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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

AUGUST BEGINS A NEW YEAR OF "COFFEE HOURS"

This year the sponsors will be working harder to give you a nice time after Mass to share good things to eat, gourmet coffee and fellowship. The individual groups will be putting together their own menus so please show your support for their efforts. For a personal goal, we encourage you to "meet and greet" one new person you don't know each Sunday. And the children doing this will be a joy for many parishioners. So, come on down and who knows? ... there may be a surprise or two also! To volunteer to help a group for an hour after any Mass please call Patty Mingus, 335-1501.



7TH ANNUAL FATHER-SON HIKE AUGUST 10-12

We will be departing at 1:00pm today from St. Thomas Church, travel to Star of the Sea Parish in Stevenson & meet up with the rest of the group and head out for Blue Lake (tucked away between Mt. St Helens and Mt. Rainier). Please keep all all participants in your prayers.



MEN'S BREAKFAST, WEDNESDAY

Come join Fr. Gillette for men's breakfast at the Lakeside Chalet 3533 NE Everett St in Camas from 6:30-8:00am on Wednesday.



AUGUST 15, THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Friday Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am, 12:00 (noon) and 7:00pm for this special feast of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

ADORATION HELP NEEDED



There are vacancies on our Perpetual Adoration schedule; we need volunteers to take just one hour a week and set it aside to be present to our Lord. Please consider signing up: Mondays 1:00-2:00am, and Saturdays, noon-1:00pm. We also have several early morning times when just one person is signed up, if you can commit to an hour you will be welcomed. Call the office if you can fill a position, 834-2126 ext. 0. Copies of the adoration schedule are available in the

COFFEE HOUR WYD TRIP STORIES

The Pilgrims from the Portland and Vancouver area that attended WYD08 would like to express their appreciation to all of the parishioners that helped in their journey. So many of you were passionate in your belief that this pilgrimage would be pivotal in the formation of these young minds. The spiritual growth that you helped make possible will have a lifelong effect on our youth. Your prayers and financial support were a vital portion of our journey and helped ease some stresses and reposition our focus on receiving the Holy Spirit. We hope you have a chance to stop by the hall after Mass today for we would love to share some of our experiences.

*Thank You & God Bless
The WYD08 Pilgrims*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

Our faith formation program has been moved from Sunday evenings to Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm beginning this September. Classes will begin Sep. 24 for children in the Good Shepherd program through eighth grade and adults. We are looking for volunteer adults to be catechists for grades 2, 3, 4, & 6. The Archdiocese requires that all volunteers submit a background check form and attend the Safe Environment Training. Anyone interested, please contact Kim Steinke, ASAP.

VBS THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all adults and teens who helped serve at our VBS this past week. The kids enjoyed it and at the same time learned a little about what the Beatitudes mean to them.

SQUIRE'S MEETING

The next Squire's meeting is supposed tonight; however, it is the first day of the Father/Son Hike, therefore please note on your calendar that the Squire's meeting will be Sun., Aug. 24.



YOUTH PROGRAM

BEACON ROCK DAY HIKE

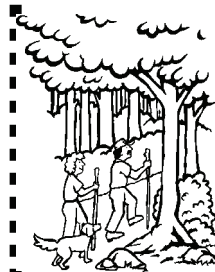
Sat., Aug. 16, 10:00-2:00pm

Come hike the Mt. Hamilton Trail to the falls and climb Beacon Rock!

All Teens invited.

Drivers and Chaperones still needed.

Contact Thaddeus at ext. 215. Permission slips mailed and in office.



TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT JP II CENTER

Learn about this opportunity by contacting Carol McCaulley, 834-2625.

GOING OFF TO COLLEGE?

Call me with your new address and we'll send you copies of the church newsletter, the SUMMA so you can stay informed of the events here at home. 834-2126, ext. 215 Thaddeus.

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9
 Jesus is our gift of new and everlasting life with God; our source of hope, strength and joy in a changing world; our model for sharing our worldly and spiritual resources, that we might become enriched.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

JOB OPENING

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Camas seeks an Administrative Assistant to work in the parish office. The ideal candidate will be an active Catholic with excellent organizational, communication, and computer skills—including experience using Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel. This 30 hour per week position comes with full benefits and salary in accordance with the personnel policies of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please send a cover letter and resume to admin-search@st-thomascamas.org.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING AT MASS?



We have openings for those who would be honored to serve at Mass. We currently try to schedule most of our ministers once a month on a regular routine. Currently we are short of Lectors (Saturdays), Eucharistic Ministers (especially 11:30am) and especially in need of Ushers (all Masses). You must be confirmed and training is provided—you'll be here anyway. Please call the parish office to get more information or to volunteer.

SVDP SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul is conducting its annual School Supplies Drive. Please provide school supplies and backpacks, so we can prepare filled backpacks for needy families in our community for the upcoming school year. Please leave your donations under the statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, on the right side of the altar, by next Sun., Aug. 17.



FOOD DONATIONS WELCOMED



East County Family Resource Center is in need of non-perishable foods. Please leave donations in the barrel in the back of the church and St. Vincent de Paul will deliver them to East County.

LOST AND FOUND & FUNERAL DISHES

—THERE IS A LOT OF STUFF TO BE CLAIMED

Boxes of clothing, glasses, jewelry, umbrellas, etc are at the top of the choir loft stairs to be claimed—there is a diamond stud earring recently found that is in the parish office. Items come from the school, altar server room and parish grounds.

Dishes from funerals or from meals given to Father are in the hall on the cart. Items not claimed will be in the Fall Rummage Sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Our next meeting will be on Mon., Sep. 8. (Note the date change due to Labor Day.) We'll have our potluck at 6:30pm, with the business meeting following. Enjoy the rest of your summer break.

AQUINAS GUILD RUMMAGE

Save all your good clean, useable clothing, hats, utensils, dishes, books, odds and ends and plants, for the Sep. 11, 12 & 13 Aquinas Guild Rummage Sale. Donations will be accepted after Labor Day.



VANCOUVER SAUSAGE FEST SEPT. 5, 6 & 7

Purchase your **pre-sale ride tickets** for Carnival Rides in advance of the Fest. One Sheet (8 tickets) for \$10 (50% discount from buying at Fest). **Locations to Purchase:** St. Thomas Parish Office, Holy Redeemer, St. Joseph's and other locations. Admission Bracelets - set of five bracelets for \$7—good for all three days of the Fest, available at all three Parish offices.

2008 WWCCR DAY OF RENEWAL

"Open the Eyes of Our Hearts" Eph. 1:18 Come pray with us at the 2008 WWCCR Day of Renewal Sat., Aug. 16 at Bellarmine Preparatory School, 2300 South Washington St., Tacoma, WA. Our main speaker will be David Thorp, the Director of Evangelization for the [Spiritual Life Center of Marian Community](#) in Medway, Massachusetts and a longtime leader in Charismatic Renewal. He will help us journey with St. Paul in how to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit. Registration is Free!! So bring a friend! Register at the door! Doors open for registration at 8:30am; the closing Mass will be at 7:00pm. For information contact WWCCR at 206 364-2272, info@wwccr.org or www.wwccr.org. **Let this Day of Renewal be part of your celebration of this Jubilee Year of St. Paul.**

FESTA ITALIANA MASS

The Most Rev. John G. Vlazny, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon will celebrate Mass in Italian at St Philip Neri Parish, 2408 SE 16th (at Division) Portland 97214, on Sat., Aug. 16 at 7:00pm. Reception following the Mass, all are welcome. For information call Dawn Forlini 360 896-5868.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

WE REPORT THIS ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM
 7/1/2008 THROUGH 6/30/2009

This Fiscal Year (FY)-week 5	Actual Collections	\$12,460
Cumulative -This Fiscal Yr-wk 5		\$63,536
Cumulative -Last FY thru wk 5		\$75,565
Difference (this yr vs. last yr)		-\$12,029
% Difference		-15.9%

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

August 9 SATURDAY
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of David McAlindon (Powell)

August 10 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Coffee Hour hosted by Youth
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 3
First Reading: Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

8:00am Mass for the soul of Doris Wong (Meany)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma Bauer (Bauer)

August 11 MONDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Fr. Paul Mass for the soul of Cecilia Boyce (Boyce Gubala)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

August 12 TUESDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Fr. Paul Mass for the Arthur Smith's intentions (Smith)
 9:10am Rosary

August 13 WEDNESDAY
 6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the Delgados intentions (Delgado)
 9:10am Rosary
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
 7:30pm Outreach Commission, Room 17

August 14 THURSDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for Megan Simms intentions (Simms)
 9:10am Rosary
 5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church

August 15 FRIDAY Feast of the Assumption (Staff Day off)
Summa articles are due

8:30am Mass for the soul of Carl Dunn (Dunn)
 10:00am Cleaners at work, Church
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Harry William Abel (Marshall)
 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church
 7:00pm Mass for the soul of Ed Pauly (Doyle)

August 16 SATURDAY
 9:00am Mass for the soul of Esther Schmid (Simms)
 9:45am Rosary
 10:00am Beacon Rock Day Hike groups leaves parking lot
 10:00am Confessions
 2:00pm Wedding
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for Tim Bauer's intentions (Bauer)
 7:00pm Craft Night, Fireside Room

August 17 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Coffee Hour hosted by CDA
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 4
First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

8:00am Mass for Olivia Doumitt's intentions (Doumitt)
 9:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Helen Dietzman
 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 11-13 Annual Rummage Sale
- Sep. 17 Faith Formation BBQ
- Sep. 18 RCIA begins
- Sept. 21 & 28 Baptism Preparation
- Oct. 25 Mini Women's Retreat

"MUSIC NOTES"

My heart is steadfast, God; my heart is steadfast. I will sing and chant praise. Ps 108:1 Join the St. Thomas music program. We have a choir, schola and children's choir. We always need singers and we welcome orchestral instruments to the mix as well! Call Kristin Yoshimura at 834.1495 or email me at kristinyoshimura@gmail.com. God bless you!

WOMEN'S RETREATS

Sep. 19-21 & Sep. 26-28 Fr. David Wilton CPM (new speaker) will use topics to encourage and challenge women to a stronger, deeper personal commitment to Christ and His Church, at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. Retreats begin with 7:00pm dinner on Friday and end with lunch on Sunday. \$120 suggested donation. Pink flyers are in the vestibule, but note the change of priests with contact information or contact Colleen Rink, 835-5575.

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FALL SPORTS is just around the corner. Read below for important information. Volleyball - Girls 3rd-8th grades - Games begin week of Sep. 22 - mid-Nov. Registration has begun. Cost is \$90. **Hot Shots Basketball** - grades 1 & 2 Girls and Boys (co-ed teams) season begins in Sep.-Nov. Practices are 30 minutes prior to games, approximately 8 games. Registration has begun. Cost is \$82. **Coaches needed for grade 3 girls Volleyball and for Hot Shots Basketball.** Contact Phil Kent, Athletic Director, at cakent11@comcast.net or 360-833-2976 Registration forms are available beginning Aug. 1 in the school office. **Due to the large number of anticipated participants in certain grades for Volleyball-Registration prior to Sep. 4 is encouraged! Payment must be received with the completed registration form** Contact: Phil Kent, St. Joseph School Athletic Director, 833-2976 cakent11@comcast.net

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