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Holy Disciples and Our Lady of Good Counsel Bulletin

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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 News

St. Ann's Altar Society Meeting will be
Monday September 8th at 1:00pm
Basement of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



New In Person Bible Study: Acts of The Apostles

Everyone is welcome to join our morning Bible Study. We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am in classroom 4, Starting September 10th. Will be studying Acts— The Good News of the Holy Spirit. Study guides are \$10. If you have any questions, contact the parish office.

New Zoom Bible Study: Gospel of John

"In the beginning was the word ..." John 1:1 With these famous words John begins his gospel. God's eternal word somehow becomes human and "pitches his tent" with us. We will be studying John this fall on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 9, 2025. All meetings are conducted by Zoom at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays (use your phone or computer, with video being totally optional). People may join at any time. While we try to dive deep our approach is friendly and informal, with no prior knowledge of scripture required. To join or for more information, please contact the parish office.



PF39 Oktoberfests and Fall Festivals

With our four churches, we have four opportunities to gather and celebrate our shared values—especially around good food and fellowship. Mark your calendars for these upcoming Oktoberfests and Fall Festival— and look for more information in future bulletins:

- Saturday, September 13— Our Lady of Good Counsel (Spanaway)
- Sunday, October 19— Holy Disciples (South Hill)
- Sunday, October 26— Our Lady of Good Counsel (Eatonville)
- Friday, November 21— Saints Cosmas and Damian (Orting)

FAITH FORMATION

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

Faith Formation Classes will be held on Sundays **beginning Sept 14.**

Middle School Youth Group will be held on Wednesdays **beginning Sept 17.**

Senior High Youth Group will be held on Sunday evenings, **beginning Sept 14.**

OCIA will be held on Sundays **beginning Sept 21.** Adult Confirmation will begin in January 2026.

Questions about classes? Please email Rita at faithformationK5@holydisciples.org (FF & Sacramental Prep K-5); Monica at paff@holydisciples.org, (Youth, Senior High and Confirmation) or John at pal@holydisciples.org (OCIA and Adult Confirmation).

The Youth Ministry program will be managed by Monica Rodrigues, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation for the Parish Family 39. More details to follow!

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 Mastalski or Monica Rodrigues for more information and to get a registration form. The next Journey of Faith group starts September 21.

Parish Family 39 Partners in the Gospel - Demographic Survey

The weekend of September 6/7 as well as September 13/14, the Parish Family Advisory Council asks that you participate in a new demographic survey. The purpose of this survey is to help us better understand who makes up our four-church parish community. Please click QR code for survey.



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.



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 OLQH office at 253-537-3252. On to healing!



PF39 March for Life

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>

From Your Health Ministry - Better Breakfast Month!

September is Better Breakfast Month and celebrates the power of a strong start. A nourishing morning meal including protein, fiber, and vitamins gives steady fuel for the hours ahead. Good morning nutrition links directly to better concentration, stable energy, and improved nutrient intake. The right mix of grains, fruits, and lean protein keeps hunger at bay. Even small changes in the morning can lead to big benefits. Enjoy your better breakfast!

YLI: Thank you to Holy Disciples

Holy Disciples YLI 253 received \$1,564 from the bake sale and raffle. Big thanks to all who donated yummy baked goods and to Lorraine Herbert for donating the quilts. Congratulations to Betty Callhan and Scotque Massett who won the beautiful quilts.

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/>



New Cry Room / Classroom

Thank you for your patience as we continue to transform the nursery to a multi-functioning space- part cry room, part classroom and part storage, with the hopes that it is a comfortable room to suit everyone's needs. Our plan is to have it open in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

Q&A HOSPITALIZED CATHOLIC PATIENTS & THEIR CARETAKERS

"When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body." (Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship)

HOW DO I REQUEST A PRIEST FOR SACRAMENTAL SUPPORT?

When possible, arrange to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing of the sick in your home parish before hospitalization. In emergency situations, you can contact your home parish. In addition, the Spiritual Care department or chaplain at your hospital can often contact a priest on your behalf. Because of the shortage of priests, it normally takes up to 48 hours from the time a request is made until a priest or other minister is bedside. For this reason, whenever possible, **please do not defer contacting a priest until it is an emergency**. Some hospitals also have pastoral ministers available for non-urgent pastoral care. Please contact the Spiritual Care department at your hospital to request support.



WHEN SHOULD I BE ANOINTED OR HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER ANOINTED?

Whenever possible, arrange to receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick in your home parish before going in for surgery. Anointing of the sick is a sacrament of healing for the living and should not be deferred until death is imminent.

WHAT ARE THE LAST RITES? DOES THE CHURCH STILL OFFER THAT?

Traditionally, the "Last Rites" of the Church include the sacraments of reconciliation, anointing and viaticum (the last holy Communion of a dying person) and the commendation of the dying. While only a priest can provide confession and anointing, a deacon or lay minister can offer viaticum and the commendation of the dying.



I WANT TO RECEIVE COMMUNION WHILE I'M HOSPITALIZED. IS THAT POSSIBLE?



Yes, it is possible to receive communion in the hospital. Almost every hospital has lay Eucharistic Ministers, deacons, or priest chaplains who can bring Holy Communion to those who are hospitalized and their loved ones. Please contact the Spiritual Care Department of the hospital to see if this is possible in your setting. Always check with the medical team to ensure you or your loved one is medically able to receive Holy Communion.