

August 6, 2017

Church of the Assumption/Iglesia de la Asunción

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207 Kentucky St. / 671-8702 Info only

Hours of Operation

Monday: 9:00-11:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Tuesday: 9:00-11:30

Thursday: 9:00-11:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Friday: 12:00-3:30 (incl. financial assistance)

Masses/Misas

(Unless otherwise noted in Calendar)

Weekend

Saturday/Sábado 5:00 PM.

Sunday/Domingo 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM,
12:30 PM Spanish/Español

Weekdays

Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00 PM

Thursday/Jueves 10:30 AM

Friday/Viernes 10:30 AM

Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado 3:30 PM

Mission

Mary's Assumption into Heaven is our hope. We, the Church of the Assumption, are called to follow Jesus according to Mary's example as a beacon of hope and light for all.

Vision

By engaging in formation, sacraments, outreach and stewardship, we will glorify the Lord with our lives.



August 6, 2017
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF
THE LORD

Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

August 7	10:30 AM
Betty Ann Swanson	RIP
August 9	6:00 PM
Mary Elizabeth Tharin	RIP
August 10	10:30 AM
Maria Nguyen Lac	RIP
August 11	10:30 AM
June Nelson	RIP
August 12	5:00 PM
Mary Johnson	RIP
August 13	11:00 AM
Pro Populo	

SI = Special Intention
RIP = Rest in Peace
Pro Populo = For the people of the parish

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM,
Stafford Room

We will be closed for vacations until Friday August 11.

Daily Worship
Week of August 6, 2017

Monday, August 7	Numbers 11:4b-15 Psalm 81:12-17 Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 8 Saint Dominic	Numbers 12:1-13 Psalm 51:3-7, 12-13 Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday, August 9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23 Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday, August 10 Saint Lawrence	2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm 112:1-2, 5-9 John 12:24-26
Friday, August 11 Saint Clare	Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Psalm 77:12-16, 21 Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday, August 12 BVM	Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51 Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday, August 13 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Psalm 85:9-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33



On Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, I will celebrate my 8th anniversary in the priesthood. I am grateful and indebted for the Love you showed me during my visit and stay at Church of the Assumption. Please keep me in your prayers as I serve the people of God in St. Joseph Centenary

Ndeeba Parish - Kampala Archdiocese Uganda. Enjoy the Summer and keep smiling for the Lord is good all the time. — Fr. Francis Xavier Kikomeko

ADULT BIBLE STUDY offers "Christ in the Psalms," 11 Tuesday sessions beginning Sept. 5. Afternoon sessions are at 1 p.m. in the Stafford Room, repeating at 7 p.m. in the Assumption School Staff Lounge for your convenience. Choose your best time and bring a Bible. Fee is \$10. For further information and/or to register, call Christine at 671-9712 before September 3.

EVENING PRAYER
and
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM.
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6:00 PM.
 Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord?
 We especially need someone on **Tuesdays at 6:30, 9:30 & 11:30 PM, and on Wednesdays at 2:30 AM & 2:30 & 3:30 PM.**
 If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:00-8:00 PM,
St. Cecilia Room

We will be closed for vacations until Monday, August 14.

PRAYER MINISTRY, Wednesday after Mass

Do you have a need? Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, prayer ministers are available Wednesday evenings after the 6 PM Mass to pray with you. Just sign up in the Gathering Space prior to Mass and then return there after Mass to meet with two prayer ministers. "Let us ... approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
 Hebrews 4:16

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

LA FORMACIÓN DE FE DEL K-5 DE LA ASUNCIÓN ESTÁ CAMBIANDO SU MODELO:

Nos estamos preparando para un año emocionante con una nueva manera para familias y adultos parroquianos para aprender nuestra fe católica introduciendo una *Familia de Fe*. ¡Todas las familias y adultos interesados son bienvenidos para unirse a una Familia de Fe este septiembre!

Este programa es un acercamiento innovador para que toda la familia crezca espiritualmente en comunidad con otras familias y adultos de la parroquia. Una Familia de Fe va animar y equipar a padres, abuelos, tutores para vivir y enseñar a sus hijos la fe católica en casa. Los participantes del programa asistirán a dos sesiones en la parroquia cada mes empezando en Septiembre. En la primera reunión los padres y otros adultos pueden explorar las principales enseñanzas y consejos del mes para enseñarles a sus niños en casa.

En casa los padres tendrán la oportunidad de hacer actividades y hablar sobre la fe como una familia. Más tarde en el mes, los adultos y los niños se reúnen para una divertida reunión comunitaria con un tema para la temporada.

Por favor únase a nosotros el domingo, 10 de septiembre, a las 11:30 a.m. en el gimnasio para aprender más y registrarse para el año 2017-2018.

Para más información llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Gina DePalma en el centro pastoral al 733.1380 x4222 o ginad@assumption.org.

¿SU NIÑO ESTA BUSCANDO EL BAUTISMO EN LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA?

Todos los niños de 7 a 16 años que no hayan sido bautizados o hayan sido bautizados en otra fe cristiana son bienvenidos para explorar su relación con Jesucristo y las enseñanzas y prácticas de la Iglesia Católica a través de nuestro Rito de Cristianos Iniciación de Adultos para Niños (RCIA / C). Nuestra **sesión de información se llevará a cabo el domingo, 10 de septiembre, a las 9:40 am, en la sala del Stafford** (esquina del noroeste del gimnasio).

Comuníquese con Gina DePalma al ginad@assumption.org o al (360) 733-1380 x4222 si tiene alguna pregunta.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE.

Come join us **Saturday, Aug. 19**, as we pray for World Peace and for protection of America. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will start at 3 PM followed by the Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Lord tells us: "Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, there I am."

ASSUMPTION'S K-5 FAITH FORMATION IS CHANGING ITS MODEL:

We're getting ready for an exciting year with a new way for families and adult parishioners to learn our Catholic faith by introducing *A Family of Faith*. All families and interested adults are warmly welcomed to join *A Family of Faith* this September! This program is an innovative approach for the whole family to grow spiritually in community with other families and adults in the parish. *A Family of Faith* will encourage and equip parents, grandparents, guardians to live and teach their children the Catholic Faith at home. Program participants attend two sessions at the parish each month, starting in September. In the first meeting parents and other adults get to explore the month's key teachings and tips to teach their children at home. At home parents will have the opportunity to do activities and talk about the faith as a family. Later in the month adults and children come together for a fun community gathering with a theme for the season.

Please join us on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gym to learn more and register for the 2017-2018 year. For more information call or email Gina DePalma in the pastoral center at 733.1380 x4222 or ginad@assumption.org.

IS YOUR CHILD SEEKING BAPTISM IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

All children ages 7-16 who have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian faith are welcome to explore their relationship with Jesus Christ and the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church through our *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for Children* (RCIA/C) process. Our **information session** will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 10, at 9:40 a.m., in the Stafford Room**. Please contact Gina DePalma at ginad@assumption.org or (360) 733-1380 x4222 with any questions.

CLASE BAUTISMAL

La próxima clase bautismal será el sábado 2 de septiembre a las 3:00 PM. Favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse a la clase.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

PRAY FOR OUR ★★★★★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formicibella
Don Veltum
Capt. Trevor Corrigan
Adam Honda
Jason Woolsey
Steve Ploog
Corey McDaniel
Patrick Kelley
Patrick L. Blake
Capt. Paul Cleary
Michael Condit
Gabriel Feely
John Hutson
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
1st Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trotter
Lt. Col. Richard Weyker
Jim Heisler III
Garret Groth
Nicole Groth

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Craven
Blancy Granados de Cruz
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Colleen Jeffrey
Edwin Ordóñez
Dan Parsons
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

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Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Dan Parsons
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
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Lynette Machinski
Life, Justice & Peace
Nick Mele
Pastoral Care
Tashie Zang & Belen Saturay
Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek
Stewardship/Engaged Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council Exec. Comm.
Chris Craven
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Liturgy Planning Committee
Kathy Ernst
Frederick Mabalot

CURIOUS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST AND THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Church of the Assumption welcomes all adults who want to explore the nature of their relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and how the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church may fit in. Our *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) process is a safe place to explore these kinds of questions, whether you've never thought much about God before or grew up in another Christian faith. Please join us on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7:00 p.m., in the Assumption School Library (LMC) for our first gathering. Questions? Please contact Gina DePalma at ginad@assumption.org or (360) 733-1380 x4222.

JÓVENES DE LA MANO DE DIOS

Retiro Anual de Jóvenes
En el Centro de San Jose de la Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción
Edades de 15 a 25
Agosto 12 y 13, 2017
Invitados: Padre Mario Palma García de México
Padre Jose Alvares de Seattle
Para info. Tony Velasco: (360) 854-8873
Luis Valle: (360) 547-3605 / Todo Gratis

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY COURSE Starting Thurs., Sept. 14, 6:30-8:30 pm., St. Cecilia Room.

Become better and braver at praying for others when the Holy Spirit inspires you. People are in need of healing, and you may be called to pray for them at any given moment. If you feel intimidated at the idea, but would like to be comfortable praying when God calls you, we encourage you to come and learn! Classes include DVDs by Judith and Francis MacNutt, praying with the group, and practice praying as a team over others.

More information about registration will be coming soon. Contact Lynn Ann Bouker, lynnann.bouker@gmail.com 360-543-0900 with any questions.

"Make service to God a priority. When we do we can't help but become different. As we serve, we'll realize that we won't just be influencing others. We will also find ourselves hanging for the better." Sr. Julia Walsh, F.S.P.A.

DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Improve your listening skills by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is at the Sheraton Bellevue Hotel on August 11-13, 2017. Apply at www.wwme.org. More information at 206-772-2344, or call Joe & Kathy St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The next prayer vigil is on Friday, Aug. 18, at 5.30 p.m. It will be hosted by Faith Lutheran Church in Bellingham.

WELCOME BABY PROJECT

Welcome Baby Project was started by our own Assumption parishioners in the 1990s and is still going strong with new leadership. They assemble and provide 20 baskets of necessities for newborns per month to the Childbirth Center at St. Joseph Hospital and 2 birth centers for moms in need. They use new and gently used items and if all were new and purchased the cost would be about \$30 per basket. WBP has an Amazon wish list and is on Facebook and has PayPal. Just go to their website at: www.welcomebabyproject.com. You can also donate by making a check out to Assumption and put Welcome Baby Project in the memo line. Call Kathy St.Hilaire at 671-4836 for more information.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE ALL IT WAS MEANT TO BE?

Are you struggling in your marriage? Do you feel a sense of disillusionment or sadness? Do you wish you could rekindle the spark you once had, but just don't know how? You are not alone. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) can help. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning, **Sept 22-24, 2017**, call **206-706-2608** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

PREPARES MINISTRY

The Prepares Ministry thanks everyone who contributed diapers to the Prepares Traveling Crib or gave cash donations. The diaper drive was very successful and greatly appreciated by everyone involved. Diapers in the crib have been equally shared with Prepares and Hope House families. Also many diapers were purchased and shared from cash donations. May God bless you for your donations, you made many low-income families happy and helped ease their burdens. Blessings, The Prepares Volunteers.

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Monday, August 7th

10:30 AM	Funeral Mass (Swanson)	Church
11:30 AM	Centering Prayer	Library
11:30 AM	Funeral Reception	Gym
7:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds Committee	PC 2nd floor

Tuesday, August 8th

11:00 AM	Lifeteen Project	PC 3rd floor
1:00 PM	Sacred Heart Knitters	Stafford
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	St. Cecilia
6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.	Gym

Wednesday, August 9th

12:01 AM	Adoration	Church
6:30 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Stafford
5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
6:00 PM	Funeral Mass (Tharin)	Church
6:30 PM	Financial Peace University	Library
7:00 PM	Stewardship/Engaged Church Commission	PCLR

Thursday, August 10th

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church

Friday, August 11th

10:30 AM	Mass	Church
1:30 PM	Grief Support Group	Stafford
7:00 PM	Encuentro V	Gym

Saturday, August 12th

Trinity Dome Collection

1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, August 13th ~ Trinity Dome Collection

9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal	Church
11:00 AM	Mass	Church
12:00 PM	Assumption Parish Picnic	Gym

YOUTH MINISTRY

Kick-off Barbecue: Sunday, Sept. 24, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

All Assumption and Sacred Heart middle school and high school youth are invited to join us at Assumption for a fun start to our youth ministry year. Please RSVP to April Waldrop at april.waldrop@shbham.org. Both programs will begin on Sunday, Oct. 1: **EDGE** (6th-8th graders, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart) and **LIFETEEN** (9th-12th graders, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Assumption).

**INFORMATION MEETING/
REGISTRATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m., Assumption School Library (LMC) Assumption and Sacred Heart youth will prepare together for the sacrament of confirmation. All Year One and Year Two candidates and their parents are invited to come on Sept. 11, to learn more about the confirmation preparation process. Year One candidates are typically sophomores. Year Two candidates need to be at least 16 years old, a junior or senior, and began preparation for the sacrament during the previous year. Please contact Gina DePalma at ginad@assumption.org or (360) 733-1380 x4222 with any questions. Thank you!

**REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN/
INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA JUVENTUD DE
LA SECUNDARIA PARA CANDIDATOS
DE CONFIRMACIÓN**

Lunes, Sept. 11, 7:00 P.M., Biblioteca de la escuela de Asunción (LMC)

Los jóvenes de la Asunción y del Sagrado Corazón se prepararán juntos para el sacramento de la confirmación. Todos los candidatos de Año Uno y Año Dos y sus padres están invitados a venir el 11 de septiembre para aprender más sobre el proceso de preparación de la confirmación. Los candidatos del Año Uno suelen ser estudiantes grado 10. Los candidatos del Año Dos deben tener al menos 16 años de edad, grado 11 o grado 12, y haber comenzado la preparación para el sacramento durante el año anterior. Comuníquese con Gina DePalma al ginad@assumption.org o al (360) 733-1380 x4222 si tiene alguna pregunta. ¡Gracias!

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

Our next Whatcom County Catholic young adult event will be bowling on Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at 20th Century Bowling. All are welcome! Invite a friend (or two). Bring \$10 with you to cover the cost of the games, and a little more if you want a beverage/food. This event is open to all young adults, so feel free to invite a friend. Please RSVP to April Waldrop before Aug. 7 if you plan to attend.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

Comenzamos con una Barbacoa:

Domingo, 24 de septiembre, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Todos los estudiantes de los grados del 6 al 12 de la Asunción y el Sagrado Corazón están invitados a unirse a nosotros en la Asunción para un comienzo divertido para nuestro año de ministerio juvenil.

Ambos programas comienzan el domingo 1 de oct.

EDGE (grados del 6-8, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. en Sagrado Corazón) y **LIFETEEN** (grados del 9-12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. en la Asunción).

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>Stewardship</u>	Wk (07/30/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 15,911	\$ 80,971
Contributions Budget:	\$ 17,136`	\$ 80,854
Over/under	-\$ 1,224	\$ 117

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

<u>Debt Reduction</u>	Wks(07/30/2017)	Fiscal YTD
Contributions Received:	\$ 305	\$ 3,621
Contributions Budget:	\$ 1,058	\$ 5,290
Over/Under	-\$ 753	-\$ 1,669

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 243

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.



All powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

All things are of Your making. All times and seasons obey You.

You chose to create us in Your own image, and set us over the whole world in all its wonder.

You made us the stewards of creation, to praise You every day for Your wisdom and power.

May we imitate Your Son, Jesus, in His life of service.

May we be faithful stewards of all Your gifts among the people of God.

Amen

ANNUAL CELEBRATION NEXT WEEKEND ONLY ONE MASS AT 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

We will come together as a parish community on August 13 to celebrate a multilingual Mass at 11:00 AM, followed by an all-parish picnic.

Join us for this special liturgy and then enjoy the amazing food provided by our community: tamales, rice, refried beans, pancit, egg rolls, green salad, and dinner rolls. PLUS cookies and cupcakes! We hope to see you there!



EL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA ES LA CELEBRACIÓN ANUAL SOLO HABRÁ UNA MISA A LAS 11:00 AM, DOMINGO 13 DE AGOSTO

Nos reuniremos como comunidad parroquial el 13 de agosto para celebrar una Misa multilingüe a las 11:00 AM, y continuaremos con un picnic parroquial.

Únase a nosotros para esta liturgia especial y luego disfrute de la increíble comida proporcionada por nuestra comunidad: tamales, arroz, frijoles refritos, pancit, egg rolls, ensalada verde y panecitos de cena. ¡Además galletas y cupcakes! ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

A Stewardship Moment

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to *do* something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to *be still*, to *listen* to Jesus, and to *wait* for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

En el Evangelio de hoy, Pedro ansía *hacer* algo para hacer concreta la Transfiguración que él ha presenciado. Pero para ser un buen administrador de este don espiritual, se le instruyó que se *mantuviera quieto*, que *escuchara* a Jesús y que *esperara* Sus instrucciones. ¡Es también un buen consejo para nosotros!



STEBENVILLE EXPERIENCE

Recently, I had the incredible privilege of taking six of our Bellingham teens to the Steubenville Northwest conference in Spokane, WA. We started out Friday morning by driving across the state together, stopping at a few fun locations along the way and playing almost every car game we could think of to keep ourselves entertained. Once we arrived, we checked in, dropped our belongings off in the Gonzaga dorm rooms where we were staying the night, and headed to dinner.

The conference itself started that evening and we were introduced to the musicians and speakers that would be leading us in worship and faith growing during the weekend. There were some well-known Catholic speakers and a very engaging band there to share their talents with us. The room filled up with over 1,500 Catholic teenagers and right from the start, there was such a powerful positive energy in the room with everyone joining their

voices together in excitement, singing to God and praying with one another.

Throughout the weekend, we heard various talks, went to different workshops based on our interests, engaged with the dozens of Priests and religious brothers and sisters that were walking around, went to Mass together each day, and sat in Adoration together every evening. Adoration was one of the most powerful experiences of the weekend. Being in a room full of young Catholics, silently on their knees, reaching towards the Lord in the Eucharist, opening up their hearts to God's love for the first time... it was incredible. I have so many stories and moments that I would love to share with each of you, things that we learned and ways I saw the Holy Spirit moving powerfully through our teens. I encourage and welcome you to ask me, or one of our teens, in person to share with you.

A reflection from one of the teens...

"This being my first retreat, I didn't really know what to expect other than we were going to have mass and pray; the usual. But at Steubenville I was really able to connect with Jesus in a way that I never have before. During Adoration on Saturday night, for the first time, Jesus entered into my heart and lifted a weight off my shoulders. It was an eye-opening experience. I'm also very excited about all the new prayers and ways to connect with Jesus that I learned from the retreat, and that I now know how to connect with Jesus in a deeper way. Steubenville was a lot of fun and I can't wait for next year!" - Natalie Z.



April Waldrop
Bellingham Youth Minister

Hello, my name is Sarah Kooistra; I am a parishioner at Assumption Church and I have the honor and joy of ministering to the middle school youth of both Assumption and Sacred Heart Parishes. This past year I was the Assumption Edge Liaison. I am also the bride of my dear Kellen Kooistra and the mother of lively twin 2 ½ year old boys. Pre-motherhood, I was an attorney by trade. Now instead of arguing in court, I attempt to negotiate with toddlers. I first started my adventures in youth ministry with Life Teen at St. Michael's Church in Olympia during college and graduate school. I have volunteered with youth in a variety of capacities since then, including several years as a Core Team member of Life Teen at Assumption. While studying the Sacraments and other Church teachings in the last year, the presence of the Holy Spirit was powerful in your middle school youth! They have shown me such wisdom, curiosity, love, compassion and humor! I am excited for the year to come.

We've had an exciting active summer including hiking to Fragrance Lake, climbing at VITAL gym, AGAPE (a week long service project) and more. There are a few more events to come. Please keep checking the bulletin for future dates.

Hi! My name is Kevin Ernest and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new assistant for high school youth ministry. Here's a little about myself. I graduated from Western in 2009. I then was an intern at Sacred Heart for a year where I worked with both middle schoolers and high schoolers. I then went on to become a Mail carrier with the United States postal service where I still work. I still volunteer at Sacred Heart as the Head of Altar Serving.

I'm excited to be working with the Lifeteen high school students this year. It's exciting to help foster spiritual growth in our youth. I feel blessed to be part of a team that strives to build active disciples that have a deep and exciting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.