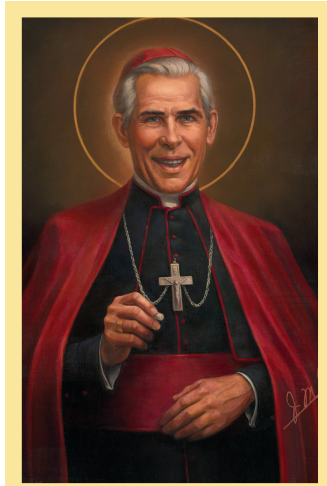


Dear friends in Christ,

This past Thursday a remarkable event happened in St. Louis: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a pioneer in using modern media for Evangelization was beatified (declared Blessed), the final step before Canonization (Sainthood). Born May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois; he grew up in Peoria, Illinois; and was ordained a priest in 1919 for the Diocese of Peoria. He was a preacher, teacher and theologian, writing over 60 books. But what he was best known for was his long-running, Emmy award-winning television program "Life is Worth Living," which often drew a viewership of nearly 30 million people. Through that program, his Catholic Hour radio show on NBC Radio from 1930-1950, and his syndicated TV program in the 1960, Archbishop Sheen reached countless Catholics and non-Catholics with clear teaching and Christ's Gospel message. He would later become Bishop of Rochester, and died on December 9, 1979, in New York City. That day will be observed as his liturgical feast day, his birthday into heaven. Blessed Fulton Sheen's tomb is located in the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria, Illinois.



One of the most moving moments of Archbishop's Sheen beatification Mass was related to the miracle attributed to him for his beatification. It involved the inexplicable healing of a newborn infant, James Fulton Engstrom, in 2010. The child was stillborn after a prolonged lack of oxygen and had no detectable heartbeat or respiration for over an hour. After prayers asking for the intercession of Archbishop Sheen, the child's heart began beating again. The child recovered fully with no lasting medical issues. The miracle was thoroughly investigated in 2011 and approved by the Vatican in 2019. It was that child, now 16 years old, who carried the relics of Archbishop Sheen presented during the beatification Mass.

Archbishop Sheen constantly preached the necessity of a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. He practiced a daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged this great devotion. He wrote: *"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."*

In his book on the Holy Hour, Archbishop Sheen provides a meditation based on St. Peter Julian Eymard which beautifully describes the power of Eucharistic Adoration:



But with the Eucharist! With Jesus in the midst of us...by day and by night, accessible to all, waiting for everyone in his ever-open house, admitting the lowly, calling them with marked predilection-ah! Life is less bitter. He is the good Father in the midst of His children. It is social life with Jesus. And what society! Society that makes us better, that elevates us! And what facilities for social relations with heaven, with Jesus Christ, Himself, in person! It is, indeed, the sweet companionship of simple, loving, familiar, and intimate friendship. Ah! It was necessary!

Love desires community of goods, common possession. It wishes to share happiness and unhappiness. To give is its nature, its instinct, to give all with joy, with pleasure. And so, Jesus Christ and the Most Blessed Sacrament gives with profusion, with prodigality, His merits, His graces, yes, even His glory! Oh, how eager He is to give! He never refuses.

And he gives Himself to all, and always. He covers the world with consecrated Hosts. He wishes all His children to possess Him. There still remain twelve baskets of the five loaves multiplied in the desert. All must have some! Jesus Christ would wish to envelop the world in His sacramental veil, to fertilize all nations in the waters of life that are losing themselves in the ocean of eternity, but only after having slaked the thirst, and strengthened the last of the elect. Ah! It is well for us, for all of us, O Jesus Eucharistic!

I encourage us to ask Blessed Fulton Sheen's intercession - that we grow closer to Christ and be more effective evangelizers. Pray, too, for the good bishop's canonization, that he may soon be canonized a Saint.

LISTENING SESSIONS THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend at Holy Innocents we will have Partners in the Gospel listening sessions. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall there, after each Mass.

At St. Jude, the second listening session will be at 3pm on Sunday afternoon in Lovett Hall. I look forward to seeing you as we reflect upon the gifts and opportunities to grow found in our parishes!

Blessings on your week!

Fr J

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

ST JUDE Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Mon September 28	Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Friday October 2	Saturday October 3	Sunday October 4
9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Women of Faith	5:30pm Faith Formation K-6	8:30am Confessions 9:00am Daily Mass 7:00pm House of Prayer 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal (for 11am Mass)	9:00am Daily Mass 12:15pm Steps to Freedom 1:00pm Rosary Cenacle 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (for 9am Mass) 7:00pm OCIA 7:30pm KoC - General Meeting	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Guardians & Angels 7:00pm Holy Hour	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00pm Wine & Cheese	9:00am Sunday Mass 11:00am Sunday Mass Coffee & Donuts after both Masses 1:00pm Blessing of the Pets 1:30pm Confirmation Session (Youth)

HOLY INNOCENTS Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM, Friday 9AM-12PM

Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Friday October 2	Saturday October 3	Sunday October 4
9:00am Daily Mass 3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry Open	10am-12noon Food Pantry Open 6:00pm Daily Mass 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6:00-9:00pm Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest	8:00am Sunday Mass 9:15am First F.U.T.U.R.E.s Class 10:30am Sunday Mass 11:45am Infant Baptism Preparation for parents 12pm Blessing of the Pets

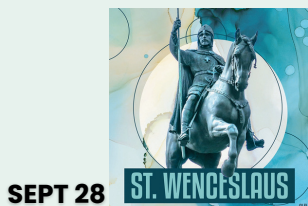
ST ANTHONY Office Hours: Sept 28, 2026 Friday 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday September 29	Wednesday September 30	Thursday October 1	Saturday October 3	Sunday October 4
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study	10:00am Blessing of the Pets 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30pm Sunday Evensong

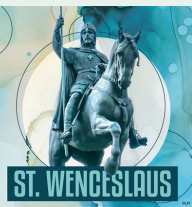
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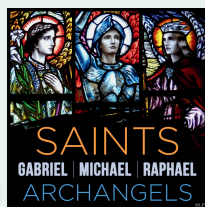
- Holy Innocents: King County Crisis line at 211
- St. Jude SVdP: Helpline assistance: 206-767-6449
- To learn more or to join the ministry contact:
 - Connie Dunn at Holy Innocents: connie@conniedunn.com
 - Diane Murphy at St Jude: svdp@stjude-redmond.org
- To donate furniture or household items email: svdpfurnitureredmond@gmail.com (UPDATED EMAIL)



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PARISH FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATES

HOLY INNOCENTS YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
Actual \$101,521
Goal \$122,308
Ahead/(Behind) (\$20,787)

BUILDING
Actual \$44,304
Goal \$67,015
Ahead/(Behind) (\$22,711)



ST JUDE YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
Actual \$221,797
Goal \$218,225
Ahead/(Behind) \$3,572

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE

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