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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

On Wed., Sep. 2, 6:30am meet for breakfast and sharing at the Lakeside Chalet. All men are welcome!



AQUINAS GUILD MEETING

On Wed., Sep. 2, 9:30am in the Fireside Room all ladies of the parish are invited as it's time to get finalize plans for the Rummage Sale which will be held Sep 10-12.

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 Thu., Sep. 3 in Room 15. I look forward to hearing from you! kristinyoshimura@gmail.com



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.



NOW IN THE HALL SO THAT YOU CAN CLAIM YOUR PROPERTY!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The Aquinas Guild Annual Rummage Sale is just around the corner, we empty out the Lost and Found at this time and make everything into a donation for the sale. Take time now, to go through all of the things we have found. I have a man's watch in the parish office that was found after the parish picnic. Labor Day weekend is when rummage sale donations are accepted here at the parish.

DISHES!

Please be sure to pick up any dishes that you have left either with food for a potluck, funeral luncheon or priest meal from the hall. We are cleaning up and clearing out items that we don't need and we don't want you to need to pay to get your dishes out of the Rummage Sale.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

NO CATECHISTS, NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Adults, please call to help!

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. NOTE: Please indicate Sunday or Wednesday preference! 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

REGISTRATION FORMS

Forms are in the Church vestibule and Parish Office.

YOUTH ADORATION

On Fri., Sep. 4 beginning at 7:00pm in the Church
You are invited to an evening of prayer.
Pizza and games afterward

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

Registration forms are in the parish office.

ROSARY BOWL NW

Sat., Oct. 3

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Pavilion Building.
Join the St. Thomas Carpool.

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

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.

SVDP SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH TREASURE HOUSE

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who provided backpacks and school supplies during our Back-to-School Supplies Drive! With the help of your donations, Interfaith Treasure House will be able to provide filled school backpacks for 250 children in need in the Camas-Washougal school districts. Your donations will put big smiles on the faces of these little ones and will give them a good start to the new school year!

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD'S FALL LECTURE SERIES

"Mary the Mother of God and Mother of the Church," will begin on Sat., Sep. 12 at 9:00am, in the Mount Angel Abbey Library. The cost is \$50 for the series (four Saturdays) or \$15 a session. Student cost is \$20 for the series or \$5 a session. (For information: Cecile Beckerman, 503-393-5041)

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.

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.

RETROUVILLE

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

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. Contact Fran, 837-3422 or fmhewitt@comcast.net.

St. Thomas Aquinas Guild Annual Rummage Sale



Thursday Sept. 10 9 to 3pm	Friday Sept. 11 9 to 4pm	Saturday Sept. 12 9 to noon
		Lunch available Thurs. & Friday
Most Items 25 cents!		\$1 per Bag Sat.
4th & Oak Str., Camas		

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



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adoptive parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea are invited to contact 206 328-5921 or www.ccsww.org.

A HELPFUL WEBSITE

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

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 8/23	\$8,351
Planned 8/16	\$10,600
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 8 weeks	-\$3,163 -3.2%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$90,891
Amount under goal	-\$17,310

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- Aug. 29 SATURDAY**
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Karen Lasher (Mooney)
- Aug. 30 SUNDAY—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Youth
Liturgy of the Hours—week 2
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
New Testament: I James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 8:00am Fr. Gordon Mass
9:30am Fr. Gordon Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Fr. Gordon Mass
7:00pm Open Mic Night, Hall
- Aug. 31 MONDAY**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Tom Brown (Doyle)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
- Sep. 1 TUESDAY (Fr. Gillette's Birthday)**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul Lourdes Fajardo (Bernat)
9:10am Rosary
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
- Sep. 2 WEDNESDAY**
6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Horatio Wilmott (Wilmott)
9:10am Rosary
9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:00pm Outreach Mtg., Fireside Room
- Sep. 3 THURSDAY**
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Fr. Gillette (CDA)
9:10am Rosary followed by Coffee in the Hall
5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
- Sep. 4 FIRST FRIDAY (Communion calls to homebound)**
9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mass for the poor souls
7:00pm Youth Adoration, Church
- Sep. 5 FIRST SATURDAY**
9:00am Mass for the deeper conversion of Catholics
9:40am Rosary (Church)
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Chuck Clarke (Bernat)



- Sep. 6 SUNDAY—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Liturgy of the Hours—week 3
Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a
New Testament: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
- 8:00am Mass for the soul of George Paige (St. Germain)
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Mass for the intentions of Bridget & Philip Powell (Bauer)
- Sep. 7 MONDAY—Staff Day off**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Nov. 8 Harvest Dinner
- Nov. 30-Dec. 3 Advent Parish Mission

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10

Here's what you can do for September:
Resolve to show all priests a supernaturally motivated respect and reverence. Reclaim the beautiful Catholic custom of asking for a priest's blessing whenever you encounter him.

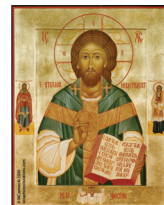
Daily Prayer During the Year for Priests

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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