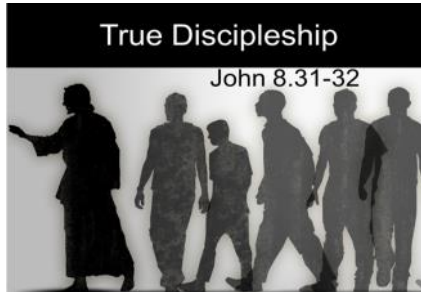


September 20, 2015
WENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus speaks of his own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, he says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

September 21	10:30 AM	
Dorothy Skaggs		RIP
September 23	6:00 PM	
Jon Kelso		SI
September 24	10:30 AM	
William Walter Trigg		RIP
September 25	10:30 PM	
Lillian Stanzione		RIP
September 26	5:00 PM	
Lia Colbacchini		RIP
September 27	8:30 AM	
Nicholas Anzalone		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Veronica Vernon		RIP
	5:00 PM	
Chuck Bartley		RIP

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

Daily Worship
Week of September 20, 2015

Monday, September 21 <i>Saint Matthew</i>	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Psalm 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday, September 22	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday, September 23 <i>St Pius</i>	Ezra 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8 Luke 9:1-6
Thursday, September 24	Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43:1-4 Luke 9:18-22
Friday, September 25	Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43:1-4 Luke 9:18-22
Saturday, September 26	Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a Jeremiah 31:10-12b, 13 Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday, September 27 <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

WOMEN'S GROUP

Assumption Women's Scripture Sharing & Fellowship will begin on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 10:00a.m. in the Stafford room. We begin this new season with a retreat given by Joan Williamson & and a Holy Spirit Brunch! All are welcome to join us. Questions, call Jean at 303-9567.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room

"To whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is him whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."
 Col.1:27-29.

Our evening starts with song, prayer and a scripture reading followed by a small teaching, sharing our faith, and a quiet time listening to the Lord. All are welcome.

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 PM.

Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on Tuesdays at 11:30 PM and Wednesdays at 12:30, 3:30, and 4:30 PM. If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY on Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

"I will lead the blind on their journey by paths unknown I will guide them. I will turn darkness into light before them, and make crooked ways straight. These things I will do for them, and I will not forsake them." Isaiah:42:16.

Are you at a crossroads in your life and needing discernment on what to do. Why not turn to God for help. It is quiet and confidential.

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

"Sing to God, chant praise to his name, extol him who rides upon the clouds, whose name is the Lord, exult before him. The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling." Psalms 68:5-6.

Everyone grieves in their own way. We meet, have a cup of coffee, talk about how we are getting on and draw strength from our faith, yes and each other. All are welcome. Info. call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

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

OUR SCHOOL

The eighth grade class recently went on an all-day retreat at Stillpoint at Becksides. It was a day of fun, serious reflection and sharing led by a wonderful leader from a church in the Seattle area. This annual fall retreat is a wonderful spiritual beginning to the eighth grade year and is important in helping each of the students begin to coalesce their own personal spiritual understanding.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teachings and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18).

CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO

¡Muchas gracias por sus contribuciones a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD)! Sus generosos donativos ayudarán a CCHD a erradicar la pobreza en los Estados Unidos mediante una mejor educación, mejores viviendas y desarrollo económico. A través de CCHD y sus beneficiarios, demostramos la enseñanza social católica y realizamos la misión de Jesús para "llevar a los pobres la buena nueva... para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para dar libertad a los oprimidos" (Lucas 4:18).

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED

Our fall session of the Evenings for the Engaged series has been postponed until winter, 2016. We will begin our next session February 14th. If you have any questions or would like to register for this class, please contact Judy Ziels at jjziels@live.com or call at 360-319-7760.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST CALENDAR 2015 – 2016 for YEAR TWO
CANDIDATES (Year Two candidates are in grade two and above and were registered in and attending either Faith Formation classes or a Catholic School last year.)
FIRST RECONCILIATION / FALL 2015

Saturday, October 3 ~ 10:00 AM church: PARENT ONLY Meeting/Registration Year 2

Saturday, October 17 ~ First Reconciliation
Class #1 10:00 AM in the Church
Saturday, October 31 ~ First Reconciliation
Class #2 10:00 AM in the Church
Saturday, November 14 ~ First Reconciliation
Class #3 10:00 AM in the Church
(Advent Reconciliation Service will be Monday, December 14 @ 7:00 PM fyi)

Saturday, January 30, 2016 ~ Retreat from 3:00 – 6:00 PM (group will attend mass from 5:00 – 6:00 PM to end the Retreat)

FIRST EUCHARIST/WINTER AND SPRING 2016

Saturday, February 27, 2016 ~ First Eucharist
Class #1 @ 10:00 AM in the Church
Saturday, March 12 ~ First Eucharist
Class #2 @ 10:00 AM in the Church

Saturday, April 9 ~ Retreat from 3 – 6 pm (group will attend mass from 5pm – 6pm to end the Retreat)

PRACTICE TIMES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

For those who will be celebrating First Eucharist at the Saturday 5:00 PM or Sunday 8:30 AM masses, practice will be on Saturday, May 14 at 3:30 PM.

For those who will be celebrating First Eucharist at the Sunday 10:30 AM or 5:00 PM masses, practice will be on Sunday, May 15 at 3:30 PM.

Para aquellos que van a celebrar su Primera Comunión el domingo a las 12:30 PM en la misa de Español, su practica será el Domingo 15 de Mayo después de la misa de Español.

Saturday, May 21 @ 10:00 AM ~ PICTURE DAY (in First Eucharist attire)

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- Floyd Carpenter
- Chris Formichella
- Don Veltum
- Capt. Mark Bieda
- 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
- Gabriel Rodriguez
- Steven Faecke
- Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
- Keanu Franco
- Michael Dabl
- Matt Edge
- Kurt DeVries
- 2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
- Bob Iverson
- Lt. Michael Bertschinger
- Capt. Eric Stein
- Caleb Trotter

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO BEST.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Craven
Blanca Cruz
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Colleen Jeffrey
Edwin Ordóñez
Dan Parsons
Doris Torres
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Ross Driscoll
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

DO YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR ADULT CHILDREN?

Parenting adult children has its own unique challenges. Many of us have grown children who struggle with relationships, addictions, mental illness, etc. If you find yourself in this situation, you are not alone. Come together for confidential sharing and pray with others who share similar concerns and will understand. The **Parents of Troubled Adults** group meets once a month for prayer and confidential sharing. Our next meeting is Monday, Sept 28th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Stafford Room. "*Come to me all who are labored and are burdened and I will give you rest.*" Call Elaine Kheriaty, MS (676-9885) or talk with Deacon Larry Kheriaty for more information.

AGAPE sings in Whatcom County! Hip Hop Concert for Youth and Young at Heart!

David Scherer will perform his profound Christian lyrics in a free concert. Canned goods for local food banks are encouraged at the door, and a free-will offering will be gathered for ELCA World Hunger.
When: Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7pm.
Where: Christ Lutheran, Ferndale--5904 Vista Drive.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ BLESSING

At the 8:30am mass on Sunday, September 27, 2015 we will be remembering San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila whose feast day is on Monday, September 28. San Lorenzo was canonized on October 18, 1987 as our first Filipino saint. San Lorenzo is an example of a person who heard Jesus' words and responded to them. He was a lay person who worked as a calligrapher for the Dominican parish of Binondo, Manila. He was an active member of the Marian confraternity, a man the Dominicans knew they could trust. Falsely accused of murder, imprisoned and tortured, he was offered release if he would only renounce his faith. San Lorenzo replied, "I will never do it. I am a Catholic and happy to die for God. If I had a thousand lives to offer, I will offer them to God." On September 27 we as a community will celebrate the witness of this great martyr.

FIRES IN YAKIMA

If you would like to donate funds to help the people who were affected by the fires in Yakima, please donate to:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima
5301 Tiejon Drive
Yakima, WA 98908-3478

INTERFAITH COALITION ANNUAL HOPE

Meeting and Celebration
Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm
Bellingham Covenant Church.
1530 E. Bakerview Rd.

Join Interfaith for a meaningful evening of fellowship, inspiration and opportunity. Hear from volunteers who share stories of compassion and hope. Learn about our new forum for congregations working with homeless visitors. Catch up with friends old and new. Be part of an active community of individuals and congregations dedicated to our brothers and sisters in need. We'll have music, refreshments and appreciation for being our partners in change.

INTERFAITH COALITION WINTER COAT DRIVE

Now through October 18

This successful annual outreach collects warm outerwear for people of all ages, babies to seniors. Please bring clean, gently used or new winter coats and jackets, gloves, scarves and hats to worship services. Interfaith will distribute these to people in four locations across Whatcom County. Hand-knitted items are especially prized. For many, this means they won't need to spend limited income on a winter coat, or do without. Thank you for sharing the warmth!

PROTECT OUR NEW GYM FLOOR

Have you seen how beautiful our new gym floor is? To ensure that it stays in good condition we have put together a cleaning program for anyone that intends to use the gym for a gathering or event. During the program you will learn what cleaning products to use, where all of the tables and chairs are stored, things to be particularly cautious of and expectations for your group's use of the gym. The training needs to be completed by the person(s) who will be doing the clean-up for your event at least one week before you intend on using the gym. To schedule this 30 minute training, call the parish office and talk with Taryn Cardwell.

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Monday, September 21st

10:30 AM Mass Church
6:00 PM Servants of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss PCLR

Tuesday, September 22nd

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus First Degree St. Cecilia
6:30 PM Adoration Church
6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #50222 Room 1
7:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
7:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group PCLR
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym

Wednesday, September 23rd

12:00 AM Adoration Church
10:00 AM Women Scripture Study Stafford
5:45 PM Benediction Church
6:00 PM Mass Church
6:45 PM Prayer Ministry Church
7:00 PM Life, Justice & Peace Commission PCLR

Thursday, September 24th

10:30 AM Mass Church
11:00 AM Mothers & Children Stafford
11:30 AM School Cantor Rehearsal Church
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church
1:15 PM Catholic Daughters of America Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scout Wolf Pack Room 1
5:30 PM Lifeteen Core Team PC 3rd floor
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Stafford
7:00 PM RCIA LMC

Friday, September 25th

10:30 AM Mass Church
1:30 PM Grief Support Group Stafford
3:30 PM Auction Committee Stafford
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, September 26th

Baptism Weekend

9:30 AM Baptism Class Stafford
9:30 AM Cantor Training Church
3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
5:00 PM Mass Church



**The 5:00 PM SUNDAY
YOUTH MASS will resume on
September 27, 2015**

Sunday, September 27th ~ Baptism Weekend

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
8:30 AM Mass ~ St. Lorenzo Ruiz Church
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
9:30 AM RCIA/C Stafford
10:30 AM Mass Church
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia
11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños Biblioteca
1:00 PM Community Meal Gym
2:30 PM Faith & Light LMC
3:45 PM Lifeteen Choir Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM Youth Mass Church
6:00 PM Lifeteen Gym

5:00 PM SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSAL Sunday, September 20th at 3:45pm. We want to get off to a great start at the first 5pm Sunday Mass, which is Sept. 27. Rehearsals will be Sundays before the Mass at 3:45pm. All are welcome. We need instrumentalists and singers. We especially need youth and young adult participation!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will be meeting Thursday, Sept. 24th at 1:15 in the Stafford Room at Assumption. Dessert and beverage will be provided. All ladies of the parish are invited Saturday, Sept. 26. We will be hosting the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at Sacred Heart. Social hour at 9:30 with meeting to follow at 10:00. Cost is \$5.00 which includes lunch. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the Crocodile Classic 9-Hole Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The event is Saturday, September 26th at Raspberry Ridge Golf Course. We'll have several fun games and prizes for players in all skill levels. You can't possibly be the worst golfer (that guy is already coming!). Please contact Kevin Schmid (319-9843) or Tom Bernard (223-5648) to register. Visit www.kofc829.org to for more information.

**ST. FRANCIS
FEAST DAY**

Please join us on Thursday Oct. 1 at 8:00 AM for the blessing of the animals.



ANOINTING MASS

We invite all of our parishioners who would like to receive the anointing of the sick to come to mass on October 2, at the 10:30 mass. We will have the anointing during mass and afterwards everyone is invited to a luncheon in your honor in the gym. Please come and enjoy each other's company.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(09/13/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 36,154	\$ 198,847
Contributions received:	\$15,511	\$ 36,285	\$ 179,999
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$2,566	\$ 131	-\$ 18,848

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

Debt Reduction	Wk(09/13/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 2,116	\$ 11,638
Contributions received:	\$ 285	\$ 838	\$ 6,582
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 773	-\$ 1,278	-\$ 5,056

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	81
Campaign for Human Development	\$	1,612

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



EUCHARIST & HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Eucharist & Hospitality Ministers
Saturday, October 10 @ 10am in the Church.

ENTRENAMIENTO DE EUCHARISTÍA Y HOSPITALIDAD

Ministros de Eucaristía y hospitalidad
Sábado, 10 de octubre @ 10 a.m. en la iglesia.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Altar Servers ~ Saturday, October 10 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Church.
This is for NEW and VETERAN servers. One must have received First Eucharist and be in at least in fourth grade to be an altar server.

MONAGUILLOS ENTRENAMIENTO

Monaguillos ~ Sábado, 10 de octubre a las 11 a.m. en la Iglesia. Esto es para nuevos y veteranos servidores. Para poder ser monaguillos necesitan haber recibido la Primera Comunión y por lo menos estar en el 4 grado.



DINNER CLUB

The **Assumption Dinner Club** will be starting again this year on October 10. The dinner club is sponsored by the Parish Life and Socials Committee and was started a few years ago as a means of affording parish members an opportunity to get to know one another, to develop new friendships, and to encourage fellowship all while sharing a meal at a home.

This year the dinner club will meet on five separate occasions beginning on Saturday, October 10 and continuing every other month through Saturday, June 11th. We are trying to keep each respective group to a total of six including the hosts. The groups will change from month to month to allow you to meet more folks in the parish. We would prefer that each person host at least one dinner but this is not a necessity. Alternate hosts will be available in the event the designated hosts are unable to make the date.

Parishioners interested in joining the Assumption Dinner Club can sign up after Mass in the Gathering Space. In the event you are unable to sign up after Mass, please contact Clairene Almond at almondcj@aol.com or call the parish office.

A Stewardship Moment

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La segunda lectura de hoy advierte que un corazón consumido con la avaricia y la envidia conduce a los celos, a la contienda, los conflictos y las disputas. Un corazón generoso, en contrate, puede cantar en lugar con el Salmista, "Libremente te ofreceré sacrificio; alabaré Tu nombre, O Señor, por su bondad."



Generous God, you have blessed us immeasurably. We are eternally grateful for your many blessings.

-The beauty of the world we live in, the wonder of creation, and the miraculous gift of life itself.

-The loving support of family and friends, their caring sympathy during troubles and their sharing happiness during our joys.

-The challenge of the tasks we work at, the satisfaction of our accomplishments, the enjoyment of our hobbies and diversions and the meaningfulness of our volunteering.

-The gift of shelter, the nourishment of food and sustenance, and the warmth and comfort of our clothes.

-The trials and tribulations that each one of us faces, that cause us to acknowledge our dependence on God.

-The 'little things' – a good book or great movie, chocolate chip cookies, arriving home safely, and all those other things we take for granted but which are really blessings.

-The love of a God who cares for each one of us, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit.

May we always remember to live as grateful stewards of your countless blessings. We share our gratitude to you now and forever.
Amen.