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Week of August 24, 2025 | Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### St. Charles Borromeo

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday 8am; 10am (livestreamed); 12:00pm

##### Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 9am

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays 3-4pm or call for appointment

##### Personal Prayer

Monday through Friday in Church 9am - 4pm

##### Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:30am-4pm in Church



### St. Leo the Great

#### Mass Schedule

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5pm

Sunday 10am (livestreamed)

##### Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:10pm

##### Native American Mass

4th Sunday of the month - 1:30pm

##### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4-4:30pm  
or call for appointment



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## Upcoming Events

### Special Sacrament of Reconciliation for Kids

Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time is an important step in your child's faith journey, but so are the second and third and fourth times! Knights of Columbus will be providing special treats to kids (of any age) who come in for a special night of Confession, Tuesday September 2nd from 5:30-6:30pm. Frs. Michael and Marc will be administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those who have already received it, and the Knights will be outside with popsicles. What a great way to start the school year off and celebrate the end of summer!



### Oktoberfest

The St. Charles Borromeo and St. Leo Parish community is invited to come and participate in a delightful Oktoberfest Celebration sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **October 11, 2025, after the 5pm Mass**, in Feist Hall. Dinner will feature a variety of German foods and beverages to please all. Entertainment will include German music, a silent auction and a live auction. All net proceeds go to Knights of Columbus programs that support seminarians, pro-life, youth activities, St. Charles Borromeo school, our parish foodbank and our greater parish community. See you there!

### Tahoma Pax Christi

All those yearning to set the world ablaze with peace are invited to the Tahoma Pax Christi meeting at 11:15 on Sunday, August 24 in the Kateri Room in St. Leo Church.

Eternal wellspring of peace, may we be drenched with the longing for peace. May we give ourselves over to peace until the earth overflows with peace as living waters overflow the seas.



# SCB Food Bank

Our Food Bank is stocked and staffed by the parishioners of St. Charles. Your weekly donations of food and finances make this tangible outreach possible. Our Food Bank carries and is always in need of the following items:

Canned Soup  
Canned vegetables  
Canned Beans  
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Hamburger Helper  
Jiffy mix  
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Mayonnaise  
Ramen  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste  
Bar of Soap  
Dish soap  
Laundry soap  
Toilet paper

You can also purchase and donate Fred Meyer SCRIP to help us purchase items that are low in our pantry.

Food donations can be brought to the collection bins in the church. If you're donating food from your pantries, please make sure to check expiration dates. Thank you for your continued support!

**Do you know someone in  
Pierce County who could  
benefit from our food bank?  
Have them call  
253-565-7655.**

## Happening This Week

8/24: Mass 8:30am, 10am, Noon; Coffee Hour; School Uniform Sale

8/25: Mass 9:00am; Rosary 9:30am

8/26: Mass 9:00am; Rosary 9:30am; Joan Niebergall Funeral 11am; CIR meeting 6pm

8/27: St. Charles First Day of School; Mass 9am; Rosary 9:30am

8/28: Mass 9:00am; Rosary 9:30am

8/29: Mass 9:00am; Adoration 9:30am

8/30: Confessions 3pm; Mass 5pm

For more details on any of these events, please contact the Parish Office.  
253-564-5185

## Take Note!

Beginning in September the Noon Mass time will be changed to 12:30pm.



## Labor Day Hours

In honor of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

## Truck Needed

Catholic community services is building a Wheelchair ramp. Before the project begins, garbage bags need to be hauled away.

We are requesting the loan of a three-quarter or 1 ton dump truck. If you are able to help, contact:

Gregor Smith  
253-376-1113

## Adult Bible Studies Coming Soon!

Three different bible study groups will be starting soon. Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks!





# Staff Retreat: Joy and Hope

## A message from the Pastor

Last week, our pastoral staff went on retreat with three goals: 1) increase our openness to the Holy Spirit, 2) strengthen our relationship with one another and 3) grow in our ability to serve our parish family of St. Leo and St. Charles. It was such a good experience, I want to share it with you.

We started by reflecting on the Church's teachings about the importance of helping the faithful to grow in their ability to live out the call they received in Baptism to share in the ministry of Christ. The only way that we can serve the tens of thousands of people in our parish boundary, is if each of us answers our call from Jesus sharing the Gospel with our family, neighbors and community.

We then listened to each other and appreciated the gifts and experiences of our parish staff. We are truly blessed to have this team. This faithful, talented and enjoyable group is committed to responding to the challenges coming our way.

We also reflected on how the Church calls us to recognize the joys, griefs, hopes and fears of our parish community as the joys, griefs, hopes and fears of Christ (*Gaudium et Spes* 1). I know the changes of this last year have been big. The Jesuits cared for St. Leo for 100+ years. Fr. Mike shepherded St. Charles for 24 years. Neither of our parishes expected to be joined together as a parish family. It's natural that those changes would cause grief.

It's also natural to have anxiety. Will we have enough vocations to the priesthood for the future? Will we lose what we love about our parishes? Will our children keep the faith?

But we found the joys and hopes spoke so much more powerfully to us. Joy from the children gathering at the altar at the Sunday Masses. Joy from the encounter with God in creation our youth group experienced on our Youth Pilgrimages this summer. And joy from the new families joining our parish.

We see many signs of hope too. Mercy 253, a St. Charles ministry to the poor, is already exploring ways to grow this ministry, as well as minister to the poor amongst the St. Leo campus. Our Young Adult ministry is taking off in new ways and responding to an emerging hunger for faith among our young people. The Holy Spirit is working in our community and it is a joy to be part of that work.

Thank you for your support of our wonderful parish staff.

We look forward to serving you in this year to come!



## Ministry Spotlight: Millions of Monicas

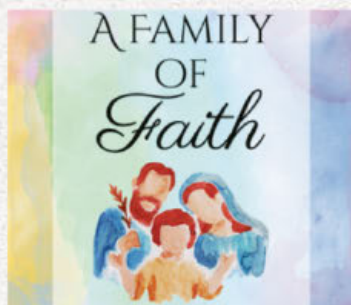
Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the church entirely. Like St. Monica, as mothers we persevere in prayer for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices praying together, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. Join with other mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, Godmothers, etc. as we pray to grow in holiness and humility, and for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

We meet each Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 12:30 pm.  
For more information, please visit [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com) and/ or email [lucy@millionsofmonicas.com](mailto:lucy@millionsofmonicas.com).

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

### Faith Formation



This is a family centered program that offers sessions for both parents and kids. We will meet once a month for a session together and break into age appropriate groups. Then 2 other times of the month, kids will come together in age/grade centered classrooms to share their learning. There will be an Open House on Sept. 28th. Classes begin on October 5th.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Prep



Registration

### Sacramental Prep



The Archdiocese of Seattle has a 2 year preparation process for our children to prepare for the sacraments of penance and First Communion. Children age 7, are ready to begin this journey so, when your child is in the First grade, they should enroll in our Family of Faith program if they are not in a Catholic School. This begins their preparation process. In their 2nd grade year, they should enroll in Family of Faith and take part in our Family-At Home preparation for the Sacrament.

### Youth Confirmation



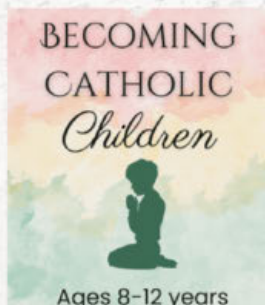
Confirmation is the sacrament of initiation in which a baptized person receives special gifts of the Holy Spirit and is strengthened in grace. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to prepare for this sacrament. We will be meeting on select Tuesday evenings, and monthly Sunday afternoons. Our first class will be October 7th.

Confirmation



Registration

### Becoming Catholic - Children



OCIC stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Children. OCIC is the process whereby children ages 9 -13 may be initiated into and fully enter the Catholic Church. It is for non-Catholic children who have not completed their own sacraments of initiation. Children should register and attend Family of Faith classes, as well as attend select Wednesday evening sessions.

Becoming Catholic Children



Registration

Questions? Contact Amy Orm: [aorm@stcharlesb.org](mailto:aorm@stcharlesb.org)

## Prepares Ministry

PREPARES ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Tacoma is Active! On August 9, PREPARES relaunched after a break during Covid. Our relaunch diaper distribution served 14 families in just two hours—proof of the great need. Thank you, Father Cal, for your openness to this ministry. We need wipes and diapers donations (size 4 to 7) AND volunteers to keep serving local families. To donate or help contact us at [prepares@ccsww.org](mailto:prepares@ccsww.org) or [www.preparesforlife.org](http://www.preparesforlife.org)

## Saint Vincent de Paul

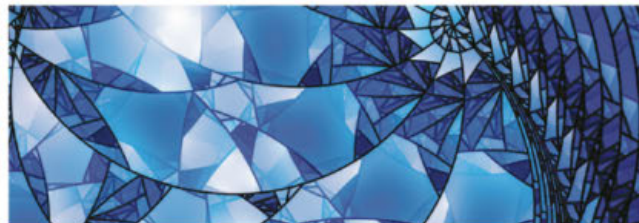
If you know someone living within our parish boundaries who needs help with resources or referrals, please have them call our number and leave a message. The phone number for the SVdP Help Line is 253-426-3977. Parishioners may also use this number to ask questions or to speak to one of our officers.

*Breaking Open the Word*

## THE IGNATIAN WAY

Ministry formation programs for BIPOC and Young Adults

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, The Ignatian Way is a dual-track nine-month program that forms emerging leaders for public ministry in preaching and spiritual companionship, while nurturing care for the whole person with retreats and regular prayer.



### IGNATIAN WAY PREACHERS

The Ignatian Way Preachers program forms persons to break open the Word with imagination, justice, and spiritual depth. The process nurtures authentic, culturally relevant proclamation for today's diverse communities.

### IGNATIAN WAY SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS

The Ignatian Way Spiritual Companions program forms persons to listen, share the Word, and guide prayer in one-on-one and group settings. The process prepares them to guide others with authenticity, spiritual depth, and attention to God's movement.

### PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT

- Experiential learning of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- Care for the whole person through retreats, rest, and prayer
- One-on-one coaching (Preachers) or spiritual direction (Spiritual Companions)
- Enriched learning through small cohorts of diverse participants
- A funded year-end individual or team project
- Structured support for their ministry after the formation year

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Ignatian Way formation programs are open to BIPOC and young adult individuals who are committed to sharing their faith with others: emerging leaders, lay ministers, pastors, teachers, spiritual directors, chaplains, and others who seek to deepen a call to ministry in their community.

### LEARN MORE & APPLICATION

Applications are due August 30. Visit our website at [ignatiancenter.org/ignatian-way](http://ignatiancenter.org/ignatian-way) or contact Carla Orlando, Ignatian Way Program Manager, at [carla@ignatiancenter.org](mailto:carla@ignatiancenter.org).



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## Save the Date!

Parish Family Feast Day Celebration  
Saturday, November 8th  
Pasta dinner will be served.

**CONFIRMATION**  
February 2026



**ADULT  
CONFIRMATION**

If you are an adult in need of **First Holy Communion or Confirmation**, please connect to take the next steps!

CLASSES WILL BE ON  
SELECT DATES IN  
DECEMBER – FEBRUARY



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**DETAILS ON THE  
REGISTRATION FORM**



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**BECOMING  
CATHOLIC**



If you are desiring to enter the Catholic Church, return to the Church, or just want to know more about Catholicism, **come join us!**

QR for  
Registration



Beginning  
September 28th

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St. Charles Borromeo  
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## Honduras Mission Group (Amigos de San Carlos)

### Save the Date: Taco Night Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 PM in Feist Hall at St. Charles Borromeo Church for our annual "Build your own Taco" fundraiser:

The evening will feature a taco bar dinner, Dessert Dash, Silent Auction, and a brief Live Auction, including our Fund-An-Item opportunity.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass on September 6–7 and September 13–14:

\$25 per person or \$55 per family (3 or more people)

Auction highlights include:

- A beautiful handmade quilt
- A two-night stay at a White Pass condo (sleeps 4)
- ...and much more!

### Join the Mission Team

We welcome ANYONE to join our medical mission trip to Honduras, taking place January 23–31, 2026. You do not need a medical background to participate—there are many roles for lay volunteers, including:

- Registration and medical records
- Escorting patients and crowd control
- Distributing items like clothing, shoes, sunglasses, reading glasses, and hygiene kits
- Logistics support

Bilingual volunteers are especially helpful. If you're interested, please contact:

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