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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday evening, 6:00-7:30pm come and enjoy an excellent DVD, and part of an even more excellent ten-part series titled "The Footprints of God—the Story of Salvation From Abraham to Augustine". The next session will be on Dec. 3 when we have scheduled our excellent choir and schola director, Kristin Yoshimura to dispel some of the myths you may have heard in the last 40 years concerning the Church's teaching on sacred music? Then this would be a great night for you to come!

SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK

Thanksgiving feast will be held on Wed., Nov. 19, 11:30am in the Fireside Room. Chicken and dressing will be provided, you just help to fill in the rest of the meal. Questions, contact Jean 835-3601.

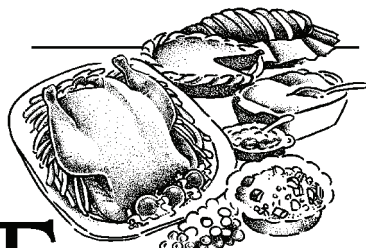


ADORATION HELP NEEDED.

Openings— Sundays, 3:00am; Mondays, 2:00-4:00am, Wednesdays, 7:00am; Fridays, 7:00pm & Saturdays 1:00pm we need some people to take an hour with our Lord and we have several times when just one person is signed up, if you can commit to an hour you will be welcomed. One parishioner has said: "I have developed a stronger, closer spiritual bond with Our Lord. Adoration has offered me this priceless gift—a quiet our to praise, to pray, to share, to listen or to simply keep Him company." 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.

KC's SPONSOR THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Blanchet Council 2999 have been serving Thanksgiving dinner for seniors, shut-ins and others in need in the Camas and Washougal area on Thanksgiving Day, preparing the meals at St. Thomas and delivering the dinners to their homes with your help. Last year we delivered 475 dinners. If you know anyone that needs a dinner, call 834-4181, Treasure House or call Al, 835-5346. We need the number of people in the household, phone number and address. Donations will help defer the costs and would be greatly appreciated. We could use turkeys that are unfrozen by Tue., Nov. 25. We'll start cooking on Wednesday morning. Pies can be delivered until 10:00am on Thanksgiving. Please make your cash donations to the Camas-Washougal Thanksgiving Dinner Fund at Riverview Savings and Loan in Camas or Washougal. Keep in mind that drivers will be needed to deliver meals leaving the church from 11:30am and 11:45am.



Thanksgiving

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday, 6:00-7:30pm. Parents please pickup your children at their classrooms at 7:30pm. Remember to bring your textbook!!

FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION

First Reconciliation retreat is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 22, from 9:00-noon. We begin with Mass at 9:00am sharp!

RCIC-CHILDREN AND TEENS

This class is designed to prepare children over the age of 7 years who wish to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion or are in need of Baptism. **Classes will be held on Thursdays beginning in January** so please contact Kim Steinke soon.

NEW FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate is a new faith formation class designed for **children with learning challenges**; if you have any questions or have a child who may benefit from this ministry, please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393.

TRAINERS NEEDED FOR SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All parish volunteers whose volunteer work involves working with children and vulnerable adults are required to attend course entitled *Called to Protect for Ministries*. Because St Thomas Aquinas Parish does not have a trainer we have had difficulty in scheduling training sessions for our volunteers. We are now asking if you would be interested in attending a "Train-the-Trainer" course held in early December so we can sponsor in-house training of *Called to Protect for Ministries*. Please contact Jim Potter, ext. 208 for details and an application. This would be an excellent way to assist the parish!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION: OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR CONFIRMATION WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY OF 2009. A LETTER WILL BE SENT HOME THIS NOVEMBER WITH REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

HS Youth Group: Sunday 1:30pm
MS Youth Group: Wednesday 6:00pm
Dead Theologians Society:
Wednesday 7:45pm

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul Juanita McEnney, mother of Kathy Essex who passed away last week.

GOD GIVES IT ALL-THEN CALLS US TO SHARE

If you haven't yet returned your Stewardship commitment card, our parish needs you to return your commitment card. Our parish has not yet reached its goal for the number of commitment cards returned. We will be mailing out another commitment card to those who have not yet responded. Please bring your Parish Stewardship commitment card with you to Mass next weekend or mail it to the parish office.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

THANK YOU

The St. Thomas Aquinas Guild has a GREAT THANK YOU to all the people from St. Thomas parish who participated and helped make our 2008 Harvest Dinner a success. We could not have done it without all of you who volunteered your time and talents, and all the people who came to support the dinner. The Guild members enjoyed the fellowships and the willingness that you shared with us. Many local charitable organizations will benefit from all your labors and we sincerely THANK YOU!

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

Mike Donnelly is back at work, surely due to the number of prayers from so many of you. Our gratitude to all of you.

The Donnellys

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring your compassion for those with crisis pregnancies to BIRTHRIGHT. Caring makes the difference. Don't hesitate. We'll train you and work with your schedule. Shifts can be shared. The need to support the choice for life is great. **CALL 694-8156** or speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS

St. Thomas offers parishioners the convenience of giving to the parish by **Electronic Funds Transfers**. It is a safe and reliable way to make stewardship contributions using electronic transfer. Your contributions are automatically withdrawn from a regular checking or savings account at any bank or credit union. According to your written instructions, your donations are electronically transferred from your bank account to the parish's bank account weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Please contact Jim Potter, Business Manager, ext. 208 if you would like more information.

MINUS "old car" PLUS "donation" EQUALS "possible tax deduction"

Want to get rid of an old car? Want to help further our mission here at St Thomas Aquinas? Need a year end tax deduction? Call Jim Potter in the parish office 834-2126 ext. 208 for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING DAY BREAD EXCHANGE

If you are planning to attend the 8:30am Thanksgiving Mass this year, there will once again be the bread exchange. Everyone attending Mass is encouraged to bring a bread item (i.e. rolls, muffins or loaf a bread) and put it on the table up front. At the end of Mass, all the items will be blessed by Father; then everyone is encouraged to take home a bread item, preferably not the one you brought. What a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your parish.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

If you are pregnant or have a newborn that you would like to have baptized, please call the parish office to register for the December class, 834-2126 ext. 0.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Mark your calendars, Dec. 7-11 and set aside this time to help you and yours prepare for the Lord's coming! Our parish Advent Reconciliation Service has been set for Dec. 15, you may want to get this on your calendar as well.

OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday, November 16 • 1-4 pm
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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 19	\$12,055
Cumulative Actual for 19 weeks	\$246,221
Cumulative Budget for 19 weeks	\$255,065
Difference (Actual vs. Budget)	-\$8,844

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

November 15 SATURDAY (SUMMA articles are due by the time the office opens on Monday)

- 5:00pm Mass for the soul Paul Elder (Bettasso)
- 6:00pm Girls' & Young Women's Vocation Dinner, Hall
- 6:30pm Craft Night, Fireside Room

November 16 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Coffee Hour is sponsored by CDA
Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
New Testament: II Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

- 8:00am Mass for the soul of Evelyn Myers (CDA)
- 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
- 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
- 10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
- 11:30am Mass for the soul Helen Dietzman (CDA)
- 1:00pm Prayer Groups' 80 year old Birthday Party, Hall
- 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

November 17 MONDAY

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
- 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Jerry Varsek (Varsek)
- 9:10am Rosary
- 11:30am Highland Terrace Mass for the intentions of Ed Wilmott (Wilmott)
- 6:00pm Girls' Club, Youth Room
- 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
- 7:30pm KC's 4th degree, Fireside Room

November 18 TUESDAY

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
- 8:30am Mass for the Terrance Mulligan (Estrada)
- 9:10am Rosary

November 19 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00am Finance Council, Conference Room (Rm 17)
- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
- 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Vickie Bauer (Bauer)
- 9:10am Rosary
- 11:30am Senior Singles Potluck, Fireside Room
- 6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
- 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
- 7:30pm Pastoral Council, Conference Room (Rm 17)
- 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
- 7:45pm DTS, Youth Room

November 20 THURSDAY

- 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
- 8:30am Fr. O'Shea Mass for intentions of Anna Marie Murphy (Murphy)
- 9:10am Rosary
- 9:15am Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 3:45pm Vox Clara, Room 16
- 5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church
- 7:00pm Choir practice, Church
- 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

November 21 FRIDAY

- 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
- 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Paul Bourcier (CDA)

November 22 SATURDAY

- 9:00am Mass for the intentions of Doris Day Stanley (Wilmott)
- 9:00am Reconciliation Retreat, Hall
- 9:45am Rosary
- 10:00am Confessions
- 3:30pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Mass for the Katherine Redlinger (Rink)

November 23 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Boys' Club
Liturgy of the Hours—week 2
Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:30-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

- 8:00am Mass for the soul Paul Bourcier (Sill)
- 9:30am Mass (Rite of Acceptance) *Pro Populo*
- 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
- 10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
- 11:30am Mass for the soul of Ray DeBoever (DeBoever)
- 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 24 Bulletin deadline for articles for Nov. 30 Bulletin
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:30am
- Dec. 7-11 Advent Mission
- Dec. 7 Baptism Preparation Class
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation, Parish offices closed) Masses offered: 8:30am, Noon & 7:00pm

"MUSIC NOTES"

Come be a part of our:

- * Vigil Choir
- * 9:30 am Choir
- * 11:30 am Schola
- * Vox Clara children's choir

We are also preparing for our 3rd annual Epiphany concert on Sun., Jan. 4. Call or email if you would like to participate in the concert with the choir or as a soloist.

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"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

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