

## St. Joseph and St. Peter Mission Additional Announcements:

### Pledge Drive:

Our Stewardship of Treasure campaign continues. We are asking parishioners for a 5-10% pledge increase this year. We currently have raised 18% of our goal at St. Joseph with 42,309 pledged and 3% of our goal at St. Peter with 3% pledged at 2,935. Please make sure you send in your pledge card, drop it off at the collection basket, or bring it to the front office! If you do not have a card, please grab one from pews. We have only received cards from 3% of registered parishioners.

St. Joseph:

St. Peter



### Giving Tree at St. Joseph!



St. Joseph's will be participating in the Angel Tree Gift program to benefit the children at New Way Ministry and the Hope Office in Lynden. An Angel tree is set up at the back of the church. Please choose an angel tag from the tree, provide the suggested gifts, and return unwrapped gifts to the parish office by Dec. 14 or December 15 to the Hope Office. Thank you for your generosity—Marie Gillies, Social Action

### Missionary Retreat to California:

Discern your vocation at this four day retreat as well as look close at missionary life. It will be held at the formation house at Christ of the Desert, located in Palmdale, California. From December 4<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. The missionaries will leave on December 13<sup>th</sup>, transportation will be provided and this retreat is open for all 18-30 year olds! We would love to see you there!



More information about the missionaries can be found here: <https://christofthedesert.org/>

### Sign up For Envelopes:



Did you know that all your contributions to the Church are tax deductible? If you already give to the church and don't use envelopes be sure to call the front office to get signed up, they are free to use and at the end of the year you will get a tax statement with your total amount of giving!

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## **CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE—St. Peter**



It's the time of year when we get into the spirit of Christmas giving to our community! Linda and Kim are heading up our "CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE" for the 11th year! They put their heart and soul into making many children's Christmas special ❤️ So far, we have around 145 children signed up. These kids are from Mt. Baker and Nooksack School District, age infants to 18.

Each child will receive a \$20.00 gift card from the store of their choice. The choices this year are: Yeagers, Old Navy, Game Stop, and Barnes & Noble. Kim and Linda will purchase the gift cards they choose. If you would like to make a \$\$ donation to this cause the info is below. The distribution date is December 15th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Kim and Linda Wilkes Craker

St. Peter's Social Action 

Checks can be made out to Linda Wilkes Craker or Kim Pile with "Christmas Sharing Tree" in the memo. Checks can be mailed to Linda Craker P.O. Box 573, Deming, WA 98244

 OR you may use VENMO or PayPal: Marie Valum@ mvalum2

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### **Partners in the Gospel Update:**



A written summary and synthesis report will be provided by the Archdiocese of Seattle near the end of the year. Over 30 proposed changes were recommended to the Diocese, highlighting the importance of these sessions. Any churches or missions who were given proposed changes will have additional listening sessions in December. A link and report print out will be provided to parishioners when published. Thank you to the over 200 people who attended these sessions! A final draft will be published in February from the Archbishop. Priest assignments will be made public in April or May of 2024.

### **Mass Intentions:**



Did you know you can have mass said for loved ones, family and friends? Or even for forgotten souls in purgatory? Simply call or email the front office and we can help you with the process! A donation is encouraged but certainly not required.

### **Need a Rosary?!**



Do you need a rosary? Don't know how to pray one? The front office has many rosaries to offer parishioners for free from a generous parishoner. We also have pamphlets to teach you how to pray the rosary. There will be a bilingual rosary on December 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph and also a Spanish rosary from December 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!