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## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### OFFICE SWITCH

Please take note that offices have been changed. Youth Office is now located in the Hallway of the Parish Office, across from Fr. Gillette. The Adult Faith Formation Office for Drew Swanson and Justin Nickelsen is next to the Fireside Room. Telephone Extensions are unchanged.

### AQUINAS GUILD

The Aquinas Guild will meet on Wed., Sep. 3 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. All ladies of St. Thomas are members and we welcome you to help make out new start a great success. Please join us for prayer, planning and fellowship.

### ADORATION HELP NEEDED

Did you know that we had to get permission from the Archbishop in order to have Perpetual Adoration here at St. Thomas. This is a very special privilege and one we don't want to lose. There are five 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:

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm,

Fridays 10:00-11:00am

and Saturdays noon-1:00pm and 1:00-2:00pm.

We also have several 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.



### BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT AND UPDATE

I am pleased to announce that the Thursday morning Bible Study, from 9:15-11:00am, will be a go. Those who have signed up for the Thursday morning Bible study will be receiving further announcements by email. The Tuesday evening Bible Study still needs at least 20 more people by Aug. 29 to move forward. If you are interested in either group, please let Justin Nickelsen know as soon as possible. He can be reached at 907-9648 or by email at [NouvelTheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:NouvelTheologie@hotmail.com).



### ON ITS WAY TO THE RUMMAGE SALE

Boxes of clothing, glasses, jewelry, umbrellas, cell phone, etc are in the Lost and Found (at the top of the choir loft stairs) to be claimed. Items come from the school, altar server room and on the parish grounds. Dishes from funerals or from meals given to Father are in the hall on the cart. All dishes and lost and found items not claimed will be in the upcoming Rummage Sale for purchase, Sep.11-13.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR FAITH FORMATION PLEASE HELP!

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. (Returning catechists do not need to attend the Safe Environment Training again.) Please contact Kim Steinke ASAP.

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS

There are forms in the back of church and parish office if you did not receive one in the mail. Please register your children by Sept. 17. There are no fees.

### FAITH FORMATION KICK OFF

Wed., Sept. 17, 6:00-7:30 pm, we will host a Dessert Social/Info Night to begin our new season in faith formation. Please bring your favorite family sized dessert to the hall before 6:00pm.

## YOUTH PROGRAM

### YOUTH OFFICE MOVED

Thad can now be found by coming through the parish office and going down the hall—he's across from Fr. Gillette in office B.

### GOING OFF TO COLLEGE?

Call me with your new address and email, so you can stay informed of the events here at home. 834-2126, ext. 215 Thaddeus.



### Middle School Kick-off

Wed., Sep. 17, 6:00pm

### High School Kickoff

Sun., Sep. 21, 1:30pm

### JOB OPENINGS AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON HS

The Board of Directors is seeking to hire a full time Development/Capital Campaign Director and a full time High School Assistant Principal. Candidates can view full job descriptions at [www.setonhigh.com](http://www.setonhigh.com). Positions Open: Until filled. Starting Date: Fall 2008 Inquiries, letters of interest, and resumes may be directed to: Ed Little, President/Principal, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School 201 NE Park Plaza Dr., Suite 120 Vancouver, WA 98684 (360) 254-1800 ext. 337

## STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

Stewardship is not simply making donations or taking care of the buildings and grounds. It is a spirituality and a way of life. It is based on four parts:

- *Receiving the gifts from God with gratitude*
- *Cultivating the gifts from God responsibly*
- *Sharing the gifts from God lovingly in justice with others*
- *Standing before the Lord in a spirit of accountability*

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We are keeping a wheel chair in the Blessed Sacrament chapel for the use of any who need this help. Also, the church has listening devices that are available at the back of the church in the unused confessional; the ushers can assist you with these.

### WOMEN'S RETREATS

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

### 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.

### BRICK HOUSE TEA FOR THE JOHN PAUL II CENTER FOR LIFE!

You are invited to a lovely afternoon tea, Sun., Sep. 28, 1:00-3:00pm. Savory treats, scrumptious sweets, a silent auction, music and a garden of flowers will await and enchant all who attend. This delightful event will benefit the John Paul II Center for Life, a Catholic organization in our community working to provide dignity and respect for life from the moment of conception until natural death. Make your reservation now by contacting the John Paul II Center for Life 834-2625 or 606-3620. \$30/ticket. Limited seating of 100. Bricks with a remembrance or your family name will be available for purchase. "Building the culture of life one brick at a time!"

### THANK YOU

Thank for the visitors, prayers and cards in Helen's final days, and thank you for continuing prayers.

*The Helen Dietzman Family*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MOM'S GROUP BRUNCH

Bring a dish to share on Wed., Sep. 10, 9:30-11:30am in the Fireside Room. Mom's group has no fees, but we have lots of fun and child care! There will be a door prize drawing, so bring a friend. Contact Kalin Layman with questions, 521-5971 or [kalinlayman@comcast.net](mailto:kalinlayman@comcast.net)

### 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

Actual Collection—week 8	\$11,001
Cumulative Actual for 8 weeks	\$102,226
Cumulative Budget for 8 weeks	\$105,044
Difference (Actual vs. Budget)	-\$2,818

# This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

**August 30 SATURDAY**  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Paul Elder (Bettasso)

**August 31 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Coffee Hour sponsored by Pacific Crest Academy**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Week 2**  
**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**  
**Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2**  
**Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

8:00am Fr. Gordon Mass  
 9:30am Fr. Gordon Mass  
 11:30am Fr. Gordon Mass

**September 1 MONDAY (Staff Day off)**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Maria Farjado (Bernat)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

**September 2 TUESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Richard Knestrick (Bauer)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

**September 3 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Jim Janson (Leick)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 5:30pm Prayer Group Potluck, Fireside Room  
 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room

**September 4 THURSDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Betty Ronay (Sentesy)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 6:30pm Executive Board, Room 17  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church

**September 5 FIRST FRIDAY**  
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church  
 12:00pm Mass for poor souls (Duringer)  
 PCA School blessing

**September 6 FIRST SATURDAY**  
 9:00am Mass for a deeper conversion of Catholic (Duringer)  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Ernest Wilmott (McBride)

**September 7 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Week 3**  
**First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9**  
**Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10**  
**Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Bob Pironwaski (Sentesy)  
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Bridget & Phillip Powell (Bauer)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 11 All Lector's Meeting
- Sep. 11-13 Annual Rummage Sale
- Sep. 17 Faith Formation Kick-Off
- Sep. 18 RCIA begins
- Sept. 21 & 28 Baptism Preparation

**"MUSIC NOTES"**

*"Within the great Action of Christ, the finest traditional and modern forms of music and hymnody help us to adore God and lead us to a prayer that is at once communal and personal."*

*Msgr. Peter J. Elliot.*

JOIN THE ST. THOMAS MUSIC PROGRAM! We have two choirs from which to choose. The children's choir will be starting again soon as well. Check the upcoming SUMMA for specific details. Please contact Kristin Yoshimura at 834-1495 or [kristinyoshimura@gmail.com](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com) with questions and/or a voice to share. God bless you.

## 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.

## OLL JOB OPENINGS

**Our Lady of Lourdes School** in Vancouver is seeking candidates to fill a position in our Extended Care Program. This is a part-time position, approximately 15-18 hours per week. The ideal candidates should have experience in early childhood education, an ability to foster social and academic growth, caring and concern for students, enthusiasm for learning, and the ability to collaborate with other teachers, staff and parents. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to: Brian Anderson, Our Lady of Lourdes School, 4701 NW Franklin St. Vancouver, WA 98663 696-2301 [principal@lourdesvan.org](mailto:principal@lourdesvan.org)

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