



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 28, 2022  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

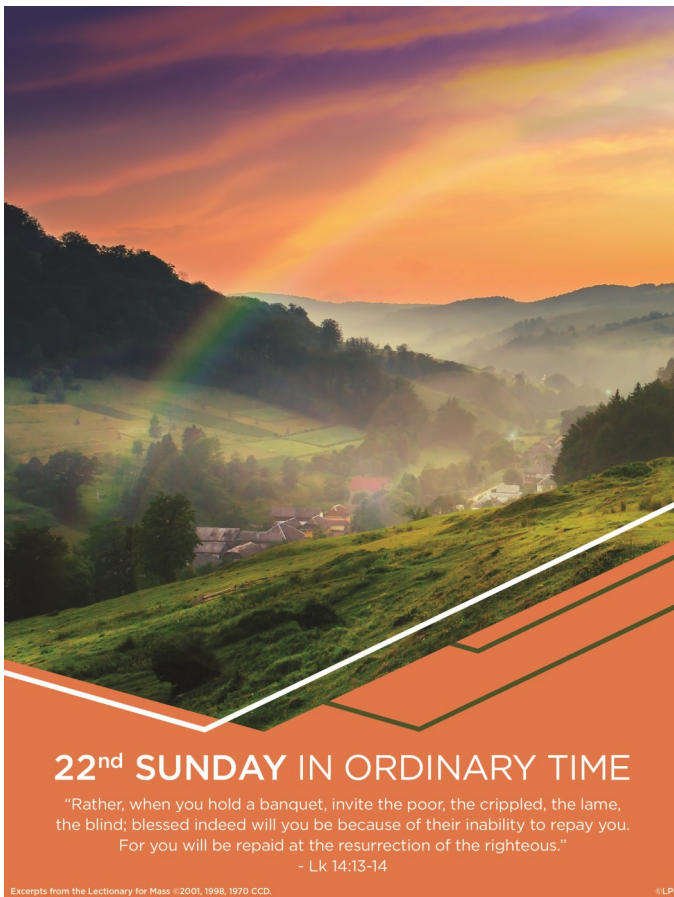
## WELCOME

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!



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (6/20 - 9/5):**  
**Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm; Sat 10am to 3pm**

Sunday Liturgies:

**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 6:30 pm, Fri 9am**

Confession: Saturday at 4pm

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## Pastor's Corner



*"Participation in the hymn is not so much about the quality of one's voice but more the desire to foster the unity of the Body of Christ." - Fr. Bill*

Beginning in September, we will be returning to congregational singing for the opening hymn and the first communion hymn. During the past two years, we have faced restriction on singing due to Covid. We had to let the liturgical music ministers move our hearts and spirits with their singing. Now we are able to let the Assembly take their rightful part in praising God with song.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states that the purpose of the opening hymn "is to open the celebration, foster unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers" (#47). When you have a list of items in a liturgical document, the most important is listed first; the least important is listed last.

The entrance hymn begins the celebration. I think this entrance hymn should focus on praising God. My personal opinion is that too many modern hymns focus on us, rather than on God. Rather than singing about ourselves, let us sing about God, what God has done and continues to do for us. Since it starts a celebration, the music and song itself should instinctively get us to our feet. There should be no need for any instruction to stand.

Of second highest importance is that the entrance hymn expresses and fosters unity. Participation in the hymn is not so much about the quality of one's voice but more the desire to foster the unity of the Body of Christ. Even if you feel you cannot sing, you can still mouth the words. You would still be participating. However, if you purposely choose to keep your mouth shut (except for possibly a medical condition) you may be impeding the intent of the liturgy. Knowing the hymn greatly helps in wanting to sing the hymn. During Covid when we had to discourage singing, we suggested to our musicians that they sing new and unfamiliar hymns. Now that we are increasing the Assembly's singing we are asking that they select the most familiar hymns. *Let our musicians know what your favorite hymns are.*

The opening hymn also serves as a pathway to deeper faith as it draws you into the meaning of the liturgical season or festivity or even some of the themes of the day's Liturgy. Like good poetry, there is a power to the words and music that help us transcend ourselves. For this reason the instruction warns about omitting verses that would risk distorting the whole meaning of the piece. During Covid we often ended the entrance hymn as soon as the priest got to his chair. My sense is we should sing all the verses necessary to get the complete meaning of the hymn.

Finally, the opening hymn accompanies the procession. Note, you are not singing to greet the presider. The procession is a symbol of what it means to be Christian: following the Cross of Christ and the Word of God. The procession announces the presence of God in the Assembly as the Book of the Gospels is enthroned and the Cross placed next the Altar where the sacrifice of the Cross will once again be made present.

I am impressed with the talent and dedication of our parish liturgical ministers. They have a challenging ministry to lead us in ways that help us truly celebrate, foster unity, lead us more deeply into the mystery of faith being expressed in the Mass and accompany the liturgical action and highlight its meaning. The best way to affirm and support them – SING!

*Fr. Bill*

## This Week At Our Church

# What's Happening

### Sunday, August 28

Mass - 9:00 am  
 Mass - 11:30 am  
 Free Blood Pressure Check after 9 and 11:30 Masses  
 Welcome Gathering - 1:00 pm  
 Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

### Monday, August 29

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am  
 Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
 Cub Scout Pack 506 Den - 6:00 pm

### Tuesday, August 30

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
 WICS (Support for widowed people) Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, August 31

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am  
 Mass - 9:00 am  
 Adult Faith Formation *in Spanish* - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, September 1

Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm  
 Safe Parking Ministry - 3:00 pm  
**Word & Communion** - 6:30 pm  
 RCIA Team Training - 7:00 pm

### Friday, September 2

Mass - 9:00 am  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30 am  
 Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm  
 Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

### Saturday, September 3

Faith Formation Parish-Wide Zoom - 10:00 am  
 Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Mass - 5:30 pm  
 Blessing of Pollinator Garden - following 5:30 Mass

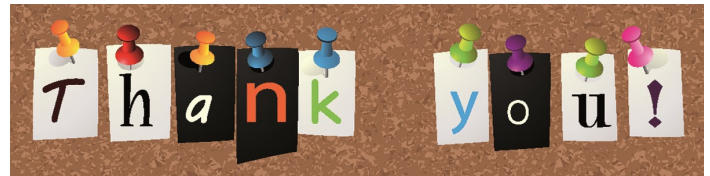
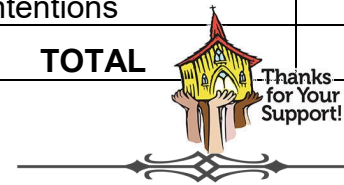


### Sunday, September 18

Faith Formation Catechist Training  
 Parish Mission (through Tuesday)

## Stewardship

Sunday Collection - August 21, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelope	\$3,588.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	1,830.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	1,084.50
Vigil Lights	102.50
St. Vincent de Paul	210.00
Holy Day	150.00
Faith Formation Fees	795.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,780.50</b>



Thank you to all those who have started participating in our "Adopt-an-Island/Planter" program! Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. The adopted areas are looking wonderful!

A special thank you goes out to Pat Wallace and Rick McCurdy. Pat has been cleaning, weeding, pruning, and watering in the Prayer Garden for several years. Please take some time to go out and appreciate what he has been doing for so long. Rick has been mowing, edging, and cleaning the lawn area that stretches from main driveway all along the north side of the entire parking lot and the northeast lawn from the garage to the Garden of the Good Shepherd. He brings his own mower, trimmer, and blower and spends a good chunk of a day to provide this much appreciated service.

Thank you for your wonderful examples of stewardship and service!

Sincerely,  
 The Facilities & Grounds Commission

## Let Us Pray

Those who are **sick** :

**Richard Blackmore, Rosario Brunken,  
Carmen Herrera, Deilya McClelland,  
Cheyenne Reugger, Joe Welsh,  
Gina Howell and Cheryl Oakley**

Those who have **died**:

**Anne-Marie Alonami**  
(mother of Noel Fadonougbo)

## Faith Formation



*A Journey In Faith*

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in joining the Catholic Faith please contact the St. John the Baptist Rite of Christian Initiation Team by connecting with **Joan Williamson** at the parish office.

## Ministry Spotlight

### Catechists: Fielding Faith Formation

**“Build it and They Will Come!”** This popular tagline from the movie *Field of Dreams* speaks of faith and hope in a vision that is not yet realized but is being planned. Much like our spiritual journey here on earth, I know that faith and hope keep me grounded while envisioning and planning for our PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation programs to begin next month.

A few nights ago, I awoke at 2:30 in the morning and spent the next two hours with God discussing this “Field of Dreams” or better, this “Field of Faith Formation” that we are busy preparing. My urgent concern and question for God was, “When they come, who will be there to receive them?” We need so many volunteers, teachers, and community members to pull this off. That’s when my sleepy head was filled with the image and voice of Jesus surrounded by happy children saying, “Let the children come to **me**.” As I pondered this image, I imagined myself in the scene and noticed that there were others there; parents, disciples, and community members, all witnessing the joyful union of the children and Jesus. There was my answer. Who will be there to receive the children when they come? Jesus will be! But so will we, as parents, as disciples, and as community. Today, I invite you to prayerfully consider joining the Faith Formation ministry as a Catechetical teacher.

Fr. Bill, in his July 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor’s Corner, spoke about the three key themes that came from over 11,000 concerned voices across Western Washington during our recent synodal process.

*“Three key themes that emerged were community, leadership, and handing on the faith to the next generation.” ~ Fr. Bill*

Being a catechist is a great way to actively participate in community, in leadership and in passing on of the faith to the next generation. How amazing is that? Consider the following...

- **Community:** Being a Catechist is a great way to meet other people and become more involved in the activities and community of the parish.
- **Leadership:** A Catechist is a leader who shares the Good News of Jesus with children and teens during a time when good role models are needed more than ever.
- **Handing on the faith to the next generation:** As a Catechist, you’ll be handing on a 2,000-year-old Tradition and Salvation Story that changes lives. You’ll nourish faith in children, preparing them to be active members in the parish and greater community as they grow.

Please prayerfully consider the invitation to serve as a Catechist in the PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation Program at St. John’s. We provide all the training and support and welcome you with open arms to the ministry. Please contact Therese McHenry at [ThereseM@sjtbcc.org](mailto:ThereseM@sjtbcc.org) or Joan Williamson at [JoanW@sjtbcc.org](mailto:JoanW@sjtbcc.org) for more information.

God’s blessings be with you and yours,  
Therese McHenry



## From Our Community

### Rachel's Corner

(a program of Catholic Community Services)  
Hope and Healing After Abortion

*"It helped me understand the "why" of many feelings regarding the abortion and confirmed that God never abandoned me." - Testimonial*

Did you feel a sense of failure for not having found another solution to the problem, and then felt regret that consumed you as you remained silent? Let God help you understand things you need to know – like how much God loves you, never abandoned you, and how He wants to help you be free of that burden you are carrying. Project Rachel awaits you.

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*You are loved with an everlasting Love!*

### Become A Member



In honor of the new feast day, August 13, of the Knights of Columbus founder, Blessed Michael McGivney (August 12, 1852 - August 14, 1890), the Knights of Columbus are waiving the first year membership dues for new online membership applications submitted during the month of August.

Visit [kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html](http://kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html)

Enter code: **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**



### A Prayer for the New Year

God of all knowledge and understanding, we seek your guidance and direction as both students and teachers begin a new school year. Look with favor upon those who have given so much to be teachers.

We know the nervousness of new students, and know you are with them.

Give us all the wisdom and patience we need to be good students and teachers.

We ask all of this in the name of *the* good teacher, Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



**Listen to the  
Voice of Creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015.

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, we come together in an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home. For more information, please visit: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

We invite you to join our parish in this celebration, beginning with a *blessing of our pollinator garden after the 5:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday, September 3*. We will be sharing other opportunities for you to engage, pray for, and celebrate the gift of God's creation we are called to steward and protect. We also extend an invitation to the following event offered by the Creation Care Network (CCN):

### World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-8pm PST

CCN is teaming up with the local Franciscan family of Washington to offer a virtual prayer service to begin the Season of Creation. The service will include related scripture readings, music, and participatory reflections and intercessions. No need to register. Link to join:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82429479099?pwd=aW1YQ2UyUFRBdTlxTUlFazhBRVBDQT09&from=addon#success>

**KentHOPE**

"A Home for Every Heart"

### Drivers Needed!

KentHOPE needs van drivers (van provided) to transport women and children to various fun places and events like Mariners' Games, the Aquarium, Zoo, Glass Museum, the Kent YMCA etc. These are all places that give free tickets and/or access. The women and children really enjoy these outings!

But they can't go without a driver and KentHOPE is currently too short-staffed presently to spare an employee.

Driver's training is a 3-step process: fill out paperwork, watch a tutorial, and take a driving test. The application and tutorial are completed online.

Potential drivers may contact Pat Gray, [patgray.kenthope@gmail.com](mailto:patgray.kenthope@gmail.com) or Glen Olson, [golson@ugm.org](mailto:golson@ugm.org) to obtain a New Driver Packet, ask questions or get started on the process.

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