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STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

ASSUMPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Collections

Current Week	\$6,686
Month to Date	\$6,686
Month to Date Budget	\$6,764
Under budget	\$(78)

Year to Date

YTD Collections	\$44,358
YTD Budget	\$43,864
Over Annual Budget	\$494



OLL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Collections

Current Week	\$12,045
Month to Date	\$12,045
Month to Date Budget	\$10,596
Over budget	\$1,449

Year to Date

YTD Collections	\$61,863
YTD Budget	\$68,996
Under Annual Budget	\$(7,132)



ST. BRIDGET

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Collections

Current Week	\$11,297
Month to Date	\$11,297
Month to Date Budget	\$11,210
Over budget	\$88

Year to Date

YTD Collections	\$64,425
YTD Budget	\$70,010
Under Annual Budget	\$(5,585)



ST. CATHERINE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Collections

Current Week	\$5,776
Month to Date	\$5,776
Month to Date Budget	\$5,658
Over budget	\$118

Year to Date

YTD Collections	\$32,920
YTD Budget	\$34,334
Under Annual Budget	\$(1,414)



WHY WE GIVE

"God is real and really engaged in our efforts. He works in people's hearts, moving them in the direction of generosity. The work we undertake through our stewardship efforts is His work. And He encourages us to work with him. God wants to fund His Church but will not do so without us and our very best efforts." - Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Church of the Nativity, Timonium, MD

Thank you to our generous community for your gifts!

DID YOU KNOW?



IS TEMPURA ACTUALLY CATHOLIC?

The Japanese dish "Tempura" referring to different battered and fried vegetables and seafood comes from the Latin "Quattor Tempora," literally "Quarterly Periods" or more commonly known in the Western Liturgical Calendar as the Ember Days, periods of fasting and abstinence that occur four times in the year (for the most part, the practice died out in the Novus Ordo).

The Japanese saw Portuguese merchants/sailors eating fried fish and vegetables during the "Quattor Tempora" and thought it was a neat idea! Yum!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELAINE HUNTER

We remember longtime Our Lady of the Lake parishioner Elaine Hunter, who passed away recently at the age of 100. Elaine joined OLL 70 years ago with her six children, who remain part of the parish community today. We give thanks for Elaine's many years of faithful presence and ask that you keep the Hunter family in your prayers.

LITURGY CORNER

CHURCH INTERIOR

On the inside, Catholic church buildings look different from one another, but they have many common features. Upon walking into the door of a church, you should be able to notice several things.

Narthex: Many churches bring you first into a narthex or gathering area. There you can meet other people or view bulletins and posters.

Nave: The body of the church is the nave. The word is related to "navy" because a church interior somewhat resembles a ship. The congregation assembles in the nave.

Sanctuary: The place where most of the action takes place is the sanctuary. It is set apart from the nave by its height and spaciousness. The three principal furnishings of the sanctuary are the chair, where the priest stands to begin the service; the ambo, where the Liturgy of the Word unfolds; and the altar, the center of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Choir: There may be another area designated for musicians. In older churches musicians entered a loft behind the congregation, because they created music to be heard, not shared. Today a choir area is more commonly visible to the entire assembly, where the musicians can better lead everyone in singing.

Sacristy: The vessels, vestments and other items needed for Mass are stored in one or more sacristies.

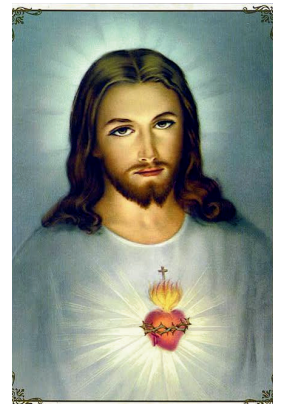
Other Items: Statues, stations of the cross, votive candles, the tabernacle and other items may be seen in the church. These occupy devotional areas that are not essential for the celebration of the Mass, but they are part of the environment one customarily sees on entering a Catholic church.

SACRED HEART DEVOTION WITH CHILDREN

Involve children in the Sacred Heart Devotion by saying the Morning Offering together, teaching them some invocations (see (Sacred Heart Novena and Prayers) and having them participate in the Enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart in your home.

For younger children, coloring images of the Sacred Heart are a way to introduce the devotion and help them understand how it represents Jesus' love and mercy.

Local artist, Sam Estrada, created two Sacred Heart coloring pages. Download and print them to teach your children about the Sacred Heart. You can find them here: <https://tinyurl.com/tcnvvfjz>



THIS WEEK

AUGUST 17, 2026

Bereaved Parent Support Group

The Bereaved Parent Support Group will gather on **Monday, August 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Bridget's**. This gentle and compassionate group offers a safe, welcoming space for parents who have experienced the loss of a child to come together, share, listen, and support one another. Whether your loss is recent or from years past, you are not alone. All are welcome, and you are warmly invited to join us for an evening of understanding, prayer, and quiet companionship.

AUGUST 19, 2026

Senior Social at Assumption

Join us for our July Senior Social at Assumption Parish! Enjoy coffee, conversations and treats with fellow seniors. **July 19 at 11 am** in the St. Joseph Room. All seniors are welcome!

COMING UP

AUGUST 29, 2026

Celebrating Fr. Bill & Fr. Duc

Join us as we celebrate Fr. Bill Heric's 45th Anniversary of Ordination and Fr. Duc Nguyen's 20th Anniversary of Ordination. The celebration will be held on **Saturday, August 29**, immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Lake. Come together as a parish family to give thanks for their faithful priestly service and celebrate these special milestones.

Please RSVP here:

<https://bit.ly/4wgbUb9>

Sign up to help here:

<https://bit.ly/4g2p2uw>

AUGUST 31, 2026

OLL Back to School Bash

Lakers! Swing by our Back to School Bash from **5:00-7:30pm** to meet your teachers, tour the school, enjoy some pizza and sweet treats, and get ready for a great new year!

OCTOBER 3, 2026

Save the Date!

Lori and Robert Fontana are coordinating a day of prayer, study, and faith-sharing on The Beauty and Challenge of Catholicism. Please reserve **Saturday October 3rd for this important event (9:30 am - 5 pm)**. The main speaker will be Fr. John Edmunds ST, pastor of St. James Wabash Church, Chicago.

A Baltimore native, Fr. John made his first vows as a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity in 1970 and was ordained to the priesthood on May 15, 1976. His ministries have included parish work, youth work, community development, vocation work, campus ministry, formation work, and leadership roles within his religious community. Before his time as Custodial General of the Missionary Servants, Fr. John spent seventeen years as pastor of an inner city parish in Jersey City, New Jersey.

More detailed information will be forthcoming!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic Home Missions

Next weekend we will have a special collection for Catholic Home Missions. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. These dioceses face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Mission Collection funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs. As a result of parishioners' generosity, Catholic Home Missions impacts the lives of nearly nine million Catholics in the United States.

Thank you for your generous gifts!



AGAPE SERVICE PROJECT RECAP

Our middle and high school students recently returned from the Agape Service Project, where they spent a week serving migrant families, growing in faith, and building meaningful relationships through prayer, service, and community. Read about their inspiring experience and the impact it had on their lives here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3y4vszvt>



BIBLE STUDY

St. Catherine Benecasa Conference Room Sundays at 9:45 AM
Beginning on September 13

We invite you to join us as we delve back into Holy Scriptures each Sunday morning. The study group will start again in September and will finish the book of Genesis, where Jacob and his sons are fleeing into Egypt, only to find Joseph in Pharaoh's court, interpreting dreams! After Genesis, our next biblical texts will be determined by the group.

CATHOLIC IMPACT
CATHOLIC IMMIGRANT PROPHETIC ACTION PROJECT

REGIONAL CONVENING
Witness to Hope: Pastoral Care of Immigrant Communities

Tenth Annual Catholic Immigration Summit

Saturday, October 3, 2026
8:30am - 5pm
Seattle University Campton Ballroom

Please join us!
New this year - a strategic collaboration with the Catholic Immigrant Prophetic Action Project. Catholic IMPACT is a partnership between the Center for Migration Studies of New York and the Hope Border Institute in El Paso, TX to assist the Catholic Church in the United States in organizing a robust response with and for migrants and refugees in the country who are living in fear of immediate deportation. Through organizing, communications, research and rapid response, Catholic IMPACT supports (arch)dioceses in their mission to preach the Gospel and walk with immigrants.

This day-long gathering will focus on key issues related to the pastoral care of immigrant communities. Discussion topics include the Catholic Church's teachings on immigration, enforcement, and the dignity of the human person; "know your rights" guidance; strategies for accompanying and supporting immigrant families; thoughtful approaches to public events and public witness; effective communications strategies; and the celebration of Mass.

Registration required

This summit includes morning refreshments, lunch, and parking. During registration you may choose to offset the cost of your attendance through a donation.

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POSTCARDS FROM THE PEWS

Pat Kerper from Rochester, NY, is visiting our parish family this summer! She has family living here and attends Mass at St. Bridget's every time she's in Seattle! Welcome, Pat! We're so happy you're here!



WEBINAR

Intriguing Implications of Artificial Intelligence
Aug. 20 | Noon-1 p.m. | Virtual

AI expert Father Philip Larrey, Ph.D., of Boston College, discusses the philosophical and ethical implications of Artificial Intelligence, including the dignity of the human person and how to adapt to rapid technological change. Father outlines the potential impacts of AI on society and how the Church can influence those outcomes. Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4s8au5pw>

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ARE YOU *traveling* THIS SUMMER?

Share your pictures of you in front of churches, we'd love to highlight our parishioner's travels and Mass experiences!

Send us your photos!
We can't wait to see where Mass takes you. ♥

WHERE HAS MASS TAKEN YOU THIS SUMMER?

Traveling this summer? We'd love to see where your faith journey takes you! Snap a photo of yourself or your family in front of a church while you're away and send it susie@neseattlecatholic.org. We'll feature photos of parishioners throughout the summer as we celebrate the many places our parish family is worshipping around the world.

06 SOCIAL JUSTICE - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

August 16, 2026 | The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY NEEDS

For Assumption - St. Bridget:

Food:

- Pasta sauce
- Vegetarian soups

Hygiene/Cleaning Supplies:

- Cleaning products
- Glass cleaner
- Toilet cleanser
- Shampoo
- Dish Detergent

For Our Lady of the Lake:

Food:

- Canned tuna/fish
- Canned chicken
- Jam/Jelly
- Shelf stable milk

Hygiene/Cleaning Supplies:

- Kids' shampoo
- Sheet laundry detergent
- Bottle laundry detergent
- Cleaning products
- Paper towels

St. Catherine:

Nothing needed at this time



CRS SPOTLIGHT



Early each morning, Dam Gaye checks on his chickens at his home in Kaur Wharf town in The Gambia's Central River Region. He feeds them and ensures there is proper heat and light for the chicks to protect them from the cold. As head of household for his family of four, Dam faced financial constraints that hindered his poultry business from growing as it should. Then, in 2025, he was invited to participate in the Food Security and Climate Entrepreneurship, or FACE, project, implemented by Catholic Relief Services along with local partner Agency for Village Support. As part of the project, Dam received 300 chicks, feed, water bowls and feeders to kick-start his poultry business.

As the chickens grew, he sold some and reinvested his profits to buy more — including different breeds. Others he kept for breeding. He now has more than 200 eggs in an incubator, waiting to hatch. Less than two months after he joined the FACE project, his income more than doubled. While poultry farming is helping to meet his family's daily needs, Dam says he is also driven by passion. It gives him joy, he says. Following this support and his success, Dam gave his brother 50 chicks to help him start his own business. Dam believes in the power of sharing because, for him, the greatest form of empowerment is lifting up a person so they can take progress and growth into their own hands. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00am | for the Parish † - STB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00am | for the Parish † - STC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00am | for the Parish † - OLL

6:30pm | for the Parish † - STB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00am | for Santiago Medina (HBD) - STC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00am | for George Trexlor Morris † - AP

To have a Mass said for someone deceased (†) or for the intentions of a living person, stop by the parish office or place a note in the collection basket with your donation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Ignacio Ayala (STC)
Carmina Bacani (OLL)
Tom Barrett (OLL & STC)
Harrison Carlin (OLL)
Patti Herlihy (AP)
Jim McFarland (AP)
Matt Todaro (STB)
All the patients at Seattle
Children's Hospital



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Gloria Ausejo (OLL)
Dave Clark (STB)
(Husband of Mary Kay Beeby)
Daniel Morgiewicz Jr. (OLL)
Patrick Mulvihill (OLL)
Robbin Sullivan (STB)
Maureen Weinrich (STB)

HOLY ROSARY

You are warmly invited to join us each week in praying the Holy Rosary. We gather on Wednesdays at 5:30pm at St. Bridget and on Thursdays at 9:30am at St. Catherine. This is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of our faith, lift up our intentions, and spend time in prayerful community together.



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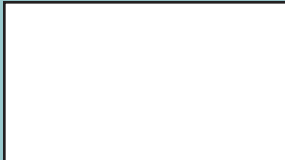
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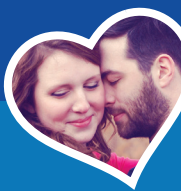
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