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# Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel Bulletin

**September 20 — October 3, 2025**



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## Mass Schedule

### Holy Disciples

Saturday (Vigil) 6:30pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am  
Wed—Friday 9:00am

### Our Lady of Good Counsel

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Wednesday 6:00pm

### Reconciliation

HD: Saturday 4:00pm  
OLGC: by appointment

### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday at Mass (HD)  
First Wednesday at Mass (OLGC)

## Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) News

**Daily Mass Change:** At the request of regular OLGC Daily Mass attendees to move the Daily Mass time earlier in the day, we asked for feedback of parishioners—twice at Daily Masses and twice at Saturday Masses. The consensus which was approved by the Pastor is to move the Daily Mass to **Thursdays at 4:00pm starting October 1, 2025.**

Mark your calendars—Don't miss out on the upcoming **Oktoberfest** and Auction on Sunday October 26, 2025, at 3:00pm. More details to come soon.

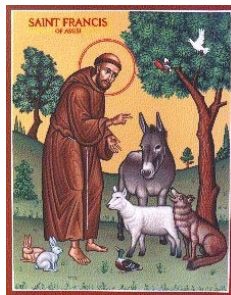
## Demographic Survey - Parish Family 39

Our Parish Family 39 Advisory Council (PFAC) is asking all parishioners to participate in a demographic survey. The purpose of this survey is to help us better understand who makes up our Parish Family. Your input will help us as we reflect on the ministries we currently offer, identify the needs within our parish family, and explore opportunities to expand or introduce new ministries. Please use QR code to complete the survey, and paper copies of the survey are available on the Welcome Desk if needed. Deadline for completion is September 30.



## Blessing of Animals - October 5th

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi and the Laudato Si' movement, we will be hosting a Blessing of Animals celebration on the lawn in front of Holy Disciples Church on Sunday, October 5, starting around 1:00pm. Bring your giraffe, horses, dogs, frogs, cats, turtles, ant farm, parrots, tarantulas, pigs, snakes, hamsters, bunnies, and other creatures great and small for the blessing!



## Stewardship of Talent

We launch our Stewardship of Talent Campaign on September 27/28 inviting everyone to reflect on the unique gift God has given us and how we can use our talents to serve our church community. There are many ways to get involved—no matter your talent, there is a place for you. We invite you to start thinking how you might share your talents! Stay tuned for more details at upcoming Masses and in the next bulletin.



## FAITH FORMATION

**Registration for our Faith Formation/Youth Group 2025-2026 programs is now OPEN.**

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sundays— began on Sept 14.

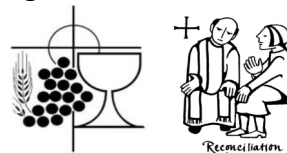
Middle School Youth Group are held on Wednesdays— began on Sept 17.

Senior High Youth Group are held on Sunday evenings—began on Sept 14.

OCIA Journey of Faith sessions are held on Sundays **beginning Sept 21.**

Adult Confirmation will begin in January 2026.

Questions about classes? Please email **Rita** (FF & Sacramental Prep K-5); **Monica** (Youth, Senior High and Confirmation) or **John** (OCIA and Adult Confirmation).



### Looking to become Catholic? Already Catholic, but not Confirmed

If you answer "Yes" to either of these questions, then now is the time to consider joining others who are on a similar Journey of Faith. There are different trails on the Journey of Faith depending on each person's individual needs. Already a baptized Christian - that's one trail. Not yet baptized - that's a different, parallel trail. Just needing to complete your sacraments of initiation and get Confirmed - we have a shorter, simpler trail for you! All of this is part of our OCIA and Adult Faith Formation programs. Please connect with John or Monica for more information and to get a registration form. The next Journey of Faith sessions start September 21.

### Many Faces Multicultural Ministry (MFMM)

The next monthly gathering of our Many Faces Multicultural Ministry (MFMM) will be on Friday, September 26, at 6:30pm in the Classrooms. Our gathering will start with a potluck, so bring a favorite dish to share. Our meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy the different cultures (and their foods) represented in our church community.



### Oktoberfest at Holy Disciples

The Holy Disciples Knights of Columbus will host their annual Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 19, 2025, beginning at 4:30pm. Guests will enjoy traditional German dinner, live and silent auctions, raffle ticket items, and festive entertainment. Adult tickets are \$20, and children's plates are \$10. Ticket sales will begin on September 20 after all of the weekend Masses. Attendance is limited to 300 guests. We look forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable evening of food, music, and community fellowship.

### Health Ministry Presentation

Are you now or have you been a caregiver? Are you interested in a Caregivers Support Group? Please come and share your knowledge and experience at the Health Ministry's Presentation, "Supporting the Caregiver" on October 11 at 10:00AM in the classrooms. We will include how-to-tips, hands-on demonstrations and hold a roundtable discussion on issues facing caregiving. Please contact the Church Office to register.



### CRS Ambassador's Corner



Over 700 million people face hunger daily, and international humanitarian aid plays a crucial role in reducing global hunger, especially among children who suffer from malnutrition and stunted growth. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has run school feeding programs for decades, but recent cuts to federal funding have left 780,000 children in 11 countries without school meals, worsening hunger and affecting their development. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and for action items to reinstate international humanitarian aid.

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Catholic Relief Services

# CRS BULLETIN

## FOR YOUR INFO

- CRS annually assists more than 210 million of the poorest, most vulnerable people in 121 countries.
- CRS supports hundreds of transformative projects building resilience by helping people address the challenges of their individual and community needs.
- CRS accountability is a top priority and reflects a A+ rating from CharityWatch over 80+ years of work. The 2024 Operating Expenses reflected 93% of funds going directly to programs and 7% going to fundraising, awareness, management and general expenses

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In our hearts, we gather the immense love and compassion we have for the most vulnerable members of our global family. We pray that their human dignity is honored in every way and that they know they are not alone.  
Amen

## ABOUT CRS

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**In the beginning...** as far back as 1917 Catholic Bishops have, among other things, worked to organize and conduct religious, charitable and social welfare work at home and abroad and to care for immigrants. In 1943 Catholic Relief Services, CRS, was established as the official international charity organization of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Over the next 5 months the Washington CRS chapters will provide insight into the workings of this organization.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

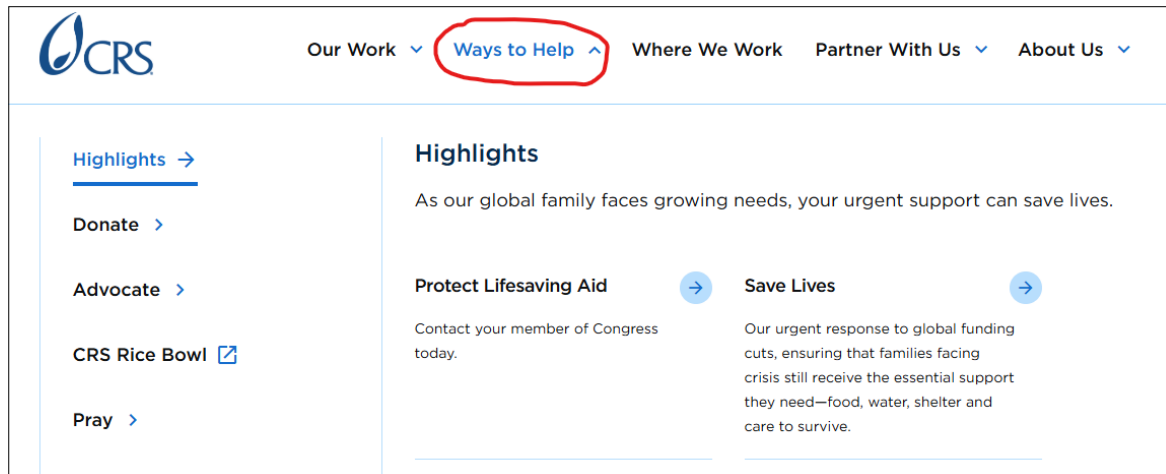
- Urge Congress to protect international assistance by maintaining poverty-reducing accounts in fiscal year 2026 appropriations and opposing the rescission of funds for lifesaving and life-affirming programs.

CRS was founded in 1943 to serve migrants and refugees during WWII but it is so much more.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

### HOW YOU CAN HELP ADVOCATE FOR GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN AID

Begin by **increasing your knowledge** of Catholic Relief Services Global Humanitarian Aid Programs at **crs.org** and click on “Ways to Help.”



**Join a CRS local chapter.** CRS Tahoma Chapter is our local chapter. For information the Church Office or see Ramonda at Mass.

**Sign up for Action Alerts.** These are for times when we need immediate advocacy by our elected officials on a matters of some immediacy. Go to **<https://www.crs.org/ways-to-help/advocate/take-action>**. Fill in the form to receive text and/or Action Alerts.

**Contact legislators** to support international humanitarian aid or to oppose legislation that cuts such aid. You can find your legislator by going to Congress.gov. Scroll down to the section Current Members of Congress and select Washington.

**Write a Letter to the Editor** in your local newspaper stating your thoughts and opinions regarding legislation that impacts humanitarian aid both globally and in the U.S. that is being considered or currently has already passed by congress.

**Ask questions** if you are not sure or are wary about becoming involved in advocacy activities.

**Pray.** Each day choose a humanitarian injustice and lift it up in prayer. For example: the plight of the children in Gaza; the 800,000 children in 11 countries cut off from school lunches; or the termination of maternal health programs across the globe.

**Donate.** The rescissions recently passed by Congress left CRS with funding for 43 out of 131 programs we had in progress. CRS is in desperate need of financial help. Donation instructions can be found on the CRS web site.





## PF39 March for Life and Rosary

Knights of Columbus Council 6906 and Assembly 1845 would like to invite the parishioners of Parish Family 39 to take part in March for Life. We will march around the grounds of Our Lady Queen of Heaven on Saturday, September 27, at 2:30PM. The March will start at the Rosary in front of the church and proceed to the Grotto and then around to St. Joseph, St. Kateri, The Pieta, and end at St. Ann while saying the Rosary.



## A Restorative Retreat for Justice Seekers

“Tending to Hearts for Justice: A Restorative Retreat for Justice Seekers” will take place on Friday, October 17, from 9am — 1pm at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center in Bellevue. Presenter will be Sr. Chero Chuma, CSJP, DNP. This program is geared towards those who are justice practitioners, i.e. justice organizers, chaplains, advocates, educators, helping professionals, nonprofit providers, lay or ordained ministers, mental health providers, and anyone involved in justice based work who are seeking a time for respite and renewal in community. Co-Sponsor by Ignatian Spirituality Center, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, and Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. For more information: <https://www.ignatiancenter.org/tending-to-hearts>

## Walking Through Grief Program



Are you experiencing the loss of a loved one (e.g. spouse, parent, friend, or child)? The OLQH Missionary Discipleship Commission will be offering a 9-week educational and inspirational grief program offering support and hope beginning Wed, Sep 24, from 6-8pm in the St. Joseph Room at OLQH. Enrolling in this Walking through Grief program is a great commitment to yourself. All of the Parish Family 39 churches are invited to attend. For more information, please call the OLQH office at 253-537-3252.

## Ministry for Widowed People - A New Chapter

A New Chapter, a ministry for widowed people, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30am at Holy Disciples in Classroom 4. Our Discussion Group is a safe and loving environment where widowed people can share their experiences, memories, concerns, sorrows, hopes, and joys with their peers. If you are struggling with the loss of a beloved partner, please consider joining us.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A healing retreat for those suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk home alone. Project Rachel offers compassionate and confidential care for those who suffer the effects of an abortion. Upcoming healing retreat dates are October 10-12, 2025 (English), October 31—November 2, 2025 (Spanish), and March 6 –8, 2026, (English). For more information, see posters in back of church or visit: <https://ccsww.org/services/project-rachel/>



### Classroom 5 - Old Nursery Space

Classroom 5, previously known as the Nursery, is now open and available for use during Mass. It has been set up as a classroom and quiet space where a supervising adult can go with their child(ren), if needed. The Mass is streamed live on the TV, so families can stay connected without missing the liturgy.