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**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

**CDA MEETING**

The Catholic Daughters will hold their April meeting on Mon., Apr. 6, in the Fireside Room. We'll begin with a rosary at 7:00pm, with the meeting following at 7:15pm. Any women in the parish interested in Catholic Daughters are invited to attend this meeting. If you have questions, call Anne at 835-8220.

**REMEMBRANCE EASTER LILIES**

Please bring your Easter lily to The Belisle Library by Wed., Apr. 8. At that time be sure to add the 'loved ones' name or 'celebrated event' to the sheet.

**HOLY THURSDAY**

On Apr.9, 7:00pm we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Following the Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight will be held in the Hall. Rice Bowls are collected.

**NO ADORATION**

From Holy Thursday evening Mass through Easter Sunday, 1:00pm there will not be Eucharist Adoration in the Chapel.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

On Apr. 10 Stations of the Cross will begin at 12:00pm. Confessions will be heard from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. We begin the Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00pm. The Liturgy of the Passion will begin at 7:00pm. There will be a special collection for the Holy Land at this service.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

*Jesus told St. Faustina, "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (diary 301)* The Feast of Divine Mercy is Sun., April 19. The Novena to the Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday, Apr. 10 at 3:00pm and ends on Sat., Apr. 18. In Jesus' own words, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death." (diary 1209) The novena will be prayed daily at 3:00pm in the church and can be found on pages 85 – 90 in the *St. Thomas Book of Prayers*.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to Friday's special collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

**EASTER CHURCH DECORATING**

On Sat. April 11, 10:00am come join us in decorating the church or our Easter Vigil and Easter Masses. Thank you and looking forward to seeing you all there.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

On Apr. 11 the Easter Vigil begins at 8:30pm with the Service of Light. This Mass is one of the biggest celebrations within the church year. We will welcome new members to our faith through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**STATION OF THE CROSS PICTURE BOOKS**

We are missing station of the cross books that were prepared for children to follow along during the Friday evening recitation during Lent. Kindly return them if the books "traveled" to your home!

**FAITH FORMATION**

No classes on April 1 and 8 due to spring break and Holy Week. Classes will resume on Apr. 15.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Important Dates for both Parents & Communicants:**

Apr. 18, 9:00-noon: Retreat

May 1, 7:00pm: Practice

May 2, 5:00pm: First Holy Communion Mass; pictures before Mass

**Parish Note:** First Holy Communion will be celebrated at only one Mass this year. With 50 children preparing for this holy sacrament, the 5:00pm will be quite full. Please be prepared for overflowing attendance at this Mass on May 2.

**SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION**

This is a 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.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are offering two \$750 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from our parish and/or Our Lady Star of the Sea in Stevenson. Application packets are available in the parish office, or from the scholarship counselor at Washougal High School or Camas High School. Deadline: May 15.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**SPRING ROPES COURSE RETREAT NEXT MONTH**

**MAY 1-3**

**YOUTH SCHEDULE:**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEXT MEETING  
Sunday April 19

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEXT MEETING  
Wednesday, April 15

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY (DTS) NEXT MEETING  
Wednesday April 15

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION NEXT MEETING  
Thursday April 16

**IN YOUR CHARITY**

For the soul of Margaret Kirchhoff, mother of Tracy Webster-Chesnutis who died last week.

## The 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

is winding down and all final payments on pledges are due no later than April 20. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, you are strongly urged to do so in order for us to meet our assigned goal. Please send your final payments directly to the Annual Appeal Office at 710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle WA 98104. Thank you!

### NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

#### MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN

The Knights of Columbus is proud to announce that the Monument to the Unborn has been moved onto its base and is ready for use. A bench is installed and metal urns for flowers have been placed next to the monument. More flower holders can be added if we need them. Please do not use glass vases as they fall and break creating a hazard. Flowers can always be laid on the base. The monument is dedicated to all unborn children—those in the womb now, those who will be born in the future, as well as those who were not born.



#### PAUL II CENTER MARCH ACTIVITIES

Spring Bluegrass Fest on Apr. 25, noon till 10:00pm, at the Papermaker Union Hall, 514 NE Dallas St., Camas. Join us for live bluegrass music (6 bands), dancing, BBQ, and a beer tent. Have a great time for a great cause – putting CARE back into eldercare. Admission \$20.

#### 4TH ANNUAL SPRING GALA & AUCTION

Please join Ecce Veritas Academy on the "Road to St. Paul" Fri., Apr. 24 in Rosary Hall, adjacent to Holy Rosary Parish in Northeast Portland. Savories, conviviality and silent auction begin at 5:30pm, with dinner at 7:00pm and live auction at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$50/person and \$90/couple - for more information, phone 503 233-4996 or visit [www.ecceveritas.com](http://www.ecceveritas.com). Ecce Veritas Academy is in its fourth year of providing a classical education in the **Catholic tradition to students in grades 7-12.**

#### SETON CATHOLIC H.S.

We're opening this Sep. 8 welcoming freshman and sophomore students at our new school facility located at 811 NE 112<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, WA. Updates on our project include:

\* Open House will be held on June 7, 1:00-3:00pm at the school site. We invite students and families and all others interested in learning more about Seton Catholic to attend. More information to follow.

\*Facility improvements for the school are underway. Initially 10,000 square feet will house classrooms, the commons and offices.

Seton Catholic welcomes new applicants. For more information please call Andy Nichols, Vice Principal, at 360-254-1800 ext 332. If you are interested in serving on the "Seton Team" for your parish please contact Andy Geisler, Development Director, at 360-931-1501.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, please call 360-254-1800 and speak to Ed Little, Principal/President ext 337 or Andy Nichols, Vice Principal ext 332. You can also check out our website at [www.SetonHigh.org](http://www.SetonHigh.org).

#### PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

Great techniques for parenting with more respect and cooperation, less nagging and frustration. Course offered Wednesdays, Apr. 8-May 13, 6 to 7:15pm, at St Joseph Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Dr Vancouver WA 98661. \$25/person, \$35/couple. Contact Terri Gilbride to register 360-696-4407, [terrig@stjoevan.org](mailto:terrig@stjoevan.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEN'S RETREAT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Men's Retreat will be Friday evening, Sunday, Apr. 24- 26 at Mount Angel Abbey in Mt. Angel Oregon. The theme for the retreat is "Man of God", with four main talks: "Jesus as the Model for the Man of God"; "The Man of God at Work and in Business"; "The Man of God in the Family"; and "The Man of God in Parish Life". The style of the retreat is "mixed"--there will be ample time for silence and prayer, as long as fellowship and conversation. Contact Justin, 907-9648 or [nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com). Registration forms are in the vestibule and parish office.

### MOTHER'S DAY TEA

The Catholic Daughters will be holding a Mothers' Day Tea on Sat., May 9. The tea will begin at noon, and the cost is \$15 per person. Tickets will be available for purchase starting Apr. 6. We will also be selling tickets following all masses beginning the weekend of Apr. 18-19. No tickets will be sold at the door so reserve your spot now. There will be wonderful tea foods, entertainment and door prizes. Proceeds will go toward our charitable projects. Just call Anne at 835-8220 to reserve your space.

### NEW BIBLE STUDY - GALATIANS

In celebration of the Year of St. Paul we will be studying the book of Galatians on Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:00am. This study will last approximately 5-6 weeks, and begins on Thu., May 21. There is a \$5 fee to help off set the cost of the material. Please RSVP if you plan on attending so that he knows how many books to purchase. Email is preferred: [nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com)

### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Mark your calendars now for May 22 & 23 so that you can attend our parish seminar that will help you to open up your life to the Holy Spirit.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Immediate Openings— Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm, Mondays 2:00-3:00am, Saturdays, Midnight-1:00am, 1:00pm-2:00pm & 3:00-4:00pm 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. 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.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

REPORTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM  
7/1/2008 THROUGH 6/30/2009

Actual Collection Mar 29	\$8,418
Budget Mar 29	\$10,663
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 39 weeks	-\$40,836 -7.33%

# The Stewardship of St. Paul

*“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me . . . .”*

*St. Paul Gal 2:20*

What an incredible challenge it is to be Christ’s Disciples on earth! How can we - as mere humans - truly live this way?

Paul answers this question by reminding us that the gift of His crucifixion is nothing less than the *actual indwelling of Christ - in us.*

What a powerful gift!

With only simple faith required on our part, we are given all we need to live a life of discipleship as true Christian Stewards.



# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**April 4 SATURDAY**  
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of John & Lauren White (Myers)

**April 5 PALM SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**No Coffee Hour—Mass will begin in the parish hall**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 2**  
**Old Testament: Jeremiah**  
**New Testament: Hebrews**  
**Gospel: Mark 11:1-10**  
**Passion: Mark 14:1-15:47**

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*  
9:30am Mass for the soul of Mary Rayburn (Eledge & Cole)  
No Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate  
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11  
11:30am Mass for the intentions of Mark Powell (Bauer)  
1:30pm Server practice for Holy Thursday & Good Friday  
No High School Faith Formation

**April 6 MONDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul of Patrick Carey (Farnsworth)  
9:10am Rosary  
6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room  
7:00pm Scouts, Hall  
7:00pm Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Fireside Room

**April 7 TUESDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul of Ray DeBoever (DeBoever)  
9:10am Rosary  
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room  
7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

**April 8 WEDNESDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Richard Lundquist (Leick)  
9:30am MOMs, Fireside Room  
No Faith Formation, Church  
7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
No DTS, Youth Room  
7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

**April 9 HOLY THURSDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
9:10am Rosary  
3:15pm Vox Clara, Room 16  
7:00pm Mind Mass for the soul of Jean Phimister (Leick)  
No RCIA, Choir practice, RCIC, H. S. Confirmation Class

**April 10 GOOD FRIDAY (Fast & no meat)**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
9:00am Church cleaners at work  
12:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church  
12:30pm Confessions  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena  
7:00pm Liturgy of the Passion

**April 4 HOLY SATURDAY**  
9:00am Practice for Easter Vigil, Church  
8:30pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Karen Hall (Guard)  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

**April 5 EASTER SUNDAY**

**No Coffee Hour**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 1**  
**Old Testament: Acts**  
**New Testament: Corinthians**  
**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*  
9:30am Mass for the soul of Lorraine Grable (Delgado)  
No Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate  
No Good Shepherd, Room 11  
11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
No High School Faith Formation  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

**April 5 EASTER MONDAY (Staff Day off)**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for Dominic Angelo (Johnson)  
9:10am Rosary  
6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room  
7:00pm Scouts, Hall



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 18 First Communion Retreat
- Apr. 24-26 Men's Retreat
- May 2 First Communion Mass, 5:00pm
- May 9 CDA Tea
- May 17 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am
- May 30 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- May 22-23 Life in the Spirit Seminar
- June 7 Baptism Preparation
- June 19-21 Summer Camp



## PALM SUNDAY - THE PASSION

The story of the anointing of Jesus is one of the few stories that appears in all four Gospels. As people begin to grumble about the cost and waste of the perfume, Jesus responds: "You always have the poor with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our own community, and in communities around the world. May our **fasting** keep us mindful we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

May our **almsgiving** assist those in need here in the United States. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contributions stay in dioceses in the U.S. to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.



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