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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Today is the First Sunday of August and the Knights of Columbus are cooking up a meal for you to enjoy. Please support this fundraiser.

BOYS CLUB

Meeting Sun., Aug. 3, 6:00pm in the Fireside Room to discuss the upcoming Father-Son Hike Aug. 10-12. If you are planning on going or would like to arrange for your son to go please attend this informative meeting.

The Boy's Club is all about training boys to become self-disciplined and confident Catholic leaders committed to improving their communities. Includes an atmosphere of adventure that promotes friendship, fun and formation with their peers and Dad's. Monthly meetings (usually the 2nd Sunday of every month in the Fireside Room), Quarterly field trips and Apostolic Work Projects. First Communion to age 13. **Contact: Jeff White myredwings19@comcast.net 891-7861 or Patrick Barnes patrick.barnes@exide.com 210-7232.**

ALL YE WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS, ESPECIALLY MOMS AND CDA

Come join the Aquinas Guild for a potluck picnic at Prindle Park (try saying /that/ fast) on Wed., Aug. 6, starting at 11:00am. Prindle Park is a pleasant little county park about a 20 minute drive from church. There is plenty of parking space, a large shelter with electricity, water, bathroom, tables, a playground, large grassy area, and a small shallow creek to explore. It is safe for children and pets, so please join us. Pack up the kids, a potluck dish and lawn chairs (if you wish). We'll provide beverages, plates and flatware. And even party favors!

Directions: From Rte. 14, turn left on 15th Street in Washougal. Follow the road for 10 miles (becomes Washougal River Road.) At the Washougal River Mercantile store, turn right onto Canyon Creek Road and go 1 1/2 miles. Prindle Park is on the right side of the road. Hope to see you there! Fran Hewitt, 837-3422.

ADORATION HELP NEEDED

There has been a growing number of 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: Sunday, 7:00-8:00am & 8:00-9:00pm, Mondays 1:00-2:00am, Tuesdays, 11:00-midnight, Thursdays 12:00am-1:00am and Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am, noon-1:00pm, & 3:00-4:00pm. 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please pray for our VBS participants as they discover what the Beatitudes are all about!

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.

"WYD PILGRIMS THANK YOU"

Many thanks to the World Youth Day Pilgrims and their chaperones who created the Welcome Fr. Gillette banner right before your trip to Sydney! You all did a great job and we thank you for your artistic efforts.

God bless you all! –The Transition Team

SQUIRE'S MEETING

The next Squire's meeting is supposed to be Aug. 10; however, that is the first day of the Father/Son Hike, therefore please note on your calendar that the next Squire's meeting will be moved from Aug. 10 to Aug. 24 due to the hike.

YOUTH PROGRAM

BEACON ROCK DAY HIKE

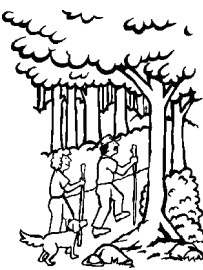
Sat., Aug. 16, 10:00-2:00pm

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.

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

Give the gift of **SELF**. You have unique gifts and talents to offer. You can share your **faith**—a source of strength and inspiration. You can share your **personal qualities**—your kindness, wisdom, and patience. You can share your **teaching skills**—to help children and adults better understand God's Word. You can share your **love and compassion**—the greatest gifts you can share.

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, 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 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, 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.

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 Aug. 16 at 7:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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" only 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

Like years past, we will be departing at 1:00pm 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). Fathers and Sons will be able to enjoy camping under the stars, hiking, fishing, Mass, games and plenty of fun. All Fathers and sons, 8 years and older (First Communion to age 13) are welcome to join us. If you're not sure ask any one who has been before, once you go you'll be hooked. The St. Thomas Squires also join in on the fun and this is by far the most anticipated event on the calendar every year for the boy's and dad's too! What a great way to initiate Father Gillette to the boys and the parish. For more information please contact Jeff White at myredwings19@comcast.net 891-7861 or Patrick Barnes Patrick.barnes@exide.com 210-7232.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to attend the Aquinas Guild summer picnic on Wed., Aug. 6. More details are in this bulletin. We hope to see you there.

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.

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 4	Actual Collections	\$10,503
Cumulative -This FY thru wk 4		\$51,075
Cumulative -Last FY thru wk 4		\$55,278
Difference (this yr vs last yr)		-\$4,203

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

August 2 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Ryan Guindon (Guindon)

August 3 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours—Week 2

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

8:00am Mass for Annalisa Delgado's intentions (Delgado)

9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Mass for the soul of Andrew Swanson (Swanson)

5:00pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room

August 4 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Carl Zollo
Vacation Bible School

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Scouts, Hall

August 5 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Horatio Wilmott (Willmott)
Vacation Bible School

9:10am Rosary

August 6 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the soul of Peg Kimball (Murphy)
Vacation Bible School

9:10am Rosary

1:00pm VBS Work Camp, Hall

7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room

August 7 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the soul of Thomas Newham (VanKuren)
Vacation Bible School

9:10am Rosary

5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church

7:00pm Choir practice, Church

August 8 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church

10:30am Vacation Bible School

12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Jim Morton (Morton)

5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church

August 9 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass with Evelyn Myers (Myers)

9:45am Rosary

10:00am Confessions

2:00pm Wedding

3:30pm No Confessions

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

11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma Bauer (Bauer)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 10-12 Father-Son Hike

Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption

Masses will be at 8:30am, noon

& 7:00pm

Summa articles due

Staff day off

"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!

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](http://www.spiritual-life-center.org) 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.**

WOMEN'S RETREATS

Sep. 19-21 & Sep. 26-28 "Courage in Suffering" will be the topic with Fr. Frank Fusare, CPM 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 with contact information or contact Colleen Rink, 835-5575.

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