



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcome. There are many ways to get involved. If you have any questions, please let one of our staff members know or call the parish office at 253-630-0701

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist: Where stewardship is a way of life and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name! **Grow** in God's Time! **Go** in God's Spirit!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 9am to 4pm; Sat 10am to 3pm

Sunday Liturgies

Vigil: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 9am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm

Vigil mass is live-streamed Saturdays at 5:30pm on Facebook and posted to website by 8am on Sunday

Weekday Liturgies

Word & Communion: **Mon & Tues 9am**
Mass: **Wed 9am, Thurs 6:30pm, Fri 9am**

Confession: Saturday at 4pm

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"Together with Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation makes us Catholic."

- Fr. Bill

Confirmation

On June 14, our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our youth.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. Together with Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation makes us Catholic. And more than just a member of an institution, being Catholic means being joined to the Body of Christ, to be an image of Christ to others. We cannot accomplish that by human effort alone; it requires grace.

The grace of Confirmation roots us more deeply in our identity as children of God. It unites us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us. It renders our bond with the Church more perfect. And it gives us a special strength to spread the faith in both word and action. (CCC 1303).

Confirmation is necessary in order to be a godparent or sponsor. It is strongly encouraged before entering into the Sacrament of Marriage. It is also required for certain ministries within the parish.

Normally, Confirmation is celebrated in the late middle school or high school years. However, many miss this sacrament in those hectic years. For adults, the Sacrament of Confirmation may be celebrated at any age.

If you are an adult who is not yet confirmed, is now the time to receive the grace of this sacrament? Adult preparation for the sacrament may begin after the summer. Contact our Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation, Joan for more details joanw@sjtbcc.org.

-Fr. Bill



Mark Your CALENDAR



Sunday, June 5 - Pentecost Sunday

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 6

Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Christ's 2nd Commandment - 10:00 am
Young Families of Faith - 10:00 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 Den Meeting - 5:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 7

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Life, Justice, Peace Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm
Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Confirmation Practice - 7:00 pm
WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 8

Mass - 9:00 am
Grief Ministry - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 9

Yoga - 7:30 am
Facilities & Grounds Commission - 4:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm

Friday, June 10

Mass - 9:00 am
Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 11

Confirmation Retreat - 9:00 am
Piano Recital - 11:00 am
Knights of Columbus Family BBQ - 1:00 pm
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Friday, June 17 & Saturday June 18

Parish Spring Cleaning

Saturday, June 27 - July 1

Vacation Bible School

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - May 29, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$7,961.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	1,531.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	494.60
Holy Day	400.00
Vigil lights	70.50
St. Vincent de Paul	1,205.00
Eucharistic bread	20.00
VBS	80.00
Facility donation	5,000.00
Missal sales	5.00
Coffee & Donuts	89.00
Baptism	335.00
Adult Bible Study books	10.00
Faith Direct 5/15/22	22,574.50
Miscellaneous	450.00
TOTAL	\$40,226.10



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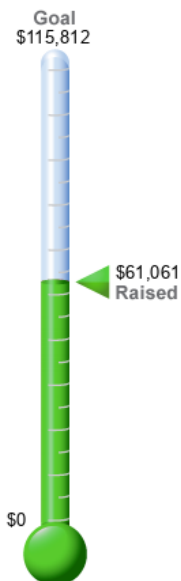


Thank you again for your response to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) this year. Father Bill is sending out a letter this week to those who are still considering their gift to the ACA campaign. He is inviting you to participate in bringing the light of Christ to others through your gift.

The funds pledged will support many archdiocesan-wide ministries including CYO camps, faith formation for all ages, and vocations to the priesthood. Where are we at with our parish goal? **We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$61,061 from 148 families of our parish. THANK YOU!** We are looking forward to surpassing our goal to fully fund our parish project. Keep an eye on the tracking thermometer on the right and in our website to see our progress!

Remember that our goal is \$115,812.00, which will go to the Archdiocese of Seattle to support their 60+ ministries. **Anything above and beyond this amount will be returned to St. John to fund parking lot safety improvements.**

Please give generously!



Synod

This week, **Bob Denney** of our Parish Leadership Team reflects on his experience of our Synodal process. He was one of the co-writers of the summary that St. John the Baptist sent to the Archdiocese.



In reflecting upon the St. John's Synod process, I wander to Luke's Gospel describing Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus. (Lk 24:13) We walk, yet we do not see. In that famous encounter, it was two apostles not recognizing the presence of Jesus. However for us, throughout the Synod gatherings, our eyes were not blinded. A prayer was said, silence was observed, and our hearts openly welcomed the stirring of the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Divine was abundantly clear during early discussions - that of one's experience of church. The joys, the difficulties, the wounds, and the insights were elicited through those church and faith experiences. Stories emerged of disappointment, anger, rejection, and uncertainty of one's role within the church's hierarchy. Emotions were stretched, but faith was not broken.

Through the darkness of those journeys, the Spirit guided hope. Dreams of an inclusive and compassionate church rang strong. Challenges were acknowledged and difficulties not shirked aside. All saw a path forward and were eager to be part of that change. Ideas flowed from everyone's lips. Challenges were captured and channeled into thought provoking opportunities. "We" and "us" and "our" were used to describe the church's future.

As Fr. Richard Rohr is fond of saying, "Light is less something you see directly and more something by which you see all other things."¹ What I saw in the gatherings and discussions were God's light and love illuminating the words of all participants. From those words, steps will be taken to distill and act upon ideas and suggestions.

Our collective views have been offered to the Archdiocese. And all of that is good. Though, as I look upon the months-long journey, the blessing I most appreciate is the sharing of stories. We all have a story; we all come with a story. The sharing of those innermost thoughts, hurts, and dreams is truly a gift from an ever-loving God.

It is now our opportunity to not make this the last chapter of our journey but rather an introduction to a revived and vibrant church, where Christ's Second Commandment is lived out in our daily lives.

- Bob Denney

¹ Richard Rohr, 2019, *The Universal Christ*, Pg. 14

In Our Parish



Those who are **sick** :

Kristi Baird, Gina Howell, Jonathan Lee, Cheryl Oakley, and Arlene Warnke

Those who have **died**:

The victims and their families of Uvalde, Texas

and

All who have sacrificed their lives to serve our country

Improving Waste Reduction at St. John the Baptist

King County has a target goal of 20% trash – 80% recycle & compost. The historical parish ratio has been 60% trash and 40% recycle & compost. At the last Knights of Columbus breakfast, we had 33% trash & 67% recycle & compost. **Great job everyone!** It took some extra effort and mindfulness, but it sure made a difference.

Stay tuned for more ways we will work towards reaching this target goal!



The St. John the Baptist Creation Care Team is entrusted as stewards of God's creation, which is our common home. As people of faith, we affirm that all of God's creation is sacred.



The **Stewardship and Evangelization Commission** met on Wednesday evening, May 25. We welcomed our new member, **Sarah Pierson**. Sarah has developed a ministry of talent concept that we hope to share more broadly

with the parish. She will be offering a mission announcement for the June 4 and 5 weekend masses to promote our Spring Cleaning of Facilities and Grounds. This event is a pilot opportunity for future new ways to shift the paradigm on stewardship of talent at St. John the Baptist. The group provided guidance regarding promotion for our next parish theme and messaging. **Our next Welcome Gathering will be Sunday, August 28** at 1:00 p.m. We are hoping to host the event in the McMullen Center. We continued our discussion on the book, *The Art of Accompaniment*, and had a lively discussion on Principle #4, "Avoid being overly self-centered" as it relates to formation of conscience. Our next meeting will be via Zoom at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 13. We will discuss Pages 23-25 of our book and Sarah's presentation on ministry and our next welcome gathering.

- Anne Frederick



Family, friends, and the community of St. John the Baptist celebrate **Lily O'Connell** and **Emma Byrd**, who received their First Holy Communion on May 29 at the 9:00 am mass!

Congratulations and welcome to the table!



Facilities & Grounds Spring Cleaning Event

COME JOIN US!

Friday, June 17 at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 18 at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Come one day or both days!

Even 90 minutes of service will bless us all!

SPECIAL FUN AND FEATURES ON SATURDAY

- Hot dogs grilled by our Knights of Columbus
- Island Adoption Program - Families, friends, and ministry groups will have an opportunity to learn about caring for a small plot of our parish property.

For more information, visit us at

<https://sjtbcc.org/2022/05/15/parish-wide-spring-cleaning/>



The Knight of Columbus will be hosting a Family BBQ for members and their families on **June 11 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm** on the church grounds.

The Knights are also extending an invitation to all men and their families who would like to attend and share an afternoon with the Knights of Council 11780. Interested men over 18 years old can register by using the link or QR Code below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q396SPK>



Looking Forward To Seeing Everyone !

From Our Community



Terrific Tuesday Meals

Volunteers with Terrific Tuesday Meals have continued providing a weekly hot take-away meal to those in need **at Holy Spirit in Kent** throughout the pandemic. They **are seeking volunteers** to assist once or twice a month with these meals. Volunteers arrive at 5:45 pm and assemble the meal bags for a 6:30 pm distribution. The distribution and clean up are typically completed by 7:15 pm. If you would like to volunteer or know more information, please contact Chari at terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com.



Catholic Community Services (CCS) Gratitude Report

CCS released their annual report highlighting the impact they had serving men, women, and children throughout 2021. Last year, 4,138 staff and 3,051 volunteers were able to provide services to 77,243 individuals in Western Washington. They were able to:

- Provide food, clothing, and basic human needs to those who lost employment.
- Offer therapy and recovery for families experiencing mental health emergencies, and continuing to meet critical online counseling services.
- Aid Veterans with housing, healthcare, and transportation challenges.
- Train and job referrals for entry level positions in social services.
- Furnish personal protective equipment for health & hygiene.
- Work in partnership with parishes to address pandemic & other needs.
- And so much more.

To read the full report, you can find it online: CCS Gratitude Report ccsww.org/2021-annual-report/

2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees



This year's theme for the 2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees is *Building the future with migrants and refugees*. Each month, we will highlight a different subtopic leading us towards the day celebrated in September.

"It is by our deeds that Jesus asks us to include everyone, because as Christians 'we do not have the right' to exclude others, nor to judge or close the doors on them."

- Pope Francis

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"What a mistake those who do not hope make! Judas made a huge blunder the day in which he sold Christ for 30 denarii, but he made an even bigger one when he thought that his sin was too great to be forgiven. No sin is too big: any wretchedness, however great, can always be enclosed in infinite mercy"

- Pope Saint John I - feast day May 18

Have you thought that God could not forgive you for your decision to have an abortion? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover His infinite mercy and how that can change your life to know you are truly forgiven and loved.

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Pope Francis established the Year of the Family on March 19, 2021, the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This marks the fifth anniversary of the publication of his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which means "The joy of love" and explores the beauty and joy found in family life.

The Year of the Family will conclude on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

Pope Francis established the Year of the Family to help strengthen faith and live God's joy more fruitfully in family life.

For more information, visit the Archdiocese of Seattle website at <https://archseattle.org/yof/>



Come one...

Come some of you.....

- ☐ **Families**
- ☐ **Individuals**
- ☐ **Teens**
- ☐ **Groups**

All Parish Spring Cleaning

**Friday, June 17th and/or Saturday,
June 18th**


Many hands (spread out) make light work!!

Help us get ready for summer!

- ☐ **We provide cleaning supplies**
- ☐ **You bring muscle, enthusiasm and gloves!**
- ☐ **Clean the Sanctuary, and Grounds**

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