

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

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St Joseph

5781 Hendrickson Ave, Ferndale
SCAN TO GIVE



St Anne

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St Joachim

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SACRED HEART: CONSECRATION & SOLEMNITY

CONSECRATION: June 11, 1:00PM (Livestream)

SOLEMNITY: June 12

The U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is Friday, June 12. These events mark the conclusion of the archdiocesan initiative introduced in Archbishop Paul D. Etienne's pastoral letter. Printed Morning Offering prayer cards will be distributed at all parish Masses this weekend. Archbishop Etienne encourages daily recitation of this prayer and the practice of home enthronement.

Opportunities for participation include:

- *National Consecration Livestream*: Broadcast June 11 at 1:00PM.
- *Solemnity Mass*: Celebrated locally on Friday, June 12.
- *Prayer Card Distribution*: Available at all weekend Masses, June 13–14.
- *Home Enthronement*: Guidelines for dedicating the home to the Sacred Heart are available on the archdiocesan website.

RESOURCES & PRAYERS: archseattle.org/sacredheart

LIVESTREAM: youtube.com/usccb

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal and our mission.

Through the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has answered the call to strengthen our local Catholic community. Your generous gifts sustain the ministries that serve the needs of our faith family and help build the future of our Church.

From chaplains bringing comfort to those in hospitals and prisons, to multicultural and inclusion ministries fostering a culture of belonging rooted in faith—your support makes this possible. Additionally, every dollar raised above our parish goal will go toward the Annual Catholic Appeal, further supporting our parish and mission.

Thank you to all who have participated over the past few months. If you haven't yet contributed, there's still time! You can use a pew envelope or donate online.

DONATE: archseattle.org/giveca

PARISH NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACA CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Campaign updates and donor participation rates across our parish family as of May 21, 2026.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS

PARISH	GOAL	RAISED	% GOAL
St Anne Blaine	\$17,980	\$10,645	59%
St Joseph Lynden	\$33,364	\$10,904	33%
St Joachim Lummi	\$6,876	\$2,135	31%
St Joseph Ferndale	\$32,740	\$9,750	30%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	\$68,582	\$17,635	26%
Assumption Bellingham	\$126,203	\$25,126	20%
St Peter Deming	\$12,967	\$1,830	14%
Total	\$298,712	\$78,025	26%

HISTORICAL COMPARISON

Number of participating parishioners compared to last year.

PARISH	2025	2026	% PART.
St Anne Blaine	75	23	31%
St Joseph Lynden	95	35	37%
St Joachim Lummi	21	5	24%
St Joseph Ferndale	87	26	30%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	134	41	31%
Assumption Bellingham	284	78	27%
St Peter Deming	34	8	24%
Total	730	216	30%

TEXTING

All location managers and faith formation staff now have texting on their direct line on their work phone. Check below to find the direct line of your front office parish staff so that you can text or call them directly. For anything related to their professional ministry work, we request that you reach out to parish staff members on their work number. Parish staff will answer calls or texts within their normal working hours. We are excited for this new update.

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

LISTENING SESSION SYNTHESIS

Thank you again to all who participated in the recent listening sessions that reflected on the opportunities and challenges that confront us as we move forward in the Partners in the Gospel process.

Your comments and input were reviewed and important repetitive themes were brought forward into a synthesis document coupled with an appendix that shows the collected input.

This process was accomplished by dividing the notes into three groups and assigning them to teams, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Each review team had 3 members. Notes were read at least twice and then combined into a summary.

After each team was finished, the three summaries were combined into a final synthesis draft along with the appendix listing all the themes found in the listening session notes.

This final draft was then given to team John, whose members were Fr. Moore, Olivia Phillips, and Gina DePalma, our Parish family liaison. Team John reviewed and made suggestions. The final draft will be shared with you on June 12th.

We tell you about this process because we want you to know and understand how important your input was and how it was respected and brought forth into this final form.

INFORMATION: whatcomcatholic.org/about-the-process

FACEBOOK: [Whatcom Catholic Fellowship](#)

CHURCH EVENTS

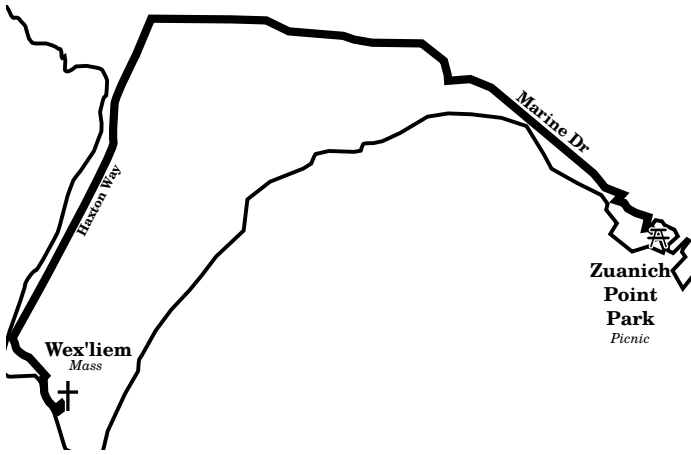
ROOF RECOVERY APPEAL

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: \$58,789.16

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

JESUS DAY CAMP

WHEN: June 22–26, 9:00AM–Noon
 WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale

Registration is open for our 43rd Annual Jesus Day Camp! Parents, don't miss this incredible opportunity for children in preschool through entering 5th grade! Camp is June 22–June 26 from 9AM–Noon. Registration is required. Cost is \$25, but please don't let the cost keep you from registering - we have scholarships for all who need them. Our theme this year is "Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments". Every day, children will sing songs, make a craft, have a snack, play outside, and have a ton of fun all while learning about their faith! All campers will receive a t-shirt. We will have bouncy houses, as well as a barbecue lunch after camp on June 26th, and children will sing their camp songs at Mass on June 28th. Please register right away — we usually fill all available spots. It also helps us with planning the sooner you register.

REGISTER: stjosephferndale.org/jesus-day-camp

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, After the 5:00PM Mass
 WHERE: St Anne

Please join us after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, June 20th, as we come together to celebrate our fathers. Stop by for an ice cream treat, conversation, and community. All are welcome!

MEN'S SMALL GROUP: MISSISSIPPI STYLE SMOKED PORK NIGHT

WHEN: Thursday, June 25, 5:30–7:30PM
 WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale, Disciple's Den

All men of the Whatcom Catholic Parish Family are invited to join the St. Joseph's Men's Small Group in Ferndale for Mississippi style smoked pork, fellowship, prayer, conversation, and scripture. Come meet other Catholic men and learn more about our men's small group.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another". (Prov. 27:17)

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING & POTLUCK

WHEN: Saturday, June 27, After the 5:00PM Mass
 WHERE: St Anne

Please join us for our monthly Altar Society meeting and potluck immediately following the 5:00PM Mass.

Come for the food and fellowship, and stay for the meeting as we discuss our upcoming events. Please bring your favorite dish, appetizer, or dessert to share! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Holy Family Council No. 7356 in Ferndale, WA of the Knights of Columbus each year offers scholarships to graduating seniors of Whatcom County. This year we are anticipating three \$1,500 scholarships. The competition for our scholarships focuses on scholastic achievement, faith, family, service to church and community, and individual need. For more information and an application please contact your school counselor, youth leader or the scholarship chairman, Steve Malpezzi.

CONTACT: Steve Malpezzi 360-510-0712
smalpezzi@comcast.net

MEN'S SMALL GROUP — JOIN US!

WHEN: Second and fourth 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. For this summer, June 11–September 10th, we will be meeting every second and fourth Thursday from 6:30PM to 8:30PM 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.

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

PIZZA, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP

WHEN: Friday, June 26, 6:00–8:30PM

WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale, Social Hall

St Joseph in Ferndale will host its next Pizza, Games and Fellowship night on Friday, June 26. The evening will feature homemade pizza, bingo, and time for conversation and community. The event is open to everyone, including families with children, and parishioners are welcome to invite friends, family members, and neighbors of all faith backgrounds. Pizza will be provided, and attendees are welcome to bring a dessert to share. There is no cost to attend, though donations are welcome.

SCHOOL NEWS

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking to fill the position of part-time preschool aide on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays and Extended Day Program Director for Monday through Friday. If you or someone you know is interested and would love to work at the only Whatcom Catholic School K–8, then please visit our website for details and job descriptions. Any questions can be directed to Mr. E. Omar Ramos.

DETAILS: school.assumption.org

CONTACT: Mr. E. Omar Ramos mrramos@assumption.school

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 10th is the last official school day, and we celebrate it with a prayer service including a “moving up” ceremony. This is where in the church assigned seating, teachers say goodbye to their outgoing class and welcome in the new class from another section of the pews. It is a great whole body, mind, and spirit exercise in change and growth. We will also acknowledge those teachers and staff that will be leaving as well as our high school alumnus scholarship award winners. The school office will continue to be open until June 26th from 9–2PM, and then closed for the month of July. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the last year. We are very blessed to be a part of Assumption and Whatcom Catholic parishes.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

CRS EBOLA RESPONSE

Following the declaration of a deadly Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is rapidly mobilizing to support communities and limit further spread of the virus. The outbreak, centered in northeastern Ituri Province, has already led to more than 530 suspected cases, including 33 confirmed infections, and 134 suspected deaths, four of which have been confirmed. Cases have also emerged in North Kivu and crossed into neighboring Uganda. “The fear is that there are many more unidentified cases. At the same time, health workers lack the equipment needed to protect themselves and care for patients,” said Dr. Rafaramalala Volanarisoa, CRS' Head of Office in DRC.

In response, CRS has committed initial emergency funding and is working closely with national and local partners and health authorities to help contain the spread of the virus and protect vulnerable communities. CRS is supporting communities through targeted awareness and education and working closely with trusted local networks to share lifesaving information about Ebola prevention and early detection. CRS will also strengthen the ability of local organizations to respond by providing frontline responders and community-based partners with essential resources and training. Please visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

LEARN MORE: crs.org

PREPARES SUMMER ROAD TRIP

OVERNIGHT: Deception Pass, July 8
OVERNIGHT: Seaquest 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 10

WEEKDAY

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

Thursday, June 11

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE

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

Friday, June 12

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

Saturday, June 13

WEEKDAY · *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

Sunday, June 14

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30AM Mass ST JOSEPH
11:00AM Mass WEX'LIEM
12:30PM Parish Picnic ZUANICH PARK

*The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the Mass.

†The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed following the Mass.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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

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

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)

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.

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](tel:360-961-8746)
Margie Haling [360-201-5076](tel:360-201-5076) · Pat Ferry [360-961-1313](tel:360-961-1313)
Frank Imhof [360-201-7300](tel:360-201-7300) · Candice Deger [360-961-6804](tel:360-961-6804)



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!

