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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 starts on Sun., Sep. 28 and 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 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.

ATTENTION LADIES!

The Aquinas Guild will meet on Wed., Oct. 1 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. All ladies of the parish are members and we need your help. Preparations and volunteers are needed for the annual HARVEST DINNER being held on Sun., Nov. 1, 12:00pm-4:00pm in the church hall. Many hands will make our tasks easier and more enjoyable, please join us for the fun and fellowship.

BIG EVENT AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS!

Popular Catholic author, apologist and speaker, Carl E. Olson will be speaking on Wed., Oct. 1, 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Grow in your faith and learn how to share the truth in love as Carl speaks on the subject of "Sharing Our Catholic Faith: Key Issues that Come Up". Talk is FREE and open to the public! Childcare/babysitting is available--it is kindly requested that you call Kim Steinke, 834-2126 ext. 207 if you wish to utilize the FREE childcare services. Carl E. Olson is author of "Will Catholics Be Left Behind?" and "The DaVinci Hoax", and is author/editor of the popular Catholic blog, Ignatius Insight (www.ignatiusinsight.com). A native of the Pacific Northwest, a convert to the Catholic Church, and proud father and husband, Carl Olson's talk cannot be missed! Join us!!

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, 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).

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm. 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.

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.

GIRLS' CLUB

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 on Mon., Sept. 29, 6:00pm in the Youth Room there is a planning meeting girls grade 8 and up 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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

ROSARY AND PLANNING SESSION FOR OUR RESURGENT
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AND VAYA.
SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 1:00 PM
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY

WED., OCT. 1, 7:30-9:00PM
YOUTH ROOM, ALL HS WELCOME

FIRST FRIDAY YOUTH ADORATION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3, 7:00 PM
(FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AFTERWARD)

STEWARDSHIP SPECTRUM

Prayer is the first step in becoming a good Steward of the Church. Ask yourself: What has God given me? What can I give back? Time is finite for us all. How much time is spent sleeping, working, eating, in leisure activities? How much time can you give to God? Match your talents to parish needs. If you are unsure about your talents, seek advice from those who know you.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

COFFEE HOUR WINNER

The Catholic Daughters thank all of you who came to enjoy the coffee hour on Sun., Sep. 21. We are pleased to announce that Melissa Blunt is the winner of two tickets to the fundraising concert being sponsored by the Treasure House. We hope to see you all at our Oct. 19, coffee hour and bake sale!

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.

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.

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTER

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.

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.

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 Shathon pledge drive Oct. 13-17.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. THOMAS BOY'S CLUB IN OCTOBER

Attention all Saturday Night Vigil Mass participants!! Feeling left out after Mass with nowhere to go to socialize with your fellow parishioners? Well, The St. Thomas Boy's Club has just what you need. Following the 5:00pm Vigil Mass beginning on Oct. 4, stop downstairs in the Hall for Pizza and Root-beer Floats. Be sure to bring your appetites, enjoy hot pizza and wash it down with a frosty root-beer float. Don't forget your wallet, Suggested Donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. All proceeds benefit the St. Thomas Boy's Club with a portion of the profits also being donated to benefit Ricardo Diaz.

ATTENTION MOMS & DAUGHTERS!

Oct. 6 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! Mark your calendars now! Questions? Call Jodie Gilmore, 335-8201 or Teresa Fry, 833-4552.

ONE MIND AND HEART RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Oct. 10 & 11 so 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. Register by calling 834-2126 ext. 263. Check the SUMMA for all the details.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

We thank our St. Thomas family for the lovely funeral and reception for our mother and sister, Mildred Ornellas. So many of you came to our assistance to let us know we were not alone and helped to relieve a stressful situation. Everything was beautiful and Mom would have been humbly thankful, too.

The family of Mildred Ornellas

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.

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 12	\$11,954
Cumulative Actual for 12 weeks	\$154,765
Cumulative Budget for 12 weeks	\$158,781
Difference (Actual vs. Budget)	-\$4,016

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

September 20 SATURDAY

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

September 29 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass w Novena for Fr. Harvey Wingfield, O.S.B.
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Girls' Club, Fireside & Youth Room
6:00pm Scouts, Hall

September 30 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass w Novena for the soul of The McBride families intentions (Wilmott)
9:10am Rosary

October 1 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass w Novena for the intentions of Liz Farrell (Kuzis)
9:10am Rosary
9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room
6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
7:30pm DTS, Youth Room
7:30pm Outreach Commission, Room 17

October 2 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mind Mass w Novena for the soul Mary Elizabeth Stefan
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 3 FIRST FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass w Novena for the poor souls (Duringer)
7:00pm Youth Adoration, Church

October 4 FIRST SATURDAY

9:00am Mass w Novena for a deeper conversion of Catholics (Duringer)
9:45am Rosary
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions

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
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 (Wilmott)
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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 18 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"

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.

ROSARY BOWL NORTHWEST

This Sat., Oct. 4, 2008 Doors open at 9:30am - Program
11:00am Volcanoes Stadium – Keizer, Oregon I-5 to exit 260 B
More info at www.rosarybowlnw.org Live Christian Music
and Rosary Reflections Eucharistic Procession
Adoration & Benediction with Bishop Kenneth Steiner
Confessions from 9:30am-11:00am
Community Resource Tables

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.

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