

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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 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

PASTOR'S NOTE

While Fr. Moore is away, the Parish Family Advisory Council will provide reports in place of the weekly Pastor's Note.

Whatcom Catholic parishioners came together to identify opportunities and challenges present in the wider community and parish family. This synthesis presents the most common themes shared.

WHATCOM COUNTY CHALLENGES

There is a growing need for **evangelization**, especially to reconnect with Catholics who have fallen away from the faith and to reach those who do not identify with any religion.

“Evangelization cannot occur without preparation. If we weren't effectively catechized, then we must do something about it. If we are going to be ‘priests’ in our households, we need to step it up and be practicing Catholics. Would our children recognize us as Christians by watching us?”

Participants also emphasized the importance of supporting **marginalized** individuals, such as those experiencing homelessness and addiction, as well as veterans, widows, the homebound, single parents, and others.

“The homeless community, it breaks my heart, I try to make eye contact. I feel like Christ calls us to take care of the marginalized.”

The high **cost of living** in Whatcom County, including housing affordability and the rising cost of goods, services, and transportation, continues to place pressure on families and individuals. The **distance** between the seven Catholic church locations across the county creates challenges for participation in church life, including

development of strong youth ministries. Access to social services is a struggle for many, especially for those in rural communities.

Concerns remain about the **stigma** surrounding the Catholic Church, including perceptions that Catholics are unwelcoming and misunderstandings about Catholic beliefs. We also struggle to engage youth the way other Christian denominations appeal to younger members.

PARISH FAMILY CHALLENGES

The most common challenge shared about the newly formed parish family was **ineffective communication**. Examples included difficult-to-read bulletins, hard-to-navigate websites, limited messaging between parish locations, insufficient information to the Spanish-speaking community, and the lack of a consistent parish-wide communication plan.

“We need to have things more vibrant and that will make people more likely to come and participate. We aren’t aware of what is going on or the opportunities. No communication. Make it easy to participate.”

Parishioners also expressed concern about the lack of **volunteer engagement**, citing poor coordination, lack of information on opportunities to get involved, underuse of parishioners’ talents and gifts, and inadequate lay leadership development.

Financial concerns were frequently mentioned as well, including a lack of transparent reporting regarding financial viability, facility assessments, and building maintenance needs. Financial uncertainty also elicited fears about church closures and reduced hours to contact parish staff. Many acknowledged that current economic conditions limit people’s ability to give their time, talent, and financial support to the Church.

“We get used to the things that are broken and that’s not a good thing.”

Faith formation remains another significant challenge, with concerns that the Catechism and Catholic teachings are not consistently taught throughout a parishioner’s life, making evangelization and ministry more difficult. Finally, many parishioners expressed a desire for stronger personal relationships and greater connection with their **parish priests**. Many were concerned about priest burnout.

“I miss having a parish priest. A relationship. The shortage. A lot is being missed.”

OPPORTUNITIES

Parishioners generously shared ideas and opportunities for strengthening the parish family and building a vibrant Catholic community throughout Whatcom County. A clear and effective **communication plan** was identified as essential for connecting and unifying the new parish family. Participants also emphasized the importance of improving information regarding **volunteer opportunities**, along with better plans for volunteer training and recruitment. There is a strong desire to better support existing parishioners, especially the elderly and widowed.

“Communicate, talk to one another, discover who needs us, foster connections, be the kind of Catholic that attracts others and lives the Gospel, support the single moms and dads, who in our parish needs us or is alone and wanting connection.”

Faith formation was another major focus, with calls for a consistent curriculum and shared expectations across the county, as well as more opportunities for people of all ages to grow in their faith through online programs, adult classes and full family catechesis.

Fellowship was frequently highlighted as an opportunity to create a more welcoming and inviting environment for both parishioners and newcomers. Many expressed a desire for stronger relationships within the Catholic community through small groups, parish gatherings, cross-cultural activities, and simple acts of hospitality.

“Maybe we don’t care about the right things, that’s welcoming people and engaging them; not so much about other things. A lack of hospitality will hurt us more in the long run than old buildings and a lack of priests.”

Support for these goals requires a comprehensive and transparent **financial plan**, consistent with Archdiocesan guidelines, that includes building assessments, a regular maintenance schedule, planned giving, fundraising needs, staff development and training, and clear communication about parish resources and priorities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHATCOM CATHOLIC MASS AND PICNIC



Thank you to all of those who attended our first Whatcom Catholic Mass on June 14th. There were at least 600 people in attendance at the Wex'Liem, and between 800 and 1,000 people at the picnic. It was beautiful to have so many Catholics present. We would like to especially thank all of the volunteers who helped to organize the picnic, and all of those who served and helped in the Mass. If you snapped any memorable photos, please feel free to share them with olivia@whatcomcatholic.org, as we hope to further keep an archive of this inaugural celebration.

We look forward to inviting the whole Whatcom Catholic community to the St Kateri feast day celebration on July 14th at 5PM followed by a seafood and potluck celebration. Mass will be presided over by Archbishop Etienne. More information will be in the bulletin so please keep your eyes peeled.

—Whatcom Catholic Regional Office

ACA CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Campaign updates and donor participation rates across our parish family as of June 11, 2026.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS

PARISH	GOAL	RAISED	% GOAL
St Anne Blaine	\$17,980	\$12,110	67%
St Joseph Lynden	\$33,364	\$15,294	46%
St Joseph Ferndale	\$32,740	\$14,930	46%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	\$68,582	\$26,364	38%
St Joachim Lummi	\$6,876	\$2,205	32%
Assumption Bellingham	\$126,203	\$38,321	30%
St Peter Deming	\$12,967	\$3,495	27%
Total	\$298,712	\$112,719	38%

HISTORICAL COMPARISON

Number of participating parishioners compared to last year.

PARISH	2025	2026	% PART.
St Anne Blaine	75	23	31%
St Joseph Lynden	95	39	41%
St Joseph Ferndale	87	32	37%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	134	53	40%
St Joachim Lummi	21	5	24%
Assumption Bellingham	284	107	38%
St Peter Deming	34	12	35%
Total	730	263	36%

MAY GIVING SUMMARY

Combined giving summary for our parish family through the month of May.

PARISH	24-25 YTD	25-26 YTD	% CHG
Assumption Bellingham	992,888	1,051,486	+6%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	601,895	621,886	+3%
St Joseph Ferndale	260,400	308,680	+19%
St Anne Blaine	154,942	150,341	-3%
St Joachim Lummi	56,502	63,336	+12%
St Joseph Lynden	289,442	285,386	-1%
St Peter Deming	123,704	114,758	-7%

EXTRA COLLECTIONS REMITTED

Priest Pension	\$255.00
Rice Bowl	\$102.92
Peter's Pence	\$60.00
Holy Land	\$40.00
CCS PREPARES Appeal	\$20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
NW Catholic	\$10.00

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](#).

AGAPE SUPPLY DRIVE

WHEN: June 22-28

WHERE: St Joseph

During Jesus Day Camp a supply drive will be happening for Agape Children. They need New Backpacks and Pull-ups sizes 2T-5T.

Please drop off donations in the Narthex at St Joseph Ferndale.

WHATCOM CATHOLIC PASSPORT WORK PARTY

WHEN: Friday, June 26, 4:30-5:30PM

WHERE: Assumption

Pulled from an idea from the listening sessions, in July Whatcom Catholic will be launching a passport, where parishioners can receive a stamp for visiting one of the 7 churches within our parish family. In order to give flight to this initiative, we will need volunteers with assisting in assembling the passports so we can make this vision a reality. If you have a panache for paper, RSVP to Olivia, the paper folding party will be in the 2nd floor conference room at Assumption from 4:30-5:30PM on June 26th. Light refreshments will be provided. More information to come about the passport initiative and when it will officially take launch.

RSVP: Olivia@whatcomcatholic.org

ST JOACHIM CLEAN UP

WHEN: Saturday, June 27, 10:00AM-2:00PM

WHERE: St Joachim, 4180 Lummi Dr, Bellingham

Help is needed to clean the interior and exterior of St Joachim, in preparation for St Kateri Feast Day on July 14, 2026, at 5:00PM.

Bring any cleaning supplies or yard tools to assist in beautifying the Church and grounds. Many hands make light work. Refreshments will be served.

CONTACT: Myra@stjosephferndale.org · 360-384-3651

FAITH ALIVE: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

WHEN: Saturday, June 27, 7:00PM

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church

All are invited to the next installment of our Faith Alive series, featuring Theology of the Body presented by seminarian Ayden Andersen.

Come dive deeper into your Catholic faith, gain new insights into God's plan for the human person, and grow in your understanding of this important teaching of the Church. Whether you are new to the topic or looking to deepen your knowledge, all are welcome.

YOUTH ADORATION & PIZZA

WHEN: Wednesdays, 4:30–6:00PM
WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale

6th–12th grade students are invited to gather each Wednesday from 4:30–6:00PM at St Joseph Catholic Church in Ferndale for Adoration in the church followed by pizza and fellowship in the social hall. This weekly gathering takes place throughout the summer.

CONTACT: Dawn Zimmerman · dawn@stjosephferndale.org

YOUTH HOLY HALF HOURS

WHEN: Thursdays, starting July 9, 3:30–4:30PM
WHERE: Church of the Assumption

6th–12th grade students are invited to Holy Half Hours, a weekly summer prayer opportunity at Church of the Assumption in Bellingham on Thursdays from July 9 through August 20. Each gathering includes 30 minutes of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a short transition to the gathering space and small group sharing outside. Students are welcome to join from 3:30–4:30PM for prayer and community.

YOUTH DAYS OF GRACE

WHEN: August 11–12
WHERE: CCS NW Agape Food Bank, St Joseph, Lynden

6th–12th grade students are invited to participate in Days of Grace, a two-day summer service opportunity on August 11–12 at CCS NW Agape Food Bank and St Joseph Catholic Church in Lynden. This is a free, non-overnight program focused on service, prayer, and community. Students are encouraged to sign up soon to help with planning and preparation. Sign-ups are available through Sign-Up Genius or by emailing Daniel. Sign-ups remain open through the first week of July.

SIGN-UP: [Sign-up Genius](#)
CONTACT: Daniel Prenosil · daniel@assumption.org

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24, 6:30PM
WHERE: Church Office Conference Room

Young adults ages 25 to 35 are invited to gather for fellowship. This group provides an informal space to grow in faith and meet peers.

SCHOOL NEWS

PARISH PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Friday, August 7 (Time TBD)
WHERE: Assumption Catholic School Parking Lot

Parishioners of all ages are invited to the upcoming Pickleball Tournament. The tournament is open to families, children, and adults. Spectators are welcome to watch the matches and gather with the community. Food, drinks, and games will be available through the Assumption Parent/Teacher Club. More details will be published in July.

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

UPCOMING

Monday, June 22

Sts. Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher & Thomas More

8:15AM Mass SACRED HEART, BELLINGHAM

Tuesday, June 23

5:30PM Mass ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

Wednesday, June 24

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15AM Mass SACRED HEART, BELLINGHAM

9:00AM Confession SACRED HEART, BELLINGHAM

4:00PM Altar Society Picnic ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

4:30PM Teen Adoration ST JOSEPH, FERNDAL

5:00PM Confession ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN

6:00PM Mass SPANISH ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN

6:30PM Reach More Training ST JOSEPH, FERNDAL

Thursday, June 25

8:15AM Mass ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

8:30AM Confessions & Rosary ST ANNE, BLAINE

9:00AM Mass ST ANNE, BLAINE

10:30AM 10:10 Challenge ST ANNE, BLAINE

5:00PM Mass ST JOACHIM, LUMMI

5:30PM Men's Smoked Pork Night . . . ST JOSEPH, FERNDAL

7:00PM Women's Connect ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

Friday, June 26

7:30AM Benediction ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

8:15AM Mass ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

9:00AM Mass[†] ST JOSEPH, FERNDAL

9:00AM Mass ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN

6:00PM Pizza, Games & Fellowship . . . ST JOSEPH, FERNDAL

Saturday, June 27

St Cyril of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

11:00AM Baptisms SPANISH ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN

6:00PM Altar Society Meeting & Potluck . ST ANNE, BLAINE

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · Sunday, June 28, 2026

St Joseph

Ferndale

MASS: 10:30AM^{*}
 CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00PM

St Anne

Blaine

VIGIL: 5:00PM †*Joseph Airolidi*
 CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:30PM

St Joachim

Lummi

MASS: 8:30AM
 CONFESSIONS: 8:00AM

Assumption

Bellingham

VIGIL: 5:00PM
 MASS: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, Spanish 1:00PM
 CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00PM

Sacred Heart

Bellingham

MASS: 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM
 CONFESSIONS: 8:00AM

St Joseph

Lynden

VIGIL: 5:00PM, Spanish 7:00PM
 MASS: 11:00AM
 CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00PM

St Peter

Deming

MASS: 8:30AM
 CONFESSIONS: 8:00AM

^{*} The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass. · † The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed following Mass.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BAGS NEEDED FOR ST JOSEPH LYNDEN PREPARES

The PREPARES program at St Joseph, Lynden is in need of grocery bags/plastic bags/reusable bags for its 3rd Friday giveaways and 1st Friday food giveaways. Currently, the program has 300 people registered, and the program has lots to giveaway. Bags can be dropped off at the front office in Lynden. Please ensure that the bags are clean and do not have holes.

CULTURE OF LIFE & LOVE SUMMIT & ARTS FESTIVAL

WHEN: Friday & Saturday, June 26–27

WHERE: HAPO Center, 6600 Burden Ave, Pasco, WA

Culture of Life & Love Summit & Arts Festival. Join us for a powerful weekend, bringing together inspiring keynote speakers and panels, creative artists, live performances and meaningful conversations – all centered on building a Culture of Life & Love in Washington State.

INFORMATION: humanlifewa.org

HOPE HOUSE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Hope House will be closed July 3 in observance of the federal holidays.

VOLUNTEER AT CCSNW AGAPE FOOD BANK

WHEN: This Summer (Multiple dates & times available)

WHERE: CCSNW Agape Food Bank

Help ensure dignified food access for our community by volunteering this summer. All ages are welcome; volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult (21+). Please sign up for a shift online and complete the brief volunteer application (for groups or families, only the leader needs to apply).

SIGN UP: signupgenius.com

APPLY: [Volunteer Application](#)

CONTACT: Rosa Figueroa at RFigueroa@ccsww.org

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

MEN'S 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)

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.

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.

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

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](tel:360-903-2321)

INFORMATION: wwme.org

INSTAGRAM: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](#)

FACEBOOK: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH FR. ALBIE

WHEN: November 3–12, 2027

WHERE: Italy (Venice, Florence, Assisi, & Rome)

Join Rev. Albie Grasher for an extraordinary 10-day pilgrimage through Italy's most sacred sites. This journey departs round-trip from Seattle and features stops in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Assisi, and Rome. Highlights include celebrating daily Mass at historic shrines and basilicas, attending a Papal Audience with the Holy Father, and a special Scavi Tour of the Vatican Necropolis beneath St. Peter's Basilica.

CONTACT: Fr. Albie albgrasher@gmail.com

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](tel:360-510-0712)
smalpezzi@comcast.net

MEN'S 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](tel:360-594-9426)