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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

CYO FOOTBALL & CYO CHEERLEADING

Practice begins on Aug. 24 for all students in grade 3-8. On-line sign up and additional information may be accessed through the Pacific Crest Academy web page at www.PacificCrestAcademy.org. PCA and St. Thomas are in Region 7.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All new parish volunteers whose volunteer work will involve working with children and vulnerable adults are required to attend course entitled *Called to Protect for Ministries*, which will be offered on Wed., Aug. 26, 6:00-9:00pm in the hall. If you have attended this course in the past, you may update your training on line. To register for the course or to update your certification: <http://www.seattlearch.org/sep/index.html> or contact the parish office for assistance.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE BREAK

Following the 8:30am Mass and rosary plan to come down to the hall for coffee. This is a chance to take a break, talk about our week, discuss our faith and our parish; perhaps ask questions about parish programs. If you find this worthwhile, maybe we can make this a weekly event with cookies or coffeecake.



LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE

TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF YOURSELF?

The RCIA team is accepting applications for positions in hospitality, prayer intercession, dismissals and sponsors. (Yes they are all volunteer positions but have a great retirement package!) Interested? Please come for an "interview" on Thu., Aug. 27 at 7:00pm in Room 17.

PARISHIONERS ON KVBM

Listen to Portland's Catholic Radio Station KVBM 88.3 on Thu. morning Aug. 27 from 8:00- 9:00am to hear parishioners John and Michel DeGroat speaking about Dynamic Marriage, a course St. Thomas will be offering for married couples on Saturdays starting January 9, 2010.

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.

VOX CLARA (CHILDREN'S CHOIR)

Children of the parish, ages 8-17, are invited to join Vox Clara. Members of Vox Clara will gain basic singing skills, work on liturgical music and build relationships with their fellow choir members. Practices will be held from 5:30-6:30pm on the first and third Thursday of every month. Vox Clara will sing on the first Sunday of the month for 9:30am Mass. There will be several other performance opportunities including the Camas tree lighting, live Christmas Carols on 88.3, KBVM radio and in the annual Epiphany concert. Please email me for a registration form, detailed schedule and rules/expectations. Practice begins on Sep. 3. I look forward to hearing from you! kristinyoshimura@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN...

On Wed., Sep. 16 we are scheduled to begin classes and we **do not** have catechists or assistants for grades 1 through 6. The archdiocesan required Safe Environment Training is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 26 for catechists and assistants. Please contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 before then to volunteer your help. No classes will begin until we have all catechists and assistants.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE

Families may now begin registering children for our Wednesday evening faith formation classes. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. **PLEASE NOTE:** We need catechists and assistants for grades 1 through 6. Please contact Kim Steinke to volunteer or with questions.

GOOD SHEPHERD REGISTRATION FORMS NEEDED

Please fill in and return your registration form ASAP to secure your child's place in our Good Shepherd program. L'Rae has been compiling a list over the summer and the registration form will confirm your child's space. L'Rae will call every family the week before classes start on Sep. 16 to verify a "yes" or "no".

CATECHISTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS

Catechists are needed for this faith formation class designed for children with learning challenges. Class meets during 9:30am Mass. Please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393. Parent note: If you think your child would benefit from attending this class, please contact Kellie as she would be happy to discuss this with you. A filled in registration form is needed.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS

Forms have been mailed, but are also available in the vestibule and Church office. Please return them by Sep. 9 to the Church office.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Sun., Aug. 30

7:00-10:00pm

in the hall

PARENT MEETING

THIS THURSDAY 7:00PM, FIRESIDE ROOM

TEENSTAR CHASTITY PROGRAM

Real Catholic Men "MARCH FOR PURITY"

(For those 16 years and older)

Sat., Sep. 12

Carpool from St. Thomas at 2:00pm

Southern Deanery High School

FALL RETREAT

with special guest Chris Stefanick

Sep. 25-27

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank-you to the 341 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington by pledging \$90,891. We've reached 84% of our goal of \$108,201. 56% of our parish families have responded with financial pledges or pledges of prayer. The financial pledges average \$295 per household (generously higher than the Archdiocese average of \$265).

If the remaining 44% pledged \$1.25 a week we would achieve our goal! Your gift, no matter what amount, will make a difference.

Please contact the parish office to make a pledge.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

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.

FOOD IS IN NEED!

East County Family Resource Center is in need of non-perishable food and paper items. Items most in need at this time are peanut butter, pasta, and toilet paper. With the current economic climate, ECFRC is seeing a large increase in the number of families coming into their center for food and other household items. Please drop off your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul barrel at the back of the church, and our volunteers will deliver them to ECFRC. Thank you for your compassion and concern for others in need within our community.

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

EXPECTING A BABY OR RECENTLY HAD A BABY?

Northwest Family Services is offering a workshop called "Lasting Relationships for New Parents", for couples who are making the transition to parenthood. The research-based workshop helps couples to maintain their close connection as they develop a "new normal." This workshop will be held on Sep. 11 and 12, at SW Washington Medical Center. Cost is \$40 per couple. Details & registration (503) 546-6377 or www.lastingrelationships.org.

UNITED FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

National and local pro-life speakers, Sat., Oct. 17, 9:00-7:30pm, at St. John's Catholic Church. \$10/person or \$25/family. Lunch and dinner served at additional cost. More information at (360) 574-1569 or www.unitedforlife2009.com.

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, 573-3325. Classes will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. Dana Kutch, preschool director.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS

Labor Day weekend is when we can begin to accept donations in the parish hall at St. Thomas, but we need you to start collecting and sorting through items now that you have. We need clean, useable: clothing, shoes, linens, dishes, pots & pans, silverware, vases, exercise & yard equipment, bikes, toys, & sporting goods, fabrics and craft supplies; videos & books (no encyclopedias, please). We cannot accept large appliances or furniture. Baby car seats and cribs are also unacceptable because of legal liability. Questions, contact Fran, 837-3422 or fmhewitt@comcast.net.



BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS & WITNESSES



For parents who would like their child (under age 7) or newborn baptized and for those invited to be a witness at a Baptism, a preparation session will be offered on Sun., Sep. 13. Contact the parish office to register for this class, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome. Godparents are also expected to take a class, be prepared, take the class, before you need it! We offer classes just four times a year and Baptism monthly.

ADULT CHOIR

A new season is about to begin. Let's fill the choir loft with voices. The time commitment is small and the gift to your parish is big. The choir and schola each practice for 1.5 hours each week. We sing four part harmony on all of the hymns, plus we work on other challenging pieces. We will have performance opportunities outside of Mass as well. The choir will be singing for the Camas tree lighting festival, live on 88.3 KBVM Catholic radio and for the annual Epiphany concert. Call or email to join! 834-1495 or kristinyoshimura@gmail.com

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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE—SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Actual Collection 8/16	\$10,224
Planned 8/16	\$10,900
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 7 weeks	-\$914 -1.04%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$90,891
Amount under goal	-\$17,310

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Aug. 22 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the soul of Ann Samwel

Aug. 23 SUNDAY—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by our Youth
Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
New Testament: II Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

8:00am Mass for the intentions of Gerry Lundquist (Stevan)
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Mass for the soul of Frances McKamey (Yoshimura)
2:30pm Mass for Paul & Stephanie Dayton (Meyers)

Aug. 24 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the souls of Walt & Jeanette Jacoby (Heacock)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Aug. 25 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Ray Hunt (DeGroat)
9:10am Rosary
10:00am Tuesday with the Saints, Fireside Room
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

Aug. 26 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the for the soul of Gordon Elstoen (Heacock)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Safe Environment Tng., Hall
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

Aug. 27 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Frances McKamey (Smedley)
9:10am Rosary followed by Coffee in the Hall
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
7:00pm Mystogogia, Room 17
7:00pm Teen Parents Meeting, Fireside Room

Aug. 28 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Ed Estrada (Wilmott)

Aug. 29 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Tom Browne (Doyle)
9:40am Rosary (Church)
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the intentions of Karen Lasher (Mooney)

Aug. 23 SUNDAY—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the PCA
Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
Old Testament: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b
New Testament: II Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

8:00am Fr. Gordon Mass
9:30am Fr. Gordon Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Fr. Gordon Mass
7:00pm Open Mic Night, Hall



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 3 Vox Clara begins
- Sep. 10-12 Rummage Sale
- Sep. 12 "March for Purity"
- Sep. 13 Baptism Preparation for Parents and Witnesses
- Lector Training
- Sep. 16 Faith Formation sessions begin!
- M S Youth Group
- DTS
- Sep. 20 H S Youth Group
- Sep. 23 Retired Potluck
- Sep. 25-27 High School Fall Retreat
- Sep. 27 Polish Delegation visit



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10

Here's what you can do for 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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