

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 18, 2022  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## CARE



### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm (Life Teen)**

**Word & Communion: Mon & Tues 9:00 am**

**Weekday Masses: Wed 9:00am, Thurs 6:30 pm, Fri 9:00 am**



## MISSION STATEMENT

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!

## WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcomed.

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.



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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

### Sunday, September 18

Mass - 9:00 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm  
Parish Mission - 7:00 pm

### Monday, September 19

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Parish Mission - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, September 20

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Parish Mission - 7:00 pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 pm  
WICS (support for widowed people) Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 21

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
American Sewing Guild Meeting - 10:00 am  
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm  
Stewardship & Evangelization Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Adult Formation in Spanish - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, September 22

Universal Christ Faith Meeting - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm

### Friday, September 23

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

### Saturday, September 24

Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am  
Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Pastor's Corner



We apologize for the absence of Father Bill's article, but he is currently under the weather this week and was not available to write an article. Tune in next week for more of his inspiring articles!

### We Have Grown!

How do you like our new cover page? The community of St. John the Baptist, in this year of CARE, felt that our bulletin needed to grow into the next stage. We hope this new design will more accurately illustrate our parish family. In the future, you will see various photos and artwork from parishioners highlighted on the front page with a brief description included. We are continually developing, so if you have ideas on how we might improve this bulletin or have comments in general, please send them to [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org). We hope you enjoy our new look!

## Finance

### Parish Stewardship

Expected Stewardship for August	\$88,224.00
Actual Stewardship Revenue	\$84,546.01

As part of our new bulletin format, we are including a "Bill of the Month", where we share our monthly income and one of our routine payments with you, our parishioners. This report will be published once a month, in the third bulletin of the month.

### Bill of the Month

This month, your stewardship gifts helped us pay the annual property and liability insurance fees of \$44,671.36, which is based on the value of our property and the number of employees on site.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Fall Parish Mission



**CARE!** This is our theme this year, and it is time to kick-off! We find that CARE encompasses a large expanse of life. Therefore, we will focus on the many facets of CARE in breadth and depth. Each week we will be featuring a short article how we, the Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist, live out our CARE for one another.

When you opened your parish bulletin, you may have noticed our refreshed design and a few new features. CARE extends to our communication platforms and we have some exciting upgrades that will be launched over the next few months!

CARE is the amazing hospitality we share with one another. We hope everyone feels welcomed and included. This year we will be exploring how we implement the CARING feedback we received in our synod sessions.

Each of us CARES when we take the time to deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer. We hope our Parish Mission this week offers you a moment to CARE for you and your relationship with Jesus Christ. We cannot give to others what we do not have. Faith Formation helps us open our hearts and mind to God's CARE for us.

Stewardship is the place where we come to understand the gifts that God has given to us personally and as a community. It is the place where we embrace our responsibility to extend these gifts to the world: in our households, our community of St. John's, to the local community we live in, and eventually to the whole world! We learn to CARE for others, as we explore how God CARES for us.

Life, Justice, and Peace holds the ministries where we see CARE in action! This is where we see the fruit of our commitment to prayer and forming our faith, lived out in action! We become the loving hands, feet, voice, and heart of God for others! We extend this CARE to all of creation, which is reflected throughout our parish environment.

Liturgy is the gift the Church gives each of us to grow community and to worship our God in word and song. This is the place where we, the Body of Christ, CARE, and where we are nourished through the great gift of God's CARE – Eucharist!

Come join us on our journey of CARE this year! We look forward to hearing how you are experiencing God's CARE in our homes and parish community!

## Ministry Spotlight



So, what is a Eucharistic Minister, anyway? A Eucharistic Minister (EM) is more properly called an "Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion", which denotes someone like you and me, who assist the priest in administering Holy Communion during the Mass. Simply put, we help serve our faith family a meal.

The call to become an EM came to me about 20 years ago. I was one of those who arrived at church about a minute before Mass started or sometimes coming in during the entrance hymn. I knew I had to be better at being prompt for Mass. Being asked to become an EM was the answer. As I became more involved with this ministry, I found myself coming to Mass earlier and earlier, so I could be in the moment of being an EM. These quiet moments before Mass allow me to remember that Holy Communion is not only about receiving the body and blood of Christ but also about serving and being seated at the table with Jesus and my faith family.

I asked fellow EMs on what serving as an EM means to them. **Kathy Kernan** (EM for Saturday 5:30 pm Mass) said, *"It is fun to get to know others who serve at Mass, but most importantly, it has enhanced my focus and gratitude for the amazing gift of Eucharist that God gives us."* **Susan Ravotti**, an EM for the 9:00 am Sunday Mass says, *"As I place the host into their hands, I feel as though my hands become the bridgework of God, and He uses my eyes to transfer His love into theirs. For me, it is a very warm and powerful moment that I share with the people I serve, and I absolutely love it."* **Sam Racicot**, an EM for the 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass said, *"When I present the Eucharist to my fellow parishioners, I take a moment and look into their eyes. In that moment, we connect and become the body of Christ. It is a very spiritual experience."* For me, being an EM is an honor, to be called to serve a very special meal in the most sacred hour of the week.

If any of the testimonials above moves you, please don't hesitate to answer the call to become an EM. And if you are what I once was, flying in to Mass with the entrance hymn, maybe this is your chance to come to Mass early and reflect upon serving our faith family. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an EM, please **contact Laurie Moloney at the parish office.**

May God guide you to answer the call, as He has guided me to answer the call 20 years ago.

Pat Defiesta  
Eucharistic Minister Coordinator

## Other Ministries

### Help Keep our Servers Looking Sharp!



The same altar server albs are worn every weekend by different servers, so they are in dire need of washing and ironing - especially after our hot summer. We are looking for someone to help wash and iron altar server albs regularly. Ideally, you would do this once every 4 to 6 weeks. If you think this is a good ministry for you, please **contact Laurie Moloney in the parish office**



We met via Zoom on August 24. We are grateful for our new members, **Elliot Triplett** and **Michele Myers** and our retiring Chairperson, **Mary-Kaye Soderlind!**

After opening prayer, we welcomed **Mark Rosenberger**, the Grand Knight for our parish. The Knights of Columbus cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for our Welcome Gathering on Sunday, August 28. We had several new parish families to attend our first in-person event since 2020 COVID restrictions. We are also looking forward to starting Supper Club in January 2023. Other upcoming events discussed were *Living Your Strengths* classes this fall, the new parish software program, opportunity to enhance parishioner engagement, adding QR codes to feature ministries and activities, and the Councils and Commissions Convocation on October 27. In upcoming meetings, we will review our Commission mission statement and continue with our book study on "The Art of Accompaniment." We will also be looking for a new Chair for the Commission. The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on September 21 via Zoom.

### Walking Through Grief

October 19 - December 14, 2022  
Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Online via Zoom

*Walking Through Grief* is a 9-part educational and inspirational grief program that offers support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a loved one (e.g., spouse, parent, friend, or child) in their lives, and is offered at no charge by St. John's Grief Ministry. If you are grieving or know someone who is grieving, and you feel this might have some benefit for you, please **contact Frank Hammock at the parish office or [office@sjtbcc.org](mailto:office@sjtbcc.org)**. If emailing, please note "Walking Through Grief" on the subject line.



## Other Ministries



### Season of Creation 2022

During the Season of Creation, we invite you to bring up gifts of fresh produce to the crate on the altar. These gifts may be from your garden or store-bought. All donations of fresh produce will be delivered to the Storehouse. Please remember to bring in your Season of Creation commitments to share with the community!

**Improving our Waste Sorting:** You might notice some new types of trash cans located throughout our Parish buildings. These new cans will help us sort our trash in ways that will increase the amount of trash going to local composting and recycling centers, while reducing the amount of trash going to King County landfills. Every time you use these cans, you will be contributing to the Stewardship of Our Common Home, which is planet Earth.

Our Parish uses Republic Services for waste pickup, so if you have Republic Services at home, the "rules" for sorting are the same. If not, we have posted signs near many of the trash cans to explain what type of trash goes in each can. In general:

- **COMPOST** is food and paper soiled with food, such as coffee filters and paper plates made of only paper. Compost is also used paper towels, which we are collecting in kitchen areas and rest rooms.
- **RECYCLE** is clean paper, aluminum and metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs, plastic food containers (rinsed clean), and plastic cups. No residual food, which attracts bugs and rodents.
- **TRASH** is everything else. When in doubt, it's trash.

Our parish can reduce its monthly trash bill significantly by reducing the size of our trash dumpster, and you may also be able to save money at home by doing the same thing. Think about the amount of trash you generate, and when you are shopping, consider buying things with less packaging waste. Also, reuse as much as you can. If you can downsize your trash can, your savings will really add up. **SAVE THE PLANET AND SAVE MONEY TOO!**

## Classes



Tuesdays

In-Person: September 27 - October 18, 2022

Zoom: October 4 - 25, 2022

Find out your Top 5 Talents and explore how to use them in all aspects of your life! Come join our 4-week reflection and study opportunity to know how God has gifted you.

New classes begin this fall for both in-person and Zoom meetings. Other dates and times can be arranged on request to fit a variety of schedules.

To register, or for more information, **contact Anne Frederick at the parish office.**

## Prayer Requests

For the **sick** :

**Barbara Hogenhout, Gina Howell, Cheryl Oakley, and Eden Wallace**

For those who have **died**:

**Hannelore Hogan** (mother of Kathy Collins),  
**Ricardo Lucero**,  
**Steven Moloney** (brother of Laurie Moloney),  
**Tom Murphy** (husband of Joan Weber Murphy),  
**Donald Ross** (father of Maria Ross-Lyons)

## From Our Community



**THANK YOU  
For Your Support**



Thank you to all who participated in the Mariners Ticket Raffle Fundraiser, supporting our WA State Seminarians. Over \$1,000 was collected.

Congratulations to **Rhonda Harris** for winning the raffle!



**Save the Date!**

Our annual pet blessing will be held on Sunday, **October 2 at 1:00 pm**. More information will be in next week's bulletin. Looking forward to seeing you and your furry friends!



A huge thank you to all who donated school supplies during our August drive. We received hundreds of supplies for which Communities in Schools was immensely grateful. Their Resource Development Coordinator, **Marisa**, reported that the school supplies were especially appreciated this year, as the request for assistance has been higher than in previous years.

## Is God Calling you to be a Sister?

Do you wonder what being a Sister is all about?  
Come & See!

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the **Bay Area on Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2022.**

For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40, contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650-949-8890 or 213-210 9903.  
[srllaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org) | [Daughters-Of-Charity.com](http://Daughters-Of-Charity.com)



# Fall Parish Mission

"We Cannot Give What We Do Not Have"  
Living a Life of Prayer

*September 18, 19, & 20 From 7-8:30pm In the Sanctuary*

Our parish theme this year is CARE. In order to care for others, we must care for the gift God has given in our self. This parish mission will inspire deeper relationship with God through personal, household, and community prayer!

Sisters Julian and Anna-Camille bring a wide variety of prayer practices and experiences to aid in this growing and deepening of relationship with God. Some of experiences may be familiar, but given in a new/refreshing way. There will be ample time for Q & A, as well as small group dialogue.

**Sister Julian Cleary** OSB practiced disability law for about 25 years before entering St. Placid Priory in Lacey in 2014. Prior to that, she enjoyed practicing nursing as a Nurse Practitioner. She is a certified Spiritual Director. Occasionally, she presents Priory Courses, including but not limited to the Oasis, Listening with the Spirit, and Prayer Practices programs. At the Priory, Sr. Julian enjoys helping take care of the monastic cat, "Pretty Girl," and working in the Priory dahlia garden.

**Sister Anna-Camille Wooden** OSB was a teacher for 40 years and performed with an improvisational theater group for over 20 years. She was an oblate at St. Placid Priory for 8 years before beginning the path to vowed religious life. She is a commissioned presenter of Centering Prayer, retreat and workshop leader, and a liturgist in the priory. She also is co-director of oblates, works in the priory archives and helps keep the bird feeders full.



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# 2022/2023 St. John the Baptist

## Craft & Hobby Group Meeting Dates

Welcome Back!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10 am—5 pm

(Come when you can, stay as long as you can)

September 24, 2022

October 15, 2022

November 19, 2022

February 18, 2023

March 18, 2023

April 15, 2023

May 20, 2023

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*Our 15th Annual Craft and Hobby Retreat will  
be Friday and Saturday, January 27-28, 2023*

*(10 am—9 pm Friday, leave your things overnight, come back Saturday  
for breakfast at 9 am and stay until 9 pm)*

If you have questions or want more information, please contact NANCY MOORE in the parish office.

(253) 630-0701, ext. 102 or [nancym@sjtbcc.org](mailto:nancym@sjtbcc.org)



- No cost! Nothing to buy!
- Uninterrupted time to work on your craft .
- Bring your own supplies
- Bring your own snack and lunch.
- Invite a friend.
- The ***Yarning for Community*** group will join us!





# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help,  
but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. From empowering immigrants in towns along the southern border to advocating for improved housing and educational opportunities in northern and midwestern cities, CCHD-funded groups tackle a wide range of economic and social justice challenges that affect local communities in rural and urban areas.

In areas of Tennessee where coal-mining operations and landfills have caused water pollution and other environmental damage, Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM) works with governments and regulatory agencies to limit hazardous waste disposal in landfills and to require environmental cleanup as part of the permitting process for new business operations.

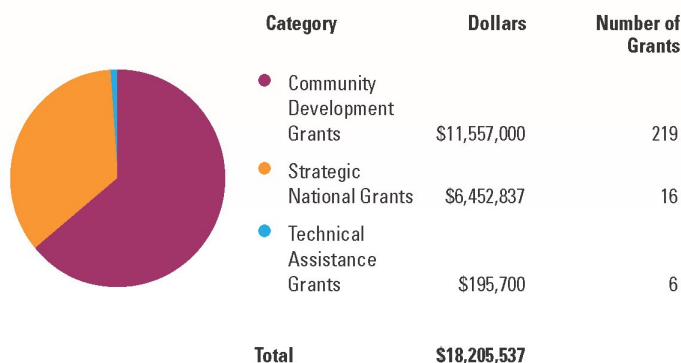
Environmental damage affects all of us, most especially low-income people who are affected by water pollution resulting from mineral extraction, lack of access to healthy foods in urban “food deserts,” and natural disasters caused by climate change. The Church teaches that “the natural environment is

a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no. 95). Since the release of *Laudato Si'* in 2015, CCHD has invested more than \$4.3 million in organizations that work to protect the environment and combat pollution. When you support CCHD, you support organizations that work to protect the air, soil, and water for all the members of their communities.

To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

## 2020-2021 GRANTS



## 2020 EXPENSES

Category	Dollars	Percent
Grants and Donations	\$18,827,477	87.54%
Allocations-Internal Grants*	\$2,341,113	10.88%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$274,325	1.28%
Program Costs	\$65,337	0.30%
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$21,508,252</b>
<b>Total Expenses Excluding Internal Grants</b>		<b>\$19,167,139</b>
<b>Total Grants &amp; Donations Including Internal Grants</b>		<b>\$21,168,590</b>

\*Internal grants include a distribution from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development's education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



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