

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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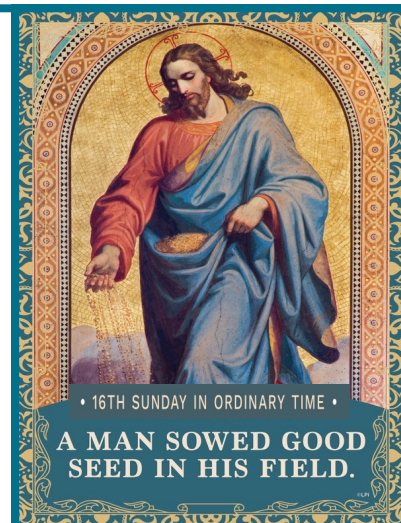
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JULY 19, 2026

Parish Staff:

Secretary	Debbie Forgette	735-8558
Bookkeeper	Presently Unstaffed	
Parish Community Center (PCC) Coordinator	Presently Unstaffed	

Faith Formation:

Pre-school to 5th Grade	Karen Gorham	735-8558
6th to 8th Grades/Edge	Danielle May	528-9780
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore	492-6209
	& Joe Bliss	216-402-3118
	email: lifeteenhs@gmail.com	
Confirmation	Deacon Mike & Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe & Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

Ministers of Music:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Julianne Barnaby	735-2163
9:30 a.m. Mass	Paula Bachelor	375-9019
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Presently Unstaffed	735-8558

Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeney	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele Ogrzyzek	627-0201
Altar Server Training	Zack Rinderer	582-2543

Parish Ministries:

Mary Martha Prayer Group	Camille Henneberry	735-4858
Welcoming Committee	Jan Beardemphl	948-3367
PCC Nursery	Wynona Vaz	222-8982
Ministry to Sick and Shut-Ins	Deacon Eric Shaber & Charlotte Shaber	208-521-7846
Bible Study	Judy Turner	438-7938
Women's Group	Linda Rego	221-1130
Elizabeth Ministry	Catherine Maier	771-2372
Weekend Mass Refreshments	Judy Urrutia	438-5039

Councils and Committees:

Parish Council	Jim Carey	627-0321
Finance Council	Bob Baemmert	531-2085
Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
Evangelization	Presently Vacant	
Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
Parish Library	Ann Stevens	396-2723

Charter Organizations:

Catholic Daughters	Ann Garcia	579-2361
Knights of Columbus	Peter Dreisbach	205-2377
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
American Heritage Girls	Erin Leistritz	406-579-1891

Natural Family Planning:

Carol Gaulke	619-5464
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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday: *Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.*
 Tuesday: *Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 5:30 p.m.*
 Wednesday through Friday: *Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: *No Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 Sunday: *No Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Please visit our Holy Spirit Facebook page to join livestream events:

www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity

Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Babies and young children are usually baptized during Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or on Saturday before 12:00 p.m. Call the parish office for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration information for pre-Baptism classes. (735-8558)



Holy Matrimony

On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...

Engaged couples who wish to be married at Holy Spirit Parish are asked to contact the parish office at least nine months prior to their desired wedding date. The couple and the priest will then meet to begin the Marriage preparation program. (735-8558)

Deaths

What should I do when there is a death in my family? Please call the parish office and speak with the office staff and the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home, to ensure that the church is available at the desired date and time. (735-8558)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19, 2026

Calendar for the Week: (Note: PCC = Parish Community Center)

Sunday, July 19:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.

Edge/Life Teen Water Fun Night, lawn outside PCC, following Mass.



Monday, July 20:

Weekday

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 21:

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Holy Spirit Mommy and Me, PCC nursery, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 5:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Council 4th Degree, PCC room 9, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22:

Saint Mary Magdalene

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.

Mary Martha Prayer Group, PCC room 5, 1:30 p.m.

“Evidence of the Authenticity of the Shroud of Turin” presentation by Robert Rucker, PCC rooms 6/8, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23:

Weekday

Saint Bridget, Religious

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.

Celebration Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24:

Weekday

Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., in the vestibule. Concludes with *Prayers for Priestly Vocations* and *Prayers for Peace* at 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, July 25:

Saint James, Apostle

Sunday Vigil Mass in the church at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 26:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP: Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in the longer version of today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

Thanks for your giving of time, talent, and treasure.

For online giving, visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy7409270>

Thank you for maintaining your financial support of our parish as you are able. If you'd prefer to mail an offering, please send it to **Parish of the Holy Spirit, 7411 W. Clearwater Ave., Ste. A, Kennewick, WA 99336**. If you are currently using offering envelopes and would like to switch to online giving (or bill-payer from your bank), please call the parish office so we can discontinue your envelope mailings with our printing service. Thank you.



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR HIGH SCHOOL
AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER FUN!**



Sunday, July 19th will be a water fun night here at church in the grass field outside the PCC. The fun begins following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. **Food will be provided.** We will even have ice cream sundaes! So bring your **appropriate** swimsuit and towels and be prepared to get hit with water balloons!



Saturday, August 22nd is Faith Night at the Dust Devils Baseball Stadium! This will be open to all parishioners. We have reserved seats in Section 107 for this game. Soon we'll have more information and a link to purchase tickets.



The **Seniors Helping All Kids' Education** (S.H.A.K.E.) collection of school supplies in the designated box in the vestibule runs through **August 6th** this year. S.H.A.K.E., a program of Catholic Family and Child

Services, will distribute the school supplies to children throughout Benton and Franklin counties. Students need all kinds of supplies including pens, pencils, paper, binders, crayons, glue, markers, backpacks, scissors and more!

Camp Breakaway is a five-day Catholic camp for incoming 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. Camp dates are August 3 - 7, 2026. Registration forms with more information can be found on our parish website at www.holyspiritkennewick.org and on the youth bulletin board in the hallway of the church, near the kitchen. Camp costs are \$350. Contact Camp Director Jared Houchin at jaredlhouchin@gmail.com with any questions.



When traveling, visit www.masstimes.org to find Mass and Reconciliation schedules and church locations worldwide.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

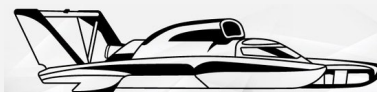
Saturday	July 25, 4:00 p.m.	Adele Perrault RIP
Sunday	July 26, 5:00 p.m.	Chad Ungerecht

The Sunday morning Mass is normally offered for the people of the parish.

To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain, please call Adele Ogryzek at 627-0201.

To have your need added to the list which is published in the bulletin once each month, please call the parish office.

KNIGHTS ICE CREAM BOOTH: The Water Follies is July 24th-26th, and the Benton-Franklin County Fair is August 25th-29th. Anyone 14 or older can volunteer to help in the ice cream booth (under 16 must be with a parent or guardian). This is a great opportunity for family time and service to our parish and community. **We need help from all parishioners and member Knights.** Earnings from these events give us the funds for our charitable endeavors, which focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy.



All those who have signed up to help in the Knights of Columbus Ice Cream booth at the Tri-City Water Follies should stop by the table in the vestibule after Mass to pick up their tickets. Thank you for volunteering!

Sign up in the vestibule after Mass this weekend to help at the Benton Franklin County Fair or visit <https://KofC.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=110307> to sign up online. You may also email us at kofcicecream@gmail.com or call David Konzek at 509-947-0517 or Deacon Ken Ellis at 509-948-4355 with questions or to volunteer.

The Shroud of Turin is a linen cloth measuring approximately 14.5 feet long and 3.5 feet wide. It bears the faint front and back image of a man who appears to have suffered severe physical trauma consistent with crucifixion.



Who is the man in the Shroud? How old is it, and what is its history? How was the image formed? Join us to learn about the fascinating story and mystery of this unique artifact!

A presentation on **The Shroud of Turin** will be given by **Mr. Robert A. Rucker (Bob)**, MS, PE, PE Nuclear Engineer, Researcher of the Shroud since 2013 on

July 22, 2026, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Parish Community Center rooms 6 & 8

Jointly hosted by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



Bishop Tyson is happy to announce the ordination of Kinnzy Dorceley to the transitional diaconate on **Friday, July 24, 2026** at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 604 "E" Avenue in Granger.

In his July 12, 2026 letter to parishes Bishop Tyson said, "I hope that as many people as possible will come as a show of your support for Kinnzy and for the wider Church. For his part, Kinnzy will be making a preaching tour of your parishes to reach all of you during all of the Mass times. He's extremely grateful for your support of him, of our seminarian collection, as well as the Catholic Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Yakima that funds these essential services for our clergy."



Holy Spirit Women's Group Presents Treasure Boutique Sale



Thursday and Friday, September 10-11, 2026

Donations now being accepted:

1. Good CLOTHING for all ages (Pants, slacks, shirts, blouses, sweaters, skirts, dresses, coats, jackets, snowsuits, jumpers, etc)
2. FASHION ACCESSORIES (purses, hats, shoes, scarves, neckties, belts, suits, jewelry, vintage clothing and Halloween costumes)
3. Household LINENS (tablecloths, napkins, towels, blankets, duvet, quilts, fashion pillows, doilies, kitchen towels, washcloths, etc)
4. TOYS AND GAMES (clean dolls, stuffed animals, board games, puzzles)
5. HOLIDAY Décor (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas décor, but NO TREES)

Please call or text Linda Rego at 253-370-6368 for questions about how or what to donate. Proceeds allow us to provide funeral luncheons. Thank you for help and your donations.

*** ATTENTION YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH ***



Have you made a decision to join, or have you already joined any branch of the military in the past year? If so, the Knights of Columbus here at Holy Spirit would like to recognize you and your family for making this important commitment. A banquet is being planned by the Knights to host you and your family.

For more information, please contact Duc Nguyen at 509-942-4147 or Marcel Bergeron at 509-554-4924.



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Washington Primary Election Deadlines

Ballots were mailed: **July 14**

Registration by mail or online must be received by: **July 27**

Register in person (or update voter registration online) by: **August 4**

Election Day: **Tuesday, August 4**

Return ballot by: **August 4, 8:00 p.m.** If returning by mail the USPS recommends returning your ballot at least one week before Election Day to ensure your envelope isn't postmarked too late. You can check your ballot status on [VoteWA.gov](https://www.vote.wa.gov).

Visit [VoteWA.gov](https://www.vote.wa.gov) or <https://www.bentoncountywa.gov/pview.aspx?id=55303> to register to vote or to update your information.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH IN RICHLAND

Full-time Assistant Facilities Manager

This is a full-time (40 hours per week) position Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. On-call hours are negotiable, plus swing shift as needed. Requirements include associate degree or equivalent work experience, preferably in a technical field. Benefits include, medical, dental, vision, vacation and sick time. Pay range is \$21.00 - \$27.00 per hour.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Crystal Cuevas at ctkdre@ckparish.org.

For more information about this position please contact Mike Patello at ckrmaintenance@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN KENNEWICK

JOB TITLE: St. Joseph Lunch Coordinator and Barista
DEPT/ PROGRAM St. Joseph Catholic School, Kennewick
TITLE OF SUPERVISOR: Catherine Valiant, School Principal
POSITION CLASSIFICATION: Classified, non-exempt
DATE PREPARED: July 8, 2026
PAY RATE: \$22.00/hour
HOURS: Monday-Thursday
7:00 am-1:30 pm (26 hours/week) – Schedule may vary.

Position Summary:

This employee opens Holy Grounds Café by 7:30 a.m. Monday - Thursday, as well as plans, purchases supplies, and prepares nutritious and tasty meals for up to ninety St. Joseph School students, served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday. This job lasts from late August through early June each year.

Save the Date
for a Parish Mission at St. Joseph's Parish in Kennewick

October 5 - 10, 2026



"To Live as a Favorite Son/Daughter of God and No Longer as an Orphan" will be presented by Fr. Philip Scott, F.J.

Fr. Philip is the founder of the Family of Jesus religious community based in Peru.

Quo Vadis Days 2026



Attention Catholic young men ages 13–18! Have you ever wondered where God is calling you? Jesus Christ has a wonderful plan for your life!

You are invited to attend Quo Vadis Days, an overnight vocation retreat where you'll spend time with other young men your age growing in faith, prayer, and friendship while discerning God's call for your life. Led by the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Yakima, the retreat includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, recreation, and opportunities to learn about the vocations of priesthood, marriage, and religious life.

Monday, July 20 (11:00 AM) – Tuesday, July 21 (4:00 PM), 2026

**La Salle High School
3000 Lightning Way Union Gap, WA 98903**

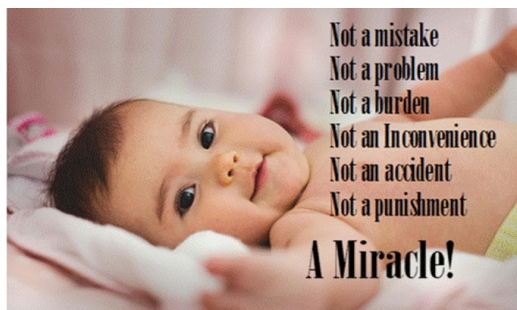
The retreat fee is **\$50 per participant**, with a **family rate of \$25 for each additional brother**. Scholarships are available.

For more information or to register, please contact Seminarian Nicolás León at (509) 840-0596 or (509) 965-7117.

Volunteer to staff the Tri-Cities Human Life Booth at the Benton Franklin County Fair

Tuesday, August 25 through Saturday, August 29
Free admission to the fair when volunteering.

Help inform your neighbors about
pro-life resources in Benton and Franklin Counties.



Use the QR Code to sign up:



Save the date for Pack-A-Picnic events this summer, hosted by Elizabeth Ministry!

Where: The south lawn, between the church and 1st Avenue

When: After the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays mornings
August 9, and September 13.



Pack your own picnic, chairs and blankets for some fun family fellowship after Mass. Face painting, water, and popsicles will be provided.

VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All adult volunteers currently working with or planning to work in any capacity with minors or vulnerable adults at our parish must complete **VIRTUS Safe Environment Training** before starting their ministry. Also, if you completed the training more than 6 years ago, it is time to update your training. Deacon Ken Ellis is offering a VIRTUS training session at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22**, in PCC room 5. **It is required that you create an online VIRTUS account and register at www.virtusonline.org before attending class.** Call Deacon Ken at 509-948-4355 or the parish office at 509-735-8558 for more information.

Church Mission Congress 2026 – Save the Date! Saturday, October 10, 2026 at La Salle High School in Union Gap

This year marks 75 years of faith, service, and evangelization in the Diocese of Yakima. This year the theme of the Congress is *Youth with a Mission: A 75-Year Legacy for the Diocese of Yakima*.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER: FOR OUR SICK: B.J. Bacon (relative of Troy and Emma Bacon), Carmel O'Shea (relative of Fr. O'Shea), Kathleen Zimbehl (parishioner), Lorraine Ramirez (niece of Dru Squires), Fran Rombaugh (parishioner), Marlin Friedrich (parishioner), Debbie Tavernaro (parishioner), James Ellis (son of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis), Spenser Heaton (nephew-in-law of Fr. Michael), Laurie Brzezowski-Greenberg (sister of Fr. Michael), Fr. Michael Brzezowski, Tyler Stevens (grandson of Rose Stevens), Brad Nelson (brother of Brett Nelson), Brian and Amanda Hollenberg (son and daughter-in-law of Glenn and Karen Hollenberg), Sr. Mary (parishioner), Jim Berkman (son-in-law of Allan and Merilynn Erhart), Fr. John O'Shea, Amanda Parry (parishioner), Kathy Bealer (relative of Deacon Ken Ellis), Jim Young (parishioner), Don Malisani (father of Paul Malisani), Harry and Jana Barnes (parishioners), John Jurgilewicz (parishioner), Larry Harris (relative of Deacon Ken Ellis), Lorraine Damon (daughter of Edith Perez), Eric Zimbehl (son of Kathleen Zimbehl), Kevin Gilliam (parishioner), Richard Dennis (uncle of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis), Rachel Courson (parishioner) and girls, George J. Konzek, Sr. (father of David Konzek), Camille Henneberry (parishioner), Rob Privette (parishioner), Addison Wessels (grandniece of Mike and Pam Thurman), John Schneider (relative of Gloria Ziegler), Chuck and Kate Wilson (relatives of Debbi Fislser), Judy Cleary (parishioner), Jeneane Conway (daughter of Julie Waddoups), Linda Ziegler (daughter-in-law of Gloria Ziegler), Rose Stevens (parishioner), Deborah Rowley (parishioner), Natalie Schaeffer (parishioner), Isaac Schmidt (grandson of Sharee Kline), Diana Murawski (parishioner), Deby Ziegler (daughter of Gloria Ziegler), Christina Squires (daughter of Dru Squires), Jason Dietz (grandson of David and Denise Konzek), Tom Collins (son-in-law of George and Marlene Fox), Pat and Leanna Mastaler (parishioners), Rita Magnaghi (parishioner), Arlene Hundahl (parishioner), and Ken Wise (parishioner).

If you wish to add a prayer need to this list, please call the parish office at 735-8558.



[Jesus said to his disciples,] “If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●



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Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

WORKING ON THE MARGINS

*May be read from the pulpit or inserted into the parish bulletins
Bishop Tyson's Letter.*

July 18, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on July 18–19, 2026. Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God.

Since 1969, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has refined an approach that combats poverty by empowering organizations in local communities to identify solutions to the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Restorative justice is a strategy for preventing crime and fostering community reconciliation by reducing repeat offenses and enhancing the well-being of individuals and communities affected by crime. Measures include victim-offender dialogue, educational programs, accompaniment of vulnerable youth, and reentry preparation for those currently incarcerated.

For more than 30 years, the Restorative Justice Mediation Program (RJMP) in San Diego County, California, has partnered with law enforcement and other county government agencies to foster dialogue between offenders and victims of crime and to prepare inmates for release by offering reentry and vocational programming. With funds received from CCHD, RJMP received approval from the California Department of Corrections to introduce its Peacemakers Institute, which allows inmates to reduce time served by participating in reentry and vocational programs. With this approval, RJMP offerings can now be found in carceral institutions throughout California, both state and federal facilities.

Your support for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps organizations like RJMP to build on their success by implementing innovative approaches to community justice and transformation.

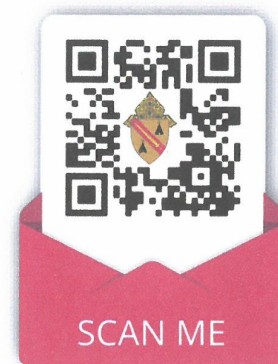
Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd. To support the national efforts of CCHD with an online donation, please scan the QR code below.

With every best wish and blessing,



Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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Scan the QR Code to donate. Thank you!



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The bishops of the United States founded the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to fight poverty by empowering members of local communities, rather than by offering top-down solutions. Using this approach, CCHD-funded organizations identify the most pressing issues and develop creative solutions that lead to lasting positive changes in the community. They address poverty at its roots.

Access to affordable housing is a challenge for people in neighborhoods across the United States. Housing insecurity is not limited to big cities—it affects people in small towns and rural areas as well. Kentucky's Lewis County, where 23% of residents live below the poverty line, is one example.

Since 1982, People's Self-Help Housing Inc. (PSHH) has helped residents of Lewis County secure affordable housing by

constructing new energy-efficient homes, repairing and rehabilitating existing homes, and maintaining affordable rental units, while also creating jobs by training local residents as carpenters, electricians, and plumbers. Located in the Diocese of Covington and supported by CCHD funding, PSHH shares CCHD's commitment to helping people help themselves.

Your contribution to the CCHD collection helps organizations like PSHH to break the cycle of poverty across the country and in your own neighborhood, where 25% of your contribution remains to support local antipoverty efforts.

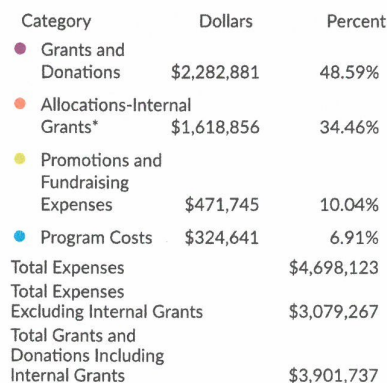
Learn more about how CCHD advances the Church's moral and social teaching by empowering communities: visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **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.

2024 Grants



2024 Expenses



*Internal grants in 2024 included a distribution from the CCHD collection to the education and outreach program of the Secretariat of Justice and Peace, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty. In addition, in November 2024, the CCHD Subcommittee approved three internal grants totaling \$277,500 to support key national initiatives within the Secretariat of Justice and Peace to enhance poverty education efforts and to sustain the essential work of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism in promoting equity, healing, and justice within the Church and society.



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Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



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Monday

July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday

July 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46



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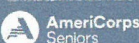
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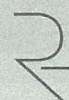


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