proclaimed that he was a living saint. This was very difficult for Padre Pio, because he only wanted to be a simple, humble priest.

There were also many people who were jealous of Padre Pio' s spiritual gifts and tried to get him into trouble with the bishop and the pope. While the pope and bishops were investigating these accusations, Padre Pio was forbidden to hear Confessions, to celebrate Mass publicly, and to associate with lay people. A less holy priest might refuse to obey. Padre Pio chose to accept these limitations. He knew that God wanted him to obey authority, and he wanted to glorify God. He recognized that the gifts were from God, and that if God intended the gifts to be used, then he would be permitted to exercise them.

Reminders

We have our School Mass on Wednesday as usual. This week's Mass is animated by the 8th grade.

The week of November 1-7th is National Vocations Week: Parents, this is an excellent time to share your story with your children of how God called you to the vocation of Marriage. You can also share the influence of those of other vocations on your life: If you were influenced by a Priest/Pastor, Sister, or married couple. These stories help bring to life the many fulfilling ways our young people can serve in their community, confident in God's unique call for each of us.

After School Activities led by the Sisters

Marian Club & St. John Bosco Club
November 2, 16, 30, December 14, January 11, 25, February 8, 22, March 1, 15, April 12, 26, May 10, 24

Family Rosary Nights
May 27th

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for parents to assist with lunch recess and cafeteria supervision. If you have time to assist with these duties, please email Mr. Lee.

We would like to have two school photographers that can take photos at school and events that we offer next year. No experience necessary and you do not have to use a fancy camera. We just need someone to take pictures. Please email me if you are interested.

School Advisory Committee

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, email the School Advisory Committee at sacommittee@saintfrancisschool.net. This is a way for you to provide feedback about the school or suggestions for school policies.

General School Information

Click here for the student handbook, athletic handbook, staff directory, Aftercare enrollment sheets, lunch policies/ordering hot lunch, medication authorization forms, and other important information about the school.