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February 23, 2025

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR:

Fr. Macdonald Akuti, AJ
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OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Weekday Mass on M, W, TH & F
 at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Pope Francis, Lynn Stein and her 4 grandchildren, David Muck, Jr., Cynthia Sinn, Alicia Ritter, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Fritz Stubenrauch, Mary Reynolds, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Bob Scott, Britteny Stein-Stinett, Jan Berghout, Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy birthday to Lorraine Grant, Jose Hernandez Silva, Luisa Hernandez, Peggy Watson, and Jiovani Hernandez.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

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| Saturday | February 22 |
| Mass 5:00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | February 23 |
| Mass 8:30 am | + Ron Annen |
| Mass 10:30 am | Jonathan Beeman and Lorraine Grant |
| Sunday School 10:30 am | |
| Confirmation Class after the 10:30 Mass | |
| Monday | February 17 |
| Mass 9:30 am | Steve & Patrice Lahtinen |
| Tuesday | February 18 |
| NO Mass and the Office is Closed | |
| Wednesday | February 19 |
| Mass 9:30 am | Dave Rodeback |
| Celebrate Recovery at 5:30 | |
| Thursday | February 20 |
| Mass 9:30 am | Dick Spence & Greg English |
| Adoration after Mass until Noon | |
| Circle of Caring at 10 am | |
| Friday | February 21 |
| Mass 9:30 am | Rose Ferris |

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME FATHER AKUTI HOME. Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes that you all sent Father Akuti's way during the last month. The celebration of the anniversary of his mother's death was attended by a lot of people Father hadn't seen for a while. It was a testament to the love they all had for his Mother.

HOLY LEAGUE CATHOLIC MEN'S LENT CONFERENCE: On Saturday March 8th from 7am-4pm at Saint Stephen Catholic Church, 1112 Southeast 41st Ave in Portland. Get ready for a powerful gathering of Catholic men coming together to grow in faith and brotherhood during Lent 2025.

CIRCLE OF CARING; If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

BOOK DISCUSSION of Dr. Michael Barber's book, "Salvation, What Every Catholic Should Know". Join us on Thursday, at 6:00 PM in the Parish hall for our last discussion.

DAVID'S CHAIR: You may have noticed the shed in the parking lot behind the Parish Hall. That is housing a chair that handicapped people can use to ride on the beach. They have to make a reservation and be able to sit in the chair. The city is in charge of this project but they are looking for volunteers to help those who register to use the chair. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Sandy at 530-604-4131.

ST. ALOYSIUS: Please start saving good quality items for a summer fundraiser yard sale in support of St. Aloysius Girls in Uganda. The committee wants to give you a big thank you for your continued support for St. Aloysius Girls scholarships! If you are interested in learning more about this mission project, please make sure you pick up a copy of the St. Aloysius newsletter found in the foyer. It's put out each month to give everyone an update on the school & the 212 girls receiving scholarships. Thank you, St. Aloysius committee

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL REFLECTIONS – *Dilexit nos*

SEEKING FORGIVENESS IS THE FIRST STEP

Asking forgiveness is a means of healing relationships, for it "re-opens dialogue and manifests the will to re-establish the bond of fraternal charity."

Pope Francis is clear that responding to Jesus' call to share the love of the Sacred Heart begins with asking forgiveness. We may no longer be able to heal some rifts, but in asking forgiveness when we can, we can reduce someone's hurt. To ask forgiveness sincerely is to make ourselves vulnerable as Jesus did. This vulnerability is not a sign of weakness but of courage and strength – it costs a lot to stand humbly before another and confess fault, but it is the only way to begin. **PONDER:** How good am I at sincerely asking forgiveness? **PRAY:** God of love and goodness, fill me with the desire both to freely seek and freely give forgiveness!

A NEW CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

Good intentions are not enough. An outward action has to give expression to an inward desire.

It is one thing to be moved by the Sacred Heart to want to make things better, but that desire needs to be accompanied by action on our part. Is there something we can do in our homes, workplaces, parishes, and neighborhoods that will improve the giving conditions or quality of life for those around us? And how do we begin to take action against the injustices in our society? Pope Francis says that, for Christians immersed in Christ's love, it has to begin with two challenging tasks: acknowledging our own guilt and asking forgiveness. **PONDER:** How hard or easy would it be for me to help? **PRAY:** God of love and goodness, help me to see where your healing touch is needed – and to reach out!

Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he remains hospitalized with a complex respiratory infection.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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| Offertory Collection | \$2963.70 |
| Needy | \$51.10 |
| Votive | \$10.50 |
| Building/Maintenance | \$70.00 |
| Winter Survival | \$228.30 |