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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Tue., Oct. 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The novena ends on Mon., Oct. 6. Please join the parish in praying this novena after all Mass or you may pray the novena at home. It can be found on page 136 in the St. Thomas Book of Prayers.

FAITH FORMATION

High School students meet on Sundays, 1:30pm in the Youth Room. All others, preschool through adult meet on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join us on Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30am at the Lakeside Chalet.

MOM'S GROUP

Join us for Mom's Group in the Fireside Room on Oct. 8 at 9:30am. Childcare is provided. Bring a snack to share and enjoy some time with other women in the parish as we discuss the upcoming Gospel reading and how it relates to us as wives and mothers. Hope to see you!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Thursdays, 9:15-11:00am in the Fireside Room, we will continue our study of the Gospel of John. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Justin Nickelsen, 907-9648 or NouvelleTheologie@hotmail.com. Book is \$5

RCIA

On Thursdays at 7:00pm we have begun the process for those who wish to learn about the Catholic faith in order to become members of our parish. We will be happy call with an invitation to anyone you think might be interested, just call in the name, phone number and address to Drew, ext. 212.

SIGN UP NOW FOR ONE MIND & HEART RETREAT

On Oct. 10 and 11 beginning Friday at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room come hear **Faith Sharing Stories** from our own parish friends: Fr. Peter Gillette, Susan Mooney, Connie Roach, Carolyn Simms, Dave Simms, & Susan Stuvick. Enjoy small group discussions, good food, music to feed your soul, and much more. **Times: Friday 6:00-9:00pm; Saturday 9:00am - 8:00pm** To sign up just call 834-2126 ext. 263 to leave your names and phone numbers. We also ask that any special needs (such as dietary allergies etc) be reported at this time. **Meals will be provided Friday, 6:00pm (soup supper); Saturday following 9:00am Mass (light breakfast); Saturday noon (make your own sandwiches); Saturday evening following 5:00pm Mass (lasagna & salad dinner). A free will offering will be collected Saturday evening.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

On Wed., Oct. 8, 4:45-5:45pm in the Church new servers need to attend this training with Fr. Gillette

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM

Please note that both time slots are full and there is a waiting list.

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

A letter of invitation was mailed to families registered in our parish with children in grade 2 with information regarding preparation to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please contact Kim Steinke for more information.

RCIA-CHILDREN & TEENS CLASSES

This class is designed to prepare children over the age of 7 yrs who wish to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion or are in need of Baptism, please contact Kim Steinke.

BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

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.

ATTENTION MOMS & DAUGHTERS!

On Mon., Oct. 6 there's an Ice Cream Social, 6:30pm in the Youth Room. A great time for past members to reunite and new mothers and daughters to introduce yourselves at Girls' Club! Come and learn more about Challenge and the ways it can benefit your daughters! Questions? Call Jodie Gilmore, 335-8201 or Teresa Fry, 833-4552.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HS YOUTH GROUP
Today, 1:30-3:00pm

MS YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY

Wednesday, 7:45-9:00pm
Youth Room, All HS Welcome

To get the most recent updates regarding Ricardo Diaz a special website has been set up by his family to keep everyone updated during a very challenging time. It is called "Caring Bridge" which is a non-profit organization designed to help family members dealing with serious illnesses to have an easy way of keeping in touch with everyone. Plus it's an easy way for us to send an email to Ricardo to let him know we are thinking and praying for him. Here's the website: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ricardodiaz>. Be sure to sign in so that you'll be able to get emails sent directly to your mail box.

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

Stewardship is what I do after I say "I believe."

"The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure."

Pope Benedict XVI

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

St. Vincent de Paul is starting their fall food drive this weekend. Food is especially needed this time of year to help those in need in the Camas/Washougal area. Please bring donations to the back of the church. Also, along with regular food donations, please remember to bring smaller individual type items for the "Weekend Survival Kits" for students. Thank you for your continued generosity.

ADORATION HELP NEEDED.

Openings—Mondays, 1:00-2:00pm & Tuesdays 2:00-3:00am 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. 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.

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTER

On Oct. 9: 6:30pm at JP II Center for Life, 534 NE Everett, Camas guest speaker, Shanti Potts, Director of care for Caretique, an Alzheimer's care facility in Vancouver, will be giving a presentation entitled, "What Family Caregivers Need to Know About Alzheimer's and Dementia". Shanti also is involved with the Alzheimer's Association and does informational presentations for them as well.

October Events:

Adult Daycare Available Please contact the John Paul II Center for details at 834-2625

FREE Preventing Falls Exercise Class Oct. 9 Oct.23 Oct. 30 1:00- 2:00pm

FREE blood pressure screening Oct., 14 9:30 - 12:00pm Oct. 28 1:00 - 3:00pm

Memory Loss Family Support Group Oct. 14 7:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings Weekly 8:00pm Tuesdays

All events are open to the public and free of charge.

ECCE VERITAS

In its fourth year of providing a classical education in the Catholic tradition to students in grades 7-12, invites prospective students and parents to an Open House, Sat., Oct. 18, 1:00-4:00pm, at its new location at 300 NE Multnomah, near Holy Rosary Parish. Visit with teachers, students and parents, and find out what a classical education in the Catholic tradition can mean for you and your 7-12 grade student. For more information, phone Ecce Veritas at 503 233-4996 or visit the website - ecceveritas.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (SEPT. 24--NOV. 2)

A nationwide effort of prayer, fasting, peaceful public witness at abortion clinics and community outreach aimed at saving the lives of unborn children and helping their parents. And it works! Lives saved, hearts healed and families supported. Join this effort. Go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/> for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APPARITIONS AT FATIMA FILM

Come see this film in Church after Mass Sat., Oct. 18, 9:40am. The Angel of Portugal appears to three shepherd children at Fatima asking for prayers of reparation for the sins of the world. Soon after, Mary, the Mother of God, begins Her stunning mission of mercy to mankind. Filmed in the very places Our Lady appeared, *Apparitions at Fatima* recreates with great integrity the times and circumstances of Mary's appearances and miracles. Her message of repentance and devotion to Her Son to a world plunging into world war convicts all of the seriousness of sin and imparts great hope to the faithful. Presented by BNA Prayer Group w/ refreshments.

CRAFT NIGHT

Come to the Fireside Room at 6:00pm on Oct. 18 for Craft Night. Whether you are working on your scrapbook, knitting a pair of socks or creating birthday cards we would love to have you join us. Enjoy an evening with other women of the parish while you work and take away great ideas from others. Bring a snack to share. Looking forward to seeing you there.

SAVE THE DATE

The next St. Elizabeth Apostolate mini-retreat for women with Mother Mary will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 25 at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please mark your calendars!

THANK YOU

I think you for your prayers and calls of concern during my recent illness.

Jim Janson

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Tables are available at the CDA Court St. John's (8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver) annual fund raiser scheduled for Nov. 8, 9:00-3:00pm. For information please call Dolores, 573-4003 or Laura, 314-2424.

PACIFIC CREST ACADEMY is seeking permission from the City of Camas for unrestricted use of outdoor play areas for recess and PE classes. A sign is required to be posted on parish grounds announcing this. St Thomas Aquinas Parish supports this request. There is no planned construction or modification to our property. Any costs related to this process are the responsibility of PCA. If you have any questions please call Jim Potter, 834-2126 ext 208.

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 13	\$11,441.12
Cumulative Actual for 13 weeks	\$166,141
Cumulative Budget for 13 weeks	\$169,152
Difference (Actual vs. Budget)	-\$3,011

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

October 4 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass w Novena for the soul of Evelyn Myers (McCarty)
6:00pm Pizza Feed, Hall

October 5 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 3
First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

8:00am Mass w Novena for the soul of Doris Day (McBride)
9:30am Mass w Novena for Debra Wilmott's intentions (Willmott)
9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
11:30am Mass w Novena *Pro Populo*
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

October 6 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass w Novena for the soul of Frances McKamey (Myers)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Girls' Club, Youth Room
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
7:00pm CDA, Fireside Room

October 7 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of George Snyder (Snyder)
9:10am Rosary
7:30pm KC's, Hall

October 8 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Martin Raps (Mooney)
9:10am Rosary
9:30am Moms' Group, Fireside Room
4:45pm Altar Server Training, Church
6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
7:30pm DTS, Youth Room

October 9 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul for Fr. Harvey Wingfield, O.S.B.
9:10am Rosary
9:15am Bible Study, Fireside Room
3:45pm Vox Clara, Room 16
5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church
7:00pm Adoration Promotion Night, Hall
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

October 10 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mind Mass for the soul of Mary Anna Brye
6:00pm One Mind & Heart Retreat, Fireside Room

October 11 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the soul of Arthur Smith (Simms)
9:45am Rosary
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the soul of Mildred Ornellas

October 12 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Boys' Club
Liturgy of the Hours—Week 4
First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

8:00am Mass for the intentions of Debra Wilmott (Willmott)
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 of Doris Wong (Kuzis)
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 18 Apparitions at Fatima Film
- Oct. 20 Red Cross Blood Drive

"MUSIC NOTES"

Call Board: Are you a Saturday Vigil regular? Have you ever wanted to join a choir? We are forming a choir to accompany our cantor at the 5:00pm. Mass. Call or email me if you would like to join and help out. *Now that's active participation!* Contact me for many other opportunities as well. God bless you. kristinyoshimura@gmail.com or 834-1495.

NEW PROGRAMS ON KBVM 88.3 FM

Your Catholic Radio Station has added some wonderful new programs to its weekly schedule. On Wednesdays, 6:00pm listen to "God's Plan for Life" series that features various talks on marriage and natural family planning. On Fridays, 6:00pm join former NFL receiver Danny Abramowicz for "Crossing the Goal" as he discusses Catholic men's spirituality with a variety of guests. And back by popular demand is Fr. John Corapi's Catechism Series on Thursdays, 6:00pm. A full program schedule is available at www.kbvm.fm—Also, support KBVM by turning to Catholic Radio's exciting Fall Sharathon pledge drive Oct. 13-17.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES INSTITUTE

The Institute is dedicated to liturgical formation and training of parish liturgical ministries. More detailed information about the Institute, the registration process and other Fall 2008 offerings can be obtained by contacting, 206 382-4878, <http://www.seattlearch.org/worshipandsacraments/liturgy>, or Tony.Varas@seattlearch.org Upcoming: *Liturgical Basics*—St Phillips, Woodland on Sat., Oct. 18, 9:00-1:00pm and *Sacramental Basics*—St Phillip, Woodland on Sat., Oct. 25, 9:00-1:00pm Courses are \$20.

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