

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

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5781 Hendrickson Ave, Ferndale
SCAN TO GIVE



St Anne
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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,

The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is honored to provide the Guest Pastor Note while Fr. Moore is traveling. We'd like to take this opportunity to give a brief overview of the Partners in the Gospel journey and our next steps moving forward.

Partners in the Gospel is an Archdiocese of Seattle initiative to restructure and re-envision parish life throughout Western Washington. While indicators show a new growth in Catholicism over the past several years, there are hurdles to face: aging facilities that have not been properly maintained due to a drop in financial giving, as well as a reduction in the number of priests and, in particular, those eligible to be pastors. Partners is a multi-year process that utilizes community feedback to help the PFAC support Fr. Moore in discerning the framework for the future of our Catholic Church in Whatcom County! It moves away from the individual parish with its own pastor model to a parish family structure, sharing one pastor, additional priests (vicars), resources, and ministries.

In Whatcom County, that means all seven Catholic church locations grouped into one parish family!

Here are the steps in the Partners Process:

ORGANIZING & KICKOFF

COMPLETED 2025

- This segment effectively restructured Mass times and staff in Whatcom County.
- A summary of these changes can be found ([here](#)).

WHO ARE WE?

COMPLETED JUNE 2026

- Defined who we currently are as Whatcom Catholics.
- The first listening session summarized our Gifts & Charisms ([here](#)).
- The second listening session identified our Opportunities & Challenges ([here](#)).
- A Metrics & Viability Report was produced reflecting our current realities in areas such as demographics, sacramental participation, financial giving, church capacity utilization, and the status of our buildings ([here](#)).

WHO DO WE WANT TO BECOME?

STARTS FALL 2026

- The first round of listening sessions will tentatively take place in October.
- After this round, we'll draft a Vision Statement and list of key Initiatives.
- The Vision Statement & Initiatives will then be reviewed by parishioners whose input will be used to redraft for Fr. Moore's final approval.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

STARTS SPRING/SUMMER 2027

- Whatcom Catholic Parish Staff will determine the resources necessary to implement the proposed initiatives needed to fulfill the community's vision.
- Reporting will be available for community review and consultation. Note: some initiatives may need to be changed or removed as a result of the staff's work.

WHAT SHOULD WE BE CALLED?

EARLY 2028

- The final step is naming our new parish family through community feedback!
- The PFAC will use that feedback to include several options in the plan for consideration.
- All existing church names will remain, but the new canonical (think geographic area) parish will have its own name.

FINALIZE THE ONE PARISH PLAN

SPRING/SUMMER 2028

- Once all steps are completed, Fr. Moore will present our One Parish Plan to the Partners Review Committee who, if necessary, will provide feedback or questions to address. Once that committee is satisfied, it will be passed onto Archbishop Etienne who will review it with the Presbyteral Council before making his final decision, including the new parish name.
- Pending approval, our plan will carry us into the next decades as Catholics in Whatcom County!

Partners in the Gospel is intentionally designed to take a while: so that we seek the Holy Spirit in guiding our thoughts and feedback in listening sessions; thoroughly discern where the Lord is prompting us to go; and adequately involve the people of God in the process. If you haven't joined us for a listening session yet, please do! The synodal, small group setting fosters the Holy Spirit to speak through each of us in sharing honest, transparent dialogue.

Lastly, we hope to hear from you! If you'd like to become more engaged in the process, please visit WhatcomCatholic.org for regular updates. We're happy to answer your questions or comments. Please submit any inquiries ([here](#)).

Blessings in Christ,
Whatcom PFAC

*Hilary Padilla · Bill Zang · Gordon Plotts
Charlotte Pros · Andrea Smith · Dennis Doyle
Sonja Wolf · Chris Craven
Othoniel Martinez · Eduardo Olguin*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACA CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Campaign updates and donor participation rates across our parish family as of June 18, 2026.

St Anne 70%

RAISED: \$12,660 GOAL: \$17,980
\$5,320 remaining.

St Joseph Ferndale 55%

RAISED: \$18,040 GOAL: \$32,740
\$14,700 remaining.

St Joachim 35%

RAISED: \$2,405 GOAL: \$6,876
\$4,471 remaining.

PARISH FAMILY

PARISH	GOAL	RAISED	% GOAL
St Joseph Lynden	\$33,364	\$17,249	52%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	\$68,582	\$30,854	45%
Assumption Bellingham	\$126,203	\$42,516	34%
St Peter Deming	\$12,967	\$3,740	29%
County Total	\$298,712	\$127,464	43%

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: \$59,789.16 GOAL: \$73,000

For full details, read Fr. Moore's complete letter on the [St Joseph Website](#).

JESUS DAY CAMP THANKS



A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's Jesus Day Camp possible. As a program run almost entirely by volunteers, its success depends on the generosity of those who give their time to serve. Whatcom Catholic is deeply grateful for your hard work and your commitment to sharing the faith with our children.

—Northwest Corner Staff

ST KATERI FEAST DAY

WHEN: Tuesday, July 14, 5:00PM Mass followed by Potluck
 WHERE: St Joachim, 4195 Lummi Shore Rd, Bellingham

The 5:00PM Mass will be presided by Archbishop Etienne. Followed by a Lummi Cultural Celebration, enjoy a seafood and potluck dinner.

Please bring a salad, chips, or dessert to share (no hot food, please).

- *St Joseph, Ferndale, St Anne, and St Joachim*: desserts.
- *St Joseph, Lynden, and St Peter*: cut fruit.
- *Sacred Heart*: individual bagged chips and water.
- *Church of the Assumption*: side salads.

All are welcome.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In honor of Independence Day and the nation's 250th anniversary, the parish office will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026.

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.

Includes round trip from SEATAC, first-class hotels, English-speaking guides, daily Mass with Fr. Albie. Cost: \$5,495 per person based on double occupancy.

CONTACT: Fr. Albie albgrasher@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Friday, August 7, 4:00PM

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.

RSVP: [RSVP form](#) or scan the QR code above

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

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.

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@ccsw.org

UPCOMING

Monday, June 29

SOLEMNITY OF STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

8:15AM Mass SACRED HEART, BELLINGHAM
 9:00AM Mass ST PETER, DEMING

Tuesday, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

5:30PM Mass ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

Wednesday, July 1

St Junipero Serra, Priest

8:15AM Mass SACRED HEART, BELLINGHAM
 9:00AM Confession SACRED HEART, BELLINGHAM
 11:30AM St Mary's Guild Meeting ST JOSEPH, FERNDALE
 4:30PM Teen Adoration ST JOSEPH, FERNDALE
 5:00PM Confession ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN
 6:00PM Mass SPANISH ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN
 6:30PM Reach More Training ST JOSEPH, FERNDALE

Thursday, July 2

8:15AM Mass ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM
 8:30AM Confessions & Rosary ST ANNE, BLAINE
 9:00AM Mass ST ANNE, BLAINE
 5:00PM Mass ST JOACHIM, LUMMI
 7:00PM Women's Connect ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM

Friday, July 3

FIRST FRIDAY

FEAST OF ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30AM Benediction ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM
 8:15AM Mass ASSUMPTION, BELLINGHAM
 9:00AM Mass[†] ST JOSEPH, FERNDALE
 9:00AM Mass ST JOSEPH, LYNDEN
 4:30PM First Friday Confessions ASSUMPTION
 7:00PM Reflexión Bíblica ST JOSEPH, FERNDALE

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · Sunday, July 5, 2026

St Joseph

Ferndale

MASS: 10:30AM*
 CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00PM

St Anne

Blaine

VIGIL: 5:00PM
 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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

PREPARES SUMMER ROAD TRIP

OVERNIGHT: Deception Pass, July 8
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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](#)

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

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](#)

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.

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)