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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

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!



FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Mark your calendars! Next Sunday is the First Sunday August and the Knights of Columbus will again be cooking up a meal for you to enjoy. Please plan to support this fundraiser.

GREAT BIG THANKS

Thanks to all who made this year's picnic the wonderful success that it was with over 350 adults and children attending and bringing delicious food to share.

We especially want to thank Mary Newhouse for advertising and coordinating the event with all the groups that made the picnic happen. Thanks to the Pastoral Council, the Transition Team, the Youth artists at PCA, the Guild, the Mom's group, the Boys club, the Office staff, the Welcoming Committee, the Squires, the Choir, the Catholic Daughters of America, and the Knights of Columbus for all the coordination and hard work you did on the picnic. There are way too many people to thank individually, but we could not have done it without each and every one of you.

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, 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.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of longtime parishioner Helen Dietzman, mother of John who was buried last week.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please return VBS registration forms by this Wed., July 30 as t-shirts and other supplies need to be ordered and purchased. Registration forms can be found in church vestibule or on our parish website.

VBS TEEN HELP MEETING THIS THURSDAY!!!

All teens wishing to help with VBS must plan to attend a working meeting this Thu., July 31 from 1:00-5:00pm in the parish hall! Pizza will be provided. Please contact Kim Steinke if you can not make this meeting but still wish to help.

5 POP-UP CANOPIES NEEDED FOR VBS!!!

Would anyone let us borrow a pop-up canopy for our "county fair" booths? We are now in need of 5 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!



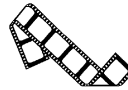
YOUTH PROGRAM

MOVIE NIGHT!

TONIGHT! SUNDAY JULY 27
7:00PM IN THE HALL

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

All Teens grades 7-12 welcome.
Popcorn provided.

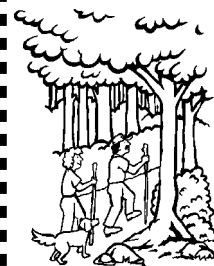


BEACON ROCK DAY HIKE

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

We seek no "rewards" for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God. Yet we know God does reward stewards by giving new opportunities to care, to share, and to participate in the wholeness of life. Stewardship is the responsibility of the Christian life, making our prayers, our worship, and our Christian action truly sincere.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

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.



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.

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 S.E. 16th (at Division) Portland 97214, on Aug. 16 at 7:00pm. Reception following the Mass, all are welcome. For information call Dawn Forlini (360) 896-5868.

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. 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.

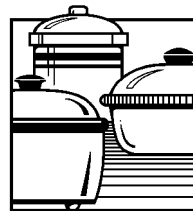
AQUINAS GUILD RUMMAGE

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



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.

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.

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 3	Actual Collections	\$12,830
Budgeted for week 3		\$12,158
Difference		+\$672

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

July 26 SATURDAY
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Fr. Joseph M. Marquart

July 27 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Coffee Hour sponsored by Boys' Club
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, Hall

July 28 MONDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Ruth Knestrick (Bauer)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
7:00pm Pastoral Council, Room 17

July 29 TUESDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the for the intentions of the Yoshimura family
9:10am Rosary

July 30 WEDNESDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Evelyn Myers (Smedley)
9:10am Rosary
1:00pm VBS Work Camp, Hall
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room

July 31 THURSDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Jim Morton (Morton)
9:10am Rosary
5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church
7:00pm Choir practice, Church

August 1 FIRST FRIDAY (Communion to homebound)
9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass for the poor souls (Duringer)

August 2 FIRST SATURDAY
9:00am Mass with anointings for the deeper conversion of Catholics (Duringer)
9:45am Rosary
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
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 Fr. Belinsky Mass
9:30am Fr. Belinsky Mass
11:30am Fr. Belinsky Mass
5:00pm Boys' Club, 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 Annual 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!

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, personally opposes the measure, but has indicated she will not actively work against it. As a Catholic community we should educate ourselves about this initiative.

Shawn MacPherson

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