

Demographics Survey Report

North Snohomish Parish Family 5

St. Mary, St. Cecilia, Immaculate Conception, St. John Vianney

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North Snohomish Parish Family

We are blessed to have a moment to reflect on our community, considering its gifts and its needs. Here the Parish Family Advisory Council provides a summary of what our fall 2025 survey showed us about our region. We also include comments on our worship spaces and observations from the finance committees regarding our progress after the first year of parish changes. We offer all of this to aid our community in prayerfully reflecting on the mission of the Church in our region.

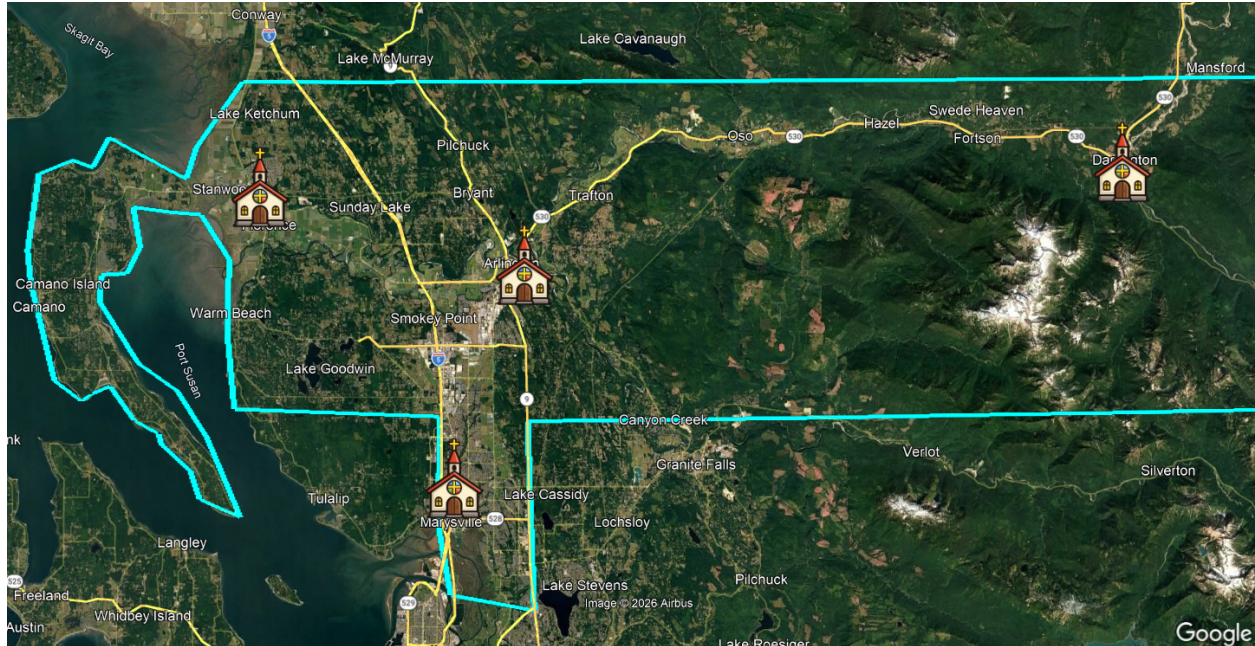
Our Geographic Mission Field

Our parish family serves a large and diverse region including Camano Island, Stanwood, Arlington, Darrington, Marysville, and the surrounding areas.

This area includes rural communities, small cities, and growing suburban populations. Travel between these areas is common, and many parishioners attend Mass outside of their immediate city. Across this geographic spread, we are already functioning as one parish. This has provided us with certain challenges and some unique fruit.

Who Is Present

Where People Come From



Home City	Surveys
Marysville	393
Arlington	164
Stanwood/Camano	144
Outside Parish	75
Darrington	13

Home City	Surveys
Lake Stevens/Granite Falls	25
Everett	19
Tulalip	11
Burlington/Skagit	6
Seattle Metro	6
Snohomish/Monroe	5
Other	3

Parishioners come from across the region. 18% of our English speaking families and 21% of our Spanish speaking families travel beyond their nearest worship space to attend Mass. This impacts Arlington especially, where 22% of local Catholics are traveling to St. Cecilia or St. Mary's English Masses. Another 40% of Arlington area Catholics are Spanish speaking, and are attending the St. Mary's Spanish Mass, though this had been the case before the Mass times changed. In addition, we see parishioners from southern areas of Everett & Lake Stevens coming to church at St. Mary. This remains especially true for Spanish-speaking communities.

English Speaking (total family members)

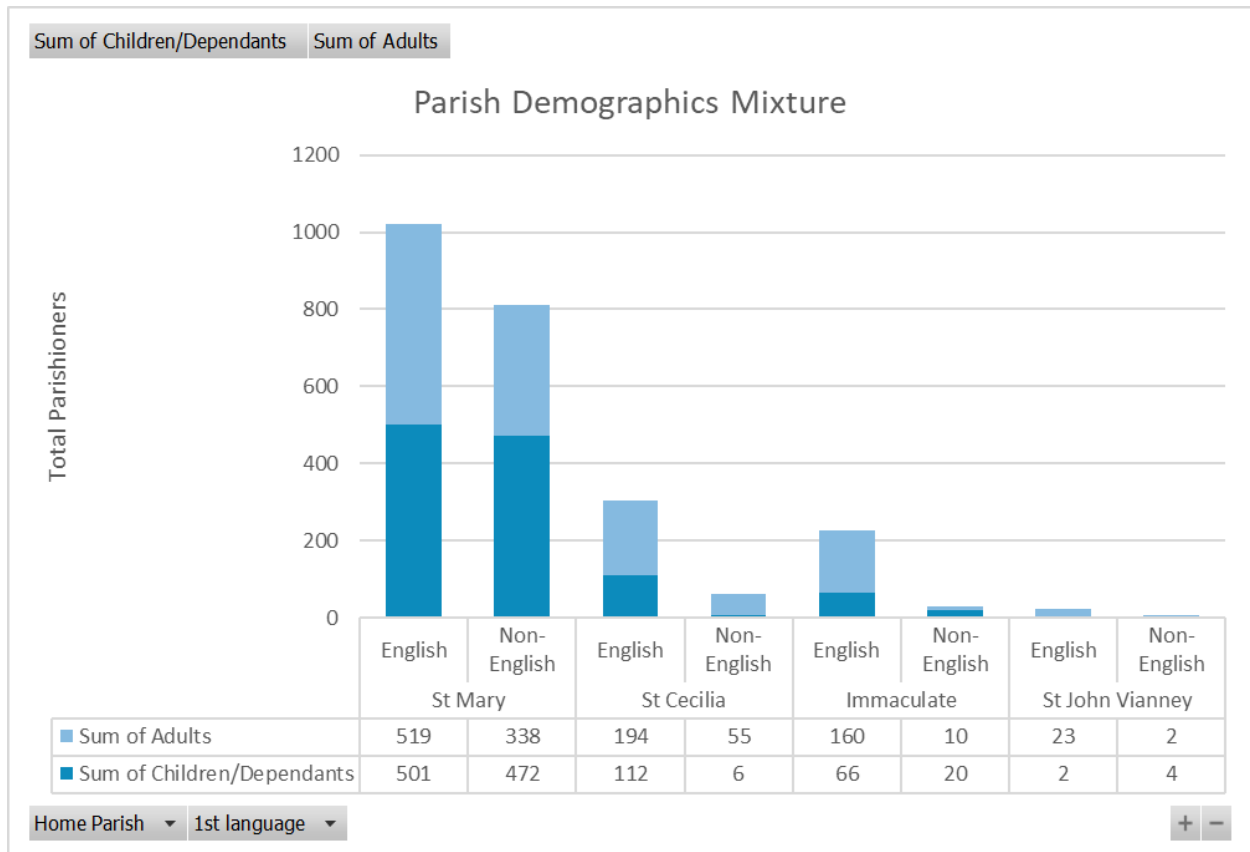
Total in family	Attendance					Grand Total
Home Town	St Mary	St Cecilia	Immaculate	St John Vianney	Other/ No Resp	Grand Total
Marysville	635	40	29		2	706
Stanwood/Camano	27	262	28			317
Arlington	86	26	168	3		283
Darrington				25		25
North		3	3			6
South	83	7	5		10	105
Grand Total	831	338	233	28	12	1442

Spanish Speaking (total family members)

Total in family	Attendance					Grand Total
Home Town	St Mary	St Cecilia	Immaculate	St John Vianney	Other/ No Resp	Grand Total
Marysville	686					686
Stanwood/Camano	8	26				34
Arlington	185		21			206
Darrington				3		3
North	4	3			2	9
South	116		2		14	132
Grand Total	999	29	23	3	16	1070

This indicates that participation is not strictly tied to geography. Families are making decisions based on where they find community, family ministries and Mass times fitting their needs. We are also pleased to observe that the number of total family members in our survey closely matches the Mass counts. This demonstrates that the data is useful and reflects our community well.

Children and Young Families



Children of Non-Spanish Speaking Families sorted by home town

Sum of Children	St Mary	St Cecilia	Immaculate	St John Vianney	Other/ No Resp	Grand Total
Marysville	295	22	13		0	330
Stanwood/Camano	14	85	5			104
Arlington	43	10	47	1		101
Darrington				5		5
North		1	0			1
South	32	4	0		3	39
Grand Total	384	122	65	6	3	580

Children of Spanish Speaking Families sorted by home town

Sum of Children						
Home Town	St Mary	St Cecilia	Immaculate	St John Vianney	Other/ No Resp	Grand Total
Marysville	428					428
Stanwood/Camano	5	9				14
Arlington	107		9			116
Darrington				1		1
North	3	2			1	6
South	73		1		12	86
Grand Total	616	11	10	1	13	651

One clear pattern in the data is the concentration of children and young families at St. Mary's across both Hispanic and non-Hispanic populations. Other worship spaces show lower proportions of children relative to their overall attendance and capacity. We can see that many of the children at St. Mary are coming there from Arlington and from cities south of our parish.

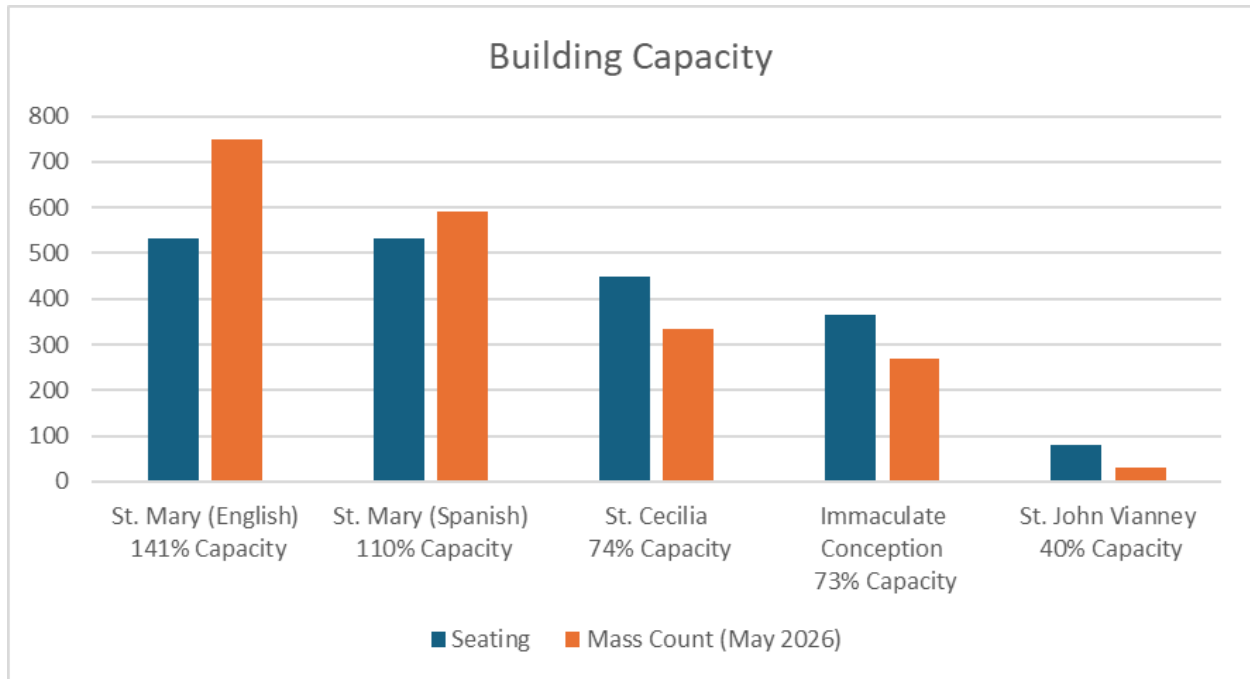
Cultural and Language Diversity - number of parishioners by ethnicity

Sum of People						
Home Town	St Mary	St Cecilia	Immaculate	St John Vianney	Other/ No Resp	Grand Total
Hispanic	961	56	79	3	16	1115
White	235	200	59	20	8	522
Undisclosed	212	41	11	8		272
Filipino	226	35	20			281
Native	18	17	72		2	109
Asian	94	2	3			99
Multi	52	16	11			79
African	32		1		2	35
Grand Total	1830	367	256	31	28	2512

Approximately 42% of parishioners are Spanish-speaking, and of the Spanish-speaking households about half have members who are only fluent in Spanish. This contrasts with other language communities in which English fluency is common. Spanish-language Mass is currently offered at St. Mary's and draws participation from across the entire parish family and Everett. As previously noted, the next significant source of Spanish-speaking families is Arlington.

Comparing ourselves to the local regions, we find about 172,000 people living within our parish boundaries. We see that our Mass attendance represents about 1 in every 162 white residents, and 1 in every 24 ethnic residents.

Worship Life and Mass Capacity



Across the parish family, Mass attendance and capacity are much more evenly aligned to building capacity than when we began, though challenges remain.

St. Mary is consistently at or even over capacity, with limited room for additional participation at existing Mass times. Others have available capacity but lower attendance. The archdiocese guidance is to have between 50-80% capacity on Masses. St. Cecilia and Immaculate are in this range. St. John Vianney as a mission building remains reasonably utilized. St. Mary is an area for future planning.

Buildings and Facilities

The buildings across the parish family are generally in sound condition and have been maintained over time. Recent improvements, including major systems such as roofing and HVAC at St. Mary that were upgraded in 2021, have strengthened key facilities, while the other three have all undergone major renovations in the last 20 years.

At the same time, not all buildings are equally suited to current needs. The archdiocese’s assessment of our buildings, conducted periodically, assessed that St. Mary’s structures have more critical need for further evaluation and long-term planning than the rest of the parish family properties. While maintained and not at risk, they are older and as they near the end of their life cycle the campus will need to be replaced all at once.

The archdiocese assessment of St. Cecilia's showed that the church, office and hall are well suited to purpose and, thanks to the recent renovations, are relatively new and well maintained.

Similarly Immaculate Conception is in very good condition after its recent expansion with ample room for both worship and classrooms for programs.

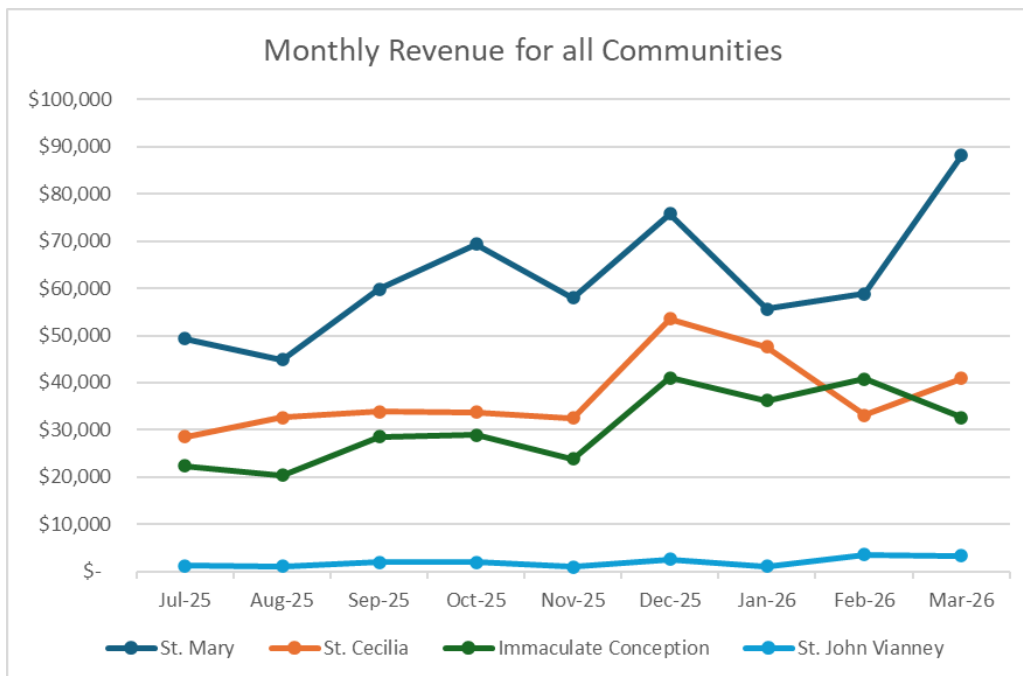
St. John Vianney in Darrington was also renovated extensively and although the original structure is aged, it remains in good condition for use, and was recently able to host our parish family men's retreat from its beautiful hall.

Financial Overview

	July 2025 - Mar 2026 (9 months)			Net Assets	90 days Ex.	Debt
	Revenue	Expenses	% Gain / Loss			
St Mary	\$ 563,089	\$ 542,396	4%	\$ 239,193	\$ 180,799	\$ 226,000
St Cecilia	\$ 336,446	\$ 374,562	-10%	\$ 128,969	\$ 124,854	
Immaculate	\$ 274,749	\$ 268,137	2%	\$ 450,235	\$ 89,379	
St John Vianney	\$ 17,304	\$ 16,938	2%	\$ 60,483	\$ 5,646	
Parish Family Level	\$ 1,191,588	\$ 1,202,033	-1%	\$ 878,880	\$ 400,678	

The parish family continues to hold sufficient funds for daily operations, with approximately \$879K in cash reserves and one outstanding loan of \$226k related to the recent roof replacement at St. Mary’s church and hall. The diocese recommends maintaining 90 days of operating cash.

Operating margins remain tighter than is typical, leaving limited room for unexpected costs or long-term capital needs. Over the past year, greater sharing of staff, ministries, and resources across the parish family has helped improve stewardship and reduce costs, and this collaborative approach will continue to help us next year. Online giving now represents 26% of parish income and remains especially helpful in providing stable, predictable support for planning and operations.



What We Are Seeing

Several consistent patterns emerge from the data:

- Many parishioners are moving across geographic boundaries to participate in worship and community life.
- Growth is not evenly distributed. Children, young families, and many immigrant communities are concentrated in Marysville and Arlington.
- Mass attendance is similarly uneven. Some locations are full, while others have available capacity.
- The parish family has sufficient financial assets with some areas of concern.

These patterns are not problems to solve immediately, but realities to understand.

Looking Ahead

This report is a starting point. It helps us see clearly who we are today.

In the coming stages, the parish family will continue to listen, gather input, and begin discerning how to respond to what we are seeing.

Our mission remains the same: to serve the people who are here, and to reach those who are not yet connected to parish life.

This will require all of us, across every part of the parish family, to work together as one community. We hope this report will serve as a helpful resource for prayerful reflection as the parish family enters the upcoming listening sessions and continues discerning the path ahead.