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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

### **SENIOR SINGLES**

At 11:30am on Wed., Sep. 17 in the Fireside Room all those 50+ (widows, widowers, divorced & not married) are welcome to gather socially for a potluck lunch. Remember to bring your pennies for Pokino and any ideas you may have for another activity. Questions or need a ride call Jean, 835-3601.

### **FAITH FORMATION DESSERT KICK OFF**

The big dessert kick off is on Wed., Sep. 17, 6:00pm in the Church. This is a potluck dessert gathering so please bring enough dessert to feed your family. Registration forms were in the Sep. SUMMA and need to be submitted by Sep. 17. Classes will begin Wed., Sep. 24 for children in the Good Shepherd program through eighth grade and adults. High School students meet on Sundays and their kick off is on Sun., Sep. 21, 1:30pm.

### **RCIA SCHEDULED TO START**

On Thu., Sep. 18 at 7:00pm we will begin the process for those who wish to learn about the Catholic faith in order to become members of our parish. You need to think of a friend, relative, or associate who you can bring to this class. We will be happy call with an invitation to anyone you think might be interested, just call in the name(s), phone number and address to Drew, ext. 212.

### **ADMIN-ASSISTANT JOB OPENING—REVISED**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Camas seeks an Administrative Assistant to work in the parish office. The ideal candidate will be an active Catholic with excellent organizational, communication, and computer skills—including experience using Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel. This temporary part-time position will initially require 15-18 hours per week. After 6 months the job may become a permanent position and hours may increase up to 30 hours per week. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume to [admin-search@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:admin-search@st-thomascamas.org) by 9/19/2008.

### **GUESS WHO IS TURNING 94 THIS FRIDAY!**

Congratulations—Felix Mueller!

### **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.

## **No to I-1000 YES TO LIFE!**

To mail in a donation please make out your check to: Coalition Against Assisted Suicide (CAAS) and mail to: CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE, PO BOX 13288, OLYMPIA WA 98508-3288 (*Do not make checks payable to St Thomas*).

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

### **FAITH FORMATION KICK OFF THIS WEEK!**

Wed., Sept. 17, 6:00-7:30 pm, we will host a Dessert Social/Info Night to begin our new season in faith formation. Please bring your favorite family sized dessert to the hall before 6:00pm.

### **CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR FAITH FORMATION PLEASE HELP!**

**We are in need of catechists to teach grades 3, 4 and 6 .** The requirements are a background check and Safe Environment Training. (*Returning catechists do not need to attend the Safe Environment Training again.*) Please contact Kim Steinke ASAP.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS**

Some of you may have read in the Summa that a new class designed for children with learning challenges will begin here at St. Thomas. Today reserved seating for these children and their families will occur on the right hand side of the church. The faith formation classes will occur during the 9:30am Mass so it is important that the kids have easy access of entering and leaving the church to avoid as few distractions to others attending Mass. Thanks for your compassion and support of this new ministry.

### **BOYS' CLUB**

Our September meeting on Sun. Sep. 21 at 5:00pm in the Fireside Room to discuss our fall and winter activities as well as elect officers for the upcoming year. Please be on the look out for new Boy's Club members (i.e. at your school, sports teams, neighborhood and of course at the parish). P.S.-I will be bringing a light snack so that it doesn't interfere with your dinner and also if there are enough dad's perhaps we'll have a game of two hand touch football after the meeting for our activity. Did I mention Dad's vs Boy's?

## **YOUTH PROGRAM**

■ Late Start Sept. 17-18 for CHS, Liberty and Skyridge.  
■ Come to morning Mass at 8:30am. Refreshments afterward.

**Middle School Kick-off**  
Wed., Sep. 17, 6:00pm  
**High School Kickoff**  
Sun., Sep. 21, 1:30pm

## STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

*"What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?"*

1 Cor 4:7

Am I proud because I "did it all by myself?" Or do I give credit and thanks to God because I am beginning to realize everything I have and everything I am are gifts He has given me?

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING AT MASS?

We have openings for those who would be honored to serve at Mass. We currently try to schedule most of our ministers once a month on a regular routine. Currently we are short of Lectors (Saturdays), Eucharistic Ministers (especially 11:30am) and especially in need of Ushers (all Masses). You must be confirmed and training is provided—you'll be here anyway. Please call the parish office to get more information or to volunteer.

### ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Attention all Catholic Women!! ACCW, Southern Deanery will meet at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Olympia. On Thu., Sep. 18 registration and Rosary begin at 9:00am. We will conclude the luncheon with closing prayer at 1:30pm. We will be considering the "Dignity and Vocation of Women" based on the Apostolic Letter for our subject. Suggested donation for registration and lunch is \$5. ACCW represents women in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Members meet locally support, educate, honor and enhance Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. Come join us! For reservations and/or information call (360)866-0305 or (360)249-2633.

### WOMEN'S RETREATS

Two retreats, Sep. 19-21 & Sep. 26-28 Fr. David Wilton CPM will use the theme "Abandonment to Divine Providence" 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, contact Colleen Rink, 835-5575 to register.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Seeking a full-time, faith filled and experienced Pastoral Assistant to Parish Life and Outreach. Successful candidates will have 3+years of catechist training and/or related BA and experience. This position includes duties such as: Direction of Children's Faith Formation Programs; Training of volunteers; Assistance to Pastor on marriage preparation, annulments; Designs and administers programs for services such as funerals, outreach, homebound ministries, community assistance; Responsible for developing and implementing budget for these departments. Salary DOE, excellent benefits. Candidate will be a practicing Catholic, enthusiastic in working

### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC HS

Benefit Concert featuring singing artist, MOE DIXON  
Sun., Sep. 28, 4:00pm

The Rusty Grape Vineyard (16712 NE 219th St, Battle Ground)  
\$25 Admission - BBQ Dinner & Wine Tasting

RSVP (360) 887-8353 x 331 or

[www.setonhigh.com/fundraising.pbp](http://www.setonhigh.com/fundraising.pbp)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS!

Next Sun., Sep. 21, is the Catholic Daughters Coffee Hour. Please come down to meet 'n greet a new person and enter your name for a special prize to be drawn after the last Mass. The winner's name will appear in the following week's bulletin. We hope to see you there!

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Are you expecting? Do you have an infant to be baptized or child under age 7? Preparation is necessary for the parents so that a child can be baptized. The preparation session is next weekend. Call the parish office for more information or to register.



### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS A GO!

The first meeting is on Sep. 25, from 9:15-11:00am in the Fireside Room, where we will begin our study of the Gospel of John. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Justin Nickelsen, Assistant for Faith Formation, at 907-9648 or by email (preferred): [NouvelleTheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:NouvelleTheologie@hotmail.com). For those who have already signed up, you can pick up your text in the Parish Office. Cost is \$5 (cash or check).

### ATTENTION MOMS & DAUGHTERS!

The St. Thomas Challenge Girls' Club is ready to start a new year of fun, spirituality, and camaraderie! If you're new to St. Thomas over the summer, or your daughter received her First Communion this past spring, we strongly encourage you to consider joining our great group of young ladies and their moms. We have two events coming up:

Sep. 29 Planning Meeting -- girls grade 8 and up will meet with Mrs. Fry to prepare for our first regular meeting in October, and moms will plan our year's calendar. There will not be any activities for the younger girls at this meeting.

Oct. 6 is our Ice Cream Social - a great time to come introduce yourselves and get to know everybody! Mark your calendars now - both events start at 6:30pm in the Youth Room in the basement of the old Rectory. Questions? Call Jodie Gilmore at 335-8201.

### ONE MIND AND HEART RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Oct. 10 & 11 so that you can attend our parish wide retreat, with parishioner presentations focusing on our relationship with God as our Father; Jesus as our Savior; and the Holy Spirit as our guide. The retreat will begin at 6:00pm on Friday and conclude by 8:00pm on Saturday. More information coming soon.

### 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 10	\$13,611
Cumulative Actual for 10 weeks	\$126,272
Cumulative Budget for 10 weeks	\$135,098
Difference (Actual vs. Budget)	-\$8,826

# The Stewardship of St. Paul

*“What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?”*

*St. Paul 1 Cor 4:7*

As Americans, we are raised to believe that we can accomplish anything - be anything - through our own hard work. How our nation admires ‘self-made’ men and women!

But the truth is—all we have and all we are comes to us as gifts from God. Even our own intelligence, our ability to work hard and the opportunities we ‘create’ are gifts from a loving God.

Being good stewards of God’s gifts must begin with acknowledging this truth. Paul reminds us that we owe God our gratitude and humility.

**PACIFIC CREST ACADEMY** is seeking permission from the City of Camas to use additional outdoor play areas for recess and PE classes.

Last year PCA had to get permission from the city to increase the number of students allowed in the conditional use permit. An unfortunate fall-out from that process was a restriction by the city on what part of the parish property PCA could use for outdoor play areas. The city also placed restrictions on the number of students and the number of hours the outdoor areas could be used. The city also made Pacific Crest install the wooden fence that separates the parking lot north of the Church building from the grassy field up by Father Gillette’s house.

PCA is seeking unrestricted use of outdoor play areas and a sign is required to be posted on parish grounds announcing this. St Thomas Aquinas Parish supports this request. It will have little if any impact on parish activities. There is no planned construction or any other modifications to our property other than—we hope the wooden fence can come down. Any costs related to this process are the responsibility of PCA.

If you have any questions feel free to call Jim Potter, Parish Business Manager, at 834-2126 ext 208.

# This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

**September 13 SATURDAY**  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Kevin Putney (Bauer)

**September 14 SUNDAY The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**Coffee Hour sponsored by the Youth**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Week 4**  
**First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9**  
**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**  
**Gospel: John 3:13-17**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Doris Wong (Meany)  
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Vanessa Delgado (Delgado)  
 7:00pm Squires, Hall

**September 15 MONDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Robert Kyle (Kuzis)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

**September 16 TUESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Liz Farrell (Kuzis)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 7:30pm KC's 4th Degree, Hall

**September 17 WEDNESDAY**  
 7:00am Finance Council, Room 17  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ray Deboever & Linda Powell (DeBoever)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:30am Senior Singles Potluck, Fireside Room  
 6:00pm Faith Formation Kick Off, Church (Dessert to follow in Hall)  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room

**September 18 THURSDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Terrance Mulligan (Estrada)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:30am Highland Terrace Mass for the intentions of Fr. Justus (Powell)  
 3:45pm Vox Clara, Room 16  
 5:45pm Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church  
 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

**September 19 FRIDAY**  
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church  
 12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Carolyn Simms (Simms)

**September 20 SATURDAY**  
 9:00am Mass for the intentions of Mary Eleazar (Wilmott)  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Paul Elder (Bettasso)  
 6:30pm Craft Night, Fireside Room

**September 21 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Coffee Hour sponsored by the CDA**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—Week 1**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**  
**Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**  
**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a**

8:00am Mass for the soul of Esther Schmid (Sentesy)  
 9:30am Mass the soul of Mary Jean Blough (Bernat)  
 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 1:00pm Baptism Preparation, Fireside Room  
 1:30pm High School Kick Off, Youth Room  
 5:00pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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- Sep. 24 First Faith Formation session
- Oct. 25 Mini Women's Retreat
- Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 1 All Saint's Day (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday)
- Nov. 2 All Souls' Day

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**"MUSIC NOTES"**

*"Within the great Action of Christ, the finest traditional and modern forms of music and hymnody help us to adore God and lead us to a prayer that is at once communal and personal."*

*Msgr. Peter J. Elliot.*

JOIN THE ST. THOMAS MUSIC PROGRAM! We have two choirs from which to choose. The children's choir will be starting again soon as well. Check the upcoming SUMMA for specific details. Please contact Kristin Yoshimura at 834-1495 or [kristinyoshimura@gmail.com](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com) with questions and/or a voice to share. God bless you.

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**THE JOHN PAUL II CENTER FOR LIFE EVENTS**

**Mad Hatters Knitting Club** Meets every Tuesday 9:30am

**Free Blood Pressure Screening Clinic** Second Tuesday of every month, 9:30am – 12:00pm (noon) Next Clinic: Sep. 9

**Memory Loss Family Support Group** Second Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm Next meeting: Sep. 9

**Brick House Tea** You are invited to a lovely afternoon tea, Sun., Sep. 28, 1:00-3:00pm. Savory treats, scrumptious sweets, a silent auction, music and a garden of flowers will await and enchant all who attend. This delightful event will benefit the John Paul II Center for Life, a Catholic organization in our community working to provide dignity and respect for life from the moment of conception until natural death. Make your reservation now by contacting Mary Hunter, 604-4516. \$30/ticket. Limited seating of 100. Bricks with a remembrance or your family name will be available for purchase. "Building the culture of life one brick at a time!"

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