December 1, 2019

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New Parishioners
Welcome to our parish community. Please fill out a registration form found in the church entryway and place it in the collection basket.

Afterhours Emergencies Requiring the Presence of a Priest:
Please call the Skagit Valley Emergency number: 636-336-6771. This line is reserved for critical afterhours situations, including death and near death, where last sacraments are being requested. Please notify the parish office for all other requests.

Homebound and Hospital Ministry:
To request a visit and/or sacramental ministry for the homebound or infirm, please call the office of the parish in which the visit is requested.

Sacramental Prep/preparación sacramental
To make arrangements for Sacraments, please call your parish office for information/Pase a la oficina a completar documentos para cualquier Sacramento.

For bulletin submissions: Please submit bulletin articles to bulletin@skagitcatholic.org or to your parish office no later than Thursday at 5 pm.

Immaculate Conception Church/Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción
Office and Mailing: 215 N 15th St., Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Church: 400 N. 15th St., Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Administrative Assistant: Sandra Ruiz
Office Email: icc@skagitcatholic.org
Website: www.icc-mv.org
Phone: 360-336-6622 Fax: 360-336-5203
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30, 1:30 to 4:50 p.m. Monday - Friday
Weekend Masses in English: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.
Misa en Español: Domingo 11:00 a.m. y 1:00 p.m., Jueves 7:00 p.m.
Weekdays: Mon., Tue., Wed., and Friday 12:15 p.m.
Confession: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 p.m. Thursdays, 6:00-6:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacred Heart
Church: 404 Douglas St., La Conner, WA 98257
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 757, La Conner, WA 98257
Ministry Coordinator: Lori Hansen Phone: 360-466-3967
Office Email: sacredheart@skagitcatholic.org
Website: www.SacredHeartChurchLaConner.org
Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (Friday by appt.)
Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:30 a.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.
Confession: Friday mornings 8:30 a.m. or by appointment.

Saint Charles Church/Iglesia San Carlos
Address: 935 Peterson Rd., Burlington, WA 98233
Website: www.stcharles-burlington-wa.org
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Rocha
Office Email: stcharles@skagitcatholic.org
Phone: 360-757-0128 Fax: 360-757-0418
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday
Mass Schedule Weekend: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 11:15 a.m., Sábado 7:00 p.m. Español, Domingo 7:45 a.m. Español
Mass Schedule Weekdays: Monday, Thursday 10:30 a.m.
Confession: Wednesday, 5:15 p.m., Saturdays 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Immaculate Heart of Mary/Iglesia Inmaculada Corazón de María
Address: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284
Administrative Assistant: Leslie Cornwell
Office Email: immaculateheart@skagitcatholic.org
Phone: 360-855-0077 Fax: 360-855-2282
Website: www.imhm-sw.org
Phone: 360-757-0128 Fax: 360-757-0418
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 11:15 a.m., Domingo 9:30 a.m. Español
Weekdays: Monday, Thursday 10:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. or by Appointment.

St. Catherine Mission
Church: 45603 Limestone St., Concrete, WA 98237
Office and Mail: 719 Ferry St., Sedro-Woolley WA 98284
Admin. Assistant: Leslie Cornwell
Office Email: immaculateheart@skagitcatholic.org
Phone: 360-855-0077 Fax: 360-855-2282
Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
Mass Schedule: Saturday 8:30 a.m. (satisfies Sunday obligation)
December 1st, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

Dear friends,

A few years ago in his Angelus message at St. Peter’s Square in Rome, Pope Francis hit the nail on the head about our reluctance to go to confession:

There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father (Aug. 2, 2015)

Pope Francis is reminding us that this sacramental encounter can and should be, above all else, a moment of grace and conversion—a return to our merciful and loving Father.

Advent is a busy season; despite that busyness—because of that busyness—I invite you to make time for the Sacrament of Confession. This includes, over and above our seven regular weekly confession times—a special all Valley Advent Penance liturgy this Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. Valley and guest priests will be present and available to hear individual confessions in English and Spanish. We hope you will join us.

Blessed Advent,

Fr. Tom

P.S. Our seven regularly scheduled confession times before Mass each week in the Valley churches include: 4:00 p.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Charles; 6:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Charles; 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at St. Charles; 6:00 p.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception; and 8:30 a.m. on Friday at Sacred Heart. Confessions end 15 minutes before Mass time.

The Liturgical Season of Advent begins Sunday, December 1st

As we prepare our homes for Advent, you are invited to share in our faith tradition of an Advent Wreath. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. (excerpt taken from www.usccb.org)

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”:
O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

-From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Please remember the Church and School in your will.
Por favor, recuerde a la Iglesia y a la Escuela en su testamento.

1 de diciembre de 2019
1er domingo de Adviento

“¡Por lo tanto, mantente despierto! Porque no sabes en qué día vendrá tu Señor”. Mateo 24:42

Las personas que han tenido problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte generalmente aprecian más que cada día sea un regalo de Dios. El resto de nosotros usualmente damos por sentado que tendremos un mañana. Pero cuando comienzas a ver cada día como un regalo, te das cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden a diario y creces en gratitud por todo lo que nos han dado. Empiezas a ver la presencia activa de Dios en tu vida.

Queridos amigos,

Hace unos años, en su mensaje del Ángelus en la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma, el Papa Francisco dio en el clavo sobre nuestra renuencia a confesarnos:

Hay personas que tienen miedo de confesarse, olvidando que no se encontrarán con un juez severo allí, sino con el Padre inmensamente misericordioso (2 de agosto de 2015)

El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que este encuentro sacramental puede y debe ser, por encima de todo, un momento de gracia y conversión, un retorno a nuestro Padre misericordioso y amoroso.

Adviento es una temporada ocupada; a pesar de ese ajetreo, y debido a ese ajetreo, te invito a que hagas tiempo para recibir el Sacramento de la Confesión. Esto incluye, más allá de nuestros siete horarios regulares de confesión, una liturgia especial de Penitencia de Adviento en el valle de Skagit, este viernes 6 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. en la Inmaculada Concepción. Los sacerdotes de skagit Valley y otros sacerdotes invitados estarán presentes y disponibles para escuchar confesiones individuales en inglés y español. Esperamos que se una a nosotros.

Bendiciones de Adviento
El Padre Tom

PD Nuestros siete horarios de confesión programados regularmente antes de la Misa cada semana en las iglesias del Valle incluyen: 4:00 p.m. Sábado en la Inmaculada Concepción, el Inmaculado Corazón de María y San Carlos; 6:30 pm. Sábado en San Carlos; 5:15 p.m. Miércoles en San Carlos; 6:00 p.m. Jueves en la Inmaculada Concepción; y las 8:30 a.m. del viernes en el Sagrado Corazón. Las confesiones terminan 15 minutos antes de la misa.

La temporada litúrgica de Adviento comenzó el domingo 1 de diciembre

Mientras preparamos nuestros hogares para el Adviento, lo invitamos a compartir nuestra tradición de fe de una Corona de Adviento.

Tradicionalmente, las coronas de Adviento se construyen haciendo un círculo de ramas de hoja de pino en el que se insertan cuatro velas, que representan las cuatro semanas de Adviento. Idealmente, tres velas son moradas y una rosa, pero también se pueden usar velas blancas. Las velas moradas en particular simbolizan la oración, la penitencia y los sacrificios preparatorios y los trabajos de bienes realizados en este momento. La vela rosa se enciende el tercer domingo, domingo de Gaudete. El domingo de Gaudete es el domingo de regocijo, porque los fieles han llegado al punto medio de Adviento, cuando su preparación ya ha terminado y están cerca de Navidad.

La iluminación progresiva de las velas simboliza la expectativa y la esperanza que rodean la primera venida de nuestro Señor al mundo y la anticipación de su segunda venida para juzgar a los vivos y los muertos. (extracto tomado de www.usccb.org
ICRS will be hosting a breakfast and Pictures with Santa from 9:00-noon next Sunday December 8th in the St. Joseph Center. All are welcome! All proceeds will benefit the ICRS 5th grade camping trip.

The FULCRUM tuition assistance application is available online now at: www.fulcrumfoundation.org. ICRS would recommend any family who is interested in attending ICRS next year to apply. The Deadline to apply is January 8, 2020. Need help filling out the application, call the school office to set up a free appointment. 360-428-3912

Immaculate Conception Regional School will be accepting online applications for next year beginning today, December 1. School admittance is done on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the office 360-428-3912 or go to the website for more information. www.ICRSWEB.org

ICRS is looking for a long-term sub for the pre-school classroom. If you are interested or would like more information please call Principal Rodrigues (360-428-3912) or visit our website (www.ICRSWEB.org)

HUMAN LIFE OF SKAGIT VALLEY: We are an interfaith group who believe FIRMLY in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We welcome everyone, and we’d dearly love to have more people join us. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Burlington Library. If you would like to find out more about our ministry, please contact Val Sanders, 360-757-0896.

Our December 12th meeting is also our Christmas potluck celebration. Because this is a potluck, we’ll be meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall - still at 10 a.m. There will be a brief meeting followed by the potluck. Everyone is welcome.

English Confirmation Classes for Immaculate Conception and Immaculate Heart of Mary

Parents: please join us for an important information meeting for Confirmation classes on Sunday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the ICC Parish Center. You will be able to register your teen and find out the details of our program. This year the Archdiocese is lowering the age for confirmandi, so high school freshmen are welcome to participate.

Questions? Contact Sarah Rutherford at rutherford@icrsweb.org or 360 840-9129.

PA for Faith Formation Job Opportunity

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, WA is accepting applications for their PA for Faith Formation position. The PA for Faith Formation will be primarily responsible for working with our current Sunday Faith Formation program in addition to middle school and high school. This position will also lead the Confirmation. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic, with strong organizational and interpersonal skills and have a good understanding of the needs of children and how they learn. This is a 15 – 20 hours per week position with a competitive hourly wage. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to shari@skagitcatholic.org or stop by the office to pick up an application and job description.

Please remember the Church and School in your will.
A special tribute and thank you from the TPFB to Pete Andriesen

Volunteer, worker, leader, mentor, sponsor, supporter – always there when we needed him.

Pete was instrumental in the early days of construction at the food bank. He helped with demolition of the old tent/shed, construction of the temporary shelter (and demolition of that providing way for the new building), work on the new building, and relocation and installation of the chiller. Of special note was Pete’s work with the Virgin Mary Shrine located in front of the food bank entrance. This was the first shrine Pete installed (soon followed by 10 others throughout the Valley), but always his most treasured. Pete and his trailer were the inspiration for the annual Sacred Heart youth food drive supporting our Thanksgiving distribution and meal service. Pete provided the trailer and logistics, the youth collected the food and worked at Saturday distribution.

Pete also designed the new logo and letterhead for TPFB letterhead and memorial plaques. Most recently Pete could be seen at food bank Saturday distribution helping serve hot soup, pastries – always with a smile and friendly greeting to all. AND with a watchful eye on his favorite Virgin Mary Shrine.

Homebound Delivery:

We are seeking drivers to deliver food to the homebound in Burlington every Monday. There are approximately 27 deliveries to be made each week. We partner with Community Action by using their van to make these deliveries. If interested please contact Denise 360-757-0128.

Thank you Susan Gaspard for your willingness to oversee this ministry for the past several years.

Faith: A Mother’s Story

A one-woman Advent play created and presented by
Olivia Woodford
Immaculate Conception Church, Mt. Vernon
December 7th, 7:00 PM

Celebrate the Christmas Season by attending an inspiring and joyful one woman performance where the events of Jesus’ birth come to life

Donations gladly accepted
Soup served after the 5 PM Mass

RCIA program on Thursday evenings at St. Charles at 7:00 p.m.
Adults are invited who are considering becoming Catholic or who would like to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Communion or Confirmation).

El Programa de RICA en español se lleva a cabo todos los lunes a las 7 p.m. en la oficina parroquial de la Inmaculada Concepción. Se invita a los adultos que considerar convertirse en católico o que quisiera completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (Primera Comunión o Confirmación).

Please remember the Church and School in your will.
Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción
Declaración de la Visión: Una Iglesia Centrada en Cristo, Discípulos llenos de Fe

¡Nuestro objetivo es el 100% de participación para esta valiosa campaña! Por favor, Complete su tarjeta de compromiso que se le envió por correo y devuélvala a la Arquidiócesis o pongala en la canasta de la colecta durante las misas. ¡Ninguna cantidad es demasiado pequeña! Gracias por su generoso compromiso para ayudar a nuestro clero y mujeres religiosas de edad avanzada. Como parte de la campaña, el 15% se devuelve a la parroquia para financiar un proyecto especial. Nuestro proyecto será actualizar el centro parroquial con mayor seguridad, espacio adicional para reuniones y dispositivos comunicativos adicionales.

La meta de nuestra parroquia es: $504,000
Hasta la fecha tenemos compromisos de $100,276 (una participación de 2.5%)

Adoración Eucarística del primer Jueves
Únase para celebrar la Adoración Eucarística silenciosa el primer jueves de cada mes de 1 a 6 PM seguido de oraciones de la comunidad en español, bendición y misa en español a las 7 PM. La próxima adoración eucarística del primer jueves es el 5 de diciembre.

Adoración Eucarística del primer Jueves

La novena de nuestra madre Santísima la virgen nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, iniciara este martes 3 de Diciembre. Si usted desea hacer alguna donación para la fiesta del día 12, por favor comuníquese con Regli: 360-420-3583 o con Alicia: 360-540-9338

También necesitamos sus donaciones de flores para decorara el altar de la Virgen, por favor si quiere y puede llevar flores o donar dinero para comparlas comuníquese con Marta Tapia: 360-391-2055

Ángel de Navidad
El programa anual Árbol Ángel de Navidad de los servicios católicos comunitarios ilumina la Navidad para los niños locales. Lleve un sobre del árbol de navidad que se encuentra en la entrada de nuestra iglesia. Compre tarjetas de regalo de $10, $15 o $20 en Target, Walmart o Fred Meyer. Por favor ponga las tarjetas de regalo en su sobre y devuélvalas a la canasta de la colecta semanal o llévela a la oficina de la iglesia antes del 9 de diciembre. Gracias por tu generosidad. NOTA: tenga en cuenta el volante de ICRS donde le pregunta a los feligreses si es posible compran sus tarjetas de regalo a través de la escuela!

Diciembre llego, y con el nuestras tradicionales posadas, del 16 al 23 de Diciembre. Esperamos contar con su apoyo y su presencia para hacer de nuestras fiestas y tradiciones momentos muy especiales que podamos transmitir y heredar a nuestras nuevas generaciones.
Si usted desea apoyarnos patrocinando un día de posada o hacer alguna donación por favor comuníquese con:
Elvira Gamboa: 360-540-3581
Víctor Venegas: 360-503-6055

Adoración Eucarística del primer Jueves

La alegría de la Navidad dependerá de cómo vivamos la temporada de Adviento

vivamos este Adviento “como si fuera el último de nuestras vidas; ¡de hecho podría ser!”', pues Jesús, constantemente, nos recuerda que estemos alertas, despiertos, listos y preparados para su venida, “porque no sabemos el día ni la hora”.

Algunas sugerencias para santificar el Adviento son las siguientes:
Practicar el silencio, Hacer oración, Servir a los pobres, Frecuentar la Santa Misa en Adviento, Imitar a Nuestra madre la virgen Maria.

Please remember the Church and School in your will.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 1**
- 9 a.m. Mass, Church
- 10:20 a.m. English Faith Formation, Church & Parish Center
- 11 a.m. Mass, **Spanish**, Church
- 1 p.m. Mass, **Spanish**, Church
- 7:15 p.m. Vespers and Compline, Church

**Monday, December 2**
- 9-10 a.m. Organ Lessons, Church
- 12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish RCIA, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, BCR
- 7-8:30 p.m. Spanish Youth Choir, Church

**Tuesday, December 3**
- 10 a.m. Scripture Group, Conference Room
- 12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
- 6:30 p.m. Hispanic Charismatic Group, All Rooms
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Choir, Church

**Wednesday, December 4**
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary, Church
- 12-3 p.m. Rosary Makers, Library
- 12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
- 6 p.m. Spanish Youth Group, Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Legion of Mary, Basement Classroom
- 7:00 p.m. English Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 5**
- 8:15 a.m. Sacramentors, Library
- 1-7:00 p.m. Adoration, Church
- 2-4 p.m. Diaper Distribution, Parish Center
- 5:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee, Church
- 7:00 p.m. Penance Service, Church

**Friday, December 6**
- 11:00 a.m. Leadership Meeting, Conference Room
- 12:15 p.m. Mass, Church
- 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Charismatic Group, basement
- 5:00 p.m. Priest dinner, Library
- 7 p.m. Penance Service, Church

**Saturday, December 7**
- 4:45 p.m. Confessions, Church
- 5 p.m. Mass, Church
- 5:6:30 p.m. Spanish Choir, Living Room
- 7:00 p.m.. Presentation, Church

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Friday, December 6**, 12:15pm Repose of the soul
Anthony West

**Saturday, December 7**, 5pm Repose of the soul
Julia Limguiaico

**Sunday, December 8**, 1pm For the people

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**Angel Tree**

The annual Catholic Community Services Angel Tree program brightens Christmas for local children. Please select an Angel Tree envelope from our Immaculate Conception Angel Tree located in the church vestibule. Purchase $10, $15 or $20 gift cards at Target, Walmart or Fred Meyer. Please put the gift cards in your envelope and return it to either the weekly collection basket or the church office by December 9th. Thank you for your generosity.

**NOTE** - Please note the ICRS insert asking that if possible parishioners purchase their gift cards through the school!

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**First Thursday Adoration**

Closeness to the Eucharistic Christ in silence and contemplation does not distance us for our contemporaries but, on the contrary, makes us open to human joy and distress, broadening our hearts on a global scale” Pope John Paul 1996)

Please join in celebrating Silent Eucharistic Adoration on the First Thursday of each month from 1 to 6 PM followed by Spanish community prayers, Benediction, and the Spanish Mass at 7 PM. Next Eucharistic Adoration is on December 5.

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**Our Parish Goal is: $504,000**

**Pledges to date: $100,276**

(2.5% participation)

Our goal is 100% participation for this worthy campaign! Please fill out your pledge card that was mailed to you and return it to the Archdiocese or put it in the collection basket during Mass. No amount is too small! Thank you for your generous commitment to assist our aging clergy and religious women. As part of the campaign, 15% is given back to the parish to fund a special project. Our project is updating the parish center with added security, additional meeting space, and added communicative devices.

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**Status of Parish Finances**

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Thank You For Your Continued Support!

*Does not apply to special collections or designated gifts. The weekly budgeted goal takes into account the $3,000 per week needed to make our loan payment.

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### SVCC Mass Schedule

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Holy Day of Obligation**

*Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción*

*Misa de precepto*

**Monday, December 9th**

St. Charles, Burlington 9:00 am
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon 10:30 a.m.
St. Charles, Burlington 6:00 p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon 7:30 p.m.

*San Carlos Bilingual / Bilingüe

**Inmaculada Concepción Spanish / Español**

#### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Misa de la Festividad de Nuestra Señora la Virgen de Guadalupe*

**Wednesday, December 11th**

Miércoles 11 de Diciembre

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sedro-Woolley 8:00 p.m.

*Spanish / Español*

**Thursday, December 12th**

Jueves 12 de Diciembre

St. Charles, Burlington 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mt. Vernon 6:00 p.m.
St. Charles, Burlington 7:00 p.m.

*English

Spanish / Español

*English

Spanish / Español*

### Status of Parish Finances

| July - October Income | $ 9,430 |
| July - October Expenses | $ 12,370 |
| Difference | $ (2,940) |
| Weekly Sunday Goal* | $ 607 |
| Weekly Sunday Collection 11-16 | $ 186 |

*Does not apply to special collections or designated gifts.

### Thank You For Your Continued Support!

### Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. CatholicCulture.org

### DECEMBER MINISTRY:

**Extraordinary Minister:** (cup) Georgia Lang

**Lector:** Yvonne Eagleburger

**Church Housekeeping:** Nancy Glass

### THANKS TO ADVERTISERS:

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### CALENDARS:

Thanks again to Doug Hutter of Lemley Chapel in Sedro – Woolley for providing the 2020 Catholic calendars.

### GIVING TREE:

In the vestibule you will find a poster provided by Catholic Community Services asking for Christmas gifts for the less fortunate youngsters in the Skagit Valley area. Please be generous! Thank you Eileen Renner for hosting this project.
Sunday, December 1st, 2019, First Sunday in Advent

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday in Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. CatholicCulture.org

Domingo 1 de diciembre de 2019, primer domingo de Adviento

Para los católicos, el nuevo año litúrgico comienza con el primer domingo de Adviento. En este nuevo año litúrgico, la Iglesia no solo desea indicar el comienzo de un periodo, sino el comienzo de un compromiso renovado con la fe de todos los que siguen a Cristo, el Señor. CatholicCulture.org

CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 1st: No Faith Formation Classes Until Dec. 8th
Spanish Mass at 9:30 a.m.
English Mass at 11:15 a.m.
Coffee Social following 11:15 a.m. Mass in Hall
Hosted by Dee Anna Beh & Sons

Dec. 4th: Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary

Dec. 5th: Scouts meeting at 6:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth
Pastoral Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Library

Dec. 6th: Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Rosary

Dec. 7th: Confessions at 4:00 p.m.
English Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Steak Fry starting at 4:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Dec. 8th: Spanish Mass at 9:30 a.m.
English Mass at 11:15 a.m.
Coffee Social following 11:15 a.m. Mass in Hall

Mass Intentions

Dec. 1st: Intentions for our Priests
Dec. 6th: Repose of the Souls of Robert & Margaret Haw
Dec. 7th: Intentions for Mary O’Brien
Sanctuary candle in memory of Marian Kiljan Offered by Anna Swierkowski

Catholic Community Collection

Next week, Sat. Dec. 7th & Sun. Dec. 8th, there will be a 2nd Collection for Catholic Community Services for the Poor.
It is a tangible way you can partner with us to provide essential life – sustaining services to families in need such as food, clothing, support for veterans and so much more. Please be generous with your donation. Thank you

Colecta de la comunidad católica

La próxima semana, sáb. 7 de diciembre y domingo. 8 de diciembre, habrá una segunda colecta de los servicios de la comunidad católica para los pobres. Es una forma tangible de asociarse con nosotros para proporcionar servicios esenciales para la vida de las familias necesitadas, como alimentos, ropa, apoyo para veteranos y mucho más. Por favor, sea generoso con su donación. Gracias

NOVENA

Beginning Tuesday Dec. 3rd through Wednesday Dec. 11th, there will be a Rosary said, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church each day as part of the 9 Days of Novena worship. Following the rosary, refreshments will be served. Please consider attending this special time of worship to enhance your faith.

NOVENA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Se llevará a cabo a partir del martes 3 de diciembre hasta el miércoles 11 de diciembre, se rezará un rosario a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia cada día como parte de los 9 días de adoración de Novena. Después del rosario, se servirán refrigerios. Por favor considere asistir a este tiempo especial de adoración para mejorar su fe.

Status of Parish Finance

July–October Income $ 76,038
July–October Expenses $ 77,928
Difference $ (1,890)
Weekly Sunday Goal* $ 3,800
Weekly Sunday Collection 11/16 & 11/17 $ 3,086
October Online Giving $ 1,305
Thank You For Your Continued Support!
*Does not apply to special collections or designated gifts.
**Church Calendar**

**Mon./Lun. 12/02/2019**
8:30 am Administrative Meeting, Mother Teresa Room

**10:30 am Mass**

**Tue./Mar. 12/03/2019**
7 pm Rosario

**Wed./Mié. 12/04/2019**
6:00 pm Mass
6:30 pm faith formation
7:00 pm Rosario

**Thu./Jue. 12/05/2019**
10:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Rosario

**Fri./Vie. 12/06/2019**
3-10pm Silent Adoration
7:00 pm Rosario

**Sat./Sáb. 12/07/2019**
4:00 pm Confessions
5 pm English Mass
7 pm Spanish Mass
8 pm Rosario

**Sun./Dom. 12/08/2019**
7:45 am Spanish Mass,
8:30-9:30am SP Coffee Hour
9:15 am Faith Formation and Confirmation Class
11 am Peregrinacion

**11:15am English Mass**
12:15-Coffee Hr
4:30 pm Byzantine Mass
7 pm Rosario

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**Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale**

**Saturday 5pm mass**

Dec. 7th, and Dec. 14th

Sunday 7:45am & 11:15am Mass

Dec. 8th, and Dec. 15th

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**Wreath Sale**
The St. Charles Knights of Columbus will be selling wreaths for $25.00 after weekend masses starting November 30th and continuing while wreaths are available. Purchasing a wreath helps support the St. Charles Knights of Columbus annual scholarship

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**Status of Parish Finances**

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We are grateful for your generous support of the needs of our Parish... Thank You.

**Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Inicia este martes 3 de diciembre a las 7pm. La peregrinacion del Parque Maiben a la Iglesia San Carlos sera el domingo 8 de diciembre a las 11am.

Las mañanitas seran el 11 de diciembre empeñando con misa a las 6pm. Todo concluye con la misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el jueves 12 de diciembre a las 7pm.

Ante mano, gracias a todas las familias que patrocinaron la novena, a las danzas, los coros y al comite.

**Posadas**

Nuestras posadas inician el 16 de Diciembre y nesecitamos de su ayuda. Si usted desea patrocinar un dia de posada o dar una donacion favor de comunicarse con Pablo Raygoza: 360-7081179

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**St. Charles Rectory**

We are seeking volunteers willing to put up a privacy fence and gate around the St. Charles Rectory property. This fence will provide additional privacy on behalf of the priests who reside there. If you are able to volunteer for this project, please contact Denise Rhone at 360-757-0128. Thank you!

**Rectoría de San Carlos** Estamos buscando voluntarios dispuestos a poner una cerca de privacidad y un porton alrededor de la propiedad de la rectoría de San Carlos. Esta cerca proporcionará privacidad adicional en nombre de los sacerdotes que residen allí. Si puede ser voluntario para este proyecto, comuníquese con Denise Rhone al 360-757-0128.

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**Called To Serve As Christ Campaign Status**

We are pleased to announce that we are at 50% of our goal. Total Pledged amounts are $159,480.00. Our goal is $314,842.00.

While we have attained 50% of our goal the number comes from just 2.8% of our parishioners. If you have not yet sent in your pledge card – we invite you to do so soon – our goal is 100% participation.

As a reminder 15% of the funds will be returned to the parish to beautify the Church – so far this total is at $22,992.00. Our carpet will indeed be replaced. We thank you and bless you for your support.

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Please remember the Church and School in your will.
Dec. 1st, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

God calls us together in this new season of hope. Let us lift up our hearts in joyful expectations of the promised One.

Church Calendar:

Dec. 3rd: Centering Prayer - Advent in the Hall 7pm-8:30pm.
Dec. 4th: Bible Studies in the Hall 8a.m. - noon (8am men; 10am women). Pastoral Council 7p.m.
Dec. 6th: Friday Mass in the Church 9am.
Dec. 9th: Bishop Barron Advent Program in the hall 7pm.
Dec. 10th: Centering Prayer Advent in the Hall 7pm-8:30pm.
Upcoming: Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm (Music starts at 4:30p.m.) Christmas Day Mass at 9am.

Ministry Schedule - Dec. 8th
Lectors: # Mike Compton ## Patty Sherman
Eucharistic Ministers: # Cara Brown (hosts), Denny Doneen, Becki Elde, Colleen Fisher, & Lisa James (cups)
Ushers: Dave & Charlie Cram, Mike Fohn, & Arne Fohn
Altar Servers: # Marcella Warm, Kate Hansen, & Keira Warm (Option to Shadow: Finley Hancock)

Please join us for Centering Prayer - Advent
Looking for a new Advent experience? Join us in learning about Centering Prayer (Resting in the Presence of God). 7:00-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, Dec. 3,10, and 17 at Sacred Heart in the Fellowship Hall. The first session on Dec. 3rd will be an introduction with reference table, practice time and Q&A. Contact Bonnie Baker 206-380-0383, Bonnie.BBB@outlook.com or Shelda Dolan 425-308-1460, billandshelda@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

Sacred Heart Status of Parish Finances
July—September Income $64,629
July—September Expenses $51,677
Difference $12,952
Weekly Sunday Goal* $3,947
Weekly Sunday Collection for Nov. 17th: $4,471
Oct. on-line giving total: $4,524

Called to Serve as Christ - Update as of: Nov. 13th
Sacred Heart La Conner Goal: $240,413 Pledged: 47,410 (20%) Thank you!
Potential Share: $7,112

Our parish share will be used to remodel the church office to make more classrooms for our growing parish! We will also rebuild the old garage and make storage and addition space for the parish to use.

Angel Gift Cards for Christmas
Please return your gift card envelopes today to the box in the hall. Thank you!

Thanks to the Brown Family for cleaning the Church!
Thanks to the Doerflingers for hosting the coffee hour!

Happy Birthday!
Dec. 2nd: Jared Fohn, Sharon Henderson, Barb LeDuc, Abby Lohman, Jayne Roozen
Dec. 3rd: Michael Mast
Dec. 4th: Kelly Ann Bowman, Olivia West
Dec. 5th: Elizabeth Mentel
Dec. 6th: Jason Van Roeyen
Dec. 7: Gessica Oliver, Madison Rinker