

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SACRED HEART: NOVENA

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

The traditional nine-day Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus begins this Wednesday, June 3. This period of prayer serves as the primary spiritual preparation for the upcoming national consecration on June 11 and the Solemnity on June 12. Parishioners are encouraged to begin the novena on June 3 to join the wider archdiocesan community in prayer.

In addition to the novena, Archbishop Paul D. Etienne has highlighted two long-term devotional practices for households. The first is the Morning Offering, a daily prayer dedicating the day's labors, joys, and struggles to Christ. The second is the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, which involves setting aside a place of honor in the home for a blessed image of the Sacred Heart, serving as a visual reminder of Christ's presence in daily family life.

The three central pillars of this upcoming devotion include:

- *The Novena*: Nine days of prayer beginning Wednesday, June 3.
- *The Morning Offering*: A daily prayer of dedication at the start of the day.
- *Home Enthronement*: Placing a blessed image of the Sacred Heart in the home.

RESOURCES & PRAYERS: archseattle.org/sacredheart

PARISH NEWS

PASTOR'S NOTE

FR. MOORE READS HIS PASTOR'S NOTES

Fr. Moore has now launched an additional aspect of his podcast, where he reads his pastor's notes. You can find his readings of his pastor's notes on the Podbean website here, or by downloading the Podbean app and searching Fr. Moore. In addition, you can also listen to all of Fr. Moore's homilies by searching on your preferred podcast app "Fr. Moore Homilies". Fr. Moore also updates his personal website, fr.moore.com, with his homilies, pastor's notes and other informational letters.

LISTEN ONLINE: morefrmoore.podbean.com

WEBSITE: frmoore.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME SEMINARIANS

We are pleased to welcome two seminarians to our county this summer. During the summer, the diocesan seminarians spend time interning either in parishes or specific projects/ministries. This summer, Whatcom Catholic is blessed to host 2 seminarians, Ayden Anderson and Phillip Powell. Phillip will be working with the Agape service project in Lynden and will live at St Joseph in Ferndale. Ayden will be working with Fr. Tyler at Viking Catholic and will be living at the rectory at Sacred Heart. We hope that parishioners will continue to keep these seminarians in their prayers as they are in seminary.

INFORMATION: archseattle.org/vocations

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](#).

WHATCOM CATHOLIC MASS

DATE: Sunday, June 14

MASS: 11:00AM @ Wex'Liem, 2100 Blackhawk Way

PICNIC: 12:30PM @ Zuanich Park, 2600 N Harbor Loop

Whatcom Catholic is pleased to announce that there will be a combined Whatcom Catholic mass at the Wex'liem. The hope is that this mass will bring together the over 3,000 Catholics across Whatcom County as we gather in Eucharistic celebration. Following the mass there will be a picnic at Zuanich point park where there will be a BBQ and picnic with lots of faith and fellowship. We are in need of donations of soda, water, and salad, along with canopy tents.

VOLUNTEER: signupgenius.com

MARIAN CONSECRATION IS SATURDAY, MAY 30TH

WHEN: Saturday, May 30

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church

On Saturday, May 30th, we want to invite all parishioners that have participated in small groups or at home to the final day of the consecration. We will have a special consecration Mass at Sacred Heart at 10am. No need to bring anything because the Consecration prayer will be provided. You are welcome to invite guests to the Mass as well. After Mass there will be a reception in the hall. For planning purposes, email Danila VanVeen or Michele King at the addresses listed.

CONTACT: Danila VanVeen · danilavanveen@hotmail.com

CONTACT: Michele King · michele1438@gmail.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](tel:360-319-5585)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WHEN: Thursday, June 18, after 9:00AM Mass

WHERE: St Anne

Knights of Columbus are serving their first Pancake Breakfast after Mass. Please come and enjoy a delicious Pancake Breakfast. Everyone is invited to partake in this beautiful gesture sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

SCHOOL NEWS

JOB OPENINGS

We are excited to announce the hiring of three new teachers for the coming 2026–27 school year. These wonderful teachers are experienced and come to us seeking a job where faith is important. Miss Emma Alexandar has been a substitute and long-term sub for us over the last year and a half. She is looking forward to being a part of our community full time next year as our 5th grade teacher. Next, Mrs. Meaghan Brooke has many years of experience including the special education at Irene Reither in the Meridian School District. She will be full time next year as our 4th grade homeroom teacher and brings her daughter to Assumption in the first-grade class. Finally, Mrs. Carella Clark who is currently on staff in Blaine and a catechist at St Joseph's in Ferndale. She comes to Assumption as our 3rd grade homeroom teacher. Mrs. Clark will collaborate with Mrs. Bev Williams, as both of them, will be instructing our incoming third graders.

We are happy and grateful to have two classes for third grade, but this means that Assumption has room for more students at this age. If you or someone you know has an interest in bringing their child to Assumption, contact our Admissions/Marketing Director, Dayna Dennis, who would be happy to assist you with a tour and registration information.

CONTACT: Dayna Dennis ddennis@assumption.school

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/>

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](https://www.instagram.com/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](#)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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

Let us bring new hope to our marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience to learn how Jesus gives us the graces for a strong Sacrament. Don't take a vacation from the best marriage you can have. Bring God into your marriage and see it flourish.

CONTACT: Jeff & Sandy Corneil 360-903-2321

INFORMATION: wwme.org

INSTAGRAM: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](#)

FACEBOOK: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](#)

UPCOMING

Wednesday, June 3

ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1 4:30PM Teen Adoration ST JOSEPH
6:30PM Reach Moore Training ST JOSEPH

Thursday, June 4

WEEKDAY

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

Friday, June 5

ST BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

9:00AM Mass[†] ST JOSEPH
5:00PM Young People's Small Group ST JOSEPH

Saturday, June 6

WEEKDAY · St Norbert, Bishop

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

Sunday, June 7

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

8:15AM Confessions ST JOACHIM
8:30AM Mass ST JOACHIM
10:30AM 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 · arosmri89@gmail.com

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

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 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

Margie Haling 360-201-5076 · Pat Ferry 360-961-1313

Frank Imhof 360-201-7300 · Candice Deger 360-961-6804

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