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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

# ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the  
Archdiocese of Seattle

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Tuesday, August 15**

9 AM Mass - St. Peter

7 PM Mass St. Columban

### St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

**Daily Mass** 9:00 AM (*Tuesday-Friday, Except First Fridays*)

**Eucharistic Adoration** First Fridays 6:30 PM **Confes-**  
**sions** Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

**Anointing of the Sick** By request

**Baptism & Wedding Preparation**

Contact the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours at St. Columban** Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Friday by appointment

### St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

**Sunday Mass** 8:00 AM

First Friday Mass 9:00 AM

**Confessions** Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM

**Anointing of the Sick** By request

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

**August 13, 2023**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Picnic**  
**After the 10:30 Mass**  
**Parish Hall**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Look to your covenant O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever.*

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for his word.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-23

**Communion Antiphon:** *The bread that I will give says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.*

[www.saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://www.saintcolumbanyelm.org)

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# Welcome to St. Columban

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## St. Columban Parish Pastoral Council

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## St. Peter Advisory Commission

Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston  
[stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

## St. Columban Parish Finance Council

On the cover *Asunsion* [cathopic.com](http://cathopic.com)

## From the Parish Office

### Week of July 30, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,497.16	\$704.70
Online Giving	\$1,667.00	\$15.00
Net	(\$1,635.84)	(\$280.30)
<b>Special Funds</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$80.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$5.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00	\$0.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00	\$0.00

## Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

**MONDAY August 14** **St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
**Rosary Prayer Group** 7:00PM Church

**TUESDAY August 15** **ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.**  
**Mass at 9:00AM** St. Peter Mission, Tenino  
**Mass at 7:00PM** St. Columban

**WEDNESDAY August 16** **St. Stephen of Hungary**  
**Daily Mass** 9:00AM + *In Mem: Jose Luis & Maria Fegoso RIP* Church  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting** 6:00PM Parish Hall

**THURSDAY August 17**  
**Daily Mass** 9:00AM + *In Mem: Patrick Baron RIP* Church  
**Altar Society Weekly Church Cleaning** 9:30AM  
**Choir Practice** 6:00PM Church  
**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** 7:00PM Parish Hall

**FRIDAY August 18**  
**Daily Mass** 9:00AM Int: Elsy Tovar Church

**SATURDAY August 19** **St. John Eudes**  
**Confession** 3:30PM Church  
**Anticipatory Sunday Mass** 5:00 PM Int.: *Pro Populo* Church

**SUNDAY August 20** **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Confession** 7:30-7:45AM St. Peter  
**Sunday Mass** 8:00 AM Int.: *Pro Populo* St. Peter

**Sunday Mass**  
10:30 AM Int.: *Pro Populo* Church  
**Knights of Columbus Breakfast** 11:45AM Parish Hall

## Mass Propers for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.*

**1st Reading:** Revelation 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Psalm 45)*

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.*

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

**Communion Antiphon:** *Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father, alleluia.*

Thank you for your generosity! We will soon be transitioning to a new Parish giving system; more will be announced in the coming weeks.

# A Word from Father Thompson



The penultimate deadly sin is Envy. Envy compares ourselves to others, blinding us to the blessings we have received from God and the goodness other people have shown to us. Envy is the impulse to see that someone has more or different blessings than us and to consider that an injustice per se (or the fruit of past injustice), even if we ourselves do have enough (and even if we don't). Envy is also the impulse to think that we deserve good things from God, the world, or others; it is a failure of its contrary virtue, which is gratitude.

This deadly sin runs rampant in our world, and is perhaps one of the deepest flaws of some of the most unhelpful, and even evil, ideologies that are doing so much damage as they proclaim that they are establishing justice and peace. One can use noble-sounding words like "justice" and "equity" until one is blue in the face, but if what one means is Envy, one is not pursuing anything remotely good (and indeed, one would sow only evil, as we can see in our culture right now).

To give a big-picture example, I remember back in the late 2000s and early 2010s the Occupy Wall Street protests. Political and social commenters had any number of ideological reasons for or against those "movements," but in my estimation the inanity and evil of that and other movements (especially those involving Marxism, which is pure evil in every syllable of every word) before or since wasn't fundamentally a political or social problem, but a moral one: it ran on pure Envy. Even if they may have had some valid complaints about some concrete problems in our world, the Envy at the heart of that movement guaranteed that they could sow no solutions, only further sin and chaos. As John the Baptist said, a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. So many political and ideological movements across the spectrum, but especially those that have seduced my generation and younger, have this exact same problem: whatever good impulse they may have, Envy (and other deadly sins, but Envy in particular) corrupted them utterly.

Like the division and anger in our world that led me to begin this series on deadly sins, the Catholic response to these sorts of false promises and false solutions to the problems of our world is not to rush toward a polar opposite political or ideological extreme in response: Decrying Envy is not to embrace Greed, opposing Wrath is not to tolerate injustice; one can never do evil to accomplish a perceived good, nor should one want to. Instead, we must free ourselves from simplistic worldly ideological categories and begin confronting the problems in the world by first attending to our own hearts and temptations. With Envy in particular, we need to let go entirely from the diabolical lie that inequality is inherently inequitable, beginning in our own lives and experiences; we have no right to another person's blessings (although, *they* do have a duty to generosity), nor—in general—is their fortune or blessing depriving us of what we have or deserve. Instead, in gratitude, we should literally count our blessings and rejoice in what we do have (and take responsibility for the blessings we have in some way refused). That done, we might at that point be able to soberly identify and deal with the real injustices in our lives and the world around us.

In Christ,

## Remember in Your Prayers

*Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sisters and those who have asked for our prayers:*



### **The Sick and Homebound**

Jessica Nash, Mary Taylor, Dan & Jeanine Kavanaugh, Vivienne Hayden, Eitan Hadayo, Stan Villadelgado, Pam Henslee, Robert Fisher

### **The Deceased**

Patrick Baron, Tracy Slater

### **Extraordinary Intentions**

- + All those in harm's way, especially those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.
- + All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

*To add a name to this list or request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office. All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes. St. Columban Prayer Chain: Confidential and private prayer chain. To join, contact the parish office.*

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS August 2023: For World Youth Day** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

# Faith Formation

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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All classes for K-12 Faith Formation begin September 10. Gaby will be in the narthex after Sunday Mass 13 for any families that would like to register.

At St. Columban, we provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn about their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and community service.

We have Faith Formation classes available for every grade level!

**Children ~ Grades K-5**

**Youth ~ Grades 6-12**

Our curriculum, developed by the Archdiocese of Seattle, is built upon the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Recent revisions place an intentional focus on all dimensions of faith formation: knowledge of faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to a community and the formation of a missionary spirit. The curriculum is very comprehensive.

Combined with the love and guidance of dedicated volunteer catechists, the children and youth learn to See as a Catholic, Celebrate as a Catholic and Live as a Catholic.

The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.<sup>[2]</sup>

- ✚ In **Confirmation** the baptized Christian is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ
- ✚ **Reconciliation** is the sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven.
- ✚ **Holy Communion** is the receiving of Jesus Christ body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

Catechesis for these sacraments first begins in the family...

- ◆ Where love and forgiveness are modeled daily.
- ◆ And as participants in the Sunday Eucharist (Holy Mass) and in the life of the parish.

### First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Formal catechesis is a **two year** program.

- ◆ Formation begins in first grade.
- ◆ Must complete a full first year in first grade before advancing to year two.

**Second Graders:** Immediate preparation for First Communion normally occurs in the second grade after fulfilling year one in first grade.

**Pre-teens and older teens** are also invited to simultaneously prepare for Confirmation. Reception of the sacraments would be during the second full year of preparation.



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## Christian Initiation (RCIA), adapted for Children & Youth (Ages 7+)

### RCIA adapted for children ages 7+

The Christian Initiation of these children requires both a conversion that is both personal and adapted to their age, education or degree of social development. The process of initiation must also be adapted to both spiritual progress, that is to the children's growth in faith and the catechetical instruction they receive.

**This program requires two years of formation here at St. Columban.**

Read more about this program on our website [saintcolumbanym.org/RCIA-for-Children](http://saintcolumbanym.org/RCIA-for-Children).

## Confirmation

*Strengthening our youth with the gifts of The Holy Spirit!*

In the Archdiocese of Seattle, Confirmation is given in the 7th grade. Preparation for Confirmation is a **two year program**. Our program is structured with preparation beginning in the 6th Grade. Older teens are welcome to enroll and prepare for Confirmation.

A main part of the journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation is establishing a sense of community among the youth. They will be expected to attend and/or volunteer for various ministries and participate in Youth Ministry activities over the course of the **two years of Confirmation prep**.

## RCIA (Christian Initiation for Adults)

Non-Christians and other non-Catholics seeking full communion into the Catholic Church are invited to discern through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program. Classes resume Fall 2023 and meet weekly. Contact Gaby for more information and how to sign-up.



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**Save the Date! Sunday classes begin September 10!**



## Youth Ministry

For all students grades 6-12. Activities, retreats, bible Studies, and social event times vary throughout the year. Additional fees may be required for activities held outside the parish.

### Unplug with the Lord: Recognizing God's Voice.

Tue. Aug. 15- Thu. Aug. 17 at the Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way

Register now to attend this multi-day retreat for incoming High School Juniors, Seniors, and recent graduates. You will explore ways to grow in relationship with the Lord and discern God's plan in your life. Led by Fr. Justin Ryan and hosted by Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry Services. *Contact Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry Services to inquire about scholarships at (206) 274-3175*

## Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** *Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)*

Elijah looked for the Lord in the strong winds, earthquakes, and fire before discovering the Lord in a light silent sound. Why do you think it is easier to find God when it is quiet?

**Second Reading:** *My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, (Rom 9:1-3)*

Paul had "great sorrow" for his fellows Jews (God's chosen people) who did not believe that Jesus was their long-awaited Messiah. How do you feel about family or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

**Gospel:** *Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29)*

Peter cried out to the Lord for help when he feared he might drown. What fears do you have that you could pray to the Lord for help this week?

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## This week on FORMED

Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership. Once logged-in, access these suggestions at [watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed](http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed)

*Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe*

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

*A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)*

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe | Lukas Storyteller*

Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

## Our Youth Ministry Values at St. Columban

1. Our primary identity is as beloved sons and beloved daughters of God, no matter what. You are here because God wanted you here. Willing our existence, God create each of us out of love to love and for love.
2. We glorify God by striving to fully live our state in life. God gave us families and communities where we learn our faith, pray for each other's needs, and build virtue together as members of his Church, the Body of Christ.
3. As pilgrims on a journey together we are always on mission. We attend Holy Mass and receive the sacraments to better endure the trials of life, train us to be of service to one another, and to prepare us for eternal life in Heaven.

## Saint of the Week:

### St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv.

1894-1941 Poland. Feast Aug. 14. Priest .

Courage and sacrificial love mark the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He became a priest of the Franciscan order. Dedicated with evangelization, he published a magazine to teach the Catholic faith and encourage devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. The Nazi punishment was harsh. For one escapee, 10 must die in his place. The guards picked 10 men at random. One began to beg for his life on behalf of his family, and another man stepped forward and offered to take his place. Fr. Kolbe was sentenced, along with the other nine men, to death by starvation. For this "martyr of Auschwitz," a life of devotion culminated in one heroic, Christlike act.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus Did." -St. Maximilian Kolbe

## Straight out of the Catechism

CCC 966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

## Wisdom from St. Columban

Be guileless in friendship, astute in the face of deceit.

Be tough in times of ease, tender in hard times.

Keep your options open when there is no problem, but did in when you must choose.

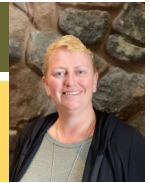
Excerpts from a *Letter to a Young Disciple* by St. Columban



# Parish Ministries & Events

Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for many years, we encourage you to share your time, talents and treasures in support of the mission of our parish community.

Contact Jennifer Langham at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with a group: 360-458-3031x1 / jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org



**Get to know the many groups that serve our community. A representative from each group will be present in the Parish Hall during the Picnic.**



## Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.



## Daughters of Mary

*In the spirit of Mary our Mother, we strive to be attentive to the spiritual and corporal needs of our pastor, parish, and community through service and prayer.*



Open to all women of the parish, we assist with parish activities and provide outreach in a variety of ways. Current initiatives include *Cards of Comfort*, where letters and notes of encouragement are collected and delivered to residents of various retirement homes and the most vulnerable in our community, and the *Seven Sisters* prayer apostolate.

Daughters of Mary members meet in-person or over Zoom on the last Tuesday of every month at 6PM in the Parish Hall and host a monthly fellowship after Sunday Mass.

## Faith Formation

Volunteer parishioners help teach all grades of students as well as sacramental preparation classes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and for Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Training and support for new and returning catechists is provided.

## Homebound Ministry

Ministers are trained to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot physically attend Mass due to health constraints, servicing local care facilities and private residences in our area.

## Liturgical Ministries

The laity assist with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through various roles. Ordinarily, attendance of Sunday Mass and union of one's prayers to that of the priest and the Church during the Mass fulfills this role. Parishioners with certain talents also can volunteer as Greeters, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and members of the Choir (*Music Ministry*) to assist our community in our Sunday worship. Additionally, boys who have already received their First Holy Communion are trained to become Altar Servers. All these roles help the greater Body of Christ at our church.



## Knights of Columbus Council 17152 & Assembly 3947

*We are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and to the defense of the priesthood.*

Council 17152 hosts the annual Coats for Kids Car Show every summer, which raises



money for winter coats. The Council also spearheads several social dinners and monthly breakfasts happening throughout the year. All men of the parish are welcome to join! Council meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. The Assembly meets the Monday preceding the council meeting.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. Our chapter is composed of parishioners who provide assistance and prayerful healing to those in need in our community. Members meet weekly and monitor the helpline. For assistance please leave a voicemail at (360) 458-1904.



## Prayer Groups

A couple parishioner-led prayer groups meet weekly: the Monday Prayer Group meets in the Church at 7:00 PM and the Spanish Prayer Group meets Tuesdays in the Hall at 6:30 PM. The Spanish Prayer Group also hosts Las Mañanitas in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe every year.

## Winter Clothes Closet

Parishioners donate gently-used clothing for distribution to the community October thru March. Its mission is "To provide warm clothing to those in need, no questions asked."

**Thank you for supporting our parish and for the many volunteers who helped with the picnic!**



# Outside Notices & Events



## JESUS CHRIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE 2023 OLPH MARIAN PILGRIMAGE FRI, AUG 18 - SAT AUG 19 OLYMPIA, WA

**Fr. Michael O'Loughlin**  
Byzantine Priest and Podcaster

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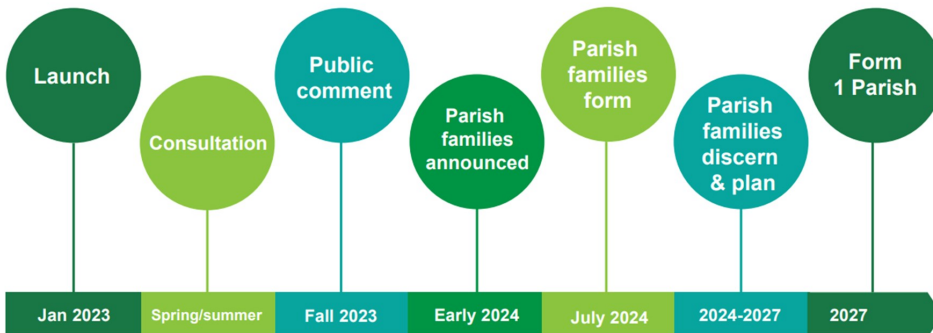
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*"The light of the East has illumined the universal Church..." - Pope St. John Paul II*



**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

Read the latest update and Archbishop  
Etienne's Pastoral Letter linked on our  
website [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)



Partners in the Gospel is the next stage of the strategic pastoral planning effort which is taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church.



**Holy Family School** is a  
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See [holyfamilylacey.org](http://holyfamilylacey.org)  
or call us at (360) 491-  
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information. All for the Glory of  
God! Learning for today, preparing  
for tomorrow.



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At Pope John Paul II High School, students  
and families find a welcoming, faith-filled  
community where they are seen, heard, and  
belong. Every student is  
nurtured, challenged, and  
transformed for a lifetime of  
courageous leadership and  
service through discovery  
and development of their  
God-given gifts.



**CHECK OUT OUR  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
ISSUE**

**READ ONLINE at [NWCatholic.org](http://NWCatholic.org)**



Our very own  
parishioner  
**Cathy Crisanto**  
will be signing her  
recently published  
book

**Wounded Hearts  
Healed Souls**

at the Senior Community Center  
(16530 103rd Ave SE, Yelm)  
**August 15th, 25th, & 26th  
12:30PM-1:30PM.**



# Protecting Gods Children

**Abuse statistics are startling.** But abuse doesn't have to happen.

As an employee, volunteer, or parent, you are the primary protector of our children. Their safety is up to you. As a Church, we are committed to helping you fulfill this tremendous responsibility. Saint Columban invites you to attend *Protecting God's Children* which teaches employees, volunteers, and parents how to help prevent child sexual abuse.

**All employee and those volunteers who have unsupervised, ongoing access to minors or vulnerable adults are required to attend.**

You'll learn very specific actions you can take to protect our children, the children of our parish and the children in the community.

We value your presence, and we know that you will conclude your time was well spent. Join us in the fight to end child abuse.

Date: August 24, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Saint Columban Parish Hall

Length of Session: 3 hours

You will NEED to register online by visiting [virtusonline.org](https://virtusonline.org); click on the Registration link (found on the right side of the page) and follow the instructions.

If you need assistance with your registration or have any questions, contact the parish office at 360-458-3031 Ext. 2





# Saint Jeanne Delanoue

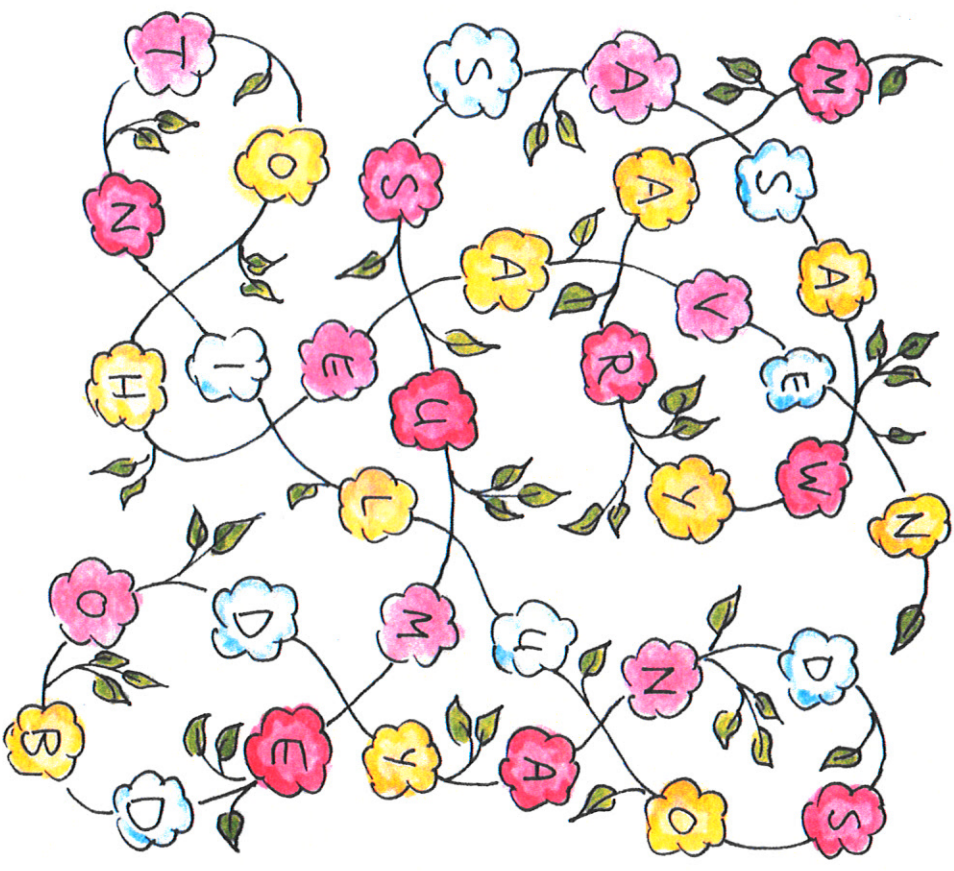
## August 17



FOR A LONG TIME JEANNE THOUGHT ONLY OF HERSELF EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS WORKING WITH HOLY THINGS. JUST BECAUSE WE GO TO CHURCH OR HAVE HOLY THINGS DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE REALLY LOVE GOD. SAINT JEANNE SHOWED HER LOVE FOR GOD BY CARING FOR THE NEEDY. HOW CAN YOU?

# Flowers for Our Lady

This Tuesday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady. Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out what are we celebrating?



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023**

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,  
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before  
the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

### Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your  
salvation. (Ps 85)

### Second Reading:

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing  
me witness  
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in  
my heart.  
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut  
off from Christ  
for the sake of my own people. (Rom 9:1-3)

### Gospel:

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Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the  
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do  
not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten  
us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to  
accept him however he comes, amidst whatever  
fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

## Observances for the week of August 13, 2023

**Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
**Tuesday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Wednesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary  
**Saturday:** St. John Eudes, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was a diocesan priest from Connecticut born to an Irish immigrant family. Together with men from his church, St. Mary's in New Haven, he founded what is now the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization — the Knights of Columbus.

## Prayer

Founder of the Knights of Columbus  
God, our Father, protector of the poor  
and defender of the widow and orphan,  
You called Your priest, Blessed Michael  
McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian  
family life and to lead the young to  
the generous service of their neighbor.  
Through the example of his life and virtue,  
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ,  
more closely, fulfilling his commandment  
of charity and building up his Body which  
is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your  
servant prompt us to greater confidence  
in Your love so that we may continue  
his work of caring for the needy and the  
outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify  
Blessed Michael McGivney on earth  
according to the design of Your holy will.  
Through his intercession, grant the favor  
I now present. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fathermccgivney.org/>)

## Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

### Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

### Monday:

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday:

*Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

### Wednesday:

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday:

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

### Friday:

Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday:

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

### Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn’t that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn’t? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord’s love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord’s grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— *Father John Muir*



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

*"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

If we have a separation of church and state, how should faith influence the way we act in society, especially for those who have a role in the government?

### Answer:

No matter who we are, our inner lives affect the way we interact with the world. In the United States, we have freedom of religion. That means there is no official state-sanctioned religion. This does not mean that our faith is a private affair with no impact on public life! We have the ability to freely exercise our religious beliefs in accord with our conscience. Not only do we have the option to do so, but we also have the responsibility.

We're called to imitate Christ in every area of our life, not compartmentalize our faith. This means acting with respect and honoring the common humanity all we encounter. It means recognizing the person behind the politics. It also means standing up for the truth of human life and dignity and advocating for just policies that serve the common good. The Vatican has produced a "Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church." It contains more detailed exposition of how our Catholic faith relates to various aspects of public life.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

- Mt 14:30-31

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Elijah looked for the Lord in the strong winds, earthquakes, and fire before discovering the Lord in a light silent sound. Why do you think it is easier to find God when it is quiet?

### Second Reading

Paul had "great sorrow" for his fellows Jews (God's chosen people) who did not believe that Jesus was their long-awaited Messiah. How do you feel about family or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

### Gospel Reading

Peter cried out to the Lord for help when he feared he might drown. What fears do you have that you could pray to the Lord for help this week?



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Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” - Mt 14:28-30

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## Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

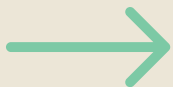
## Mission for the Week

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.

## Sharing the Gospel

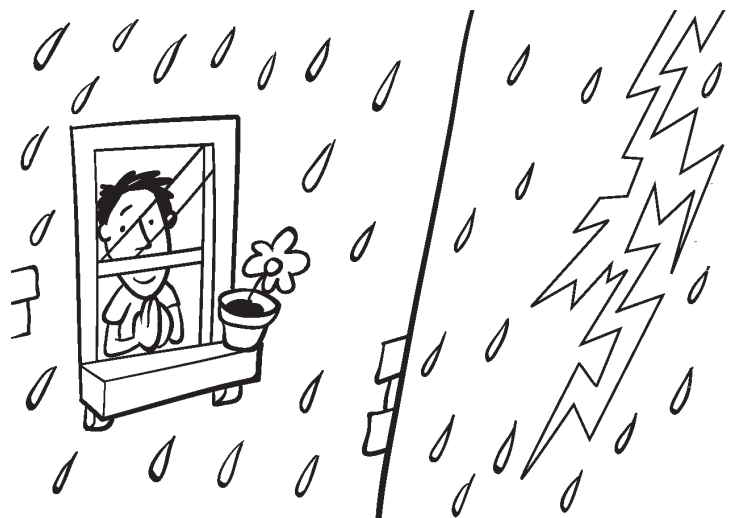
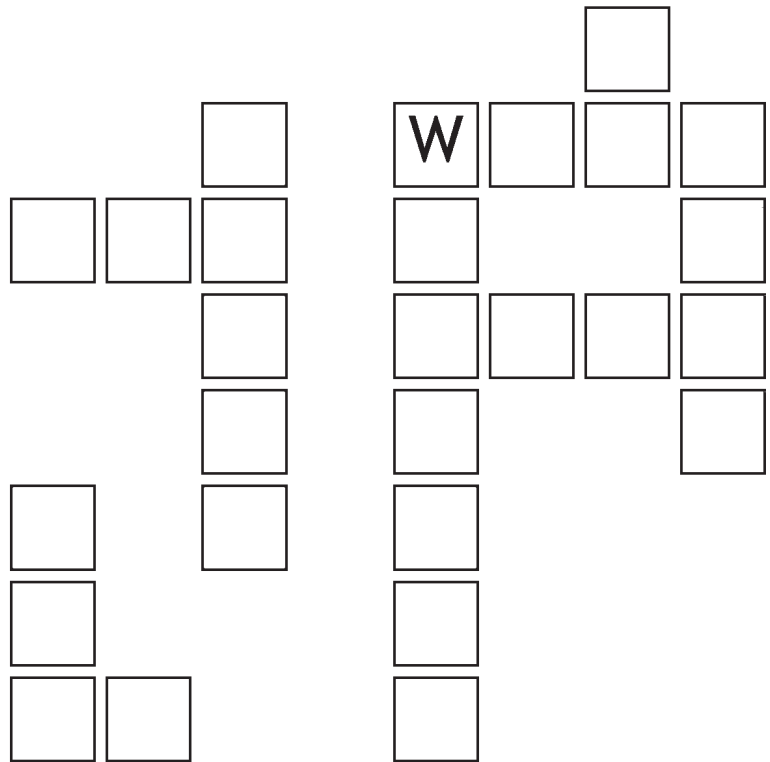
One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

**Now color the picture!**



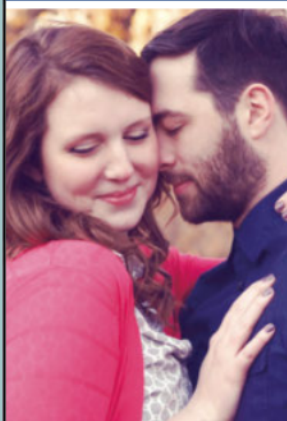
Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Jesus went out to them,  
walking on the lake.





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