

PARISH FAMILY 14

ST. ALPHONSUS | ST. BENEDICT | ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

**"THE LAST WILL BE FIRST,
AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST."**

Salomon Koninck

MATTHEW 20:1-16A

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil at St. Alphonsus
5:00 PM Vigil at St. John
Sunday: 8:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
10:30 AM at St. John
11:00 AM at St. Benedict

DAILY MASSES

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 AM at St. Alphonsus
Thurs: 6:00 PM at St. Benedict
Fri: 9:00 AM at St. John
Sat: 8:00 AM at St. Alphonsus
(except 1st Sat: 9:00 AM at St. John)
School Masses (Sept-June): All are welcome!
Refer to This Week's Calendar, page 2.

RECONCILIATION

Mon - Thurs: 7:00 - 7:20 AM at St. Alphonsus
Thursday: 5:30 - 6:00 PM at St. Benedict
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM at St. Alphonsus
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:45 AM at St. Alphonsus
Sunday: 9:45 - 10:15 AM at St. John
By appointment: info@parishfamily14.org
First Friday Reconciliation and Adoration:
7:00-8:00 PM at St. Alphonsus



ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH

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ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

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For pastoral emergencies, please call: 206-271-3543.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

September 20, 2026
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

	ST. ALPHONSUS		ST. BENEDICT		ST. JOHN	
September 20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM 9 AM 10 AM	Reconciliation Mass Coffee & Donuts	11 AM	Mass with CLOW (Livestream) Special collection for St. Vincent de Paul	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Lectio Divina SVdP Meeting - Portable 43 Reconciliation Mass with CLOW SVdP collection at both Masses Pancake breakfast after both Masses
					7:30 PM	Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
September 21 Monday Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	7 AM 7:30 AM 7 PM	Reconciliation Daily Mass RIP: Rosina Bertucci Men's Group - McGrath Room	8:30 AM 7 PM 7 PM	SMdP Sandwich Making Young Adult Women's Group - St. Mary Room Gospel Study via Zoom		
September 22 Tuesday	7 AM 7:30 AM	Reconciliation Daily Mass RIP: Barbara Reichmuth	7 PM	Young Adult Men's Group - St. Mary Room		
September 23 Wednesday Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	7 AM 7:30 AM 6:30 PM	Reconciliation Daily Mass INT: Sammy & Zack Ribas Alpha - Family Center				
September 24 Thursday	7 AM 7:30 AM 10 AM	Reconciliation Daily Mass INT: Rocky & Niki Hahn Scripture Study - McGrath Room	5:30 PM 6 PM 6:45 PM 7 pm	Reconciliation Daily Mass INT: Tom Barret Consecration to St. Michael the Archangel OCIA - St. Teresa Room	3 PM	Family Adoration
September 25 Friday	8:15 AM to 7 PM	Adoration Chapel open			9 AM	Daily Mass
September 26 Saturday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM	8 AM 4 PM 5 PM	Daily Mass INT: Shanon & Cierra Bowman Reconciliation Vigil Mass	9:30 AM	Craft Group	5 PM	Vigil Mass with Baptisms (Livestream)
September 27 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8 AM 9 AM 10 AM	Reconciliation Mass Pancake breakfast	11 AM 12 PM	Mass with CLOW (Livestream) Coffee & Donuts	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Lectio Divina Reconciliation Mass with Baptisms & CLOW Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
					7:30 PM	Faith Sharing Group via Zoom
	For livestream and recorded masses, click the links:		www.pf14.org/st-benedict-live-streaming www.facebook.com/stbenseattle		www.pf14.org/st-john-live-streaming	



Sign up to **get notified of mass cancellations** or mass time changes.
<https://bit.ly/PF14NotifyMe>



Subscribe to **weekly bulletin and e-newsletter**.
<https://bit.ly/PF14WeeklyBulletin>



Submit your **questions & feedback** about our Parish Family.
<https://bit.ly/PF14Queries>

Dear Friends,

I hope your summer went well and that September hasn't been too intense. This fall and early winter, we have some exciting updates that I'd like to share with you.

Also, if you are new and have joined us within the last several months, welcome! We have many Small Groups, with more being formed. These groups are a great way to connect with others and grow in faith.

Visit www.pf14.org/small-groups for more information.

Letter

FROM THE PASTOR



Autumn Edition

PF14: Worship - Witness - Charity

NEWS

We have a New Director of Pastoral Ministry!

First, we have completed our hiring process for the Director of Pastoral Ministry (DPM). As a reminder, the DPM leads the parish's faith formation, evangelization, liturgical, and social justice initiatives under the direction of the Pastor. Basically, the DPM helps organize and facilitate these events and programs.

I am excited to announce that we are hiring Jessica Harris as our new DPM. She is currently the outgoing DPM at Parish Family 16 (St. Anne, Sacred Heart, and Our Lady of Fatima). Jessica earned a Master's Degree in Theology, with an emphasis in Thomistic Studies, from the International Theological Institute in Austria. Her previous roles have included teaching third grade at a classical charter school, serving in campus ministry at Colorado State University, and working as a leadership coach for pastors. Jessica hails from California and Colorado and comes from a large Catholic family. When not working, she enjoys exploring Seattle's coffee scene, needle crafts, and traveling.

She will join us in early November after finishing her work at Parish Family 16 and taking some well-earned vacation time.

The Great Advent Adventure!

This Advent, we will spend three weekends worshipping together! On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weekends of Advent, we will **celebrate ALL Sunday Masses at one location only**. This is a radical idea, yes, but one that emerged through prayer and discernment by the Pastoral Leadership Council and Parish Family staff.

Why are we doing this?

For these three weekends, we want to gather everyone together for two reasons: to help parishioners become more familiar with one another, and to give everyone the experience of worshipping together as one Parish Family!

An Important Note:

THIS IS NOT ABOUT CONSOLIDATING LOCATIONS. It is simply about coming together as one community. This arrangement will not be permanent.

How will it work?

Each weekend, we will celebrate three Masses at one location. We will use different Sunday Mass times so as not to favor any particular parish. Parish staff and volunteers will help coordinate carpools for parishioners who need transportation.

	Date	Time	Location
1st Weekend of Advent	Nov 28 & 29	Regular Mass schedule	3 Churches
2nd Weekend of Advent	Dec 5 & 6	5:00 PM, Vigil Mass Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	St. John
3rd Weekend of Advent	Dec 12 & 13	5:00 PM, Vigil Mass Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	St. Alphonsus
4th Weekend of Advent	Dec 19 & 20	5:00 PM, Vigil Mass Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM	St. Benedict

All Souls Day

This year, we want to place special emphasis on All Souls' Day, when we pray for our deceased loved ones. St. Benedict will host our All Souls' Day Mass on November 2 at 7:00 PM. We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours, followed by Mass. There will also be a Shrine for the Dead that will remain in place throughout November, the month dedicated to praying for the deceased.

MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS UPDATES

Alpha

Starting September 23, we will offer the Alpha program here at PF14. Alpha is a low-stakes program that provides a welcoming environment where people can get to know Jesus and learn about our faith. For more information about Alpha, check out this video: bit.ly/PF14ALPHA.



[Register here!](#)



Want to Become Catholic?

Join OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)! This is a year-long program that guides participants toward becoming Catholic at Easter. You may also join if you are an adult seeking Confirmation.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes will begin on October 4! Please visit www.pf14.org/first-sacraments for more information.

Confirmation

Youth Confirmation classes begin on October 25! This year, we will celebrate Confirmation as a Parish Family instead of individually.

We are currently working on the date and location for Confirmation, but it will most likely be held on May 8 at St. James Cathedral! The reason for this possible location is to give our youth an experience of the universality of the Church, without needing to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Visit www.pf14.org/youth-confirmation for more information.

Liturgy

We will introduce a Missal into the pews of all three churches beginning in Advent. We are doing this to help provide a more consistent experience at Mass across all three churches. However, we will continue using our regular hymnals and worship aids for the time being. Here is a link showing what the missal will look like: www.sourceandsummit.com/missal/standard-edition.

FACILITIES UPDATES

St. John

We will be doing some HEAVY PRUNING around the perimeter of the church. Some small trees that are dying, or will die because of their improper location, will be removed. Large shrubs will be reduced to a more manageable size. The reason for this is that the church is effectively hidden behind all the vegetation, and we need it to be visible.

Speaking of visibility, we are currently awaiting the arrival of new lights for both the interior and exterior of the church. Once they arrive, the contractor will proceed with updating the exterior and interior lighting at St. John. We expect the work to be completed in November.

I hope you have a blessed autumn, and I hope to see you in all the wonderful events and groups the Lord has given us!

Blessings,
Fr. Colin Parrish
Pastor

September 17, 2026

EVERYONE HAS A VOICE
AND AN OPINION,
WHAT'S YOURS?



COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

bit.ly/PF14OppsChallenges

*If you prefer pen and paper, printed copies
are available in the vestibule.*

September 9 - October 31, 2026

Share your thoughts by answering three questions.

- ✓ **What opportunities do you see to better serve people within our parishes and the wider community?**
- ✓ **What challenges are we facing within our Parish Family?**
- ✓ **What challenges do you see that exist in the wider community?**

[bit.ly/PF14Pastor
LetterPITG](https://bit.ly/PF14PastorLetterPITG)



To learn more about our
Partners in the Gospel journey,
read Fr. Parrish's pastoral letter!

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ST. ALPHONSUS | ST. BENEDICT | ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



PARISH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

PARISH FAMILY YOUNG ADULTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS AT SNOW LAKE!



Our young adults enjoyed an end-of-summer hike at Snow Lake in Snoqualmie on Saturday, September 12. It was a beautiful day, and they completed the approximately seven-mile round-trip hike to the lake.

Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying the outdoors and one another's company!

Young adults (21-35) in our Parish Family, please watch for more fun gatherings and activities. We would love for you to join us!

OCIA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Our OCIA classes began on September 10 and meet **every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the lower level of the St. Benedict Parish Center.**

OCIA is a journey of learning, prayer, and discernment for adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith.

It's not too late to join us! Visit pf14.org/becoming-catholic for more information.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to Jim and Patty Fisher, who were married at St. Alphonsus Church 60 years ago!

They recently returned to the church to reminisce about and relive the joy of their beautiful wedding day.

May God continue to bless them with love, happiness, and many more cherished moments together!



TRAINING FOR HOMEBOUND MINISTERS



On August 29, sixteen Homebound Ministers from our three parishes gathered in the McGrath Room at St. Alphonsus for a successful training and meaningful conversation about how they can better serve and care for our homebound parishioners.

We are grateful for their dedication to bringing Christ's presence and the love of our Parish Family to those who cannot join us in person. To join the ministry, please email lcrcoro@parishfamily14.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

**OPEN INVITATION
TO OPEN
CONVERSATIONS.**



It's not yet too late!
**REGISTER
NOW!**

For more info, please visit
www.pf14.org/alpha-course.



IN PREPARATION FOR THE
FEAST OF
**ST. MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**

YOU ARE INVITED TO
CONSECRATE
TO
**ST. MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**

Join us for an evening of grace,
protection, and spiritual renewal
as we consecrate ourselves to the
powerful protection of
St. Michael the Archangel.

WHERE:
CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT
1805 North 49th Street
Seattle WA 98103

DAY:
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24

MASS:
6:00 PM

CONFESSION:
WILL BE AVAILABLE

TALK:
A TALK ABOUT ST. MICHAEL
BASED ON THE TEACHING OF
ST. JOHN PAUL II

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound, or need your prayers this week: Marnie Ahern, Tom Barrett, Ken Brewster, Michael Eugene James Chiles & his surviving wife & family, Diane Crockett, Anne Fuller, Louise Gervais, Brian Gough, Rich Huntsman, Tom Jepson, Marcus McCannel, Jeffery Myers, Joel Ocampo, Jennifer and Jay Parrish, Patricia Patterson, Nina Pedersen, Bill Quackenbush, Kate Quinones, Kathryn Robinson, Lou Ayres Salumbides, Abby Simpson, Anita Stull, and Lillian Yamamoto. For those who have died, especially, and Robert Ruffner, that they may rest in the healing embrace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord. For Armed Forces personnel throughout the world, that they come home safely to their families, we pray to the Lord.

Note: The prayer list is updated every first week of the month.

To keep your request active, please resubmit it each month. To request a prayer, please call the Faith Formation Office at 206-632-0843 or use the QR code or this link: <https://bit.ly/PF14Prayer>.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Turn away from sin and live!

Ezekiel 18:25–28

Psalm

“Remember your mercies, O Lord.”

Psalm 25

Second Reading

Christ became obedient even to the point of death.

Philippians 2:1–11

Gospel

The one who obeys the Lord, even reluctantly, is the one who does the will of the Father.

Matthew 21:28–32

In today's first reading, Ezekiel vividly contrasts the eventual fates of a virtuous person who turns belatedly to sin and a wicked person who turns away from sin to do what is right and just. In the same vein, Jesus presents two sons, one of whom promises obedience, but fails to follow through, while the other responds defiantly, but then has a change of heart. As we listen to God's word, let us ask ourselves where we often fall and how we can do better.

PARTICIPATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Invite your friends and family to attend Mass and experience the peace, community, and spiritual growth it brings. Sharing our mass times with them can help strengthen our Parish Family!

Week of September 13, 2026

St. Alphonsus Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	106
Sunday, 9 AM	209

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 3,778.00
Online Donations	\$ 2,533.09
Mailed-in	\$ 4,053.60

Total Collection \$ 10,364.69

Weekly Budget \$ 9,775.00

Over Weekly Budget \$ 589.69

Thank you so much for all your support to St. Alphonsus Parish!

Set up your recurring online giving now!



St. Benedict Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 11 AM	171
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PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 1,203.00
Online Donations	\$ 3,127.82
Mailed-in	\$ 1,440.00

Total Collection \$ 5,770.82

Weekly Budget \$ 6,212.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 441.18

Thank you so much for all your support to St. Benedict Parish!

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St. John Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, 5 PM	90
Sunday, 8:30 AM	171
Sunday, 10:30 AM	177

PARISH COLLECTION

Mass Collection	\$ 3,137.00
Online Donations	\$ 6,378.70
Mailed-in	\$ 1,851.00

Total Collection \$ 11,366.70

Weekly Budget \$ 17,294.00

Under Weekly Budget \$ 5,927.30

Thank you so much for all your support to St. John Parish!

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<https://bit.ly/PushpaySJ>



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Please join the Knights of Columbus' PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sep 20, Sunday

After each mass
(8:30 AM and 10:30 AM)
at St. John Parish Admin Bldg.

Donations support SVdP.



SEASON OF CREATION

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP AT ST. JOHN

SEP 26, SAT
10 AM - 12 PM

MEETING PLACE:
ST. JOHN COURTYARD



- ✓ A wonderful opportunity for adults and children to beautify the neighborhood, have fun, and earn service hours!
- ✓ Gloves, litter grabbers, garbage bags, and safety vests will be provided.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

OCT 4, SUN
12 - 12:30 PM

**ST. JOHN
COURTYARD**



- ✓ For everyone's safety, dogs must be leashed or in a secure carrier, and all other animals must remain in secure carriers.

Small actions can make a big difference! Explore the 60 Ways to Care for Creation and discover how you can help protect our common home. Click the link to learn more! www.pf14.org/60-ways-to-care-for-creation

HAM AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. ALPHONSUS

On Sunday, **September 27**, the men of the **Holy Name Society** will serve a ham and pancake breakfast after the 9 AM Mass, at the St. Alphonsus Family Center. Donations are gratefully accepted.

All members of the Parish Family are invited to attend. Bringing family, friends and neighbors is encouraged.



ARE YOU MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE? ARE YOU LONGING FOR UNDERSTANDING, COMFORT, OR SIMPLY A PLACE TO BE HEARD?

You don't have to grieve alone. Join our Grief Support Group, a safe and compassionate space to share, listen, and find hope alongside others who understand. Together, we walk the journey of healing with faith, prayer, and mutual support.



Eight weekly 2-hour meetings (Sundays).

A minimum of 8 participants is needed. Registration is required.

Begins October 4—right after St. Benedict's 11:00 AM Mass. Enjoy a quick Coffee Hour at the School Cafeteria, then head over to the St. Benedict Parish Center.

For questions and to register, please email Maggie at margaretalquist@gmail.com.

Sancta Vita

Please join us in daily prayer in support of the **North Seattle 40 Days for Life Campaign**, taking place **Sep 23 - Nov 1**.

Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups are asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

The daily prayer intentions are available in the St. Alphonsus vestibules and upon request. For more info: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/northSeattle>

Want to put your faith into action? Our Social Justice Ministries need hearts and hands like yours. For more details, go to www.pf14.org/social-justice-ministry. Everyone is welcome!

FAITH FORMATION

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Book Club

September 21, 7 PM St. John Book Club; It will be the group's final meeting to discuss *The Brothers Karamazov*. For more information, contact Diana at diana.gruszczynski@outlook.com.

October 1, 6:30 PM | St. Benedict Book Group at St. Mary Room (upper level of Parish Center); In September, we are reading *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, a memoir by Trevor Noah, which we will discuss at our October meeting. Our October selection is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. To join, please contact Brenda at bjandmes@msn.com.

Men's Group

Join the Men's Group **every Monday, 7 PM, at St. Alphonsus McGrath Room** for fellowship and faith sharing. Don't miss out! For more info, please contact Brian LeBlanc at brianleblanc76@gmail.com.

Women's Group

September 29, 6:30 PM | St. Alphonsus Women's Group in McGrath Room; No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact olivia@raesegroup.com.

October 6, 7 PM | St. Benedict Women's Group on Zoom Meeting ID: 83832067839 Password: 042299. All women from our Parish Family are invited to this monthly gathering. We are reading and discussing *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. At our October meeting, we will discuss Chapters 1 and 2. Any questions, call Deb at 206.755-1751.

Family Rosary Group

The group comes together to pray the Rosary. It's a way for families to unite in prayer, strengthen their faith, and foster a sense of community and peace. For schedule and more info, contact Olga Sala at salatorra@yahoo.com.

Looking to grow in faith and friendship? Check out the many Small Faith Sharing Groups across our Parish Family! Scan the QR code or go to www.pf14.org/small-groups.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

Open to baptized children 7 years of age and/or in the second grade.

- ✓ Choose from two class locations and schedules.
- ✓ Classes are for both children and parents/guardians.
- ✓ Classes begin **October 4**.
- ✓ Register now!



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- ✓ Visit www.pf14.org/first-sacraments for more info.

CONTACT US

Faith Formation Office
faithformation@parishfamily14.org
206-632-0843 ext 6004

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptisms in our Parish Family are celebrated during Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses across our three churches, offering families the opportunity to welcome their children into the faith within the Sunday community.

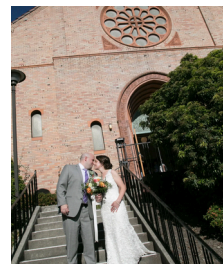
Parishioners of Parish Family 14 may choose from the following upcoming dates and locations:

- **September 26–27** – St. John, during both the **5:00 PM Vigil Mass** and **10:30 AM Sunday Mass**
- **November 14–15** – St. Alphonsus, during both the **5:00 PM Vigil Mass** and **9:00 AM Sunday Mass**

Marriage

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament and a lifetime commitment—preparation is vital to ensuring that the bride and groom are ready to enter into this serious, life-affirming and life-long commitment. We aim to support and assist you as you start your journey toward the joys of married life.

To get started, please contact Julia at jrudden@parishfamily14.org or 206-632-0843 ext 217.



For more information on SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, please visit www.pf14.org or feel free to email us at faithformation@parishfamily14.org.

SCHOOL NEWS



Jog-A-Thon 2026 - Heart and Sole SEPTEMBER 25



<https://stalphonsus.pledgestar.com/community/>

St. Alphonsus Parish School is having a Jog-A-Thon 2026 - Heart and Sole to raise money for the Heart and Soul (Sole) of St. Alphonsus including great academics, fun enrichment programs, and tuition assistance for families who need it.

Please support this event by either (1) making a donation to support the school or (2) cheering on the students and staff on September 25!



**GAMES START IN EARLY
NOVEMBER AND RUN
THROUGH JANUARY!!!**

**Register
now!**



<https://teamsideline.com/seattlecyo>

Registration Fee: The registration fee is \$125. Full and partial scholarships are always available – no questions asked. Please contact Brian Haid AD, stjohnad@st-johnschool.org, for a scholarship request.

Jerseys: A St. John/Al reversible jersey is required. If you do not have a jersey, you will have the option to add a reversible basketball jersey during registration. The cost of a jersey is \$50. Used jerseys are available in the uniform exchange.

Volunteers: We have over a 200+ players in St. Al/John CYO basketball. Please consider volunteering for CYO sports; it is a fun way to earn your volunteer hours! You can register as a volunteer when you register your player for the season. Be sure you are logged in with the email you want to use for coaching (e.g., not your significant others')

More information on the [St. John CYO website](#).



Bump It Up 2026

Sept 29th-Oct 22nd

Get ready to dig deep and compete in our
annual St. John/Al CYO FUNraiser!

REGISTER NOW
cyo.st-johnschool.org



St. Benedict Catholic School

THE GREAT WALLINGFORD BRATWURST FESTIVAL

Thank You

**FOR COMING AND
SUPPORTING THIS
WONDERFUL CELEBRATION!**

FAITH IN FOCUS



Sprinkling the Coffin

WHEN THE body of the deceased arrives at the door of the church for the Catholic funeral rites, the priest sprinkles the coffin with holy water. If the body has been cremated, he sprinkles the remains. He draws from a bucket of blessed water or directly from the Baptismal font if the font is located by the door.



For Catholics accustomed to signing themselves with holy water every time they enter the church, sprinkling the body seems perfectly natural. To visitors from other churches, it may seem strange. We use holy water to remind us of our Baptism. We enter the building with this simple reminder of the sacrament that gave us new birth. As the deceased enters the church for the final time, we sprinkle this faithful member of the community with holy water for the same reason. At death, this gesture seems even more significant. After all, Baptism begins our life in Christ. Our death will bring our life in Christ to its completion.

Sprinkling the coffin takes place whenever the body arrives at the church. If the vigil for the deceased has taken place in church the night before the funeral, the reception of the body with sprinkling takes place then. If the vigil was at another location, the sprinkling takes place at the beginning of the funeral Mass.

Following the Prayer after Communion, the funeral Mass concludes with the Final Commendation. As a sign of farewell, the priest incenses the body of the deceased out of respect. He may also sprinkle the coffin with holy water as a reminder of Baptism, but usually this is omitted if the sprinkling took place at the beginning of the Mass.

The sprinkling is one of many symbols at the funeral Mass that recall Baptism. Together, these symbols remind us of the gift of faith received by the faithful departed, their life in Christ, and their hope of resurrection.

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This Week on Formed
Week of September 20, 2026



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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1087217>

Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/887746>

Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.

Our Parish Family has a **free Formed subscription** for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our Parish Family to get free access to these contents and much more!



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE



Saturday, September 26 | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Smith Cove Cruise Terminal, Pier 91

All are invited to attend the 2026 Seafarer's Center Cruise Ship Benefit Luncheon.
 For more information and to register, go to:
<https://archseattle.org/events/annual-cruise-ship-benefit-luncheon-2>



Friday, October 2 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Archdiocese of Seattle - Isaac Orr Conference Room

In this hands-on session, we'll explore simple, effective strategies for evangelizing to parents, meeting families where they are, and supporting their unique spiritual journeys. Together, we'll create a clear, step-by-step plan for partnering with parents, helping them build confidence and incorporating faith into the natural rhythms of everyday family life. For more information and to register, go to:
<https://archseattle.org/events/beyond-the-drop-off-partnering-with-todays-families-for-real-faith-formation>

- "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Couples who pray together, stay together.
- Put God in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.
- Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:

Oct 2-4, Spokane, WA	Nov 6-8, Beaverton, OR
Oct 9-11, Tacoma, WA	Nov 13-15, Seattle, WA

For more information, go to wwme.org.



Holy Name Society
Monthly Mass
for First Responders

October 3 | 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Blessed Sacrament Church

Attendees are encouraged to attend in uniform and sit together.



The joy of marriage is the joy of the Church

Betrothed Retreat
 A Weekend to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage

October 9, 4:00pm - October 11, noon
Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center



The Betrothed marriage preparation retreat invites couples to prepare for a joyful, lifelong marriage.
 For more information and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/4d8fsFx>

TENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION SUMMIT



Oct. 3 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Seattle U - Campion Ballroom

This day-long gathering will focus on key issues related to the pastoral care of immigrant communities. All are welcome! This event is free of charge. Registration is required.
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