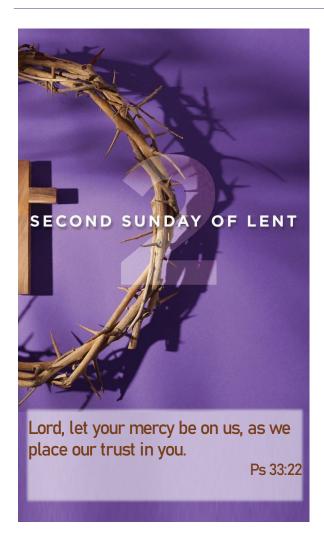


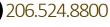
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**REFLECT AND RENEW** this Lent. Go to <u>archseattle.org/lent</u> for weekly reflections, inspiration, resources, prayer suggestions, encouragement and more.

# Becoming more human through almsgiving Love ought to show itself more in deeds rather than words." — St. Ignatius of Lovola

...Two temptations can inhibit our almsgiving: First, one might object that we ought to be teaching people to fish rather than giving them fish, that handouts only encourage people to beg and perpetuate a cycle of dependence

There is truth in this sentiment: We have an obligation to advocate for social justice, defined as "the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due," according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1928). But the obligation to address structural injustices is only the minimal expression of the Christian vocation to love our neighbors. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in the encyclical Caritas in Veritate: "Charity goes beyond justice, because to love is to give, to offer what is 'mine' to the other; but it never lacks justice." Indeed, we cannot separate justice and charity or think of them as substitutes.

In his message for Lent 2018, Pope Francis specifically called on Catholics to give to anyone who asks of us: "Even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we (should) see such requests as coming from God himself." The second temptation is to make excuses like "the money I give might be wasted" or "I only want to give to those with whom I am in relationship so that I don't undermine the humanity of those to whom I give."

These temptations are especially real in a time when opportunities for almsgiving might be mostly online. There is a lack of connection with the recipient or human recognition for generosity.

Jesus reminds us that this is how God the Father gives to us: with no regard for how much we waste or condition that we recognize him as giver. "He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Mt 5:45)....

The quotation from St. Ignatius above about loving in deeds comes from the final exercise in his Spiritual Exercises. Ignatius instructs the one making the exercise to recall all the gifts they have received: the natural gifts of creation, the supernatural gifts of redemption and the particular gifts that make each of us special.

After considering how much God has done for them, Ignatius anticipates that the prayer will move from gratitude to a desire to respond to God's infinite generosity. What can we offer back to God? Simply put: ourselves.

For the full article see: Becoming more human through almsgiving





### **SACRAMENTS**



### YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son"

Youth Confirmation is for youth between 7th and 12 grade. This program helps youth and their families discover a deeper relationship with Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Visit our parish website (select "Sacraments" then "Confirmation"). Class dates will be shared with families once you register.

### FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN

Our Sacramental Preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist have started.



For any questions please contact: Tita Ruiz: Faithformation@stbens.net

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



June Simon, Joe Simon, Carrol Desharnais, Andy Desharnais, Patrick Bartlow, Michael Eugene James Charles, Mildred Faust

\*Please contact the parish office if you have a name to add. For

### **BAPTISM**

### Prior to the baptism, parents need to:

\*Fill out the baptismal registration form (You can download forms online or contact

the parish office for a copy)

\*Provide a copy of the child's state-issued birth certificate

\*Have each godparent complete a godparent form \*Attend a baptism preparation class and ask the godparents to do the same. If individuals have attended the class previously (with in the last three years) this requirement is met.

### **NEXT BAPTISM CLASS MARCH 18TH, 2023!**

If you desire to have your children baptized or have been asked to be a godparent, please sign up for upcoming classes on our parish website

## THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

Do you have a child that you'd like to baptize? Are you interested in joining the Church, getting confirmed, or taking steps towards baptism? Are you looking to prepare for marriage? Please con-

Sacramental Emergency: For Sacramental Emergencies please call the Office

If it is past 12:30pm Mon-Fri please call St. Benedict Parish Office; 206-632-0843

If it is past 4pm, or a weekend please use the after hours emergency line; (206) 276 8085

### **STEWARDSHIP**

# Let's Give from our Hearts

Your gift contributes to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Scan this QR Code to go to osvhub.com/stcatherineparish to make a finacial contribution online.

### HOW DOES ONLINE GIVING BENEFIT ME AND MY PARISH?

### **STEWARD BENEFITS**

- **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.
- **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- **Flexible.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Simple.** No need to contact your bank of the parish office.

### CHURCH BENEFITS

- Stabilize Contributions. Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows the parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- Direct Donations. A simple way to contribute to individual events, holidays needs, classes, especial donations, and more.
- Secure and Confidential. No need to store member account information.
- **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expenses in bookkeeping.

### ST. CATHERINE NEWS

### LENTEN AND EASTER BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a six week Bible Study, "The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus Christ." Perfect for Lent and Easter seasons! Begins on March 12th and is Sundays from 11:15-12:30 on Zoom. Each week before Easter, we will read and study one Passion narrative each week. The two weeks after Easter focus on the Resurrection Narratives. No pre-work needed, just join with **Zoom ID 894 2152 7935 and passcode 641157.** Questions? Contact Shannon Wilson at sswaniga@gmail.com.

### LENTEN FAITH SHARING SERIES



Join members of your St. Catherine community in a five week Lenten faith sharing series, *every Wednesday of March*. Our focus will be on reflection and renewal through encounter with Christ. As we prepare to work together in new ways through the Partners in the Gospel process, this shared experience of prayer and reflection will be valuable. Our prayer sessions will occur on <u>Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the upstairs living room in Benicasa (upstairs from the main office.)</u>
Please contact the parish office if you have questions.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Please join us for *Camp St.C 38th Annual 2023 School Auction*. SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2023.

Please help by donating or being a sponsor. We are very grateful for the support of the Parish community and your ongoing commitment to Catholic education. Together we are better! Please visit our auction website to donate. We can't wait to see you at camp!

https://stcatherineschool.ejoinme.org/2023Auction



### ALL THE NEWS YOU NEED

Stay up-to-date with church emails, bible study content, Zoom links, and messages from volunteer & ministry groups that you're interested in. It's all on Flocknote! Go to www.stcatherineofsienaparis1.flocknote.com to join!



## ST. BENEDICT NEWS

### SMDP SANDWICH MAKING



Ten volunteers meet to assemble and deliver 400 sandwiches to the St. Martin de Porres Men's Shelter every first Monday of the Month. To get involved, join Flocknote SMdP Group or contact Vicky Briones at vicster912@gmail.com

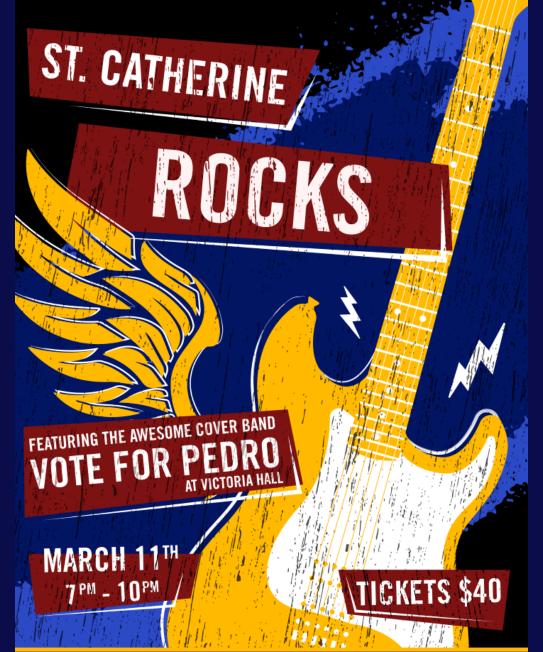


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# DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENT BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



LIVE DJ - COVER BAND - DANCING - DRINKS - SNACKS DRESS LIKE A ROCKSTAR OR YOURSELF

DON'T MISS OUT • SCHEDULE YOUR BABYSITTER TODAY!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT (Previously known as Pub Night)

Come dance the night away with a cover Band - *Vote for Pedro*. This will be a fun evening for getting together with old friends and meeting a few new ones too! School parents and parishioners are all welcome (but no kids). Appetizers and one drink is included with the ticket price. Additional drinks available for purchase. We promise you will have a GREAT time!



# Sunday, March 12, 2023 12pm-7pm St. Benedict School Cafeteria

Menu

<u>Insalata:</u>

Caesar Salad

Adults \$16

Students & Seniors \$10

# The Primo:

Pasta with:

- -Marinara
- -Meat Sauce
- -Butter

Get your tickets and reserve your table at:



\*Gluten Free Available

The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraiser for the 6th-8th grades for outdoor camp.

\*Tickets must be purchased and reservations must be made in advance.