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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

FAITH FORMATION

High School students meet on Sundays and their kick off is on today, Sep. 21 at 1:30pm in the Youth Room. All others, preschool through adult meet on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm with classes beginning this week. We'll meet together for prayer in the church and then break into separate classes.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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, 907-9648 or by email (preferred): 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).

RCIA SCHEDULED TO START

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. You are still encouraged to bring a friend, relative, or associate to this class. 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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all those parishioners who so generously donate food to help those in need in Camas and Washougal. Along with our regular collection of food, we are asking everyone to please consider also giving items that will go into the "Weekend Survival Kits" for students. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

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

Classes begin this Wed., Sept. 24 at 6:00pm in the church. Parents please pickup your children at their classrooms at 7:30pm.

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.

RCIC 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.

BOYS' CLUB

Today, Sep. 21 at 5:00pm in the Fireside Room we will 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. 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?

SQUIRE'S HOLY ALL-NIGHTER

On Sat., Sep. 27 beginning right after 5:00pm Mass all young men ages 12 to 18 are invited. Activities include: 12 hour Holy Adoration Vigil, pizza, movies, and games. Please bring \$5 and a snack.

YOUTH PROGRAM

High School Kickoff
Today, Sep. 21, 1:30pm
Middle School First Session
Wed., Sep. 24, 6:00pm

DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY

FIRST MEETING:
WED., SEP. 24, 7:30-9:00PM
YOUTH ROOM

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" Ps 116:12

"You have not chosen me; I have chosen you. Go and bear fruit that will last." Jn 15:16

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED

Many blessings and thanks to all the people of St. Thomas who so graciously have been providing meals for our family during Ricardo's cancer treatments and bone marrow transplant. Recently, one of the volunteers at the hospital asked which church we attended for she was amazed to see such support. Your continued support and prayers are so greatly appreciated. God bless you...

Rosemary & Ricardo Diaz and of course Ricardo Jr.

COMMUNICATION FOR COUPLES

A new class to help couples build their communication skills through proven techniques that help spouses really hear each other, and work out difference with less conflict, critical component for relationship success runs Tuesday nights 6:45-9:15pm, Oct. 14-Nov. 18 at St Joseph's Church, Vancouver. Contact Terri Gilbride, 696-4407, terriq@stjoevan.org to register. Cost is \$20/couple if you register by Sept 26, \$40 per couple for those registering after Sept 26.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Seeking a full-time, faith filled and experienced Pastoral Assistant to Parish Life and Outreach. 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. Please send resume/references by Sep. 25 to j.hanley@olparish.org or call 695-1366 ext 101 for more information.

OLYMPIA 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The third National 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin Sep. 24. The Olympia team will host a kick-off dinner on Tue., Sep. 23 6:00-8:00pm at St. Michael Church in Olympia. All are welcome to attend; please see bulletin for details.

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

PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

Practical ways to help your kids be more responsible, respectful, and cooperative. 6-week course runs Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:15pm, Oct. 1 - Nov. 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver WA. Cost is \$25/person, \$35/couple. Call or email Terri Gilbride, 696-4407, terriq@stjoevan.org to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 invite you to join our great group of young ladies and their moms. We look forward to seeing you at two events coming up to begin the new school year:

Sept. 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. Mothers and daughters grade 8 and up who are new to the club are also invited to attend these meetings if they wish.

Oct. 6 Ice Cream Social: A great time for past members to reunite and new mothers and daughters to introduce yourselves! Come and learn more about Challenge and the ways it can benefit your daughters! 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, 335-8201 or Teresa Fry, 833-4552.

ADORATION PROMOTION NIGHT

On Thu., Oct. 2, 7:00pm all those quarterly heads, hourly heads and those who realize the need to keep our perpetual adoration going are invited to a meeting with Father Gillette. We need to build up our core group here within the parish of those devoted to spending quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

APPARITIONS AT FATIMA FILM

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. Come See this film in Church after Mass Sat., Oct. 4, 9:40am Presented by BNA Prayer Group w/ refreshments.

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.

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 11	\$16,539
Cumulative Actual for 11 weeks	\$142,811
Cumulative Budget for 11 weeks	\$148,283
Difference (Actual vs. Budget)	-\$5,472

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

September 20 SATURDAY
 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**
 Fr. David Sherrer's Birthday

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

September 22 MONDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Doris Day (McBride)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

September 23 TUESDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Fr. Harvey Wingfield OSB
 9:10am Rosary

September 24 WEDNESDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Fr. Paul Mass for the soul of Evelyn Myers (Sentesy)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
 7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
 7:30pm Pastoral Council, Fireside Room
 7:30pm KC's Officers, Upper Room

September 25 THURSDAY
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Fr. Paul Mass for the intentions of Courtney Estrada (Wilmott)
 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
 7:30pm DTS, Youth Room

September 26 FRIDAY
 9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Esther Schmid (Schmid)

September 27 SATURDAY
 9:00am Mass for the St. Vincent DePaul Conf. Camas/Washougal
 9:45am Rosary
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Ellen Varsek (Varsek)

6:00pm Squires Holy All-Nighter, Fireside Room

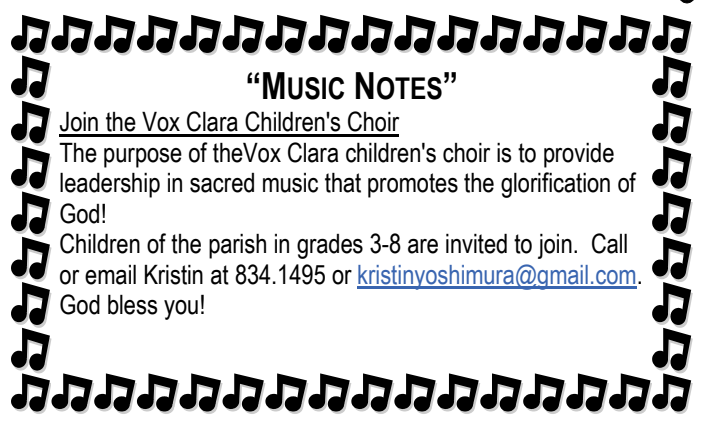
September 28 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Coffee Hour sponsored by the CDA
 Liturgy of the Hours—Week 2
 First Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**
 Second Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**
 Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

8:00am Fr. Donato Mass
 9:30am Fr. Donato Mass
 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
 11:30am Fr. Donato Mass
 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 2 Adoration Promotion Night
- Oct. 4 Apparitions at Fatima Film
- 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)

"MUSIC NOTES"

Join the Vox Clara Children's Choir
 The purpose of the Vox Clara children's choir is to provide leadership in sacred music that promotes the glorification of God!
 Children of the parish in grades 3-8 are invited to join. Call or email Kristin at 834.1495 or kristinyoshimura@gmail.com.
 God bless you!

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTER FOR LIFE EVENTS

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!"

Upcoming Event Shanti Potts, Care Manager for Caretique Alzheimer's Care, and educator for the Alzheimer's Association, will be presenting an informational session for unpaid and family caregivers. This very interesting and informative presentation will take place Thu., Oct. 9, 6:30pm, at the JP II Center. There is no fee for this presentation.

Advertiser of the Week
Shell at Fisher's Landing
 See the ad on the back of this bulletin