



Dear friends in Christ,

Today, as I write this, it is the Feast of St. Augustine, great preacher and teacher of the faith. His conversion reminds us of the importance of praying for those who have not yet come to the faith and for those growing in the faith. As I mentioned last week, now is the time to register children and youth for our sacramental preparation programs. Now is the time to encourage adults who would like to become Catholic to inquire about our "Becoming Catholic programs." Now is the time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to stir up the faith in future generations. St Augustine reminds in his **Confessions**, "You O God, stir us up so that praising you may bring us joy, because you have made us and drawn us to yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Faith in Jesus Christ nurtures and sustains us—It gives life and hope! Jesus never ceased to invite others to take up their cross and follow him. We all have a role in extending that invitation.

WHO DO WE KNOW THAT MIGHT WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

I want to encourage each of us to think of the circles we run in, the people we encounter, our family, our friends, acquaintances, coworkers, associates. Who is in need of Jesus? Who is in need of this new way of living, this new way of seeing the world, a relationship with the Lord, Christ's presence, mercy, grace in their lives? Then pray specifically for those persons. Ask God's help to be a witness, an instrument of God's grace, a proclaimer of God's word in their lives. Finally ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, to place his word in your mouth to show you the way to approach and invite them. The Holy Spirit might encourage you to share a word of encouragement, to share a word of scriptures, to share about what happens at our parish, to share a story of your life of faith, to share an article on Catholicism, or invite you to deeper prayer or conversion yourself. Then act on those promptings of the Holy Spirit.

BECOMING CATHOLIC SESSIONS ARE BEGINNING

Very soon, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, the process by which adults are formed to become Catholic, to receive the sacraments and become full members of the Catholic Church is beginning. It starts with a period of inquiry and exploration of the faith, of each person's faith journey, and the questions people have. If you know of someone who has been thinking about becoming Catholic and or simply might like to learn more, let them know about OCIA and invite them to contact Deacon Reuben D'sa at St. Jude (reuben@stjude-redmond.org), or for Holy Innocents and St Anthony contact Leticia Alexander (leticia@holynn.org). Consider offering to be their sponsor or to come with them to OCIA.



LET US PASS ON THE FAITH

Just as important is passing on the faith to the next generations. Beginning in September are our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation programs for children and youth. At the heart of all of these efforts is facilitating an encounter with Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord, the wellspring of love, joy and hope. All of our programs are aimed at supporting parents as the first and best teachers of the faith.

There are faith formation programs for children and wonderful teen groups forming to help our youth grow in their faith. Be sure to sign up your second graders for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. If you have a 7th grader, this is the age for Confirmation. Please be sure to register 7th Graders, 8th Graders and any in High School to prepare for this wonderful sacrament of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Please be sure to sign up your children on-line. Those at Holy Innocents and St. Anthony, you can register here for faith formation: www.holynn.org/futures-page Those at St. Jude should register at this link for faith formation. www.stjude-redmond.org/registration

And of course, we always need more folks to serve as volunteers and catechists. Contact Leticia Alexander (leticia@holynn.org) at Holy Innocents. At St. Jude, contact Joan Chandran for grades K-6 (joan@stjude-redmond.org) or Martin Clavijo for grades 7-12 (youthminister@stjude-redmond.org).

Let us ask St Augustine to pray that we may be joyful bearers of the hope of Christ and his saving grace!

Blessings on your week!
Fr. Johnson

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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

Mon August 31	Tuesday September 1	Wednesday September 2	Thursday September 3	Friday September 4	Saturday September 5	Sunday September 6
9:00am Daily Mass 10:00am Women of Faith		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 7:00pm KoC - General Meeting 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (for 9am Mass)	9:00am Daily Mass 9:30am - 9:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Guardians & Angels 6:00pm Our Lady of Velankanni Novena - Day 1 7:00pm Holy Hour	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00pm Our Lady of Velankanni Novena - Day 2	9:00am Sunday Mass 11:00am Sunday Mass 6:00pm Our Lady of Velankanni Novena - Day 3

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

Mon August 31	Tuesday September 1	Wednesday September 2	Thursday September 3	Friday September 4	Saturday September 5	Sunday September 6
	9:00am Daily Mass 3:00-6:30pm Food Pantry Open	10am-12noon Food Pantry Open 6:00pm Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass	9:00am Daily Mass 6-6:45pm Confessions 6-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		8:00am Sunday Mass 10:30am Sunday Mass

ST ANTHONY Office Hours: Sept 3, 2026 Thursday 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday September 1	Wednesday September 2	Thursday September 3	Friday September 4	Saturday September 5
6:00pm Adoration & Rosary	7:30-9:30pm AA Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study		5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

- 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: svdpfurniture@stjude-redmond.org

PARISH FAMILY FINANCIAL UPDATES

HOLY INNOCENTS YEAR TO DATE 2026 - 2027



OPERATIONS

Actual \$71,195
Goal \$71,346
Ahead/(Behind) **(\$151)**

BUILDING

Actual \$23,717
Goal \$39,508
Ahead/(Behind) **(\$15,791)**

ST JUDE YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS TO AUG 16, 2026



St Jude

Actual \$140,054
Goal \$126,170
Ahead/(Behind) **\$13,884**

SAFE PARKING AT ST JUDE

Safe Parking Helpline: 425-658-4982
safeparking@stjude-redmond.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Innocents:
Contact George Doty 360-668-2224
Dotyga@aol.com
St Jude:
knightsofcolumbus@stjude-redmond.org