

Welcome

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:30pm at St. Peter
Saturday at 6:30pm at St. Olaf (en Español)
Sunday at 8:00am at St. Olaf
Sunday at 10:30am at St. Olaf

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Preserving the History of the Childcare Ministry

"It was a Good Thirty Years"

"There was a tremendous love for children, especially needy children." This remark reveals the hearts of so many in our community who served the childcare ministry during its years on our campus. Catholic Community Services, who in later years became responsible for the program, made the difficult decision to forgo further services effective back in June of 2013. This weekend we remember and honor the loving care that so many among us shared with the children and their families and each other.

A little history . . . It all began in 1982, in our Social Hall. Mary Pat Heins, known as the mother and grandmother of the whole organization, began welcoming children for daycare. In 1984, the upper floor of the newly finished Gallagher Center was devoted to the children and the ministry operated under parish sponsorship for about seven years, until 1989, when Catholic Community Services became a partner. Their presence opened the program to government funding, which enabled the ministry to begin offering therapeutic childcare in support of families with special needs, and a morning pre-school. Kitsap Transit provided bus services to pick-up children and bring them home at the end of the day.

And, of course, there was lots of fun. "I remember the kids playing in the sprinkler, on the lawn in front of the building" recalls Jean Stanton, one of many who worked at the center . . .

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This Weekend

We welcome our high school youth group back from the archdiocesan Youth Convention, which took place at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in Pierce County. And we thank our Youth Group leaders for helping ensure a wonderful experience for all!

This Week

St. Vincent de Paul's Thanksgiving Basket outreach will be on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week, November 20th and 21st. Please see page 2 of this weekend's bulletin for the details on dropping off your donation.

Next Weekend

We'll take a break from *Loaves & Fishes* and youth activities next weekend, in support of families celebrating the Thanksgiving weekend together. Please plan to return to class on Sunday, December 3rd.

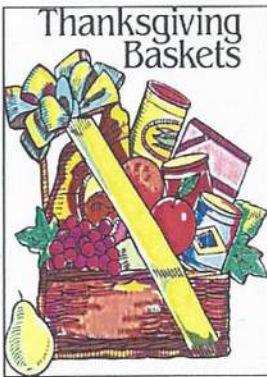
over the years. "They also picked blackberries along the north perimeter for our cook, Denise Shairer, to serve at lunch" recalls Mary Ann Kehler. The children planted a garden behind the church and grew a few things. There were games outdoors and costume pageants indoors – an abundance of joy and creativity for all the children and the adults alike.

The economic downturn of 2008 set into motion the eventual closure of the ministry. What remains is the wonderful playground, which is still in use by families to this day, the beautiful grounds that surround the Gallagher Center, and the memories so many of us share from that time in our parish history. "I still pray for them, and for the parents too" says Jean Stanton. "It was a good thirty years."

In our renovation of the Gallagher Building we are devoting a particular wall space to the preservation of the history of this childcare program. Mike Courtright recently found the photo albums which document the faces and activities of the participants. If any others among us have any memorabilia, photos, newspaper articles, or other special items that we might be willing to donate, please let me know. In this way we hope to honor all who so lovingly served the children and each other, and preserve, for future generations, some record of this chapter of our community story.

Blessings.

Fr. David



We ask anyone donating a Thanksgiving Food Basket for St. Vincent de Paul to deliver them this coming Monday, November 20th. Please deliver them to the Parish Hall between 4-7pm. Thank you!

Christmas Food Baskets

This Christmas we have the opportunity to share from our bounty with those in need in North Kitsap. Sign-up sheets for Christmas Food Baskets will be available on the altar the weekends of November 25/26 and December 2/3. Thanks for your generosity and may God continue to bless our faith community in the future.



Look Who's
Turning 50!

Happy Birthday!

To celebrate this happy day we invite everyone to *Loaves & Fishes* this Sunday, November 19th, after the 10:30am Mass, in the Social Hall. Banana Splits will be part of the menu for the day, along with a Thanksgiving lunch. Yum!

Home & Family

Here's a Family Blessing Prayer for use at Thanksgiving Dinner

Preparations

Everyone in the household gathers around the dinner table or in another convenient place in the home (or restaurant if that is the case).

A parent or other adult family member becomes the leader of prayer. This leader asks three volunteers, if possible, to read the "Family Member" parts shown below.

Introduction to Prayer

The Leader says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All sign themselves and respond:

Amen.

The Leader says:

We gather today to give thank to God for his gifts to this land and its people, for God has been generous to us. And we ask God's blessing upon the food we will share together here, and upon each of us, and upon all people everywhere.

The Leader says:

We now pray together Psalm 138.

The Leader gives this paper to Family Member #1, who then reads as follows:

Psalm 138

Family Member #1:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

Family Member #2:

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

Family Member #3:

All the kings of the earth shall give thank to you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the lord: 'Great is the glory of the Lord'.

Return paper to Leader.

Prayer of Blessing

The Leader says:

God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your son.

For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen by all. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, both now and forever.

All Respond:

Amen.

Conclusion

The Leader says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All sign themselves and respond:

Amen.

(Adapted from the Book of Blessings, USCCB, 1989)