

HOLY WISDOM ICC COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



*"We are Holy Wisdom Inclusive Catholic Community.
We joyfully embrace and live the gospel message of Jesus
with deeply rooted love."*

10th Sunday after Pentecost – Year A August 13, 2017

Dear Friends,

Summer Blessings! I hope you are enjoying the long, warm days and finding ways to relax and replenish yourselves.

For me, this last month has been filled with old and new friends and opportunities to learn from them in many ways. I'll mention just a few...

The Micah Retreat I mentioned in my letter last month was an eye-opening experience for me. During the retreat, two families from El Salvador and Venezuela, who are in the U.S. seeking asylum, shared traumatic experiences of escaping their countries to save their lives. I like to think of myself as fairly well informed about what is happening in the world, but listening and being able to ask questions of people who live in the midst of situations we hear about in the news offers a different level of understanding and compassion altogether.

I mention this to encourage your participation in the CIELO Potluck/Fundraiser, which Holy Wisdom is co-sponsoring. CIELO offers educational, counseling and advocacy services to the Latino community, many of whom are recent immigrants who come to seek a better, sometimes safer, life for their families. Especially since we chose as a community to focus on immigration, I hope establishing a connection with CIELO will offer us opportunities to learn more about real people in real situations who need our help and support as they face tremendous challenges.

A few weeks ago, Kathleen and I were at our Roman Catholic Women Priests' National Council gathering. The facilitator of that meeting shared with us a "Model for Wholeness" for RCWP that I believe could help us in Holy Wisdom. The model invites us to articulate more clearly our identity and culture, our purpose, and how we manage our resources. Of late, I have heard some people say we are in over our heads in energy expenditure and that just a few people do most of the work. I don't disagree with this assessment but I don't necessarily see this as an insurmountable challenge. As we in RCWP began to look at issues that have been roadblocks for us, we came up with plans to move forward. I believe looking at some key questions can help us in HW do the same. Stay tuned...

And on a different note, a goodbye and a sincere thank you...

Our dear HW friend, Patricia Cairns, died last month, after a several-year relationship with cancer that she managed to miraculously keep at bay for a long time. Several of us were able to visit her during her last few days. Most remarked that she looked radiant as she prepared to leave us. We celebrated her life with a memorial mass and a potluck dinner. Thanks to all who worked hard to make that day a time of celebrating community and honoring our sister. Truly a work of love.

So much more to say, but enough for now.

I hope to see you at mass this Saturday. Until then, try to keep cool.

Blessings and love,
Diane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Meetings Suspended for Summer

Community meetings are now suspended for the summer months and will resume with our annual meeting on Sunday, September 17. Watch for details as the date approaches.

CIELO Immigrant Family Fund Potluck/Fundraiser

Please mark your calendars for a potluck/fundraiser supporting the local chapter of CIELO and benefitting South Sound immigrant families. See both pages of the attached flyer for details. At a recent Community Meeting, we as a community chose to take up a second collection for the work of CIELO. This special collection will be taken up at mass on August 25. Thanks in advance for your generous support of our immigrant sisters and brothers.

Bring Ingredient Lists to Potluck

Several of us, especially those with food sensitivities, would appreciate knowing ingredients of the delicious meal preparations shared at our potlucks. It would be helpful if for future gatherings you could plan to bring two copies of your ingredients list, one for each side of the table. Please include your name for any recipe requests.

Community Kitchen News

Next Community Kitchen will be Monday, September 4. Contact [Kathleen](#) if you would like to help cook or serve. We share cooking chores from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m., and serving and cleanup from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. Any contributions of garden produce and flowers for dining room bouquets are welcome and appreciated.

New Book Group

A new book group is forming and we would love for you to join us. Contact [Jackie Huetter](#) for more information.

Service Opportunities

Socks for Drexel House. [Drexel House](#) is in constant need of men's and women's socks. You can help by bringing sock donations to mass and placing them in the basket at the gift table.

Funding Needed for SideWalk. [Sidewalk's](#) rapid rehousing project has been successful and now increased funding is needed to maintain progress. You can [donate here](#) to help end homelessness.

Pasta and Rice for Food Bank. [Thurston County Food Bank](#) is in constant need of 1-3 pound bags of pasta and rice, along with no-cook items (e.g., sardines, ravioli, canned foods with a pull top). Please bring your gifts along to mass, or contact Jean at 360-786-8788 to offer your service.

FROM OUR COLLABORATORS

Interfaith Works

Interfaith Works will conduct a Moment of Blessing at noon on Friday, August 11, in response to the recent homicides of Rachel Gardin-Gonzalez, age 31, and her mother Kimberly Redford, age 51. The brief service will be held at 5928 Crimson Court SE in Lacey. All are welcome.

Harlequin Productions & Community Kitchen

On behalf of Community Kitchen, all of Holy Wisdom is invited to [Harlequin Productions'](#) free showing of *August: Osage County* on Wednesday, August 23, at 8 p.m. These complimentary tickets are made available in gratitude to all Community Kitchen volunteers and their friends. Please contact [Kathleen](#) to reserve your seat(s).

Enter Into Stillness with Brigid's Well

Beginning Friday, August 25, Brigid's Well — a community devoted to silent contemplation and the needs of those who are poor and marginalized — will commence its weekly *Enter Into Friday Stillness* at 1604 Union Avenue S.E. in Olympia, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All are welcome to stop by weekly for just a few minutes, or to spend the day. "This is a time to conjoin our personal spiritual

paths as we prayerfully strengthen our loving vision and transformative practices for world peace.”

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[*Movement to Canonize Fr. Mychal Judge Takes Off, But More Help is Needed*](#)

[*Mike Kinman: Transfiguring White Male Jesus*](#)

[*Amy Hunter: Things White People Don't Know*](#)

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Holy Wisdom Mass Dates. Saturday, August 12, and Saturday, August 26, 5 p.m. at St. Benedict's, preceded by ***Centering Prayer at 4 p.m.*** and followed by potluck.

Wednesday Centering Prayer/Meditation. Every Wednesday, 7 - 8 p.m., 2013 Bethel Street N.E., Olympia

Monday Contemplative Prayer at First Christian. Every Monday, noon - 1 p.m., in the library of First Christian Church, 701 Franklin Street S.E., Olympia

CIELO Fundraiser Potluck. Sunday, August 20, 2 - 4 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1601 North Street, Olympia

August: Osage County. Wednesday, August 23, 8 p.m., at Harlequin Productions, 202 4th Avenue E., Olympia

Enter Into Stillness. Every Friday, beginning August 25, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at 1604 Union Avenue S.E., Olympia

Next Community Kitchen. Monday, September 4, at Olympia Salvation Army

Next Community Meeting. Sunday, September 17

USEFUL HW INFORMATION

Holy Wisdom Book of Prayers. Our Holy Wisdom Book of Prayers contains the names of those whom community members wish to remember in prayer. It will be set on the welcome table before each mass, where all are welcome to enter names of loved ones and those in need. If you are unable to attend mass,

you may email requests to [Diane](#) or [Kathleen](#), who will then make sure the names are entered for you. Also, at your request the names will be read aloud at mass.

Centering Prayer Opportunities. Centering prayer sessions are held before every Holy Wisdom mass and mid-week at two other venues. Please refer to the Events Summary in this newsletter or visit [our website](#) for details.

Fragrance-Free Community. Out of consideration for any chemically sensitive people among us, please refrain from using scented products when attending mass or other HW gatherings.

Sharing of Promotional Materials. HW members are welcome to display their own promotional materials on the kiosk table at the rear of church. Please collect your materials afterward, as anything left behind will be discarded.

Holy Wisdom Online. Visit [Holy Wisdom's website](#) and [our Facebook page](#) for more information on community events, involvements, opportunities or related news stories.

Share Your Photos. You are welcome to share your HW community photos for use on our website by emailing them in .jpeg format to [Diane](#) and [Kathleen](#), or directly to [Holy Wisdom](#).