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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

served in the Hall
Today by the Knights of Columbus.



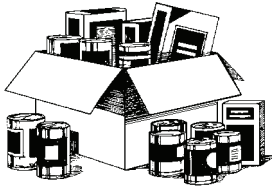
**SUNG VESPERS FOR THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF
ST. JOHN VIANNEY
(PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS)
AND THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST
Tue., Aug. 4 at 7:00pm in the Church.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Remember to come on Wed., Aug. 5, 6:30am meet for breakfast and sharing at the Lakeside Chalet.

**OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FOR SALE, AUG. 9
ONE DAY EVENT, FOLLWING MASSES
BRING YOUR MONEY TO HELP SUPPORT THOSE
PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS LIVING IN THE HOLY LAND.**

FOOD IS IN NEED!



East County Family Resource Center is in desperate need of non-perishable food items. Items most in need are peanut butter, jam, boxed meals, canned meats and tuna. With the current economic climate, ECFRC has experienced a decline in donations and at the same time is seeing an increase

of two to three times the number of requests for this time of year over previous years. Please give generously if you can. Drop off donations to the back of the church and St. Vincent de Paul will deliver them to ECFRC. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Please remember your donations for the St. Vincent de Paul. Bring donations to the front of the church and place them in the boxes under St. Thomas Aquinas. Suggested items are listed on the flyers in the vestibule.



Are you moving out of the parish this summer?
Have you just moved into the community?
Remember to contact the office so we can register you or update our files.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

"TUESDAY WITH THE SAINTS"

For children in grades K-5
with grade 6 as "junior leaders".
10:00-11:30am in the Fireside Room.
This week's saint: *St. John Vianney*



CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Please contact Kim Steinke soon, 834-2126 ext. 207.

GOOD SHEPHERD ALMOST FULL!!

Please contact L'Rae Scherwinski, 834-3719 now, if you plan for your 3, 4 or 5 year olds to participate in our Good Shepherd this Fall.

SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION

This is a faith formation class designed for children with learning challenges. Please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393 now.

ATTENTION ALL FATHER'S AND SON'S

Mark your calendar and get ready for some great fun on our 8th annual Father Son Hike, Aug 21-23. All boy's ages 8 and older along with their Father's and/or Grandfather's are invited. Our destination as in years past will be Blue Lake and there will be lots of swimming, games, fishing, camp fires, hiking, Mass and relaxing! We'll be departing from St. Thomas Church, travel to Star of the Sea in Stevenson & meet up with the rest of our group and head out for Blue Lake. Don't miss out on one of the best events of the year and to spend some quality time with your son(s) or father! For more information and details contact Jeff White, 891-7861 or



Youth Adoration

On Fri., Aug. 7, 7:00pm in the Church

Young Adults

HELP PRO-LIFE BOOTH AT THE SKAMANIA FAIR

The booth will be set up and literature provided but we need volunteers to sit for two hours and be a positive force for the message. You do NOT have to be fully informed pro-lifers as we have plenty of info in the booth that has all the answers. We are particularly interested in teens and this could be part of the "community service" towards Confirmation, maybe. Each stint is two hours long and we have a very pro-life community so most of the people are quite pleasant but the teens would be critical to reaching our biggest target audience which is the teens that won't even look at our booth. There is no "work" involved, the person just sits there and smiles and politely engages people and lets them wander and take information that's laid out on tables. This is a very family-friendly pro-life booth with nothing even slightly offensive on display (but there is literature that we would not want young children reading but it's in racks).

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank-you to the 337 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington by pledging \$90,151.

We've reached 83% of our goal of \$108,201.

55% of our parish families have responded with financial pledges or pledges of prayer. The financial pledges average \$297 per household (generously higher than the Archdiocese average of \$265).

If the remaining 45% pledged \$1.26 a week we would achieve our goal!

Your gift, no matter what amount, will make a difference.

Please bring your pledge envelope to Mass or to the parish office.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers or interesting greenery for next weekend's Masses, please call Mary Talbitzer, 834-5470.

PERPETUAL ADORATION— ONE OPENING!

Just one immediate opening — Mondays, 1:00-2:00am, we need one person to take an hour with our Lord. There are several times when just one person is signed up, so we can use anyone called to come to our chapel. 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.

A HELPFUL WEBSITE

www.catholicscomehome.org meant to help evangelize fallen away Catholics.

LITTLE ANGELS PRESCHOOL

St. John's is opening a traditional Catholic preschool for the 2009/2010 school year. There will be a morning and afternoon class open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Registration is now open and forms are available at St. John's parish office. Classes will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. Dana Kutch has been hired as the preschool director. For more information about the program, please contact the church office at 573-3325.

ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING? OR INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?

Join the Holy Redeemer Homeschool Co-op for monthly support meetings with parents, as well as student enrichment and socialization. Please contact Jamie Kohler, at 885-7780 ext.13 for more information.

RETRouvaille

"A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages," www.retrouvaille.org or call 800 470-2233 about upcoming weekend dates.

DYNAMIC MARRIAGE COURSE

What makes couples fall in love? What makes them stay in love? How can you keep the two of you from falling out of love? Find out with Dynamic Marriage, an intensive 9-week course offered in four Camas-Vancouver area parishes this fall and winter. Contact the facilitators to register, but don't put it off! Class size is limited to 12 couples. Flyers in vestibule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

1:00-4:00pm

LOWER HATHAWAY PARK in Washougal

Come for an afternoon filled with good food and fun. It's also a great opportunity to meet our newest parishioners and make them feel welcome.



The Knights of Columbus will be providing their customary barbecue, complete with beverages. You also get to enjoy tasting a wide variety of salads and desserts made by your fellow parishioners. If your last name starts with the letters

A – L, we ask you to please bring a dessert and those
M – Z please bring a salad.

Just so you can eat your fill and not worry about the calories, after lunch you can participate in SOFTBALL (bring your mitt) or ULTIMATE FRISBEE, participating in the SPOON RACES, playing CROQUET, or just tossing a FOOTBALL. In addition, there will also be a FISHING BOOTH, FACE PAINTING, and COLORING for our youngest parishioners. On the other hand, if you would rather take it easy and enjoy the shade by the river, you can play WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO. Please bring a fun gift for the bingo game stapled in a brown grocery bag and marked "BINGO."



So bring an appetite, lawn chairs, hat, and sunscreen and be ready to have a good time. If you are planning to swim in the river or participate in the Water Balloon Toss, we recommend you bring a towel.

PARISH PICNIC



[Directions: take 3rd St. from Camas into Washougal, turn left at Hathaway elementary school (sign marks the turn), go down the road to the lower level by the river. Parking below is very limited, so plan to park up above and walk down. If you're disabled or infirm we'll have a place you can be dropped off down below.]

RECEPTION FOR POLISH DELEGATION PLANNED

Dzien' dobry! The Sister City program of the City of Camas will host a delegation from Poland this fall and a number of delegates from this Catholic country will attend the 9:30am Mass on Sep. 27. Plans include a reception to follow Mass and we are looking for parishioners to assist in what should be a fun and interesting event. If you want to help or need more information please contact Shawn MacPherson, 834-6314.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

WE ARE BEGINNING A NEW FISCAL YEAR WHICH WILL RUN FROM
7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Actual Collection 7/26	\$8,098
Planned 7/26	\$10,100
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 4 weeks	-\$2,467 -5.3%

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Aug. 1 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks

Aug. 2 SUNDAY—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knight of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours—week 2

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

New Testament: II Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

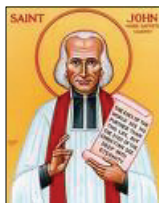
8:00am Mass for the soul of William Moore (Simms)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma Bauer (Bauer)

Aug. 3 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul Ryan Guindon (Guindon)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Aug. 4 TUESDAY - Feast of St. John Vianney

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Joe McKamey (Myers)
 9:10am Rosary
 10:00am Tuesday with the Saints, Fireside Room
 4:30pm Prayer and Faith-Sharing, Fireside Room
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
 7:00pm Sung Vespers, Church
 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall



Aug. 5 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the Ference Voros (Lounsbery)
 9:10am Rosary
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

Aug. 6 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ethel Schlegel (Myers)
 9:10am Rosary
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church



“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”
 James 5:15

Aug. 7 FIRST FRIDAY—Communion to Homebound

9:00am Church cleaners at work
 12:00pm Mass for the poor souls
 7:00pm Youth Adoration

Aug. 8 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Dominick Swanson (Powell)
 9:40am BNA first Saturday Rosary/Devotions (Church)
 10:00am Confessions
 11:30am Baptisms
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Mary McNett (Myers)

Aug. 9 SUNDAY—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Boys' Club
 Olive Wood Sale

Liturgy of the Hours—week 3

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:4-8

New Testament: II Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

8:00am Mass for the soul of Ference Voros (Lounsbery)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 11:30am Mass for the soul of Joyce Noble Malfait (Bettasso)
 6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room
 7:00pm Squires, Hall



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 11 Pastoral Council Mtg.
- Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—*not a holy day of obligation as it falls on a Saturday this year.*
- Aug. 16 Annual Parish Picnic
- Aug. 21-23 Father Son Hike
- Aug. 17 SUMMA articles needed
- Aug. 26 Safe Environment Tng.
- Sep. 10-12 Rummage Sale
- Sep. 13 Baptism Preparation
- Sep. 16 Faith Formation
 M S Youth Group
 DTS
- Sep. 20 H S Youth Group
- Sep. 27 Polish Delegation visit

WEAR THE CUTTER



Donate
 YESTERDAY'S TREASURES
 to the AQUINAS GUILD RUMMAGE SALE
 SEPT. 10, 11 & 12
 Bring them to the Social Hall starting
 Sunday, Sept. 6



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10

Here's what you can do for July and August:

Daily Prayer During the Year for Priests

We thank you, God the Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests,
 pray for us and our priests.*

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