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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Aug. 15 Mass obligation is suspended this year, however you are encouraged to attend the 9:00am Mass which will celebrate this feast day.

COFFEE HOUR NEXT WEEK

The Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring the coffee hour following the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses next Sunday. There will be no coffee hour after the 11:30am Mass because of the Parish Picnic. If you plan to attend one of the earlier Masses, please come down for a cup of coffee or cocoa or some juice and conversation with fellow parishioners.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

1:00-4:00pm

LOWER HATHAWAY PARK Next SUNDAY, AUG. 16

The Knights of Columbus will barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs, supply condiments, beverages and table settings. You can help round out the meal if last name starts with the letters:

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

After lunch:

SOFTBALL (bring your mitt)

ULTIMATE FROISBEE

SPOON RACES

CROQUET

FOOTBALL TOSS

WATER BALLOON TOSS

FISHING BOOTH

COLORING

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO

Bring an appetite, lawn chairs, hat, and sunscreen a fun gift for the bingo game placed in brown grocery bag and marked "BINGO" and be ready to have a good time! If you are planning to swim in the river or participate in a water game we recommend you bring a towel.

Directions to Hathaway Park: 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.]

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. Dominic*

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.

CATECHISTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION

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.

ATTENTION ALL FATHER'S AND SON'S



Last chance to 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! Contact Jeff White, 891-7861 or myredwings19@comcast.net ASAP for details.

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).



Call Cathy Branson at Star of the Sea, 509-427-8478 to leave a message that you will work the pro-life booth and someone will call back with times available. The fair runs from August 12-16 with full days (9:00am - 8:00pm) running the 13th through the 15th and a later start on the 12th and an earlier end on the 16th.

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 place your pledge envelope in the collection or bring it to the parish office.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

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. 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.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring your compassion for those with crisis pregnancies to BIRTH-RIGHT. Caring makes the difference. Don't hesitate. We'll train you and work with your schedule. Shifts can be shared. The need to support the choice for life is great. Speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622 or call 694-8156.

UNITED FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

National and local pro-life speakers on Sat., Oct. 17, 9:00-5:00pm, at St. John's, Vancouver. \$10/adult and \$25/family before Oct. 10. More information at www.unitedforlife2009.com or call 910-5077.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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.

CLEAR THE CLUTTER



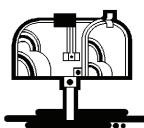
Donate
YESTERDAY'S TREASURES
to the **AQUINAS GUILD RUMMAGE SALE**
SEPT. 10, 11 & 12
Bring them to the Social Hall starting
Sunday, Sept. 6

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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 these classes, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome. Those who are asked to be 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.

MARYKNOLL SENDS THANKS

A letter of sincere thanks to the people at St. Thomas Aquinas was received from Rev. Stephen R. Booth MM, Associate Regional Director. 157 families chose to receive the Maryknoll Magazine and donations totaling \$3264 were given the weekend of the mission appeal. There will be a grateful remembrance in Masses and prayers for your kindness.



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 8/2	\$12,133
Planned 8/2	\$12,100
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 5 weeks	-\$2,435 -4.1%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$90,151
Amount under goal	-\$18,050

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Aug. 8 SATURDAY

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 (Lounsberry)
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

Aug. 10 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mind Mass for the soul Sharon Marquardt
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Aug. 11 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Gerald Meyer (Meyer)
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 Pastoral Council, Room 17

Aug. 12 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Catherine Sommer (Donnelly)
9:10am Rosary
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

Aug. 13 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul Lee Turner (Heacock)
9:10am Rosary
7:00pm Choir practice, Church

Aug. 14 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Jean Gardina (Bernat)

Aug. 15 SATURDAY The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *(not a holy day of obligation this year)*

9:00am Mass for the soul of Hope Vaule (Estrada)
9:40am Rosary (Church)
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Mark Mailhot (Duringer)



Aug. 16 SUNDAY—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the CDA after 8:00 & 9:30 Masses only
Liturgy of the Hours—week 4
Old Testament: Proverbs 9:1-6
New Testament: II Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

8:00am Mass for the intentions of George Paige (Sentesy)
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Mass for the intentions of Tim Bauer (Bauer)
1:00pm Annual Parish Picnic, Hathaway Park



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 17 SUMMA articles needed
- Aug. 21-23 Father Son Hike
- 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
- 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 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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