

GATHER

Lenten Evening of Reflection for Families

All 7th-12th graders and their families are invited to a Lenten Evening of Reflection with other families from OLG and Holy Rosary on Zoom on **Thursday, February 25 from 6:30-7:30pm**. OLG will provide weekly Lenten reflections to our families to use at home. Join us early in Lent to do one together. We will read the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, spend some quiet time reflecting, then share both in our family and in small groups with other families. Register on our website or at <https://forms.gle/qtjCW3nA5pRP7vu1A> by **Monday, February 22**. Information, Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org

Middle School Encounter

The annual Middle School Encounter, hosted by the Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13**. 6th-8th graders are invited to an experience of worship, encounter, and fellowship. Livestream options will be available. Learn more at archseattle.org/for-parishes/for-parishes-youth-ministry/

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Meatless Meal Kits and Presentation

With our Fish Fry Fridays and Rice Bowl Simple Suppers on hold this year, we need to find creative ways to gather! We invite all to *order a meatless meal kit* to cook on **Friday, March 19** and to *join us online at 6pm for a shared dinner and presentation* by Cecilia Suarez, head of CRS's Mexico Office. The kits (similar to Blue Apron or Hello Fresh) will include the ingredients you need to make the Timor-Leste Rice Bowl recipe and will be available for pickup at OLG on Sunday, **March 14 from 1-3pm** for a suggested donation of \$20. Cook the meal at home then join us online to learn more about Catholic Relief Services, how they are responding to COVID-19, and how your Rice Bowl donations change lives around the world! To order a kit and/or RSVP for the presentation, contact Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org by **Monday, March 7 and Monday, March 14, respectively**.

Catholic Advocacy Day: Catholics for Equity and Life

Catholic Advocacy Day is going virtual this year and will be held on **Tuesday, March 23 from 8am-4pm**. In this time of COVID and the call for economic and racial equity, join with Catholic parishes and organizations in a day of advocacy for a society in which all people and the Earth can thrive. The day will include Mass, a State Government speaker, briefings on issues, legislative Zoom meetings by District, and a social media campaign. Participate in all or some of the day's activities as your schedule allows. **Register by March 9** at ipjc.org/cad if you want to be part of legislator meetings.

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Welcome Table Service Opportunity for Youth and Families

All 7th-12th graders and their families are invited to a Lenten service opportunity at the Welcome Table meal program in White Center on Saturday, March 20. The Welcome Table serves a free lunch every Saturday to neighbors in need and also offers clothes, food, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies. We will need a lot of help to provide food for 150+ people. You can join the effort by signing up to volunteer (youth only), drop off a homemade or store-bought meal, or donate needed items. For more details and to sign up, visit our website or our SignUpGenius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544A4AB2FA6F49-welcome> by **Sunday, March 14**.

2021 Day of Service: Union Gospel Mission Project Highlight

Save the date! The 2021 Day of Service is **Saturday, April 24**. Over the next couple months, we will feature project sites. There is something for everyone! Help the Union Gospel Mission serve those who are hungry in our community by preparing sandwiches for the Search and Rescue Team. This team goes out, day and night, 365 days a year, to search out and find those who are living on the streets, hungry, and hurting. They meet them with essential supplies to make it through another day and night and invite them inside. Sandwich-making will take place on the OLG campus and is open to anyone 10 or older. Interested in helping to plan this year's event (and earning volunteer hours)? Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 8 at 4pm**. Contact Karen (fittonkaren@gmail.com) for more information. Learn more at olgseattle.org/day-of-service Watch for sign-ups coming soon!

LEARN

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lenten Program: Hunger in our World

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

ACT

Washington State Catholic Bishops Urge Vaccination

The bishops of Washington state are encouraging Catholics to “get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, loved ones, and the community.” They join the state’s Catholic Charities agencies and Catholic health care organizations in making their recommendation. In response to moral concerns about the development of the vaccines, the bishops cite the chairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committees on doctrine and pro-life activities, who [concluded](#) that it is morally permissible to receive the vaccines. Learn more at www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/vaccine