

GATHER

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Meatless Supper

Come enjoy a delicious meatless meal with fellow parishioners and neighbors while learning more about what your Rice Bowl donations support. Try the Rice Bowl recipes from this year's featured countries (Vietnam, Honduras and Kenya) on Friday, **March 13** from 6-8pm in the Walmesley Center. Drop in when you can. Free and open to all!

February Community Meal

All are invited to the Community Meal on **Sunday, February 23** from 1-2pm in the Walmesley Center. This is a free, monthly meal for all in the greater community who wish to attend. Join us for fellowship and great food. This month's meal is hosted by Hope Lutheran.

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Safe Parking Update

As of the bulletin deadline, we are making plans to build a ramp to the insulated Hospitality Hut and run power to it. We are working to connect the keyless entry system for the Pastoral Center basement so volunteers can offer services to our guests. We will be hanging signs and stocking the Hut soon. We are hoping to welcome our first guests this week. Please keep them in your prayers. If you are interested in volunteering with this program, contact Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org.

Catholic Relief Services: Agricultural Support for Farmers

During severe drought in Central America in 2018, farmers implementing CRS-supported soil restoration practices harvested 41% more maize than with normal practices. By restoring their soil, they stored more rain to keep their crops growing, despite the drought. In Nepal, farmers are growing cardamom on shady, steep land that previously did not support crops. With guidance from CRS's agricultural team, they can now produce this profitable spice, with the added environmental benefits of watershed protection and reducing erosion. Visit www.crs.org to find out how you can help support the work of CRS!

Pope Francis: Peace as a Journey of Hope

Last month, Pope Francis marked the annual observance of the World Day of Peace with a message entitled *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation, and Ecological Conversion*. How does his message challenge us? How can we work to build peace in our community, school, and parish? See the message at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/index.html>

Poverty USA and the Catholic Response

Each autumn, we take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD has been working for 50 years to help end poverty by empowering low-income families and communities to participate in decisions that affect their lives and by educating Catholics and people of good will about the root causes of poverty. Visit PovertyUSA.org to discover more about poverty in our community and how we can work together to upend the cycle of poverty

Dying to Live: Stories on the Road to Freedom

Join Jesuit Refugee Service/USA on Thursday, **February 27** at 7pm at Seattle U's Student Center 106 to hear refugee expert and author Danielle Vella share about her new book, which tells the stories of people who have been forced to flee their homes in their own words. Come hear selections from the book, ask your questions about the refugee experience, and encounter the stories of the forcibly displaced. Visit www.jrsusa.org/dyingtolive to RSVP and learn more.

SERVE

Join the Day of Service Planning Team

Looking for a fun, short-term volunteer opportunity? Need volunteer hours for school? The Day of Service team is looking for a couple people to help implement the March 28 event. Join us on Friday, **March 6** at 8:30am in the Pastoral Center for our monthly meeting.

Day of Service 2020: Books to Prisoners

Join the 100+ parishioners who have signed up for the Day of Service on Saturday, **March 28**! With 16 projects left to choose from, you may need more information! This week's featured project is Books for Prisoners, a non-profit that began in Seattle in the early 1970s to help foster love of reading for incarcerated individuals. By providing tools for education and self-fulfillment, Books for Prisoners offers hope, and opens minds for our brothers and sisters behind bars. Volunteers will spend the day answering book request letters by locating the books and preparing them to be mailed. This service project is limited to ten volunteers, ages 15 and up. To learn more about Day of Service or sign up, go to: <http://www.olgseattle.org/day-of-service>.

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Each Saturday, volunteers at the Welcome Table serve a free meal to those in need in our community at noon in the parking lot on the south side of Bartell's at SW