

WELCOME TO
SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH FAMILY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2026

Then **Jesus** said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" — Mt 14:31



SAINT BRENDAN PARISH | STB



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 8AM | 10AM* | 12PM* (Misa en Español)
- *LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 8:30AM

ADORATION

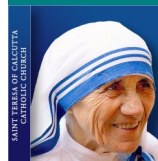
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

CONFESSION

- Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
- Saturday | 2:30PM - 4PM or By Appointment.

"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You"
 —ST. BRENDAN, THE NAVIGATOR

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH | STOC



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 9AM | 11AM

DAILY MASS - Tuesday to Friday | 9AM |

ADORATION

- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

- Saturday | 3PM to 4:30PM
- Other: By Appointment.

"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

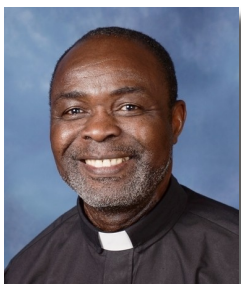
SEE DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE ON PAGE 3.

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ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8AM to 4PM
Wednesday | 8AM to 3PM

CLOSED for the summer. Please call to make an appointment.

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COVER ART

TITLE: *Christ and the Canaanite Woman (Cristo e la Cananea)*, 1590.

ARTIST - Alessandro Allori **SOURCE** - dreamstime.com

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To arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, call the Ministry of Pastoral Care of the Eastern Deanery at 425-655-3200.

To arrange for Holy Communion for the sick or homebound, call the parish office.

MINISTERIO PARA LOS ENFERMOS Y LAS PERSONAS CONFINADAS EN CASA

Para concertar el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, llame al Ministerio de Atención Pastoral del Decanato Oriental al 425-655-3200.

Para concertar la Sagrada Comunión para los enfermos o las personas confinadas en casa, llame a la oficina parroquial.

FUNERAL MASSES AND BURIAL RITES

To arrange for a funeral Mass, please contact the Parish Office, or ask the funeral director to do so.

MISAS PARA FUNERALES Y RITOS DE ENTIERRO

Para hacer arreglos para Misa para funeral, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia, o pregunte al director de los servicios funerarios.

PARISH NEWSFLASH

If you would like to receive the weekly St. Teresa Newsflash over email, please let us know at admin@saintteresa.org.

To submit a bulletin announcement:

- Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.
- St. Brendan > bulletin@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

- St. Brendan > receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DISCIPLES CLUB REGISTRATION** - Now OPEN. See below.
- **OCIA REGISTRATION** - Now OPEN • See next column.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION DRIVE AT ST. TERESA** - Sunday, AUG. 16 • 8:30AM to 2:30PM • Pg. 5 for full details.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, AUG. 19 • 9:30AM St. Brendan.
- **PARISH FAMILY & SCHOOL PICNIC** - Sunday, AUG. 23 • After the 10AM Mass • Volunteers needed • See below.
- **STORY TIME WITH MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, SEP. 2 • After the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **OCIA CLASSES (English)**- Begins Thursday, SEP. 10 • 6:30PM St. Brendan • Registration info >>.
- **CLASES DE LA OCIA:** Comienzan el domingo 13 de septiembre • 9:30AM • St. Brendan • Información sobre la inscripción >>.
- **DISCIPLES CLUB CLASSES** - Begins Wednesday, SEP. 16 • 6PM to 7PM
- **MEN'S NOCTURNAL ADORATION** - Saturday, SEP. 19 • 9:30PM • St. Brendan • Pg. 5
- **PARISH FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL**- Sunday, SEP. 20 • NOON • St. Teresa • More info soon. • Pg. 6.
- **PARISH/SCHOOL MARINERS GAME** - SEP. 6 • See page 10 for ticket info.
- **ANNUAL CHARITY ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT** - SEP. 19 • Pg. 10.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS TIMES

This week's parish family daily Mass will be at St. Brendan at 8:30AM on Monday and Wednesday through Saturday,

St. Brendan & St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Family OCIA REGISTRATION



REGISTRATION FORM



FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN

Become Catholic

For Adults 18 and Over.

For Catholics who need the Sacraments and non-Catholics who wish to join the Church.

First class begins on SEPT. 10 at St. Brendan Catholic Church. Classes meet weekly on Thursday nights from 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

Adultos mayores de 18 años
Para Católicos que necesitan Sacramentos y no católicos que desean unirse a la Iglesia

La primera clase comienza el 13 de SEP. en la Iglesia Católica de San Brendan. Las clases se imparten semanalmente los domingos por la mañana, de 9:30 a 11:30.

Register via the QR Code, link, or via paper forms.

Inscríbete mediante el código QR, el enlace o los formularios en papel.

- English
<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8626/responses/new>
- Español
<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8649/responses/new>

INDEPENDENCE DAY
250 YEARS
1776 - 2026

St. Teresa & St. Brendan
PARISH FAMILY & SCHOOL
PICNIC

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST | **AFTER THE 10AM MASS** | **ST. BRENDAN BASEBALL FIELD**

HIGHLIGHTS

- **New COSTUME CONTEST** - Prizes for the best patriotic (non-political) costume. Adults & Children.
- **New Filipino Food**
- **New Dunk Tank!** - World Youth Day Fundraiser
- Hotdogs • Tamales • Pulled Pork • Tacos • Baked Beans • Caesar/Potato Salad • Drink Selections, and many more.
- Relay Games, Snow Cones, Face Painting

WHAT TO BRING

- Family and Friends
- Fruit and/or dessert.
- Folding chair or picnic blanket



SCAN TO VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

DISCIPLES CLUB



REGISTER NOW!
GRADES 1 THRU 5

CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH - 6 TO 7 PM
AT ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL

Gear up for a great year of faith, community, and Jesus' adventure!

- First Reconciliation
- First Communion
- Ongoing Faith Education
- To register, scan the QR Code below. Paper forms are available in the narthex. All Children, grades 1 thru 5 should be registered.



PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2026

O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU (Ps 67)

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7 • Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 • Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 • Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23 • Dt 32:18-21 • Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 • Dt 32:26-27abcd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab • Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 • Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 • Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28 • Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 • Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14 • Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 • Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab • Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 • Mt 23:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR . . .

The Sick

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless them so that they may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Elizabeth Adoko • Sheila Barnes • Harrison Carlin • Bernadino Cervantes • Cash Crawford • Joan Dedman • Tim Dickison • Luz Gutierrez • Hannah Joy Haug • Joseph Hayden III • Norman Hradec • Rebecca Jacobson • Ryan Jacobson • Christopher Lagestrom • Joe Matthews • Melissa Matthews • Thomas Nash • Dianne Osmialowski • Marilyn Phelps • Megan Riggs • Alexandra Rocio-Hays • Eleonore Shotwell • Kyle Stemm • Sarah Watson • Dave Whitman.

The Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Patricia Baumann • Olive Bowasi • Benito Go • Patrick Guentert • Patricia Hutchison • Chuck Kahler • Terry Losh • Jon Mott • Tom Nickolson • George Pittenger • Arlene Plancich • Ron Runyon • Freddy Weller.

FOR **GOD** DELIVERED ALL TO DISOBEDIENCE,

THAT **HE** MIGHT HAVE MERCY UPON ALL.

(ROM 11:32)

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 16

STB

8:00AM + Shirley Wichert & Family

10:00AM Emmery Torrey

12:00PM + Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez

STOC

9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM + Robert Machado

Monday, August 17

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 18

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 19

STB - 8:30AM Jerald Uy

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Thursday, August 20

STB - 8:30AM + Shirley Wichert

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Friday, August 21

STB - 8:30AM + Souls in Purgatory

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 22

STB

8:30AM + Fatima Imbuido

5:00PM + Shirley Wichert

STOC - 5:00PM Saint Teresa Parish

+ = deceased.

To submit a Mass intention, contact the parish office at the following email address.

- St. Brendan - receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa of Calcutta - admin@saintteresa.org

BUNDLE SUNDAY STUFF THE TRUCK



Donation Drive at St. Teresa of Calcutta
for St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County

Donating to St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County is easy and convenient at **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

SAVE THE DATE:

Location: 17856 NE Woodinville Duvall Rd
Woodinville, WA 98077

Date: August 16, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Contact Person: Matt Schultz

Contact Number: (425) 766-4494

Your donations will be collected and sold at one of our SVdP Thrift Stores, providing financial support for our various programs dedicated to helping neighbors gain stability and self-sufficiency!

To view a list of items that we accept and **DO NOT** accept, please scan the QR code below or visit <https://svdpseattle.org/thriftstore/>



Review Donation List



Donate Today!



SVdP Seattle - King County thanks you for your generous support!



STORY TIME

Mrs. Abraham is hosting Story Time in the **St. Brendan nursery on the first Sunday of each month after the 10AM Mass**. All children are welcome to come and listen. The next Story Time is **Sunday, SEP. 6**. Starting in September, also join her at St. Teresa on every third Sunday of the month!

MEN'S NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Men of St. Brendan and St. Teresa of Calcutta are invited to a special opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal through Nocturnal Adoration. Each third Saturday of the month, our brothers gather to pray through the night in the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join us SEP. 19 — at 9:30PM at St. Brendan Church. For the first hour of these two evenings of adoration, we will learn about the beautiful traditions of the American Society for Nocturnal Adoration. Through each other's support, our new members will have the opportunity to learn, participate, and prepare for the full program beginning on Saturday, OCT. 3.

All men are encouraged to attend and experience this powerful time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and of gentle Mary.

What is God's Dream for you? "Come and See"



**Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Join Us For Our Weekend
Vocation Discernment Retreat
September 25 - 27, 2026**

Los Altos Hills, CA

Stay with us! Pray with us!

www.Daughters-of-Charity.com

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For Single Catholic Women 18 - 40.



MOMS GROUP

Guided by Mary, we aim to be a space where mothers can find connection and community with other mothers as they seek to grow in their relationship with God and deepen their faith.

We meet every other Wednesdays at **9:30AM in the St. Brendan nursery**. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, AUG. 19**. Children are welcome! Please bring any toys or snacks your child may need. You can email stbmomsgroup25@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

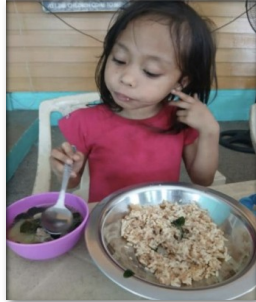
PARISH NEWS



CHILD OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2026

Little Missionaries of Charity

JINRAIN M. PESIMO - Jinrain is a beautiful child with a lovely smile who is kind to everyone. She is 7 years old and attends kindergarten in the morning which she enjoys. Her mother is extremely poor and unable to feed her and her siblings adequately. Therefore, Jinrain comes to the feeding center of the Little Missionaries of Charity in the afternoon for her meal and where the Sisters give her love and support as well as hope for her future.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Sydney Covello • Erin Dolenc • Sarah Hill • Taylor Lockman • Lauryn Manning • Scareth Meija • Meron • Maggie Mock • Joy Stanley • Chrissy White Cuda

Congratulations to: Alex & Hannah Galvan BOCKEL on the birth of their daughter, Alannah Rose • Ryan & Lauren GREEN on the birth of their son, Callahan Howard • Edlin & Liz NGUYEN on the birth of their son, William John. We ask that God bless you and bring you much joy as you raise your little one.

If you are expecting a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com.

NEXT STEP PREGNANCY SERVICES

Next Step Gala REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

— GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY! —



DATE:
Saturday
September 19th, 2026



TIME:
Doors open at 5:30pm
Silent Auction 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Dinner and Program to follow!



LOCATION:
Holy Rosary Pastoral Center
630 7th. Avenue North
Edmonds, WA 98020



SCAN ME!

Scan the QR code
to register
and learn more!

Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, dessert,
and fellowship as we celebrate and uplift
your local Pregnancy Help Clinic.



For registration questions
please call (425) 338-2813



or email
gala@nssupport.org



THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEGION OF MARY

All auxiliary member of Our Lady of Humility, Legion of Mary, are invited on **Saturday, AUG. 29, at St. Brendan** to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Legion of Mary.

Schedule:

- 9:15AM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:15AM - Rosary, Catena Prayer
- 10:45 - Benediction
- Followed immediately by Mass by Bishop Schuster and reception in the narthex.

Please **RSVP by Saturday, August 22** as there will be assigned seating. We hope you could join us and other legionaries from other parishes.

ADORATION - ST. BRENDAN CHAPEL

Come and spend an hour with Jesus in the St. Brendan Adoration Chapel. We need two or three people on the following days:

Monday 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM • 5PM to 6PM.
Tuesday 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 5PM to 6PM
Wednesday 1PM to 2PM • 3PM to 4PM | **Thursday** 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM • 5PM to 6PM | **Thursday** 4PM to 5PM | **Friday** 11am to Noon • Noon to 1PM • 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM. | **Saturday** 12AM to 1AM • 1AM to 2AM • 4AM to 5AM • 6AM to 7AM.

If you'd like to sign up or have questions, please contact Christina Plantilla at 425-486-3376.

ST. BRENDAN OVERNIGHT ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Second Saturday of the Month:

- Women's Overnight Adoration—7PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Third Saturday of the Month:

- Children/Teen's Evening Adoration—6:30PM to 8:30PM
- Men's Overnight Adoration—8:30PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Segundo sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de las mujeres—7PM a 6AM (domingo)

Tercer sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de los niños/adolescentes—6:30PM a 8:30PM
- Adoración nocturna de los hombres—8:30PM a 6:00AM (domingo)

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3. Choose > 10051 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA.
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EVANGELIZATION

By Brigitte Blair

Chris Stefanick

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Ascension Presents

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- [Why We Bury the Dead | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [God Wants You to Love Yourself: Here's How | Fr. Columba Jordan](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["In the Storm" | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Give" | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Fruitful and Faithful" | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

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GROWING IN FAITH

HOW THE SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY CAME TO MY LIFE

By Zoltan Abraham

I discovered the Seven Sorrows Rosary devotion only recently and rather unexpectedly. In 2017, I was preparing to lead a Marian Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France. It just so happened that we scheduled our pre-departure Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



On our pilgrimage, as we traveled through Portugal and Spain, we saw some powerful depictions of Our Lady of Sorrows – life-sized figures, dressed in beautiful garments, with seven swords protruding from Our Lady's heart.

In the Gospel of Luke, the Prophet Simeon states: "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many

hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). The sword has been seen as a symbol of the Virgin Mary's suffering. Historically, the Church has identified seven specific sorrows in her life, which are sometimes depicted with seven swords piercing her heart.

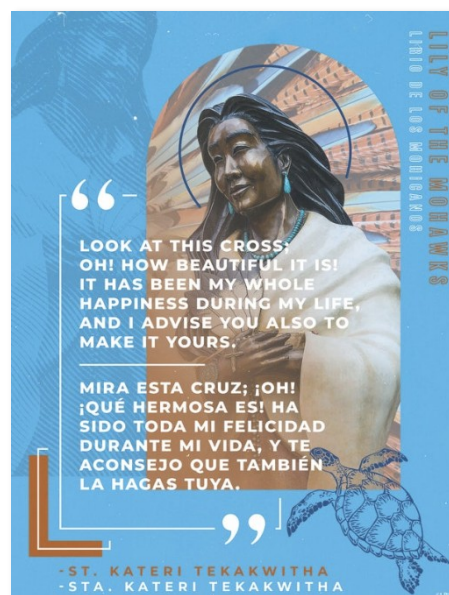
I took note of these imposing statues, but I did not think much of them, or of the underlying devotion, until we reached Santiago de Compostela. I was sitting at the Pilgrim's Mass in the famous cathedral, when I started reflecting on just how much sorrow life entails. "Isn't life one long Pilgrimage of Sorrow?" I pondered. That's when I thought of Our Lady of Sorrows, and I started reflecting on the theology behind the devotion. As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary was more connected to Christ than any other human being, and therefore she shared in the suffering of Christ in a unique way. We can safely say that no human being, other than the human nature of Christ, suffered as much as Mary did. Therefore, she understands our sorrow full well, and, given that she is the Mother of the Church, she is always eager to help us if we call upon her.

I went away from that Mass with a sense of connection to this devotion. Later that night, as I was browsing in the shops of Santiago, I came across a statue of Our Lady of Sorrows, which I purchased for my collection of images of Our Lady. But as to just how I was to practice my newfound devotion, that answer came to me only after my return.

The same day I left on my trip with the pilgrimage group, a friend of mine had set out on a private pilgrimage to Italy, to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis. After we had both returned, we compared notes on our experiences. My friend, as it turns out, had visited the shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Italy, and, without knowing anything that was transpiring in my heart, she got for me a Seven Sorrows Rosary, a special type of rosary designed specifically for this devotion. She told me that she had never actually gotten a rosary before, but when she was at that shrine, she felt moved to get one for me.

Two days later, I received in the mail another one of these special rosaries from someone who had been on the pilgrimage with me. I felt like our Blessed Mother was telling me something. I quickly learned how to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary, and I incorporated it into my daily prayer life.

In the three months following, the Seven Sorrows Rosary would be especially comforting for me. My father had been battling terminal cancer, and as he reached the final stage, I often thought of him as I reflected on the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother. I felt her give me the peace and strength I needed. I also introduced my father to this devotion, and he resonated with it at once. He started praying this special rosary while he still could in his final weeks. Though he was very weak by the end, he managed to get me a beautiful Seven



Sorrows Rosary set for Christmas, as his last gift to me. During his final night, on the eve of January 2, I kept vigil by his bedside, praying. I had just finished reciting the Seven Sorrows Rosary when he passed. I am confident that Our Lady came for him to take him home to Our Lord.

I feel that I will always cherish this special devotion. I also feel moved to tell others who might have a similar inclination about the many blessings the Seven Sorrows Rosary can offer.

Further Reading: [Guide to Seven Sorrows Rosary](#)

Editor's Note: This piece was previously published. The author is currently on vacation.

If you would like to read more of Zoltan's writings, you can find them at www.zoltanabraham.com.

PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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Knights of Columbus

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- STOC - Dennis Hammonds | den-nishammonds45@gmail.com

Ministry to the Homebound

- Bothell Health Care | Cogir of Bothell Memory Care - STB - Anne Chapman 206-234-5849
- All others - STB - Contact receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- STOC - Contact admin@saintteresa.org

Prepares (Pregnancy Support) | Lori Wirtz - loriwirtz@gmail.com

Respect Life | Colleen Danforth - rdhcoll@aol.com

Serving Our Savior (SOS) | Priscilla Finch - cilfinch@hotmail

St. Vincent de Paul

- STB - Margie Inghram | 425-486-8953
- STOC - Marion Scichilone | bpgourmet@yahoo.com

SERVING OUR SAVIOR (S.O.S.) SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

The Serving Our Savior (SOS) program is replete with canned and dried foods. **What we do need are funds to buy fresh vegetables, fruits and meats, but the costs have increased significantly. Any amount of money would be very gratefully received.** Contact Priscilla Finch at cilfinch@hotmail.com with any questions



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **August Knight of the Month** – Mike Baumann
- **August Family of the Month** – Joe & Dianne Osmialowski
- **Pray for the recently deceased members and spouses of our council:** Terry Losh, Patricia Baumann, Freddy Weller.
- Are you looking for a place to host a wedding reception, shower, birthday, graduation party or some other event? Look no further. The Bothell Rental Hall is a great place to hold any event. Contact Cindy Roeter at 425-418-3185 for availability.
- What does it mean to be a Knight? It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Join 2 million Catholic men on a mission. To learn more, go to kofc.org or look for a Knight in a blue vest or contact Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021.



MINISTRY AT ST. BRENDAN & ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Supports families in need by providing diapers and clothing for children from birth to school age. We are located in the **lower Brendan House and are open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 11AM**. If you are in a housing or food crisis or in need of other immediate assistance, please call the State of Washington Services at 2-1-1 for help—it's FREE; they are open 24/7 and multilingual. **If you would like to make a financial donation to PREPARES, please write St. Teresa Prepares on the check.** Please contact Lori Wirtz (loriwirtz@gmail.com) with any questions.

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ST. BRENDAN CYO SOCCER – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Calling all **soccer families!** It's time to lace up your cleats. **St. Brendan CYO Soccer registration is officially open** for students in Pre-K through 8th grade!

Don't wait—early registration is encouraged! Fees increase with late sign-ups, so secure your spot today.

Exciting News for the Season Ahead! We're thrilled to share that **brand-new goals** have been added—making this season even better for all our athletes!

Volunteer Coaches Needed Our program thrives because of our amazing volunteers! If you're interested in coaching this fall, please **sign up by the end of June**. Early commitments help ensure every team has the support it needs.

Questions? We're here to help! Contact **Rob Flajole, Soccer Coordinator** - cyosoccer@saintbrendan.org

Join us for a fun, active, and rewarding season—we can't wait to see you on the pitch!

ST. BRENDAN CROSS COUNTRY

Registration is Now Open!

Calling all students in Grades K–8! Runners of every age and ability level are welcome to join. Whether your child is brand new to running or already loves to race — there's a place for everyone on the team!

- **Early-Bird Registration:** Through August 29th | \$55 per runner
- **Late Registration:** Through September 8th | \$75 per runner

Get Involved — We Need Coaches! We're looking for **volunteer coaches** to help lead practices and make this season a success.

Join Us for a Great Season! Be part of a fun, supportive experience focused on: Fitness • Teamwork • School Spirit

Questions or Interested in Coaching? Contact: Meg Koury (cycocrosscountry@saintbrendan.org) Cross Country Coordinator

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The Holiday Craft Fair is our largest community event featuring 100+ small business craft vendors, our beloved bake sale, photos with Santa, and MORE!

Questions about the Craft Fair or to request an application please reach out at CraftFair@school.saintbrendan.org

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Every person's finances and family situation is different. Jesus makes it clear that it matters not how much one gives, but that it is planned, calculated, at least some-what sacrificial (see Luke 24:1-4), and not simply from what is "leftover" at the end of the month. We propose the tithe (10%) as the ideal every family can consider working towards. This means taking steps to give 5% to one's parish and 5% to other charities, or causes you have personal passion for.

You can give online at:

- St. Brendan Parish (STB) - parish.saintbrendan.org
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