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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

CAMAS DAYS RESPECT LIFE BOOTH

Volunteers are always needed to assist at the Knights of Columbus 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!

PLEASE PURCHASE CARDS

The Girls' Club is selling handcrafted note cards after Mass. This is their first major fund-raiser; monies raised will go toward defraying Challenge Summer Camp costs and toward projects later this year. The note cards are beautiful, and are priced very reasonably. Please support the St. Thomas Girls' Club!

SATURDAY MASS CHANGED

Due to Camas Days and the parade, morning Mass on Sat., July 26 will be at 7:30am before the streets close. There will not be time for confessions until 3:30pm.



TIME CHANGE



***For the dominion belongs
 to the Lord, and He rules
 over the nations.***

Psalm 22:28

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, 11:00-midnight, Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00am, 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 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.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's a go! ***The Beatitudes: Where Blessings Abound***, is scheduled 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 Beatitudes. 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



MOVIE NIGHT!

SUNDAY JULY 27

7:00 PM IN THE HALL

The Count of Monte Cristo starring Jim Caviezel, Guy Pearce and Richard Harris.

All Teens grades 7-12 welcome.

Popcorn provided.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT JPPII CENTER

Learn about this opportunity by contacting Carol McCaulley, 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

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it. Everything we have while we are here comes as a gift from God. In appreciation and gratitude we choose to share a portion of these gifts. Because we love God, we gladly dedicate these gifts to God's service. In giving of our time, talent and treasure we offer ourselves in service and devotion to God.

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.

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 OPEN AT JP II CENTER

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.

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.

JOB AVAILABLE

Holy Redeemer Parish, in Vancouver, WA seeks a part-time Facilities Steward. Qualifications: active member of Catholic faith parish; demonstrated hands-on experience in and operating knowledge of varied plant maintenance and operations systems (i.e. HVAC, electrical); ability to lift minimum of 50 lbs; able to train and work with volunteers. Salary dependent upon experience. Probability to increase to full-time with benefits within one year. To request a complete job description and application form, contact the parish office Holy Redeemer Parish, in Vancouver, WA seeks a part-time Facilities Steward. Qualifications: active member of Catholic faith parish; demonstrated hands-on experience in and operating knowledge of varied plant maintenance and operations systems (i.e. HVAC, electrical); ability to lift minimum of 50 lbs; able to train and work with volunteers. Salary dependent upon experience at 885-7780 or parish@holyredeemervanc.org. Open until filled.

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.

AQUINAS GUILD RUMMAGE

Save all your good clean, useable clothing, dishes, books, nick nacks etc for the Aquinas Guild Rummage Sale will be Sep. 11, 12 & 13.



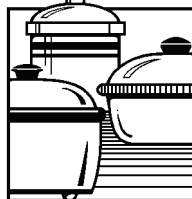
SAFETY FIRST

Residents on 5th & 6th Streets have noticed an overwhelming number of speeding vehicles on the area. Please be sure to observe the speed limit (25 mph) and drive carefully in this community.

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 2	Actual Collections	\$11,702
Budgeted for week 2		\$12,192
Difference		-\$490

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

July 19 SATURDAY
 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

July 21 MONDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the Mooney family intentions (Johnson)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

July 22 TUESDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Megan Simms (Simms)
 9:10am Rosary

July 23 WEDNESDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Roger Setera (Grzesiowski)
 9:10am Rosary
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room

July 24 THURSDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Beryl Benton
 9:10am Rosary
 5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church

July 25 FRIDAY
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Ritchie Rector (Heacock)
 7:00pm Youth Adoration, Church

July 26 SATURDAY
 7:30am Mass for the intentions of Jim Morton (Morton)
 No Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Fr. Joseph M. Marquart

July 27 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Coffee Hour sponsored by Aquinas Guild
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 1
First Reading: 1 Kings 3:7-12
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

8:00am Fr. Belinsky Mass
 9:30am Fr. Belinsky Mass
 11:30am Fr. Belinsky Mass
 7:00pm Movie Night, Fireside Room



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 4-8 Vacation Bible School
 Aug. 10-12 Father-Son Hike
 Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption
 Masses will be at 8:30am, noon
 & 7:00pm
 Summa articles due

Sep. 11-13 Rummage Sale
 Sep. 17 Faith Formation BBQ
 Sep. 18 RCIA begins
 Sept. 21 & 28 Baptism Preparation



"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!

Advertiser of the Week
The UPS Store, Washougal
 See the ad on the back of this bulletin

REMEMBER TO REGISTER & VOTE

Citizens of Washington are petitioning for a vote on an initiative to copy Oregon's assisted-suicide law. The new law would initially give people with terminal illnesses this "right to die"- but supporters of the initiative are stating they want to expand the law even further if it passes. The proposal is too expansive as it is. Under this new law nobody would even have to have any symptoms, let alone unbearable pain, to be assisted in their suicide. Governor Gregoire, a Catholic, has taken a 'no position' stance on the initiative, choosing not to oppose it. As a Catholic community we should educate ourselves about this initiative.

Shawn MacPherson

