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ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LITURGY SCHEDULE



St. Leo

- Saturday Vigil 5pm
- · Sunday 10am
- 4th Sunday Kateri Circle Mass 1:30pm
- · Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:10pm
- · Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:30pm



St. Charles

- · Saturday Vigil 5pm
- · Sunday 8am, 10am (livestreamed), 12:30pm
- · Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 9am
- Eucharistic Adoration: Fridays 9:30am-4pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-4pm

Reminders

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please contact <u>pastoralministries@stleoparish.org</u>

St. Leo Parish is a welcoming place for the LGBTQA community

Para información en Español, por favor llame al teléfono (253) 272-5136

Just a reminder: If you have an item for the bulletin please send it to scbbulletin@stcharlesb.org **no** later than Wednesday at noon.

Stay Informed

Check all our SLP media channels!

Website

Body

Main communication channel: Website stleoparish .org

Facebook

Several posts every week with season reflections and more https://www.facebook.com/StLeoParish
Tacoma

eNewsFlash

Weekly newsletter with upcoming events & information

Sign up on our website or scroll down to the bottom of any page

St. Leo

...a Catholic community centered in the Eucharist, enriched by diversity, committed to Gospel values, and continually seeking to be Christ's servant presence in the world.



Beginning September 28th, we will have a combined bulletin for the St. Leo and St. Charles Parish Family.

This will ensure consistent communication and timely updates for all parishioners.

"We acknowledge with gratitude and humility that St. Leo Parish is on the unceded territory of the Puyallup Tribe which our indigenous sisters and brothers have recognized as sacred and have cared for throughout the generations."





A Message from Father Michael

Lots of building in our parish family

When I look at the construction underway on each of our parish campuses, I am grateful to our generous donors who have made all this work possible. We're seeing real progress and that's very exciting.

A building committee will help us with completion of the St. Charles Borromeo office building

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we really appreciate the work that Fr. Mike, the Archdiocesan Office of Property and Construction, and Hilger Construction have put into our new office building. To help guide the final phase of this project, I have invited a small building committee to offer consultation and support. The group includes Katie Dale, Dennis DePaul, Pat Feist and Larry Treleven along with myself and the following staff members: Shanon Koenen and Eric Paige.

The group will assist with design decisions, evaluate change orders, plan for occupancy and help ensure the project serves the needs of our community. I really appreciate the help of this group as we enter this critical phase of the project.

We will move into the new building thoughtfully and deliberately

Like you, I am very eager to see the office building project completed. Our architect and Hilger Constructions are doing everything they can to keep the project on time (and on budget). This part should move quickly.

However, when it comes to moving in, I want to emphasize intentionality over speed. How we occupy the new space will effect how we work together. That's very important. That's why we must carefully consider how we allocate offices and other spaces. Let's resist the temptation to reenact the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889, racing in to claim open space, and instead think through our occupancy with an emphasis on the best use of this valuable resource for the whole parish community.

The same thoughtful approach should be used when we decide how to use the spaces currently occupied by our staff. Space for ministry is always in high demand. That means we need to be discerning in how we allocate our limited space. Thanks in advance for your patience with all this.

Good news on the St. Leo fence project

You may have noticed the progress on the St. Leo security fence project. It looks really good and I am pleased to share that the project is scheduled to be complete in mid-October. Collaborating on this project with Catholic Community Services (CCS) has proven very successful. Even now, the site already feels more safe and secure for staff, volunteers and the people we serve. Thank you so much for your support on this project!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Vigil Mass 5pm, Mass 10am

Sundaes with the Chosen Ilam

Usher Gathering 11am

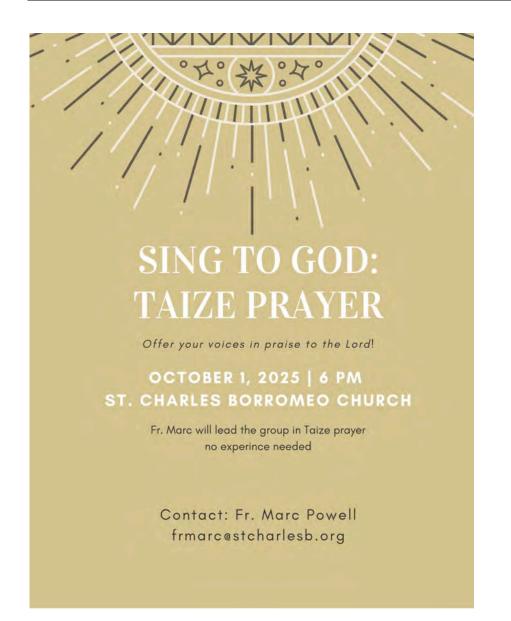
September 16, 18 & 19 Daily Mass 12:10pm

September 18 Prayer Group 1pm

September 19 Lectio Divina 1pm

September 20 Confessions 4pm

Vigil Mass 5pm



Taize Prayer is a contemplative practice featuring short, simple and repetitive chants, silence, and meditation with proclaimed Scripture readings within a calm candle-lit atmosphere.

It is named for the Christian ecumenical community that developed it in Taize, France in 1940.





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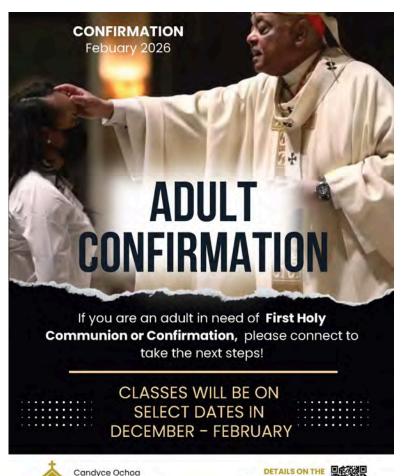
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The deceased:

Cindy Skarvold **Preston Umipeg**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Opportunities for Youth in grades Pre-K through 12

ST. LEO/ ST. CHARLES PARISH FAMILY

Families are encouraged to select the program and the parish site that best meets their needs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

Our Religious Education programs are designed to teach the pillars of the Catholic Faith and encourage our youth on their faith journey.

SACRAMENTAL PREP 2ND GRADE & UP

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist begins in 2nd grade for those children baptized in the Catholic Church.

CONFIRMATION PREP 7TH TO 12TH GRADE

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place beginning in 7th grade for those children who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Youth may select the preparation program that best fits their schedule and needs.

YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-8

We will be teaming up with the St. Patrick/Holy Cross/St. John Vianney Parish Family for a regional Youth Group.

at St. Patrick

Middle school students are invited to join the St. Patrick Parish Family Youth Group that meets Thursday evenings at St. Patrick. Each week will include food and fun.

at St. Leo

Classes take place on select Sundays following 10am Mass. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish.

at St. Charles

Classes take place on select Sundays following 10am Mass. Classes are offered in English and have an at-home component available in both English and Spanish.

at St. Leo

Classes take place on select Sundays following 10am Mass. Classes are offered in Spanish only.

at St. Charles

Classes take place on select Sundays following 10am Mass. Classes are offered in English and have an at-home component available in both English and Spanish. Students enrolled in a Catholic School need only to complete the at-home preparation.

at St. Leo

Classes take place on select Sundays following 10am Mass in Spanish only. Additionally, Youth Masses will be held once per month at St. Charles 12:30pm Mass with an activity following Mass.

at St. Charles

Classes take place on select Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm.
Additionally, Youth Masses will be held once per month at St. Charles
12:30pm Mass with an activity following Mass.

at St. Patrick

Classes take place on select Sundays from 10:15-Noon. Classes are in English only.

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St. Leo/St Charles Church Social Services/Justice – Parish Ministries

St Leo Supportive Social Service Program – August 2025, Budget Report

August Expenses

Rental Assistance: \$ 3,708.00 Utility Assistance: \$ 1,614.85

Transit: \$ 198.00

Auto: \$ 716.37 Furniture: \$ 520.25

Birth Certs: \$ 64.00

Storage related to housing: \$553.00

Transit: \$ 322.00

Medical: \$145.69

Home Misc.: \$ 35.00

School/Education: \$766.58

Bus Tickets & Payment to

Puget Sound Regional

Transit online payments

for ORCA \$596.50

Aug. Total disbursements: \$ 9,240.24

Aug. Program Income: \$ 5,513.01 Aug Budget: \$ (3,727.23)

Account Balance as of September 1, 2025: \$ 74,006.58

We will continue to assist those in need with compassion and understanding as best we can. We will continue to strive to be good stewards of your generous gifts. We continue to work at being close to month-to-month budget with some drawing down from the account. Our goal currently is to have financial outlay be about \$6,000.00. Our September 11th meeting will be addressing the need to address finances of this program as well as expanding services in the light of Catholic Community Services curtailing assistance to the homeless.

The good work we do takes all of us. I appreciate your prayers and support. I am so thankful for all our great volunteers. Volunteers Needed to work with clients! TEXT Rick (253) 229-4114

Jubilee Year Immigration Pilgrimage of Hope:

On Saturday, October 4th, join Catholics from across Western Washington in a special Mass service and a pilgrimage to the ICE Processing Center in Tacoma to show solidarity and express hope and compassion for detainees and all immigrants. In the spirit of the Jubilee year of hope, Catholics throughout Western Washington are called to be pilgrims of hope. As part of Catholic social teaching, we express this hope by praying for, being in solidarity with, and showing compassion for immigrants.

We will be gathering at 9:30 am at St. Leo Church for opening remarks and instructions for the pilgrimage. The group then processes down to the Northwest Detention Center at 10:00 am. An outdoor mass will be celebrated outside of the detention center at 11:15am with the conclusion of the event at 12:15PM. Van service will be provided for those who need transportation to and from the detention center.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! If you are interested in volunteering for the event or would like more information, please contact Rick TEXT 253 229-4114. Also, if you plan to attend this event please register through the link below:

Register Here: https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/5558/responses/new Moving Forward on organizing the works of Social Justice:

Food Justice Ministry

Over the past year and a half, with the assistance of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center we have formed a core group of parishioners focused on addressing food insecurity in our community and the need to support our Food Bank and Food pantry miniseries:

- Improve financial and in-kind support of our food bank and pantries
- Improve community outreach and networking within the food banking community and others to support the work
 - Engage in effective legislative advocacy for food justice
 - Educate and animate the parish family in the work of food justice
 - Promote sustainable food production local food sourcing

The core group will be meeting to discuss ways to organize and move forward on this work on Thursday, September 25th at 5:00pm meeting in Bix Hall on the St. Leo Campus. To learn more about this vital work of social justice and expressing faith, please join us.

For more information, please reach out to Rick Samyn, VM or Text at: 253 229-4114 or leave an email at larchelhoneybeekeeping gmail.com









neighborhoodclinictacoma.org/fundraiser



40 Days for Life is a non-violent, ecumenical prayer campaign focused on bringing about an end to the tragedy of abortion through community outreach, prayer and fasting for the pre-born and their mothers. Locally, that includes a daily, peaceful prayer vigil at an abortion facility in Tacoma's Hilltop. An attitude of respect for all is maintained throughout the 40 days, with all participants required to sign and follow a "Peace Pledge" to act prayerfully, compassionately and nonviolently in any encounters.

From September 24 to November 3, folks will be praying and fasting for protection of these unborn "least of these" and their mothers.

The KICKOFF GATHERING for the campaign will be held Saturday, September 20 at 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church hall - 1123 N. "J" St. Lunch will be provided and a guest speaker will inspire us. The theme is "CELEBRATE THE BABIES".

...Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question...It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life..."

- Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Goudium #213-214

Members from St. Leo the great and St. Charles Borromeo who participate do so in the spirit of the SEAMLESS GARMENT theology, which recognizes an interconnectedness between the various threats to the life and dignity of the human person. If you are interested in knowing more, becoming involved, or have any questions about this campaign, contact George (253) 961-5822 or Amy (253) 861-6936.

ANNOUNCING THE OKTOBERFEST 2025 CHARITY FUNDRAISING DINNER

Sponsored by our St Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus!







SATURDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2025 - AFTER 5PM MASS

Dinner will feature a variety of German foods, beer, music and more!

Entertainment will include a Live Auction, a Silent Auction, a Heads-or-Tails Lei Raffle and a 50-50 Raffle, as well as German music!

We need businesses, professionals, groups or individuals to support Oktoberfest fund raising!

On line tickets — https://stcharlesoktoberfest.maxgiving.bid/

Ticket sales will begn on August 20, 2025.

Can you advertise at the event as a sponsor? We will have over 300 attendees!

Can you provide a professional service that can be auctioned?

Do you have auction items that you can donate?

Do you have gift certificates we can use in the Heads-or-Tails Lei Raffle?

100% of funds collected by the Council from event participants go back into the Parish (Church, School, or organizations sponsored by the Parish), or go to charities sponsored by the Catholic Church within the Puget Sound region (Parish Food Bank, Nativity House, etc.)

If you need assistance to donate or provide any of the above <u>items or services</u> for the <u>auction</u>, please contact: Steve Lawrence, 253-326-5114; slawren999@aol.com; Hans Barnes, 253-222-6061, hansbarnes1960@outlook.com or Dave Warren, 253-565-7513, warren7402@comcast.net

Or if you are able to support the Oktoberfest as an <u>advertising sponsor</u>, please contact: Al Morris, 253-906-1155, INGEANDAL63@gmail.com

Charitable Works of the St. Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus

Seminarian support in 2025, by providing 5 Seminarians with \$2,500 to help with school expenses; our Council has granted a cumulative \$44,000, provided to the Archbishop or directly to Seminarians.

\$114,075 for the St Charles Borromeo Food Bank via the Oktoberfest fund-an-item, Council funds and K of C National matching funds, from 2012 to the present.

103 School Scholarships to support Catholic education at St. Charles Borromeo School, for a total of \$51,500 to date, plus a \$10,000 grant to the School's Endowment, to support perpetual scholarships.

Three grants totaling \$25,000 toward the new Parish office building.

A \$15,000 grant to St. Charles Church for pew replacement.

Multiple Grants totaling over \$12,000 toward modernizing the school kitchen, with a commitment toward future improvements.

A \$2500 grant to support the Parish's Corpus Christi celebration in 2025.

March-for-Life pro-life rally in Olympia each year, supported by our participation and funding the Parish bus to the rally for over a decade.

Right to Life grants, including for Project Gabriel, Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center and Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma, and for purchase of ultra-sound machines, in support of pro-life clinics in our Diocese.

Nativity House funding of \$18,500 over the past 12 years for meals for the homeless, as well as food and time donations.

A \$5000 grant to Nativity House, to furnish a room for temporary housing of those trying to get back on their feet—especially Vets; we are recognized on the facility's board of major donors.

An annual Clothing Drive for the Homeless, conducted every January, which over the past eleven years collected about 45,880 pounds of clothing in support of Catholic Community Services and others.

Food Drives and funding provided to the County Homeless Veteran's Council.

Donations to the Fisher House on JBLM, which provides shelter to family members, who are staying here to help recovery of wounded military personnel returning from overseas.

St. Charles Borromeo Boy Scout Troop, support by providing funds to purchase new equipment.

Lenten Fish Fries for parishioners every Friday throughout Lent, which are served in support of those attending Stations of the Cross.

Parish and community services – like Parish grounds maintenance work, all-night Adoration in the Chapel, donuts and coffee after Masses, and of course keeping the Parish Picnic refreshment booth.

Old Convent renovation funding assistance, for a new stove, wall oven and water heater plumbing.

Parish Shoe Liturgy conducted by the Parish every Christmas for the disadvantaged, supported with funding that included \$12,000 over just the last ten years, as well as assistance with gift baskets

You can make a difference – Help us do more in 2025 - 2026

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Matthew Bak (he/him) is from Chicago and went to school at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He majored in Environmental Science and "Economics, Sustainability, and Society." Matthew got involved in the Outdoor Club, X-Change - a weekly service initiative in Cincinnati, and the bird watching club. His passion for the environment came with me being an Eagle Scout. He is a deliberative fighter for our environment and see ways to achieve a sustainable lifestyle for everyone. He will be serving as the Delivery Program Coordinator at St. Leo Food Connection.





Owen Fletcher (he/him) grew up in Rutherford, NJ and attended Boston College, graduating with a BA in International Studies. At BC, Owen was a four-year member of the Men's Rugby Club and radio (WZBC). Hobbies include fly fishing, surfing, and writing poetry. He will be serving as the Vulnerable Youth Support Coordinator at Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP).

Luisa Glass (she/her) is from Southern New Jersey and attended Loyola University Maryland. At Loyola, she majored in Biology and minored in Environmental Studies while serving as an intern with the Center for Community, Service, and Justice as well as the Office of Sustainability. This year, she will serve as a Farm and Garden Associate with L'Arche Tahoma Hope. She was also heavily involved in a number of other organizations, such as Environmental Action Club, Study Abroad Ambassadors, Peer Tutors, and Chapel Choir. In her free time, Luisa enjoys reading, exercising, spending time outdoors and with her friends, family, and two cats. She is looking forward to all this year has to bring!



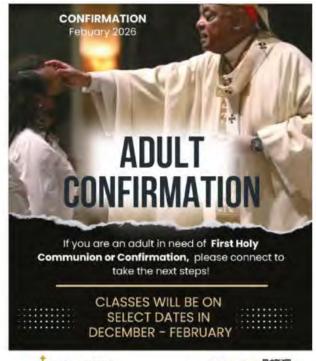


Micah McCabe (she/her) is originally from Denver, Colorado. She graduated from Xavier University, where she majored in Spanish, with minors in Theology, Latin American Studies, and Theology. She loves being outdoors, taking photos, and reading. She is passionate about social justice and is very excited for her year with JVC Northwest. She will be serving at Tacoma Community House as the Immigrant Pathways Navigator.

Analise Thomas (she/her) is from Flagstaff, Arizona (and Eugene, Oregon). She received a degree in Social Work from Northern Arizona University in 2023 and has worked in higher education since then while pursuing a Master of Arts in Human Rights Practice from the University of Arizona. During school, she was very involved in student life as a mentor, tutor, and front desk assistant, while also secretly being the school's mascot - Louie the Lumberjack - which is by far the most fascinating job she has ever had. Outside of school and work, she loves being outside, doing crafts, reading, and playing games of all types. She has been very involved in advocacy work surrounding immigration issues since 2019, and will serve as the Tacoma and South Unit Intake and Legal Coordinator with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project this year!













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