

## Ministry News

**Women's Bible Study . . .** We are studying St. Matthew's Gospel this year. We meet on Monday's at 9:30 A.M. in classroom #4. This is by 'Catholic Scripture Study International' an in depth study, with lessons and a 30 minute video each class. Come join us as we study this Gospel and learn how Jesus, as Messiah, is the fulfillment of divine prophecies since the beginning of the human race.

**Eucharistic Ministers . . .** The schedule for the next three months Aug. - Sept. - Oct. is now ready for pickup in the back hallway or check your e-mail in-box. Please use the attached form to respond to the Guidelines that are included with the schedule. Thanks - Ed Zimmerman

**Caregiver Class Coming this Fall . . .** The health ministry will be working with Agnus Dei Church to bring a caregiver class beginning in September. This is a 6 session, 90 minutes a week class. The outline is available if you are interested in more information. \$35 for book and materials. Please call Mary for more information or to reserve your spot. 253-853-5435.

**Caring Hearts/Caring Arts . . .** Saturday, August 7th, is a quilting/card making day! We will be working on lap quilts for Cottesmore and/or baby quilts for the NICU at Tacoma General. We will also have card supplies available for "Totally 4 Troops" cards. Caring Hearts/Caring Arts started as a youth quilting group for middle school and high school folks. We expanded our repertoire and our ages. All you need to help in this ministry is a desire to warm and comfort God's people with gifts of love. We will meet from 10:30 to 2:00 in the Old Church. Feel free to drop in or call Lory Kelley with any questions. 253-686-2343

**Stephen Ministry . . .** When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need more Stephen Ministers to walk with others going through tough times. Will you consider serving in this way? A new training class is being formed now and for more information please contact Doreen Holliday, 253-857-2526

**Project Rachel. . .** is a program of Catholic Community Services that provides help with the emotional & spiritual healing from abortion within our Catholic Faith. Call 1-800-822-HOPE for information and the dates of upcoming retreat weekends.

## Parish Finance News

### Last Weekend's Collection

Budget	\$15,246 Needed YTD	\$60,485
Contributions	\$11,135 Actual YTD	\$57,552
Difference	+/-	-\$2,932
SNCEF	\$93,947	

## For Your Information

**Bulletin Photos . . .** Please remember to email photos of parish and school events to [parishdevelopment@centurytel.net](mailto:parishdevelopment@centurytel.net)! We want to see all of your smiling faces on the cover of the bulletin!

**Keys Lost . . .** At parish picnic. Please turn them into the office if you found them!

**Baby Bottle Campaign . . . Thank you so much for your generosity!** Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of countless high school students, young adults, mothers and fathers and their babies. Thank you and God Bless!

- **We collected \$4,140 for CareNet**
  - The money will be used in the Gig Harbor Community
    - For materials for their Parenting Program
    - For materials for the SMART Program which is offered to the high schools and youth groups
  - If you have an empty bottle at home? Please turn it in next week!
- CareNet Free & Confidential 24/7 Help Line 1-800-395-4357**

**Mariners Game . . .** Tickets are still available for the Saturday, August 28th Seattle Mariners/Minnesota Twins Game. \$50 per person. Call Louise Pettie 858-2815.

**Is your Marriage Falling Apart ?** Retrouvaille, A Catholic Program, can help. Details at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com). Next program begins September 24th-26th.

**Please Remember. . .** to patronize the businesses that advertise on the back of our Sunday Bulletin when the need arises. Their advertisements allow our bulletin to be free of charge to publish. If you would like to place an add, call the 1-800 Catholic Printery phone number along the fold on the back of the bulletin .

**Prayer Requests . . .** Please put a short note with the concern in the prayer box in the vestibule (to the right on the wall as you walk into the church.) The box is checked several times a week and the concerns are prayed for at Thursday night's prayer meeting. If you have an emergency prayer request, please call Dave Williams at 857-5289 or Bernadette at 851-7760 and they will put you on the parish prayer chain. Please let us know how things are going, so we know how to continue to pray for the need.

## Appreciation Ministry

### Lois Holsinger

Among her many other volunteer activities, Lois does a marvelous job coordinating Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays. She spends many hours assuring that there are always parishioners present during Adoration and that there is plenty of prayerful literature available. She also provided the parish with the booklets on how to pray the Patriotic Rosary and organizes praying this rosary on national holidays. Thank you, Lois, for all the time, efforts and organizational skills you so freely devote to our church for the benefit of all of us!



*Fr. Hung and the Pastoral Council have established the Appreciation Ministry to recognize and thank the unsung heroes of our parish, who through their time, talent, and/or treasure contribute so much to support our parish community.*

## Children's Faith Formation

**IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION OFFICE INFO:** I do not work from July 15-August 31. If you have any business that needs direct attention from me that cannot wait until September, please contact the Parish Office and I will be informed of any urgent messages. Otherwise, all registrations, inquires, etc. should go to the Parish Office (851-8850). I will NOT be checking email or phone messages, so please don't leave any. Have a wonderful summer! Cheryl Jones.

**Registration materials** for Faith Formation 2010-2011 Religious Education Classes are available in the Parish Hall, the Parish Office and online at: [www.stnicholascs/Parish](http://www.stnicholascs/Parish), click on the sidebar "children." All forms are below the text in "related files." Your early enrollment helps us to plan for next year. Please return all completed forms to the Parish Office. Thank you.

## Youth Ministry

Coming Soon . . .

Fall Schedule for Youth Ministry!

**Call Danny Bailey for more information  
(253) 851-5035**

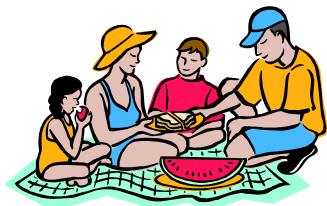
## St. Nicholas School News

If you or anyone you know has an interest in  
St. Nicholas Catholic School  
please call 253-858-7632!

## School Starts August 30th

### Wonderful Picnic

A big thank you to Jim Kaufman and Cheryl Taylor and their extraordinary committee and the Knights of Columbus for all the work they did to make another successful parish picnic. Delicious food, root beer floats, hay rides and ongoing entertainment provided by Naomi Wark, our clown, and Harry Bayliffe's music made for a fun-filled afternoon. A special thanks to: Judy Durand for her recycle center, Bob Daugherty for oversight of the cooking, Mark Macleod and his team for site preparation, and the Garbers for providing transport of equipment. Thank you to all the volunteers, too many to mention, who came out to help with all aspects of the work associated with this event. Many hands made for lighter work. A great time was had by all! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



## Catholic Question of the Week

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BASICS OF  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

(ANSWERS OFTEN IN PARAPHRASE.)

\*\*CCC # refers to Catechism of the Catholic Church. USCCFA refers to the US Catechism For Adults. There are many references to all the questions, although only a few are mentioned.

**Our Lord said in Matthew 19:16-19, "If you would enter life, keep the Commandments," and in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my Commandments." The Commandments are a great way to examine our consciences. Let us discuss the Commandments in the Testaments.**

**(1) Jesus gave us the two Great Commandments. Can you name them? Matthew 22:36-40**

**(2) The First Great Commandment reflects on the first three Commandments of the Ten Commandments. CCC #2067 Can you name the first one of the Ten Commandments, and what does this Commandment mean to you? For a detailed outline of what this Commandment entails, see CCC #2084-2140 (specifically #2133-2140).**

**(3) Why did God give us the Commandments or what is the role of the Commandments in our lives? USCCFA, p. 341**

(1) "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." And the second one is: "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

(2) "I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME." In brief, we must guard our Faith, Hope in God for our help, and Love God above all things. It includes adoration and prayer, worship, sacrifices, and keeping our promises. It prohibits idolatry, superstition, irreligion, atheism, and agnosticism.

(3) God wants us to live a moral life. He gives us many graces to resist temptations and sin, and to always choose what is good. He gives us many virtues (Theological and Cardinal) so that we can grow strong spiritually. He gives us help and Divine Life through the Seven Sacraments. His teachings in the Gospels teach us how to live and give us laws to guide our actions. Therefore, we know how to serve him and how to live and love each other. A moral life opens us to the Holy Spirit so that God can accomplish His plan of salvation.

(CCC Lesson #29 for August 1, 2010)

**Reminder . . . BULLETIN NOTICES ARE DUE FRIDAYS BY 4:00 PM FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND BULLETIN.** parishdevelopment@centurytel.net