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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

TODAY! ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH PICNIC
July 13, 1:00-4:00pm
Hathaway Park, Washougal

**Welcome our new Priest Administrator,
Father Gillette (Ordained: July 14, 1991)**

The KC's will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages and
condiments. Please come and bring:

A-F veggies G-L fruits M-R salads S-Z dessert
Singles chips and/or dip

*****Needed: White Elephant gifts for Bingo prizes.
(Please bring to the Bingo table at the picnic.)



Chairs, blanket, sunscreen and swim suit
would be other possible items to help
you enjoy the day. Volleyball, tug-of-
war, balloon toss, go fish, bean bag
throw, 3-legged race, Bingo and a very
delayed egg hunt, with a special hunt for
teenagers with eggs worth \$.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET TO HATHAWAY PARK!

From the Church go downhill until you reach NE 3rd St. then turn
left, go about 1.5 mi. NE 3rd St. becomes E St. in Washougal con-
tinue on 1.2 mi until you reach 25th St. then turn left. Go to the end
of the street where you will see the drive down to the lower level or
you can park on top and walk down.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW YOUTH MINISTER



On Wed., July 16, 6:30-8:00pm in the Youth Room
come and meet Thaddeus Tsohantaridis who will be
joining the staff on July 15.

SQUIRE'S BEACH TRIP IS JULY 17-19

Fathers are invited! We will be heading out for Cape Disappoint-
ment State Park at 12:00 noon on Thursday from the church parking
lot. Please bring \$10 per camper for site fees and \$7.50 for the
Museum. Campers will be bringing their own food. Please contact
Dan Chase: 360 921-6216 for more details and to sign up.

CAMAS DAYS RESPECT LIFE BOOTH

Volunteers are always needed to assist at the Knights of Colum-
bus booth at Camas Days to distribute materials to help others
understand our Catholic teachings on the value of human life.
This year Camas Days are July 25-26, and if you can volunteer for
an hour, please call Al Schmid, 835-5346 ASAP!

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of Carl Zollo, who was buried last
week.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's a go! ***The Beatitudes: Where Blessings Abound***, is sched-
uled for Aug. 4- 8. You will find registration forms to sign up your
children in the back of the church for our VBS. There is a \$20 fee
per child which covers a t-shirt, crafts, snacks & hotdogs. Parents
are **expected to help in some way**. We hope you will plan to join
us for our version of a *county fair* as we learn more about the Beati-
tudes. Contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 with questions.

POP-UP CANOPIES NEEDED FOR VBS!!!



Would anyone let us borrow a pop-up canopy for our "county fair"
booths? We are in need of 6 canopies. We would need them by
Aug. 3 and we'll use them through Aug. 7. Please contact Kim
Steinke, ext. 207 if you are able to help us out. Thank you!

YOUTH PROGRAM

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TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT JP II CENTER

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

STEUBENVILLE NORTHWEST Summer Youth Conference, Spokane, WA July 31 - August 4

Cost: includes: Room & Board
R/T transportation, meals @ conference,
afternoon at Silverwood Theme Park
Registration forms available in the office.

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

A Christian Steward Serves God out of love and gratitude, knowing it is not how much we have but what we do with what we have that is important.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul is receiving donations of school supplies again this year for students in Camas and Washougal. Please leave donations in the front of the church under the statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Students. Please refer to the full page flyer in the bulletin for much needed items.

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.



ADULT DAY CARE TO OPEN IN JULY

The John Paul II Center for Life will begin offering Adult Day Care in Camas this July. Designed to provide loving care and companionship for seniors and those with disabilities, the program will offer relief to family members or caregivers by allowing them the freedom to go to work, handle personal business or just relax knowing their loved one is well cared for and safe. Adult Day Cares can help delay or prevent institutionalization and enhance self-esteem while encouraging socialization.

Unlike most Adult Day Cares, the Center's program will be available regardless of ability to pay. The Center offers a warm homelike environment where its staff of loving volunteers will serve its guests. During their stay, the guests will be able to socialize over games, crafts, and other activities, or simply spend quiet time reading, resting or watching a movie. The Center also makes available a nationally recognized fall prevention program to enhance equilibrium and train guests how to fall in way that is less apt to result in serious injury.

The Center is an independent non-profit organization located on the corner of 6th and Everett.

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTER FOR LIFE CALENDAR

If you have any questions, please call 834-2625 or 606-3620.
Mon., July 14, 7:00pm Volunteer Mtg.

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.

BIRTHRIGHT

You are invited to join us as we celebrate 25 years in Vancouver with a "Saturday Market Open House" on Sat., July 19, 9:00-3:00pm at our booth in Esther Short Park near the Farmer's Market. Drop by our booth and celebrate life with Board members and volunteers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

The St. Thomas Boy's Club train 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. Monthly meetings (2nd Sunday of every month in the Fireside Room at 6:45pm), Quarterly field trips and Apostolic Work Projects. The boy's are also involved in fundraising which every year a portion of the money goes to charities of their choosing. For more information please contact Jeff White at myredwings19@comcast.net 891-7861 or Patrick Barnes Patrick.barnes@exide.com 210-7232.

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 2:00-3:00am, Tuesdays 3:00-4:00pm; Thursdays 12:00am-1:00am, 1:00-2:00pm 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 would 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.

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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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

Fiscal Year-week 1	Actual Collections	\$16,040
Budgeted for week 1		\$16,525
Difference		-\$485

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

- July 12 SATURDAY**
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Fr. Justus Kiiza (Doyle)
- July 13 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
No Coffee Hour—Parish Picnic Today!
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 3
First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23
- 8:00am Mass *Pro Populo* w Novena
9:30am Mass for the soul of John Carroll (Cole, Hosman, Eledge)
11:30am Mass for the soul of Doris Wong (Meany)
1:00pm **Parish Picnic and Official Welcome to Fr. Peter Gillette, Hathaway Park, Washougal**
- July 14 MONDAY**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Evelyn Myers
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
- July 15 TUESDAY**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Fr. Paul Mind Mass for the soul of Paul Bourcier
9:10am Rosary
- July 16 WEDNESDAY**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Fr. Joseph M. Marquart
9:10am Rosary
6:30pm Open House for new Youth Minister, Youth Room
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
7:30pm Executive Board, Room 17
- July 17 THURSDAY**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Ernest Wilmott (Wilmott)
9:10am Rosary
9:30am Beach Trip group leaves parking lot.
5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
- July 18 FRIDAY**
9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Angela Frank (Layman)
7:00pm Youth Adoration, Church
- July 19 SATURDAY**
9:00am Mass for the intentions of Claudia Heacock (Leick)
9:40am Rosary
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Paul Elder (Bettasso)

July 20 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Hour sponsored by CDA
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 4
First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

8:00am Mass for John & Marge Mooney's intentions (Johnson)
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Mass for the intentions of the fraternity of St. Peter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 4-8 Vacation Bible School
- Aug. 10-12 Father-Son Hike
- Sep. 11-13 Rummage Sale
- Sep. 17 Faith Formation BBQ
- Sep. 18 RCIA begins
- Sept. 21 & 28 Baptism Preparation

"MUSIC NOTES"

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live. Ps 105:33. Share your time and talents with parish by joining the St. Thomas music program! Call 834-1495 or email kristinyoshimura@gmail.com

LOOKING TO ADOPT?

Catholic Community Services is looking for prospective adoptive parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea. For more information about our South Korean and other adoption programs, please call Adoption Unit at 206 328-5921 or check www.ccsww.org.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Paul Maher, OMI from St. Edwards, Lebanon OR will be the spiritual director Sept. 23—Oct. 5 for this 13 day Pilgrimage which includes air (from Portland OR), land transportation, airport taxes, English speaking guide, 11 nights accommodations with 2 meals a day in Medjugorje and more. Price: \$2640. Contact the Center for Peace—West, 503 646-4435 or cfpw@aracnet.com.

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