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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### **CALLING ALL CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS!**

This Sunday is The Catholic Daughters Coffee Hour. Please come down to meet 'n greet a new person and enter your name for a special prize to be drawn after the last Mass. The winner's name will appear in next week's bulletin. We hope to see you there!

### **SVDP SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

Please leave your donations under the statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, on the right side of the altar, TODAY, Aug. 17.

### **SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK**

On Wed., Aug. 20, beginning at 11:30am in the Fireside Room, come join in the sharing of the bounty of delicious, tasty foods. Remember your pennies for a game or two of Pokino.

### **GIVE BLOOD THIS SATURDAY!**

On Sat., Aug. 23, 9:00-3:00pm St. Thomas will host, for the first time, the SW WA Bloodmobile Drive in the parking lot by the Fireside Room. For newcomers, find out your blood type and donate 1 unit of blood, approximately 2 cups, which your body replenishes very quickly. Only one operation may require 100 units. The blood collected is distributed to SW WA Medical Center and Salmon Creek Hospital. For ages 16-17, a signed permission slip is required which is kept on file for future donations until age 18. Please help to meet St. Thomas' goal by putting aside a little time on Saturday by calling Patty Mingus at 335-1501 to pre-schedule. Walk-ins are also very welcome but we're striving to meet our goal!

### **OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS**

On sale after Mass next weekend beginning after the Sat. Vigil.

### **TUESDAY AND THURSDAY GROUPS FORMING!**

If you are interested in participating in one of two Bible Study Groups that are forming here at the Parish starting in September, please give Justin Nickelsen, Assistant for Religious Education, a call at 907-9648 or email him at [NouvelleTheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:NouvelleTheologie@hotmail.com). The Tuesday evening study will be from 6:00-7:45pm and the Thursday group will last from 9:15-11:00am. Final decision regarding the formation of the Study Groups depend on response, so please let Justin know as soon as possible. More information can also be found on the parish website: [www.st-thomascamas.org](http://www.st-thomascamas.org).

### **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: Sundays 10:00-11:00pm, Mondays 1:00-2:00am, Friday 10:00-11:00am and Saturdays, noon-1:00pm and 1:00-2:00pm. 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 chapel on the bulletin board.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### **CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR FAITH FORMATION**

Our faith formation classes will begin Wed., Sep. 24, 6:00-7:30pm. We are in need of catechists to teach grades 2, 3, 4 and 6. The requirements are a love for Jesus and a background check and Safe Environment Training. Please contact Kim Steinke ASAP.



### **SQUIRE'S MEETING**

The next Squire's meeting will be Sun., Aug. 24.



## YOUTH PROGRAM

### **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.

"Though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifferences; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him."

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

### **JOB OPENING AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON HS**

The Board of Directors of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School is seeking to hire a full time Development/Capital Campaign Director. The responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, capital and operational fundraising and creating a dynamic and capable development team. Short and long-term goals have been established by the Board and President/Principal. Candidates should be practicing Catholics or faith filled individuals who understand and want to further the mission of a new Catholic high school, with a minimum of three years of successful fundraising experience. This position requires someone who is self-motivated, has excellent interpersonal skills, and is a good communicator. Candidates must have strategic planning skills and the ability to set and track goals and objections. Past experience with successfully securing major donations is desired. This position reports directly to the President/Principal of Seton Catholic High School. Inquiries, letters of interest, and resumes may be directed to: Ed Little, President/Principal St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic HS, 201 NE Park Plaza Dr., Suite 120 Vancouver 98684 [elittle@setonhigh.com](mailto:elittle@setonhigh.com) (360) 254-1800 ext. 337

## STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

Stewardship of Health means taking care of our minds and bodies. God gave us superior minds to be used to the fullest in discovering His plan and in understanding ourselves and others. God also gave us bodies in which to accomplish His work—bodies to be treated with respect and dignity. We present our bodies and renew our minds as offerings to God in gratitude and praise.

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for your help during and after our recent house fire. Your support, prayers and dinners were tremendous! We truly have a great community here at St. Thomas.

*Paul & Ellen Varsek Family*

Thanks to everyone for your prayers and assistance throughout my surgeries and recovery.

*Jean Carpenter*

### 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.



### 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.

### ON ITS WAY TO THE RUMMAGE SALE

Boxes of clothing, glasses, jewelry, umbrellas, etc are at the top of the choir loft stairs in the Lost and Found 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.

All items not claimed, dishes and lost and found will be in the upcoming Rummage Sale for purchase, Sep. 11-13.

### WOMEN'S RETREATS

Two retreats, Sep. 19-21 & Sep. 26-28 Fr. David Wilton CPM (new speaker) will use the theme "Abandonment to Divine Providence" 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: contact Colleen Rink, 835-5575 to register.

### GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER

If you forget your envelope, or you are using another envelope please remember to put your giving number either on your check or on the envelope in which you put your money if you want credit on your donation statement.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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 in the hall after Labor Day.



### 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, but the big kick off will be on Sep. 17.

### RCIA SCHEDULED TO START

That's right we have a start date: Thu., Sep. 18 at 7:00pm to begin the process for those who wish to learn about the Catholic faith in order to become members of our parish. What we need from you is for you to think of a friend, relative, or associate who you can bring to this class. We will be happy to send a letter of invitation to anyone you think might be interested, just call in the name and address to Drew, ext. 212.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Are you expecting? Do you have an infant to be baptized or child under age 7? Preparation is necessary for the parents so that a child can be baptized. Sessions will be held on Sept. 21 & 28. Call the parish office for more information or to register.



### 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.

### 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 6	Actual Collections	\$16,411
Cumulative -This Fiscal Yr-wk 6		\$79,947
Cumulative -Last FY thru wk 6		\$89,426
Difference (this yr vs. last yr)		-\$9,479
% Difference		-10.6%

# Thank You!



**The Beatitudes**  
• Where Blessings Abound •



Our VBS was a success due to help of the following people:

**Teen Counselors**

Kate Brown, John Doyle, Taylor Layman, Joseph Kashas, Aaron Kashas, Annalisa Delgado, Mary DeNicola, Katie Neal, Kristin Neal, Scott Powell, Bradey Parker, Christine Swanson, Riel Lord, Joseph Morton, Peter Morton, Megan Simms, Brianna Ranck, Julie Sabo, Nate Hagstrom & Dillon Odermott

**Parent Group Helpers:** Michael & Lori Lendvoyi, Patricia Fierro, Laura McBride, Janet Lord & Karla Neal

**Teen Director:** Denise Swanson

**Face Painter & Decorator:** Edna Garrett

**Activity Center:** Stephanie Baenen & Laura McBride

**Field Events:** Jeff White, Rick Safranski & Scott Powell

**Arts & Crafts:** Kelly Kashas, Linda Henderson, Bonnie Greeninger, Colleen Moghadam, Brandy Affleck, Stephanie Gagnon & Elise Hynds

**Memory Lane:** Katelyn Steinke, John Steinke & Kayla Garry

**Photographer:** Kayla Garrett

**Virtue Wagon:** Kalin Layman & Al Schmid

**Storyteller:** Tamar Parker

**Refreshment Stand:** Maddie Midles, Karen Lasher, Colleen Rink & Chris Powell

**Farmyard:** Janet Lord & Cynthia Hartin, (Horse: Jessica Steinke & Crystal Millard), (Goat: Mandie Delgado & George Delgado), (Chickens: John Steinke & Darin Arias); (Cow: Jodie Gilmore) & Mark Steinke

**Rosary:** Mary Catherine Taylor & Janet Lord

**Music:** Kate Brown, Christine Swanson & Katelyn Steinke

**T-Shirts:** Catherine Walsh

**Name Tags:** Janet Lord & Cynthia Hartin

**Office Help:** Jeanne Donnelly

**Canopies:** Mary Gibbons, John & Elise Hynds, Julie & Brian Brown & Alicia Vaughn

**Home Visits:** Claudia & Don Heacock, Art & Lorraine Roggencamp & Max Schmid

**Hotdog Potluck:** Joe Myers, Mike Donnelly & Alicia Vaughn

**Pizza for Teen Counselors:** DeNicola Family: Rocko's Pizza

Thank you also to those who offered prayers during our VBS week!

# This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

**August 16 SATURDAY**  
 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*

**August 18 MONDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Terrance Mulligan (Estrada)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

**August 19 TUESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Emily Bessman (Delgado)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 7:30pm 4th degree KC's, Hall

**August 20 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Gwendolyn Shepherd (Campbell)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:30am Senior Singles Potluck, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room

**August 21 THURSDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the souls of Ed & Jessie Donovan (Rink)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:30am Highland Terrace Mass for Carol Claus (Allen)  
 5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church

**August 22 FRIDAY**  
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church  
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Katherine Redlinger (Stevan)

**August 23 SATURDAY**  
 9:00am Mass for the soul Ray DeBoever (DeBoever)  
 9:00am SW WA Bloodmobile with registration in Fireside Room  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Paul Elder (Bettasso)  
 Olive Wood Carvings on Sale

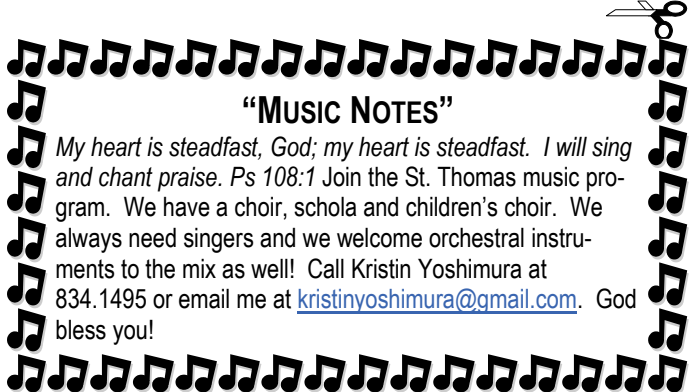
**August 24 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Coffee Hour hosted by Boy's Club & Olive Wood Sales**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Week 1**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**  
**Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**  
**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

8:00am Mass for the intentions of Tina & Michael Launsbery (Stevan)  
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Mass for the soul of Gary Hermann (Isely)  
 7:00pm Squires, Hall



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 11-13 Annual Rummage Sale
- Sep. 17 Faith Formation Kick-Off
- 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](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com). God bless you!

### CYO

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cakent11@comcast.net)

### AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

A faith-centered (ecumenical), K-12 scouting program for girls with the goal of developing the whole child - physically, mentally, and spiritually. Troop WA360 at Holy Redeemer Parish will be hosting an Ice Cream Social / Fall Registration event on Mon., Sep. 8, 4:30pm. For information, contact Michelle Moody at 604-0637.

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