

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SACRED HEART OF JESUS DEVOTION

NOVENA BEGINS: June 3
CONSECRATION: June 11, 1:00PM
SOLEMNITY: June 12

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne has issued a new pastoral letter, *Learn from Me, for I am Meek and Humble of Heart*, inviting the faithful to renew their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This archdiocesan initiative aligns with the 250th anniversary of the United States and the national consecration of our country to the Sacred Heart by the U.S. bishops. Archbishop Etienne encourages families to center their lives on the mercy of Christ through the following:

- Read the pastoral letter online in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese.
- Pray the Novena beginning June 3.
- View the consecration livestream on June 11.
- Enthroned an image of the Sacred Heart in the home.

INFORMATION: archseattle.org/sacredheart

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH EVENTS

ROOF RECOVERY APPEAL

Last fall we completed a necessary roof replacement to prevent further water damage and protect our parish facilities. This work was essential to avoid much larger, long-term repairs. Contributions are gratefully accepted.

RAISED: \$2,305.55

GOAL: \$73,000

For full details, read Fr. Moore's complete letter on the [St Joseph Website](http://StJosephWebsite.com).

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU



St Mary's Guild would like to thank everyone who helped make our Rummage & Bake Sale a big success. We raised over \$2,500 and could not have succeeded without the men and women in our community that helped set up the tables and racks, donated items, organized and worked the event along with boxing and bagging leftovers, cleaning the hall and transporting unsold items. There is simply no way our Guild could have done it on our own. We use our funds for kitchen and funeral reception needs, flowers for the altar, and donations in our church and community. Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped and who purchased items.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 25
NORTHERN DEANERY MEETING: Wednesday, May 27
TRAINING: Thursday, May 28

The parish office will be closed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. Myra will be checking email as time permits.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY-CONSECRATION TO MARY

FINAL SESSION: Sunday, May 24, 4:00PM

CONSECRATION MASS: Saturday, May 30, 10:00AM

Thank you to all who have joined us on this journey asking our Blessed Mother to help us become closer to her Son, Jesus. This week we should be reading about the wisdom of Pope St John Paul II. Our final small group session will be in the school gym on May 24. Finally, we are planning for the Consecration Mass on Saturday, May 30 and that is right around the corner. All are welcome to come, bring a guest to the mass and reception to follow...so RSVP by email to help us plan accordingly.

RSVP: Danila danilavanveen@hotmail.com

2026 ST JUDES BASKET RAFFLE

TICKET SALES: Sunday, May 24

DRAWING: Sunday, June 7

WHERE: St Joseph

Ticket sales begin May 24th at coffee hour after 10:30AM Mass. Drawing will be Sunday, June 7th during coffee hour. A donation from proceeds will be made to the St Joseph's roof replacement fund.

Ticket price: \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Basket Themes: Ice Cream Party, Experience and Adventures, Barleans Products, Games & Toys.

CONTACT: Susan Burgler · 360-319-5585

MARIAN NIGHT

WHEN: Friday, May 29, 7:00PM

WHERE: Sacred Heart

On Friday, May 29th at 7:00PM at Sacred Heart parish, the Marian consecration weekend will start with an evening of Eucharistic adoration, praise and worship music and Marian hymns, lead by Fr. Tyler and Whatcom Catholic singers.

SCHOOL NEWS

PROGRESS UPDATE FOR NDHS

On March 1, the Northern Deanery Catholic High School (NDCHS) formally submitted its application to be approved as the newest secondary school in the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Office for Catholic Schools is recommending approval for NDCHS to Archbishop Etienne, and it is possible that we will hear his response to this recommendation by end of May. However, May 31 is not a hard deadline and the Archbishop may require more time for discernment.

NDCHS leadership remains hopeful and committed to our mission throughout this process, and we will share updates with our community once we learn Archbishop Etienne's decision. Until then, please visit ndhighschool.org for more information.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support in the meantime!

JOB OPENINGS

We are pleased to announce a job opportunity at Assumption seeking to fill for the 2026–2027 school year. It is a part-time job in the preschool classroom as a teacher aide. The information is posted on our school employment page, and the link is here if you or someone you know may be interested.

INFORMATION: <https://school.assumption.org/about/employment-opportunities-2/>

NO SCHOOL

WHEN: Monday, May 25, 2026

Assumption School will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

WHEN: Saturday, May 23, 2026, Noon

We will be taking an active role in the parade this year. Our seventh graders and parents will be hosting the parking lot and taking donations to start the fundraising for their trip next year to Washington, DC. and our very own ACS Band will walk with other students in the parade this year. Come and see the school, have fun, and honor our country and military. The Gold Star families will have a tent again right in front of our school, which is a big honor for us to remember those lives lost in our military. The parade starts at noon on Saturday, May 23rd, 2026.

GRADUATION & MASS CEREMONY

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 4:00PM

WHERE: Church of the Assumption

The class of 2026 would like to invite all parishioners, family and friends to the Graduation Mass on June 4th at 4PM in the Church of the Assumption. After mass, Mr. Ramos, principal, and Mrs. Lisa Blas, 8th grade teacher, will proceed with the official Graduation Ceremony. This year we have 26 students and 6 families graduating out of our school community. We thank God for each of them and ask for blessings on the graduating class throughout high school and beyond. Congratulations Class of 2026!

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

HOPE HOUSE NEEDS

Hope House is currently in need of the following items for our neighbors in need. Please do not leave donations outside during closed hours to prevent theft or damage.

Men's clothing · New underwear & socks (all sizes)

Towels · Sheets · Blankets

Diapers (Size 5+) · Pull-ups · Toilet paper

Donation bins are available in the Gathering Space at Assumption. Several local business partners are also hosting bins through the end of the month.

DROP-OFF: Rodda Paint Co (747 Ohio St)

DROP-OFF: Wellman & Zuck (1840 Iron St)

FOLLOW: [@hopehouse](#) for future locations

SPANISH POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

WHEN: June 5-7

Proyecto Raquel ofrece un ambiente confidencial y compasivo para quienes sufren los efectos de un aborto provocado. A través del retiro Viñedo de Raquel, el ministerio brinda un espacio para encontrar esperanza y sanación. No es necesario caminar a solas en este proceso.

INFORMATION: ccsww.org/projectrachel

CONTACT: Alejandra 206-450-7814

PREPARES SUMMER ROAD TRIP

OVERNIGHT: Deception Pass, July 8

OVERNIGHT: Sequest State Park, July 16

DAY VISITS: Various Dates

DEADLINE: June 29

PREPARES invites participating families to attend the Summer Road Trip at various regional parks. These events provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and community fellowship during the summer months.

Participants must register by June 29 to assist with coordination and supplies. One week before the scheduled visit, registered families will receive an email containing the itinerary, parking details, and required release forms. Bilingual information sheets are available on the program website.

INFORMATION: preparesforlife.org

REGISTER: [Online](#)

UPCOMING

Monday, May 25

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, May 27

WEEKDAY · *St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*
OFFICE CLOSED

4:30PM Teen Adoration ST JOSEPH
6:30PM Reach Moore Training ST JOSEPH

Thursday, May 28

WEEKDAY
OFFICE CLOSED

8:30AM Confessions & Rosary ST ANNE
9:00AM Mass † *Matthew Welsh* ST ANNE
10:30AM 10:10 Challenge ST ANNE
5:00PM Mass ST JOACHIM
6:30PM Men's Bible Study ST JOSEPH

Friday, May 29

WEEKDAY · *St Paul VI, Pope*

9:00AM Mass † ST JOSEPH
6:00PM Community Night ST JOSEPH

Saturday, May 30

WEEKDAY · *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

3:00PM Confessions ST JOSEPH
4:30PM Confessions ST ANNE
5:00PM Mass ST ANNE

Sunday, May 31

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:15AM Confessions ST JOACHIM
8:30AM Mass ST JOACHIM
10:30AM Baccalaureate Mass* ST JOSEPH
Noon Youth Group ST JOSEPH

*The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the Mass.

‡The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed following the Mass.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

WIN SOULS, NOT ARGUMENTS

WHEN: Friday, May 22, 6:30PM, continues for six Fridays
WHERE: Assumption School Gym

7 Weeks of useful tools to help you dialogue about your faith. Discover ways to explain your beloved Catholic faith to non-Catholic or fallen-away friends or loved ones using Scripture and reason. You don't have to avoid such conversations. Share your faith with clarity and peace. Sign up for this 7-week course designed to help you share what the Church teaches using Scripture and reason. All materials provided. Just show up!

Scripture & Tradition · Sola Scriptura · The Papacy
The Eucharist · Confession · Mary · Who is Jesus?
7 Pitfalls of Apologetics

Please bring your Controversies and Question about these topics, so we may all deepen our knowledge and faith.

LEADER: Rose Marie Norton-Nader · airosmri89@gmail.com

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Congratulations Class of 2026! Are you a high school graduate or do you know a graduate who would like to participate in Graduation Mass on the weekend of May 30/31st? Come to Mass the last weekend in May, wear your cap and gown and receive a Graduation Blessing from our Community as you head into Graduation Week! Please call the office or reach out to Jill Sawicki to reserve your place by May 25th!

EMAIL: Jill@stjosephferndale.org

WOMEN'S CONNECT

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 6:00–8:30PM
WHERE: Sacred Heart Church Hall

All women are welcome to join us at our Women's Connect Event on Thursday, June 4, 6–8:30PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall. The theme is "The Sacred Heart of Jesus" and apart from the usual food, singing prayers, a super craft and liturgy information, Father Moore will be with us to teach us about how we talk about our Catholic Faith in an ever growing hostile world.

ONLINE: womensconnect.live

COMMUNITY NIGHT

WHEN: Friday, May 29, 6:00–8:30PM

WHERE: St Joseph Social Hall

St Joseph will host a monthly Community Night on the last Friday of each month, beginning May 29. The evening includes pizza and a variety of casual activities, with an emphasis on group games and trivia that can be enjoyed across ages. The setting is informal, with participants free to arrive and depart at any time. Families are welcome, and children are encouraged to take part alongside adults.

ST JOHN PAUL II BIRTHDAY MASS CELEBRATION

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 11:00AM

WHERE: Church of the Assumption

Join us to celebrate St John Paul II's 106th birthday with a special Mass on Saturday, May 30th, at 11:00AM at the Church of the Assumption. After the Mass, we will release 7 doves to symbolize unity and peace across the world's 7 continents. Following this will be an international potluck reception in the gym. We encourage everyone to bring and share a dish that represents their cultural heritage.

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREATS

SPANISH: Friday, June 5–Sunday, June 7

ENGLISH: Friday, Sept. 25–Sunday, Sept. 27

MEN'S: Saturday, Oct. 10–Sunday Oct. 11

Peace. Is that a word that you thought was a word that no longer would be for you since your involvement in a decision that ended a pregnancy? Join us for a future healing retreat and see what His mercy and His peace are all about, and how it is most definitely for you!

EMAIL: projectrachel@ccsw.org

ONLINE: ccsw.org/projectrachel

FACEBOOK: [@projectrachelw](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelw)

BRAND NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S SMALL GROUP

WHEN: Every Friday, starting June 5, 5–7PM

WHERE: St Joseph Disciples Den

For people 20–35. BUILD: Building Up In Living Discipleship First Night is Friday, June 5 2026 from 5–7:00PM in the Disciple Den at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ferndale and then weekly. To register contact Carolyn and please bring a friend.

REGISTER: Carolyn · [360-220-9980](tel:360-220-9980)

NO UNLIKELY SAINTS — A MENTAL HEALTH RETREAT

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 9:30AM–4:30PM

WHERE: Peace and Spirituality Center, Bellevue

For those struggling with mental illnesses or those concerned and wanting to help others. Learn how mental illness can become a pathway to holiness by exploring the lives of saints who struggled with mental illness.

LEARN MORE: archseattle.org

QUO VADIS DAYS 2026

WHEN: June 29–July 2

WHERE: Saint Martin's University, Lacey

New location this year! This amazing 4-day overnight camp for high school men (incoming grades 9–12) with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Seattle provides participants the opportunity to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their faith and better discern God's call in their lives. Space is limited to 60.

REGISTER: archseattle.org

TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE TRAINING AVAILABLE

SESSION 1: September 10–12

SESSION 2: November 12–14

WHERE: Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, Palisades

When someone gets divorced, the Church is sometimes asked to investigate whether the marriage was flawed from the beginning. Tribunal Advocates help parishioners navigate this complicated and delicate process. This ministry requires a balance of technical aptitude and pastoral care.

Candidates must be adults in good standing who are patient, reliable, and committed to maintaining strict confidentiality. Participation requires attendance at both training workshops this fall. Those interested should contact Dr. Kathy Ernst to schedule an initial meeting; all candidates must receive approval from Fr. Moore.

PHONE: [253-356-5523](tel:253-356-5523) EMAIL: kathy@whatcomcatholic.org

ASSUMPTION ALUMNI REUNION: 1950S & 1960S

WHEN: Thursday, September 17, 1–6PM
WHERE: Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Alumni who attended Assumption School during the 1950s and 1960s are invited to a reunion gathering this fall. The afternoon will feature a buffet with hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine. An optional golf game is also available for those interested; please contact Frank Imhof for scheduling and cost details.

The cost is \$40 per person. Please mail your payment no later than August 15 to: Bob Sternhagen, 1833 Mt Baker Hwy, Bellingham, WA 98226. If you are interested in attending or have contact information for former classmates, please reach out to a committee member.

COMMITTEE: Robert Sternhagen 360-961-8746
Mergie Haling 360-201-5076 · Pat Ferry 360-961-1313
Frank Imhof 360-201-7300 · Candice Deger 360-961-6804

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

SPOKANE, WA Oct 2–4
TACOMA, WA Oct 9–11
SEATTLE, WA Nov 13–15

It is time to get your marriage in shape! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is better than any college course. In just one short weekend, you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Early registration is highly recommended. Worldwide Marriage Encounter was recently granted canonical recognition as an international private association of the faithful by the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

CONTACT: Jeff & Sandy Corneil 360-903-2321
INFORMATION: wwme.org
INSTAGRAM: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter)
FACEBOOK: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.facebook.com/worldwidemarriageencounter)

CCS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Catholic Community Services seeks volunteers for Hope House and the Lynden Food Bank. Volunteers provide essential support to the local community through flexible weekly or monthly commitments. Please contact the program managers for information on how to assist.

HOPE HOUSE: 360-671-8702
AGAPE FOOD BANK: 360-393-8926

ST JOSEPH SMALL MEN'S GROUP

WHEN: Thursdays, 6:30–8:30PM
WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale, Disciples Den

Looking for a place to grow in faith, build strong friendships, and dive deeper into God's Word?

Come be part of our Men's Small Group at St Joseph in Ferndale. We will be meeting every Thursday in the Disciple's Den. We read and discuss the Bible, encourage one another, and strengthen our walk with Christ in a welcoming and supportive environment. We are currently reading through the Ignatius Study Bible and we will be starting on the Epistles of John.

Whether you're new to Scripture or have been studying for years, all men are welcome. No pressure—just honest conversation, shared faith, and a chance to grow together.

CONTACT: David Day · 360-594-9426



What: **Jesus Day Camp**

When: **June 22 - June 26 9 am - Noon**

Where: **St. Joseph, Ferndale**

Who: **Pre-K thru entering 5th grade**

6th thru 12th grade can volunteer!
Contact dawn@stjosephferndale.org

Cost: **\$25.** Scholarships Available for anyone who needs them.

Deadline: **June 7, Or when all spots are filled, whichever comes first!**



Register today!
Don't Wait!

