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PARISH FAMILY

OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

DISCERNMENT IS AT THE HEART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY PLAN

A commitment to both our parish campuses

One of the greatest anxieties people share regardPreparing our parish family to discern for our Parish Family Plan

Last week, team members from our parish family staff attended a special Discernment Retreat. Part of the Partners in the Gospel process, the retreat trained our team in supporting a discernment-based decision-making process.

Listening to the Holy Spirit

When we make decisions as part of this Partners in the Gospel process, the Holy Spirit must guide our decision making. The retreat provided principles of discernment that help us to set aside agendas and really listen to one another and the Holy Spirit. To do this each of us need:

- Self-Awareness. Knowing our thoughts, feelings, attachments, fears, and hopes.
- Knowledge. Gather relevant information.
- Inner Freedom. Freedom of spirit is the touchstone of any discernment process.
- Patience. Most discernment unfolds over time. It's not an event.

Sometimes we will need to use a special process

Some very challenging decisions can benefit from a very intentional process. This kind of discernment process demands a great investment of time and energy. This process creates an environment to let every voice be heard without interruption by back-and-forth conversation. It takes more time but can create greater openness to different ideas.

All of our meetings should ask what does Jesus want us to do

During the retreat, Bishop Schuster reminded us that Jesus should be at the center of all our decisions. Paying attention to our thoughts, feelings and desires can be helpful in assessing what's happening in our experience. But, when it comes time to make a decision, we must be prepared to set those things aside to respond to the call of Jesus.

One way to do this is for our gatherings to begin with prayer. This prayer shouldn't just be a box we check so we can get on to the business. It should be an essential part of the meeting that guides everything we do.

When Archbishop Etienne initiated the parish planning process, he reminded us that, ultimately it was all about preparing our Archdiocese to answer Jesus call to: "Go, therefore,*and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." As we move forward in discernment, let's remember of where and who we are being called to by Jesus.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
12	13	14	15
28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass/Mass 11:00am Faith Formation 11:00am Jovenes Haciendose Catholicos 11:00am Baptism Prep class 11:00am First Reconciliation Prep 11:15am Faith Formation Classes 1:30pm Baptism Class 12:30pm Mass	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7:00pm Bible Study - Isaiah	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 6:00pm CIR Meeting	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 9:30am Bible Study - Acts 6:30pm OCIA
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16	17	18	19
9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 1:00pm Prayer Group	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 9:30am Adoration 12:10pm Mass 1:00pm Lectio Divina 7:00pm Social Action Meeting	St. Luke, Evangelist 9:30am Homebound Ministry Training 10:00am Quilters 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass/Mass w/baptism	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass/Mass w/baptism 11:15am SVdP Spiritual Formation 11:00am First Reconciliation Prep 11:00am OCIA - Becoming Catholic 12:30pm Mass - Youth 1:30pm Youth Activity

Events in blue are located at St. Charles

Events in red are located at St. Leo

IT'S WELCOME WEEKEND!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a registered member of our parish, please stop by the Welcome Table after all Masses to pick up a gift bag and a registration form. Hospitality ministers will be available to answer questions.

SCRIP SALE

Scrip gift cards will be on sale in the food bank after all of the masses this weekend.

This fundraiser supports many activities at the school. Thank you.

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to collect information about our parish community to help us as we think about what ministries we offer, what the needs in our community are, and where there are opportunities to expand or start new ministries. Please have one person from your household fill out this survey for your entire family — submissions are not needed from each family member. Submissions can be anonymous unless you would like to register for our mailing list in the final question of this survey. This survey will be returned to mmanning@stleoparish.org

This survey will be open October 1, 2025- October 31, 2025.





WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12

Sunday

2 Kgs 5:14-17 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 / 2 Tm 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19

Monday

Rom 1:1-7 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3-4 / Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11 / Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 / Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8 / Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 / Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

2 Tm 4:10-17 / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday

Ex 17:8-13 / Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

ROSARY GROUPS

The Rosary is a powerful prayer that draws us closer to Christ through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. At St. Charles, we gather in community each week to pray the Rosary, lifting up our parish, our families, and the needs of the world. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer and reflection.

- Sundays before the 10:00 am Mass in the Church
- After Daily Mass in the Church
- Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

PRAYER GROUP

Please join the weekly prayer group on Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Kateri Room at St. Leo.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Crystal Stasiuk Louise Gallucci Jeanette Haggerty



PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON

Susan Odencrantz Robert Hirsh



ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are a Baptized adult but have not been Confirmed, it is never too late to prepare. Confirmation helps prepare you for the Sacrament of Marriage and is a requirement for being a Godparent at Baptism or being a Sponsor at Confirmation. Our comprehensive Adult Confirmation Preparation Program is for parishioners who have been baptized and received First Communion but missed preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Register using the QR code below.

> Adult Confirmation Registration





ST. LEO ADULT FORMATION

Anam Cara is a Men's reading group. The Group reads 5 or more books each year.
Books are selected by Anam Cara members that focus various aspects of Spirituality.
Discussions are led by Anam Cara members.

The group meets on the 1st
Wednesday of the Month at 7:00
PM at Bischel Hall.



OCIA - BECOMING CATHOLIC ADULTS

If you are desiring to enter the Catholic Church, return to the Church or just want to know more about Catholicism, come join us!

Contact Candyce for information. 253-272-5136 ext. 110 or cochoa@stcharlesb.org

You can register using the QR code to the right.





Registration

BOOK GROUPS

SEEL Puget Sound is offering several different groups of discussion and faith-sharing based on books rooted in the Spiritual Exercises. These groups will meet once a month from October to May on zoom. The format is simple: a few excerpts will be read from the book, then open to group discussion and then enter into a prayer reflection/experience based on the content. Reading the book is encouraged but not required-just come prepared to listen and participate as you wish. Join us and companion with others as we learn and grow together on our spiritual path. There is no cost for participating! For more information and to register please email info@seelpugetsound.org.

The Ignatian Adventure by Kevin O'Brien SJ 2 sections- Tuesdays either at 11am-12:15pm OR 6:30pm-7:45pm both starting on October 14.

The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times by Dean Brackley SJ- Thursdays at 6:30-7:45pm starting on October 23.

OFFICE HOURS

FR. MARC

Fr. Marc's Office Hours: TUESDAYS - 1PM-3PM St. Charles WEDNESDAYS - 1PM-3PM St. Charles

THURSDAY - 12:45PM-2:15PM St. Leo FRIDAY - 12:45PM-2:15PM St. Leo

- **Parishioners welcome to drop in during office hours for spiritual needs like confession.
- **Office hours subject to change in the cases of emergency sick calls or funerals.

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When: 10/24/2025 Time: 6:30-7:30PM Where: Bichsel Hall SLG

> When: 11/07/2025 Time: 6:00-7:00PM Where: St. Charles Borromeo

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MEMORIAL MEAL PROGRAM

With your help, a local family will receive a Thanksgiving meal in honor or in memory of your loved one.

This is a wonderful way to honor someone special in your life while providing a holiday meal to someone who might not be able to afford it otherwise.

WHAT YOU DO

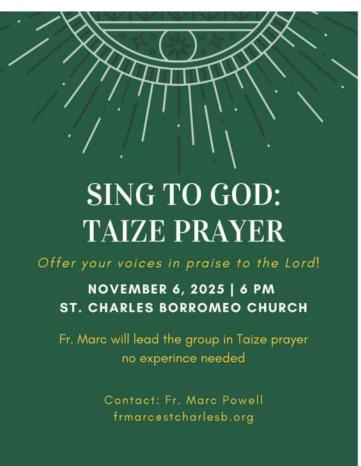
- Write a check for \$75 or more, payable to: St. Charles Holiday Giving
- Complete the Memorial Meal Form found in the church foyer
- Attach your check and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office by November 10.

WHAT WE DO

- Provide a local family with a Thanksgiving dinner in honor of your loved one
- Include a card with the delivered meal that indicates to the recipient that their meal is provided in honor of someone special with a Thanksgiving prayer

For Questions, contact Cathy Lamet at 253-564-5185 ext. 3011 or

clamet@stcharlesb.org



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.

at St. Leo

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

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.

at St. Lea

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.

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.

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 it English only.

YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

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 and high 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.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

St. Leo Laundry Ministry

We have an urgent need for volunteers to help with our "laundry ministry". If you can help once a week or every other week, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Use the Sign-Up tool below to let us know of your availability. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084EA8AF2BA6FB6-58815584-laundry#/

Thank you for your consideration about helping our brothers and sisters who are homeless or lacking laundry facilities.

For more information contact Jerry S at: (253) 838-3854 or Rick S. TEXT (253) 229-4114

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABIES

This month our babies are fully developed and ready to meet the world. Your intercessory prayers have been a blessing to Moms and families. Let's praise God for "Prayers offered and answered!" Please pray the "Prayer of Thanksgiving", from now through Christmas, for the gift of life:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we thank you very much for all the unborn now living because of your love and intercession. Let us pray: Father, we commend to your love and mercy all babies and all people involved with abortion. Please quicken the progress of laws protecting life.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The WA State Catholic Conference is offering webinars on a variety of topics: "Abortion doesn't always go as planned", "The state of the US Death Penalty in 2025", "how CCS of WA helps accompany people and say yes to life", "the Catholic response to assisted suicide", and "IVF vs Restorative Reproductive Medicine". Find the links to register at www.wacatholics.org/stay-informed/2025-webinar-series

WSCC NEWS

Catholic doctrine recognizes our Baptismal call to participate in our communities to promote the common good. Elections are perhaps the easiest way for us to do so, though the ballot issues may be complicated and require more research by voters. A deliberative process of conscience formation is as necessary for municipal elections as it is for presidential elections. To stay informed, register for the newsletters and Action Alerts at www.wacatholics.org/join-our-network

BUNDLES OF JOY

QUILT CLUB

Join this wonderful ministry as they make baby quilts to encourage mothers who choose life and to support families in need, donating over 100 baby quilts each year. Come once or come regularly - no experience or special equipment is needed, everything is provided. All are welcome!

The Quilt Club meets the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. - 1 pm. Please contact Cathy in the parish office for more information. clamet@stcharlesb.org. 253-564-5185 ext 3011.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MATERNITY CENTER

Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center has been in existence since 1989. On average we help 150 clients per month. Moms that are 8 months pregnant are given a car seat and a layette. The layettes are made up with blankets, 2 outfits, sleepers, onesies, bath towels and washcloths. These items are wrapped in a beautiful baby quilt, most coming from the St Charles quilt group. Thank you for supporting this ministry. 253-582-3384. Located in Lakewood. Open Mondays and Fridays, 10am-12noon.

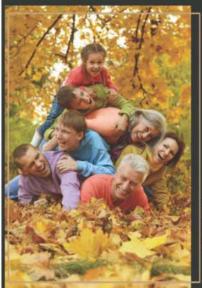
FIND HOPE AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from involvement with an abortion, you are not alone. Help is available. Jesus is LOVE and MERCY. No one is beyond his healing and forgiveness. Find help at: https://hopeafterabortion.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"40 Days for Life" Fall Campaign is September 24-November 2. Fall 40 Days for Life prayer, witnessing and fasting runs through Nov 2. If you feel called to join this effort or want to learn more or sign-up for a shift, contact the Tacoma 40 Days for Life Co-leaders: Tammy 253.514.0415, Amy 253.861.6936 or George 253.961.5822.





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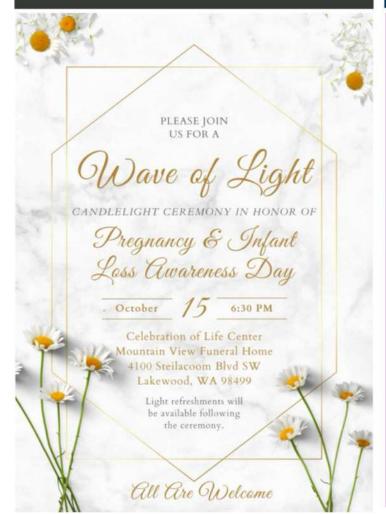
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AN ARTICLE FROM DEACON ERIC PAIGE

Between riding my bike to my friends' houses and my summer job, I built a mental map of Bellevue in my youth. Same thing for places I visited, until around 2010 when I got an iPhone. As soon as I started taking directions from Google Maps, I stopped constructing mental maps of where I was going.

There's a cost to the convenience of Google Maps. It's a trade I am willing to make, but there is a trade-off nonetheless.

Artificial intelligence (AI) offers similar trade-offs. We're still learning what this technology will offer. But we know we need to be cautious about it weakening the powers of our soul.

God gave us powers of the soul — among them, intellect, will and memory. We're meant to develop these powers. The Holy Spirit helps with faith to strengthen our intellect, conscience to strengthen our will and the sacraments to sanctify our memory.

But our actions matter too. When we learn about and interact with the created world, we learn about God. Researching, writing and making sense of things all exercise the powers of the soul. If we let Al do all that for us, we miss opportunities to develop those powers.

If we're thoughtful, we have a better chance of preserving those opportunities when using this new tool.

- Don't let it use you. The famous Silicon Valley adage "If you're not paying for the product, you are the product" still applies. The companies that make AI have many motivations, not all of them altruistic. We need to be active and critical users, always checking sources and treating what AI offers as an opinion rather than fact.
- Embrace the blank page. One of the most creative parts of the writing process is thinking through the outline of what you will write. Sometimes writers have a tough time with this initial process, as if the blank page intimidates them. But working though this stage develops our intellect as our imagination pulls together the things we know, developing a mental map of the subject. Resist the temptation to short circuit this process by asking AI to generate a first draft. Try to let the first draft be your own.
- Talk to a person. Going online provides quick answers when troubleshooting a home improvement project, but I get more out of calling my friend Mike for advice. We need to be careful that our use of AI doesn't displace the opportunities for building relationships that come from going to a friend for help with a problem.

Psalm 135 warns: "The idols of the nations ... the work of human hands... have mouths but do not speak ... have ears but do not hear. ... Their makers will come to be like them, and anyone who trusts in them." If we use this new tool, let's remember this warning and remain judicious, lest we become the ones being used.

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