

“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16

In this newsletter you can read about The Sacred Heart of Jesus Consecration, prayer service and “Dave Grumney Servant Award”, Youth Group News, First Communion Celebrates ACS students, Catholic Daughters of America winners move on to National contest, Medication Pick up, summer office hours, facilities help, Used Uniforms needed, Events Calendar and much more!

Thank you for reading!



“Many families are unfamiliar with this beautiful devotion and how it can help center one’s life on the love and mercy of our Savior. To remedy this, we will unite together with other dioceses around our nation to help the faithful rediscover or learn for the first time how devotion to the Sacred Heart can draw people close to Jesus.” - Archbishop Paul D. Etienne’s 2026 Pastoral Letter

Thursday, June 11th as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United State of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Today in your Wednesday envelopes we put in the “Morning Prayer” card to the Sacred Heart provided by the Settle Archdiocese. This prayer has been a tradition for many families. Parishes and schools around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.

Here are two links for more information to learn about the Sacred Heart and the event on June 11th. [Seattle Archdiocese info link](#) and the [USCCB Consecration of the nation link](#).

[Prayer Service June 10th](#)

On the last day of school, we celebrated all the students with a prayer service that involved a wonderful “moving up” ceremony as they say goodbye to their current teacher and move to the pews with their next year’s teacher.

We had the chance to say “Thank you” to several teachers and staff that will be retiring and/or moving on to something new.

Finally, Mr. Ramos announced who received the “Dave Grumney and Judy Ziels” Servant of the Year award for 2025. This year we honored Lisa Twining as our example of what a “servant of Christ” looks like. She has served us in many roles: Holy Hoops program director, coach for girls’ basketball, Auction Chair, classroom parent, and current PTC president for 2026-27. Thank you, Lisa, for all your hard work behind the scenes and in front of the court, making our school full of traditions and faith that bring our community together!



Youth Group Summer News

1. 6th–8th Grade Summer Service Opportunity: Days of Grace

We are excited to invite 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to participate in Days of Grace, a two-day summer service experience rooted in faith, service, and community.

For families familiar with past summer Agape weeklong overnight trips (which included a cost and a full residential schedule), this is a different format. Days of Grace is a free, two-day local service experience with no overnight stay. Students return home each evening.

This program focuses on putting faith into action through hands-on service at a local food ministry and time spent in prayer, reflection, and community.

Dates: August 11–12

Time: Approximately 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (final schedule will be confirmed closer to the event)

Locations:

- CCS NW Agape Food Bank
- St. Joseph Catholic Church (Lynden, WA)

Students will begin and end each day at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lynden, and will walk together (approximately 10 minutes) between the church and the food bank as part of the program.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up:

We will coordinate flexible drop-off and pick-up options for families. Please indicate in your sign-up comments what times work best for your family, and we will do our best to accommodate as we finalize the schedule.

What Students Will Do:

- Help prepare and organize the food bank for distribution
- Serve during food distribution to families and individuals in need
- Participate in prayer, reflection, and community-building activities
- Work as part of a team in active service throughout the day

Important Expectations:

This is a service-based program, not a summer drop-in or recreational activity. Students are expected to actively participate in the work of serving the community.

While breaks, meals, and appropriate downtime will be provided, participants must be willing to engage fully in the service experience.

If a student is not able to meet the expectations of participation, parents may be contacted for pickup. Our goal is to ensure that all students attending are present to serve, contribute, and participate in the mission of the program.

Sign-Up Information:

Space is limited. While we do not have a strict cap, we do need a sense of participation numbers in order to plan effectively. Please sign up as soon as you are able using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA5A928A5F5CF8-64485029-days>

Next Steps:

After sign-ups are received, additional details and a required participation commitment form will be sent out. Final schedules and confirmations are expected around mid-July.

We look forward to offering students an opportunity to serve others and grow in faith through meaningful action.

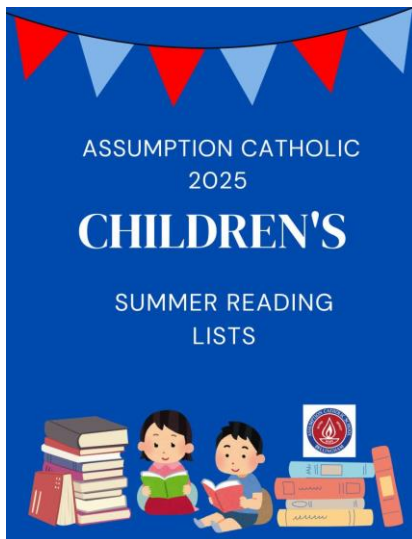
2. Holy Half Hours (6th–8th Grade Summer Prayer Opportunity)

- We invite all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to participate in Holy Half Hours, a simple, informal summer prayer opportunity centered on time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and community with one another.
- When: Thursdays, July 9 – August 20
- Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Location: Church of the Assumption (Bellingham)

Schedule:

- - 3:30–4:00 p.m.: Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the church
- - 4:00–4:30 p.m.: Small group sharing and discussion outside

- At 4:00 p.m., participants will transition together quietly from the church into small groups outside. This movement will be done in a prayerful and respectful way so as not to disrupt others who may still be praying in the church.
- **Important Notes:**
- Holy Half Hours is an optional summer offering for middle school students. Students are welcome to attend as they are able throughout the summer and are not expected to attend every week.
- The goal of this time is to help students remain connected to their faith during the summer months through prayer, reflection, and conversation with peers.
- We look forward to offering this simple opportunity for students to grow in prayer and community throughout the summer.
- **Questions:**
- If you have any questions about this or the Days of Grace summer service opportunity, please contact Daniel at daniel@assumption.org. Please note that I will be away on vacation until July 7, and responses may be delayed as I work through emails upon my return.



Summer Reading Lists

2026 reading lists went home in today's envelope. Check out the great reading programs in our community as well. Check the websites below for more details and have fun reading!

Catholic Resources: [Magnificat Bookstore online](#), [Catholic Books Direct.com](#), or [Seattle Archdiocese](#)

Bellingham Public Library: [Summer Reading – Bellingham Public Library](#)

Whatcom County Libraries: [Summer Reading – Whatcom County Library System \(wcls.org\)](#)

Barnes and Noble: [Summer Reading Program | B&N INC \(barnesandnobleinc.com\)](#)

Finally, bring back your signed reading page the 1st week of school for a special treat!



First Communion

Congratulations to the following students and their families:

Wren Belvo	Adam Cruz
Maddox Divinagracia	Abby Fisher
Adeline Gastauer	Mara Hanson
Sofia Hunt	Jackson Kizinkewich
Sebastian LeTellier	Grace Miller
Matthew Patelli	Luke Shoff
Brynn Twining	Chloe Twining
Ethan White	Sebastien Stamberger

**if we missed anyone please let the office know so we can celebrate them!



Look for text blasts and/or emails over the summer when the need arises but we will need parent help with many things. Thanks again for all your help this year. Questions can always be directed to Brenna Sebens at brenna@assumption.org.

Office Hours in the summer

Starting June 11th until June 26th, the school office will be open from 9-2 pm. It will be closed for the month of July. The office staff will be checking messages intermittently. The office will reopen on August 4th and the office hours will continue to be 9-2 pm until Monday, August 18th.

Remember first day back to school is Wednesday, August 26th. If you have a change of address or phone number, please send it to the office or feel free to update your family portal. Current information on file at the school is very important. Or contact us at the office email at theoffice@assumption.school



Catholic Daughters Award Winners

Court St. Aloysius #243 is proud to announce the Catholic Daughters winners at the state level. All first place winners listed below will move on to the national level and be judged this month. July is when they will announce any students hopefully that may be announced for the state of Washington. Congratulations to all the entries.

Division I: Madison Roberts / First place winner in Art
Division II: Kate Nuetzmann/ First place winner in Poetry
Division II: Zoey Zimmerman/ First place winner in Art
Division II: Macie Petz/ Third place winner in Photography

Medication Pick Up

All families with medication in the office for students, please pick up the items up by June 12th. If medicine is left after this date, then it will be discarded according to best practices. Thank you and call the office if you have any questions.

Used Uniforms Can Be Returned

Any uniforms that are too small for your child or if you are a graduating student in 8th grade, please wash and send those items back to the office for the volunteers to have supplies for the August Used Uniform Sale! Any questions, contact the office.











School office hours will be from 9-2pm after June 10th until June 26th and then closed for the month of July.



For all the news, mass times and pastor notes in Whatcom County and the Catholic Church: check out this website

Saints to learn over the summer

10 Catholic Saints
EVERY STUDENT SHOULD KNOW

 <p>ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA Feast Day: November 25 Patron: of Students and girls She is venerated by both Orthodox Christians and Catholics as a great saint and martyr.</p>	 <p>SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE Feast Day: April 7 Patron: of Teachers He formed the first free public school in France.</p>
 <p>SAINT GEMMA GALGANI Feast Day: April 11 Patron: of Students She received the stigmata, bodily marks corresponding the wounds of Christ's crucifixion.</p>	 <p>SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS Feast Day: January 28 Patron: of students and universities He is considered one of history's most influential thinkers and Catholic philosophers.</p>
 <p>SAINT GEORGE Feast Day: April 23 Patron: of Books and Reading Medieval legend says that Saint George fought and defeated a terrible dragon.</p>	 <p>SAINT ANGELA MERICI Feast Day: January 27 Patron: of Education of Girls She devoted her life to the education and Catholic conversion of girls.</p>
 <p>SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON Feast Day: January 4 Patron: of Catholic schools She established the first Catholic girls' school in America in Emmitsburg, Maryland.</p>	 <p>SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO Feast Day: September 18 Patron: of Studying & Learning Differences He was witnessed levitating while giving Mass over 70 times.</p>
 <p>SAINT SEBASTIAN Feast Day: January 20 Patron: of athletes He was persecuted for his Christian faith and died a martyr.</p>	 <p>SAINT CARLO ACUTIS Feast Day: October 12 Patron: of the Internet and Youth Saint Carlo Acutis is the first millennial to be canonized by the Catholic church.</p>

Upcoming calendar items:

Now have a happy, wonderful and blessed summer.

August 26th: First day of School for 2026-2027

Summer Prayer is below...

Summer Prayer



God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask that you bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen