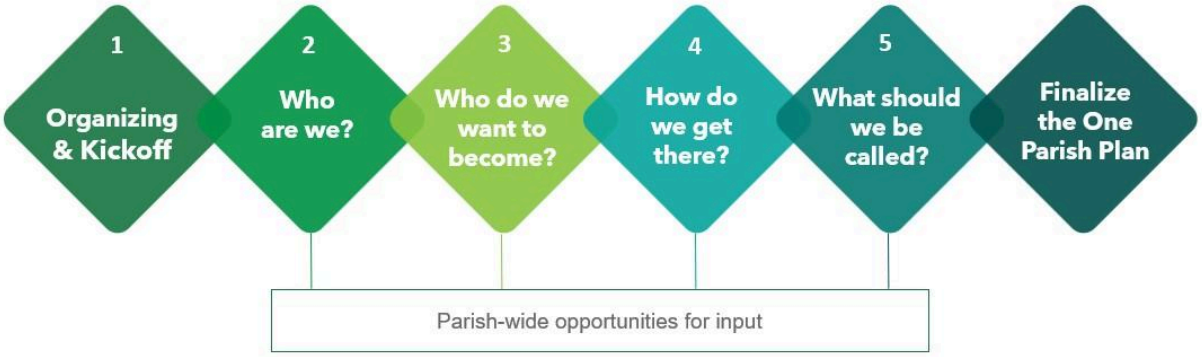
Partners in the Gospel: Journeying as One Parish Family

St. Cecilia | St. Olaf | St. Peter's Mission



As we conclude **Phase 2** of our journey, the Parish Family 50 PFAC team is pleased to share the fruits of our discernment. Through prayerful listening sessions and community surveys, we have gathered a "snapshot" of who we are today as we prepare to become the people God is calling us to be tomorrow.

Our Synodal Path

We are currently transitioning into **Phase 3** (expected Sept/Oct 26), where we will discern "**Who do we want to become?**". Your continued prayers and participation are vital as we move toward finalizing our **One Parish Plan in 2027**.

Reflection for the Faithful

As you review these findings, we invite you to take these questions to prayer:

- **What encourages you** about our current path?
- **Who is missing** from our pews, and how can we invite them home?
- **How can we truly become** One Parish Family in Christ?

Gifts of the Spirit: What We Celebrate

Our community is a vibrant garden of faith, rooted in generosity and service. Parishioners have expressed deep gratitude for:

- **Our Clergy and Staff:** The leadership and "servant heart" of our priests and parish staff are the primary reasons parishioners feel anchored to our family.
- **A Welcoming Fold:** We are known for being a friendly community that values fellowship through music and shared service.
- **Life Outside of Mass:** Faith is nourished through "Coffee and Donuts" fellowship, the grace of the Sacraments (especially Adoration and Reconciliation), and corporal works of mercy like the Giving Tree and supporting local food banks.

Challenges and Opportunities for Mission

To grow as a missionary people, we must address the "thorns" that hinder our growth and look for new soil to plant seeds of faith.

Challenges to Address

- **Visibility:** We must become more visible in a secular world, reaching those who do not know the Church or have misconceptions about our faith.
- **Infrastructure & Stewardship:** Our sacred spaces need physical care, from better lighting & sound, to addressing parking, and aesthetic updates that reflect our rich Catholic tradition.
- **Vibrant Worship:** There is a desire for music that is both inspiring and liturgically traditional to better aid in the worship of the Lord.
- **Youth & Elderly Care:** We face a "missing generation" of young adults after Confirmation. Simultaneously, we must better serve our homebound seniors and those with special needs to ensure they remain fully part of the Body of Christ.
- **Inclusivity and Accommodations:** At times, we have struggled with patience, understanding, and creating space for all to belong, especially those families with children and special needs.
- **Becoming one Parish:** We are struggling to embrace both the promise of new life and the reality of change while respecting who we were. Low attendance at some masses may cause us to evaluate our mass times across the churches.

Opportunities for Growth

- **Evangelization:** As a parish, we seek to be a welcoming and inviting community where those returning to the Catholic faith, those exploring it for the first time, and those from all backgrounds can encounter the love of Christ.
- **Catechesis:** Deepening our understanding of the Eucharist and the "Order of the Mass" for all parishioners.
- **Inclusivity:** Strive to remove barriers (physical, social, and attitudinal) so that everyone can participate meaningfully in worship, fellowship, learning, and service.
- **One Parish Family:** We acknowledge that becoming one parish will require patience, understanding, and a willingness to grow together. There may be differences in how we worship, serve, and gather, but we must find ways to break those barriers and work together towards Christ with shared goals.
- **Ministries and Special Events:** Grow our volunteer base to nurture our faith, strengthen our community, and serve those in need.

The Work of Our Hands: Ministries & Outreach

Our parish family is blessed with many hands doing the Lord's work. Below is just a portion of all we do as a Parish Family.

Shared Ministries (All Three Parishes):

- **Governance:** Finance Council, Parish Family Advisory Council
- **Liturgy:** Liturgical Ministries, Visiting Eucharistic Ministers, and Sunday hospitality.
- **Charity:** Prepares, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Knights of Columbus.
- **Formation:** OCIA, Bible Study, and Youth Groups.

Location-Specific Ministries:

- St. Cecilia: Mother’s and Others, Men’s Pizza Night, Women’s Prayer Groups, Contemplative Prayer, and Grief Share.
- St. Olaf: Hispanic Charismatic Group, Legion of Mary, Gardening group and Young Women’s Adult group.

Sacraments (2025)		
Sacrament	**St. Cecilia**	**St. Olaf & St. Peter's Mission**
Baptisms	**25**	**23**
First Communion	**26**	**41**
Confirmation	**13**	**39**
OCIA	**8**	**10**
Weddings	**3**	**10**
Funerals	**17**	**9**

Parishioners & Mass Attendance (Average) 2026		
Category	**St. Cecilia**	**St. Olaf & St. Peter's Mission**
Registered Households	**656 (2025)**	**580**
Registered Members	**1581(2025)**	**1581**
Total Weekly Attendance	**500**	**821**
Daily Mass	**20**	**23**
Vigil Mass	**135**	**202**
Sunday (2)	**136/256**	**142/339**
Spanish	**N/A**	**138**

Finances (2025)		
Category	**St. Cecilia and School**	**St. Olaf & St. Peter's Mission**
Total Income	**$2,364,962**	**$992,033**
Total Expenses	**$2,065,153**	**$746,379**
Net Revenue	**$299,812**	**$258,610**
Debt	**$0**	**$192,667.24***

***$91,789.44** for St. Olaf renovation projects (this includes the Gallagher Building remodel and the new roof for St. Peter's). At the end of last fiscal year, this balance was **$109,780.25**.
***$69,275.43** for the St. Olaf roof. At the end of last fiscal year, this balance was **$82,887.00**

Our Sacred Buildings

This comprehensive facility report merges the visual assessments and building conditions for the three parishes within the designated family: **St. Olaf (Poulsbo)**, **St. Cecilia (Bainbridge Island)**, and **St. Peter (Suquamish)**. These numbers are from assessment done by the Archdiocese of Seattle in **July 2024** so it may not show any new repairs or improvements done since.

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1. St. Olaf – Poulsbo (PID 113)

The St. Olaf campus serves 794 households and consists of ten structures with a total insured value of **$5,971,500**.

Building Inventory & Values

- **Church / Hall (1969)**: 10,816 sq. ft. | $2,948,000
- **Office / Old Rectory (1980)**: 2,999 sq. ft. | $552,000
- **Religious Ed / Hall (1970)**: 3,928 sq. ft. | $746,000
- **Gallagher Youth Center (1970)**: 6,704 sq. ft. | $1,124,000
- **Ancillary Structures**: Includes a New Rectory (2000), Meehan Garage, Storage Sheds, Gazebo, and a recently reworked Bridge.

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2. St. Cecilia – Bainbridge Island (PID 040)

The St. Cecilia campus comprises of five primary structures totaling 41,002 square feet, with a total insured value of **$11,450,000**.

Building Inventory & Values

- **Church (1987)**: 7,972 sq. ft. | $2,982,000
- **School / Faith Center (2010)**: 26,230 sq. ft. | $6,843,000
- **Conger Hall (1987)**: 5,012 sq. ft. | $1,323,000
- **Rectory Condo (2015)**: 1,668 sq. ft. | $296,000
- **Shed (2010)**: 120 sq. ft. | $6,000

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3. St. Peter – Suquamish (PID 114)

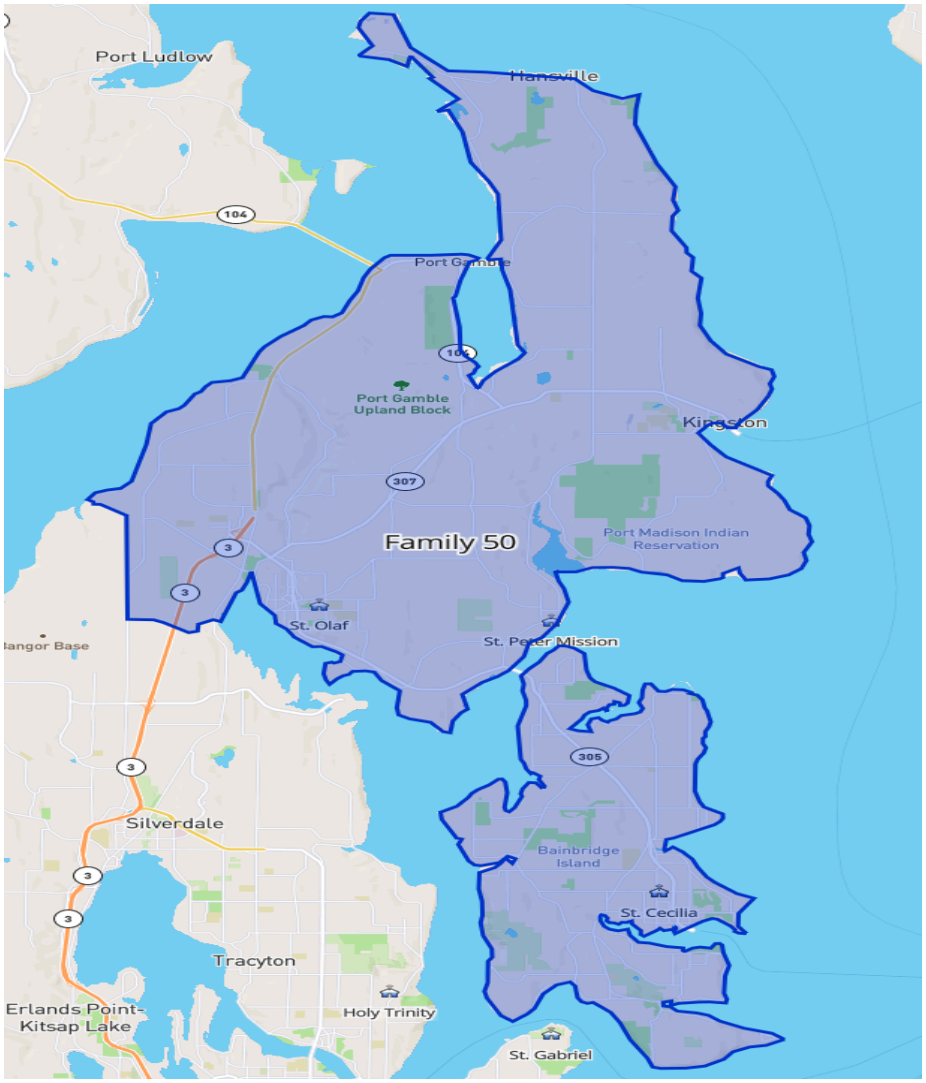
St. Peter is a mission located on the property where Chief Seattle is buried, consisting of three primary structures with a total insured value of **$1,249,000**.

Building Inventory & Values

- **Church (1850)**: 2,792 sq. ft. | $1,040,000
- **Rectory/Prepares:** 748 sq. ft. | $153,000
- **Garage - Shed (1970)**: 805 sq. ft. | $56,000

Our Sacred Boundaries

The territory of **Parish Family 50** encompasses the diverse communities of **Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Kingston, and the Hansville peninsula**. As one family, we are committed to serving every soul within these boundaries, bringing the light of Christ to all.



What's Next

As we start phase 3 for our parish family, we ask that you prayerfully think about "Who do we want to become."

We will be scheduling many listening sessions in October to answer 3 questions:

1. **Who is God calling us to become as a new parish? What is our vision?**

2. **What new groups of people do we want to focus on or prioritize moving forward? Who have we not been serving?**

3. **What new ministries and/or programs do we want to start, or what existing ministries should we expand to fulfill our vision of who we want to become?**

The current mission and vision of the Archdiocese of Seattle are rooted in the Gospel mandate to make disciples and are expressed through its pastoral Plan.

Mission- Matthew 28:18-20 "Jesus' Great Commission"- "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations…"*

- *To help people encounter Jesus Christ, accompany one another on the journey of faith, and witness to Christ in the world*

Vision- 3 priorities

1. Encounter Jesus Christ and one another
2. Accompany each other as one family on the journey of discipleship
3. Live the joy of the Gospel and sharing it with others

How can we align to this mission and vision for our parish family and have a plan?

We will have both in person and ZOOM meetings so that there are many opportunities for you to participate. Sign-ups in October - coming soon.

We also need your help. We need people to either lead a table or be a note taker during our sessions. We will train you- it's simple as you have a script. Just a couple of hours of your time. Contact the office or one of the PFAC members.

For any questions, inputs, feedback or concerns please contact any of the PFAC members after Mass.
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