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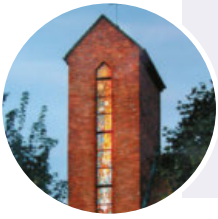
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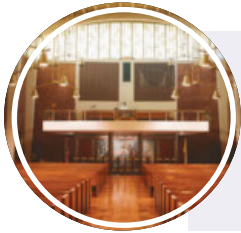
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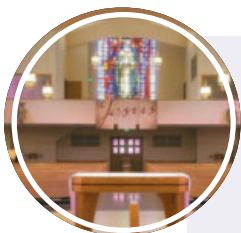
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03 | GET TO KNOW US

NE Seattle Catholic Community



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A REFLECTION BY FR. HERIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the things we do every year is to file an annual report to the archdiocese that describes the metrics of our life as a Catholic Community. In working on this report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, I discovered that we celebrated a total of **11 weddings in our four parishes**. That is twice as many as we celebrated in each of the previous 3 years. That's good news and a hopeful trend. If you or someone in your family is becoming engaged to marry, please know that we are glad to offer our support for you to enter this beautiful sacrament. Please contact our staff person, Kristin, for more information at kholland@neseattlecatholic.org.



One trend that has grown in recent years is Catholics who choose not to marry in the church. The reasons for this are personal, often involving the desire to celebrate the wedding in another venue that the couple finds more suitable. Still, it is the hope of the Catholic Church that couples bring this important moment to the sacramental life of our community. If you are Catholic but only civilly married, I encourage you to have your marriage **convalidated or blessed** by the church. These are simpler ceremonies, but can be meaningful opportunities for couples to renew their commitment to each other. Contact Kristin above for more information.

Another reality for some people is the painful experience of a marriage ending in **divorce**. We wish to offer compassion and support to the parties going through this, and also encouragement for them to provide for the needs of their children born in the marriage. We are also glad to offer our help to those previously married who wish to marry again in the church, or become Catholic through the sacraments of Initiation. Please contact me for help with this. wheric@neseattlecatholic.org

Blessings of peace,

Fr. William Heric, Pastor

Holy Mary Mother of God...pray for us!
St. Bridget of Kildare...pray for us!
St. Catherine of Siena...pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!



Sy Poggemeyer and Shannon Clark who recently had their marriage convalidated by Fr. Bill Heric at St. Bridget Church.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 am | For the Parish † - AP

9:00 am | For the Parish † - STB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00am | For the Parish † - STC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00am | For the Parish † - AP

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL

6:30pm | For the Parish † - STB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00am | For the Parish † - OLL

9:00am | For the Parish † - STC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 am| For the Parish † - AP

9:00 am| For the Parish † - STB

Mass intentions may be requested through the parish office.



Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Prayer Corner

Please pray for those who are ill:

Carmina Bacani (OLL)

Ryan Corr (AP)

Lori Griswold (STC)

John Hassay (STC)

Patti Herlihy (AP)

JoAnne King (AP)

Jim McFarland (AP)

Patrick Mulvihill (OLL)

Marianne Roulet (AP)

Carter Schlichmeyer

June Simon (STC)

Terry Smith (STC)

Renita Worn (STC)

For those who have died:

Mary Campbell (AP)

Fr. Lyle Konan

Richard Steven
Stockinger (STB)

Jennifer (AP)

05 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community

Get Involved in Our Ministries!

Altar Servers

ALL PARISH

Altar Servers have the important job during Mass of assisting the priest through the procession, prayers, and Communion. You can be an altar server if you have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion! If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact the following to sign up!

STB - Alex Chopyak alex@stbridgetparish.org

STC - Kristin Holland kholland@neseattlecatholic.org

OLL - Pam Thomas trockcreek@msn.com

AP - Carolyn Breyse cbreyse9@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteering in liturgical roles - both for adults and kids - **counts towards school service hours!** Please see the Weekly Word or your parish website for more volunteering opportunities!

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Julie Blissett from LPi, our bulletin publisher, is currently securing new print and digital ads for our parish bulletin. Advertising in the bulletin is an affordable way to support our church while reaching local families every week.

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To learn more, contact Julie at 425-305-1357 or JBlissett@4lpi.com.

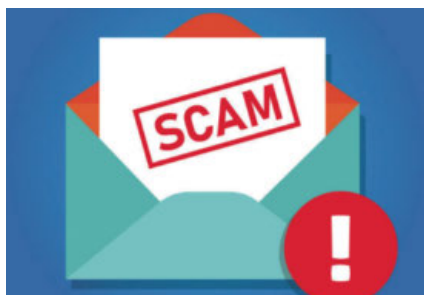
Thank you for helping our parish community thrive!

Hiking Group -

First Hike Success!

On Saturday, August 2, ten enthusiastic hikers gathered for our very first group outing at the beautiful Discovery Park. It was a wonderful morning of connection, fresh air, and breathtaking views. As we walked the trails together, new friendships began to form and conversations flowed easily. We concluded our hike with a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving, grateful for the gift of community and God's creation. We're already looking forward to our next adventure—stay tuned!

If you would like to join the Hiking Group, please contact Fr. Bob Camuso, camuso@aol.com



Email Scam Alert - Please Be Cautious

We've been made aware of scam emails circulating that appear to be from Fr. Bill Heric, asking for money or other assistance. These messages are not legitimate. Before responding to any email, please always check the sender's address. Fr. Bill's official email is **wheric@neseattlecatholic.org**. If the message comes from any other address, do not respond. Thank you for helping keep our community safe!



Upcoming Webinar

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers: How our Church's rich social doctrine informs today's faith-labor landscape

Aug 21, 2025 12:00 PM

Some people refer to Catholic Social Teaching as the "best kept secret" of the Catholic Church. Hidden within that "secret" is another unknown reality: the social doctrine of the Church has its foundation in labor and the dignity of working people. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII released *Rerum Novarum* ("On the Condition of Labor"), the first social encyclical of the Catholic Church. Since then, popes including St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI have continued this emphasis on the dignity of work and the rights of workers to organize for safe and dignified working conditions. As we approach Labor Day in early September, come learn about this principle of Catholic Social Teaching, exploring its historical and theological foundations, as well as the landscape and practice of Church-Labor partnerships today.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2bys4ehw>



St Francis House Sandwiches

St. Francis House, day center for working poor/homeless folks for over 50 years, really needs sandwiches. Please consider making them with your family, friends, and neighbors. **Excellent way to earn service hours for your school!** Sandwiches should consist of simple, inexpensive bread (white or whole wheat) with peanut butter/jelly or lunchmeat/cheese or tuna. Place in individual baggies, then back into loaf bag.

Sandwiches can be dropped off at **St Bridget's on Mondays from 1-4pm in the Narthex, and at OLL on Thursdays at 9am in the Jubilee Hall.**

Please contact **Mary Jo Gasparich** at maryjogasparich@gmail.com or **Maria DeSouza** at mpdesouza50@gmail.com with any questions!

Thank you for your generosity!



Retrouvaille Seattle

September 19-21

Retrouvaille is for couples struggling in their marriages, even those considering divorce. No matter the source of the hurt, couples can find healing with Retrouvaille. Through a weekend experience plus six follow-up sessions, couples learn to communicate once again, to reconnect with and rediscover each other.

For confidential information about Retrouvaille Seattle, call **(206) 706-2608** or visit their website at <https://marriagehelpnw.com/>

Sacramental Preparation Registration is Open!

Do you have a 2nd grader, 7th grader, or a child eager to receive the sacraments? We're excited to walk with them on this important step in their faith journey! Classes begin soon, so don't wait—scan the QR codes to register today.



First Communion



Confirmation

07 | COMMUNITY LIFE

NE Seattle Catholic Community



St Bridget Nursery

Nursery Resumes on September 7 at St. Bridget

We're excited to announce that the nursery for children ages 6 months to 3 years will resume on September 7 at St. Bridget. Nursery check-in will be available before Mass. For the safety and health of all, please refrain from bringing children who are ill to the nursery. We look forward to welcoming your little ones!

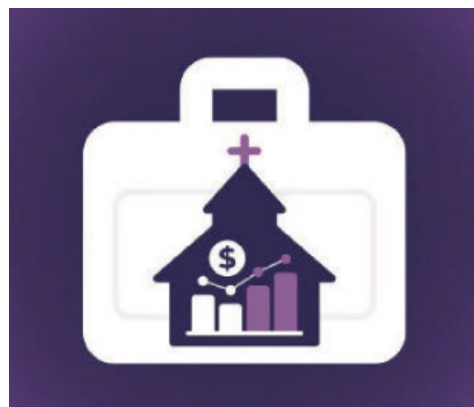
Help Guide the Future of Your Parish—Join the Finance Council

Do you have a background in finance and belong to **Our Lady of the Lake** or **St. Catherine Parish**?

We're looking for thoughtful, mission-minded individuals to join the Finance Advisory Councils at both parishes. This is a great opportunity to put your professional skills to use in service of your faith community.

Interested in learning more? Please contact **Torrie Smith** at tsmith@neseattlecatholic.org.

Help guide the financial stewardship of your parish—we'd love to hear from you!



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