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THIS WEEK & NEXT AT ST. THOMAS

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Feb. 24, 5:00-7:00pm in the parish hall this traditional pancake dinner is for everyone in the parish. Funds raised will help our youth program. \$5/person or \$25/family

ASH WEDNESDAY—THE BEGINNING OF LENT 2/25

Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am, 12:00 (noon) and 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses. Remember to fast and abstain from meat. Faith Formation will be at Mass this evening.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn** and **give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. Rice Bowls and Lenten calendars will be distributed on Ash Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

For Lent the Stations of the Cross begin on Fri., Feb. 27, 6:00pm. This is a traditional practice and if parishioners are unable to come on Fridays, they are encouraged to make the Stations on their own. The side door of the church by the breezeway is left open for access to private devotion. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

Following the Stations of the Cross downstairs in the parish hall the Aquinas Guild and Moms' Group will serve soup and bread. Please plan to put the money you save by eating here at the church into the Rice Bowl container that you have or the one provided in the hall.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

This sacrament is necessary if you want to be fully active in the parish i.e. lector, witness to a sacrament. Contact Drew at 834-1301 ext. 212.

RCIA

We are drawing near to Lent and finally to our Easter Vigil when as a Church we will be welcoming new members. You can become a part of the ceremony by volunteering some time to get to know one of our catechumens or candidates and take on the role as sponsor. Currently we need 2 men and 1 woman. Contact Drew, ext. 212 to find out more information.

ADORATION CHANGE

Beginning on this Friday adoration will be continuously in the chapel. This change will make simplify Stations of the Cross and wedding rehearsals. Immediate Openings— Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm, Mondays, 2:00-3:00am, & 3:00-4:00am, Fridays, 7:00pm & Saturdays 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 and in the vestibule.

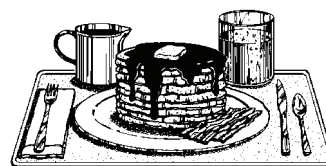
SHROVE TUESDAY, MARDI GRAS!

PANCAKE DINNER

FEBRUARY 24, 5:00-7:00PM

\$5 PERSON-\$25 PER FAMILY

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ST. THOMAS YOUTH MINISTRY



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

No class tonight. Please attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Important Dates for both Parents & Communicants:

Mar. 20 & 27, 7:00pm, Eucharist Talk with Fr. Gillette

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.

RCIC

We will meet this Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm in the Old Rectory Dining Room.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THE YOUTH OF ST. THOMAS WILL BE HOSTING THE

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 5:00-7:00 PM



\$5/PERSON OR \$25/FAMILY

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| MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | WEDNESDAY 6:00-7:30 |
| DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY (DTS) | WEDNESDAY 7:45-9:00 |
| CONFIRMATION PREPARATION | THURSDAY 7:00-8:30 |
| HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP | SUNDAY 1:30-3:00 |

THE STEWARDSHIP OF ST PAUL

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."
St Paul 1 Cor 12:4

We are called to develop our spiritual gifts and to share these gifts to help others. This is Stewardship in action.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

BOOK SALE

Pacific Crest Academy invites St. Thomas parishioners to their Usborne Book Fair being held in the PCA Library, Room 15, Feb 23-27 8:00- 3:15pm daily. Stop by and shop for innumerable educational children's titles, with 50% of proceeds benefiting the PCA Library.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents with children enrolled at Pacific Crest Academy, St. Joseph School, or Our Lady of Lourdes must apply each year for tuition assistance. Please come to the parish office to obtain the "Statement of Active Parishioner" form and return it to the office by March 15.

JOHN PAUL II CENTER FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Feb. 24: 9:30am Mad Hatters
 1:00-3:00pm Free Blood Pressure Screening
 8:00pm AA Meeting
 Feb. 26: 6:30pm Servants of Christ's Love
 We are continuing our warm clothing drive.
 Our Adult Daycare service is also still available to anyone interested.

WILL BABY PICTURES AND SOCKS CHANGE THE PRO-ABORTION HEARTS AND MINDS OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON, DC??

A member of Clark County Right to Life thinks they might and needs your help before she visits DC in the spring. She wants to collect baby pictures taken since 1973....3,300 of them....the same number of surgical abortions performed every day in America....And 3,300 pairs of baby socks. Send by Mar. 1 to Babies Are Precious, 8002 NE Hwy 99 #116, Vancouver, WA 98665 Please write on back of each picture: "Precious Gift". Pictures/socks will NOT be returned. For more information you may call Gerry Parmantier, Secretary, CCRTL, at 360 695-6343 (home) or email 4life@clarkrtl.org

SUPPORT UNITED STATES BLACK, INDIAN, ESKIMO AND ALEUTE MISSIONS FEB 28-MAR 1

Funds are needed to continue present Evangelization programs, even more, to assist those parishes devastated by hurricanes to totally rebuild their programs. Many places lost everything and how soon we forget the rebuilding that needs to be done *cannot be done overnight*. The evangelization programs torn apart by the devastation need to be woven back together. Many new evangelization efforts are being made in these areas as well as the other communities assisted by the Church's National Black and Indian Collection. Please take an envelope from the ends of the pew and bring it back next week with your donation. Because of the generosity of people of this [parish and around the U.S. last year, over 9 million dollars were contributed and 98 cents of every dollar was distributed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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., Mar. 1. Contact the parish office to register for these classes, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome.



SUNDAY BAKE SALE COMING

The Catholic Daughters will be holding a bake sale during their coffee hours after all morning masses on Mar. 15. The proceeds will go to the Washington State Catholic Daughter Court for their State Project of building a Habitat for Humanity Home in the State of Washington. Please come down after a Sunday mass to enjoy the coffee hour with your fellow parishioners and support our bake sale. You can help us contribute to this very worthwhile project by purchasing something from the sale. Thank you for all your support.



ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED

Catholic Community Services is looking for prospective parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea. For information about this and other adoption programs please call 206 328-5921 or check www.ccsww.org.

ICONS

Lynne Bissonette-Pitre, M.D., Ph.D. on Feb. 24 & 25 at the U. of P. Campus Bookstore from noon—6:00pm will welcome you to watch a work in progress and on Feb. 26, 4:00pm at the Chapel of Christ the Work, U. of P. will Lynne will talk and have a slide presentation on icons, how to write one and how they combine prayer and art.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are a woman or man suffering from an abortion in your life, experience God's forgiveness and compassion on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat Mar. 6-8 in Medford or Apr. 24-26 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. For more information contact: Lori Eckstine, Project Rachel Coordinator at 800 249-8074 or E-mail: E2Lori@aol.com. The cost is \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: www.rachelsvineyard.org

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE - SUNDAY OFFERTORY

WE REPORT THIS ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM 7/1/2008 THROUGH 6/30/2009

Actual Collection Feb 14-15	\$13,675
Budget Feb 14-15	\$13,812
Cumulative Collection 33 weeks	\$446,019
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 33 weeks	-\$36,601 -7.6%



A Small Group Study

Angels and Man

An Exciting Truth Summarized

Parishioner John Cannon will be leading a small group study on Angels on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm from March 3—17. Mr. Cannon has taken the time to put together the study material and is excited about this small group study. If you are interested in joining him and other parishioners for this study, it is asked that you RSVP so that the materials can be prepared for you. There is no cost for this three week group study.

- **DATES:** March 3, 10, and 17
- **TIME:** 6:30-8:00pm
- **COST:** Free, materials provided
- **LOCATION:** St. Thomas Catholic Church
- **RSVP:** Contact Justin, nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com, 907-9648

About John Cannon: Parishioner John Cannon, member of the Knights of Columbus, attended Catholic schools all the way through college where he graduated from the University of Portland with a major in Social Sciences and a minor in Philosophy. After 32 years in law enforcement, which included three years teaching the D.A.R.E program in the Portland Public School system, John settled down in the Camas area. He is excited about volunteering his time to the subject of Angels and looks forward to this small group discussion.

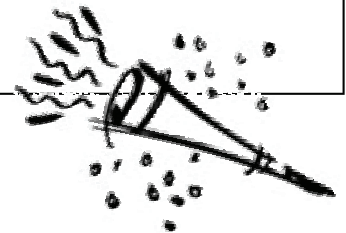
Dedicated to the Patronage of St. Michael the Archangel

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Dinner



Tuesday,
February 24,
5:00-7:00PM



\$5/Person or \$25/family

Menu: Pancakes w/ various toppings

Bacon, Fruit Salad and

Ice-Cream for Desert

Come enjoy some food and fellowship!

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

February 21 SATURDAY

5:00pm Fr. Belinsky Vigil Mass
6:30pm Craft Night, Fireside Room

February 22 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Circle of Love Prayer Group

Liturgy of the Hours—week 3
Old Testament: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

8:00am Ronald Wasowski, C.S.C Mass
9:30am Ronald Wasowski, C.S.C Mass
9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
11:30am Ronald Wasowski, C.S.C Mass
1:30pm High School Faith Formation

February 23 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Walter Jacoby
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room

February 24 SHROVE TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Sam Hyder (Hyder)
9:10am Rosary
5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Hall
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

February 25 ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast and abstain from meat)

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Fr. Thomas Kraft, O.P.
9:10am Rosary
9:30am MOMs Group, Fireside Room
12:00pm Mass for healing for Frank Long (Bunzhead)
7:00pm Fr. O'Shea Mass
No St. Thomas Schola, DTS, Adult Confirmation

February 26 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mind Mass for the soul Carolyn Underwood
9:10am Rosary
9:15am Bible Study, Fireside Room
3:15pm Vox Clara, Room 16
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room
7:00pm Choir practice, Room 16
7:00pm RCIC, Old Rectory
7:00pm Pastoral Council, Room 17
7:00pm H.S. Confirmation Class, Hall

February 27 FRIDAY (no meat)

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Susan Cloutier (Baenen)
6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church
6:30pm Soup Supper, Hall
7:00pm Auction Review, Hall

February 28 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Martin Rielly (Murphy)
9:40am Rosary
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for Susan Miller and Rob Hoffer (Firth)

March 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-15
New Testament: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

8:00am Mass for the soul of Jeni Rader (Heacock)
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
11:30am Mass for the souls of Ed & Jessie Donovan (Campbell)
1:00pm Baptism Preparation, Fireside Room
1:30pm High School Faith Formation

CALENDAR OF EVENT

- Mar. 1 Baptism Preparation
- Mar. 28 & 29 Rev. Victor P. Warkulwiz, M.S.S.
- Mar. 30 Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Apr. 24-26 Men's Retreat
- Apr. 25 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- May 17 Confirmation Mass

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Catholics and others will be praying for 40 Days at Planned Parenthood in Vancouver, 5500 NE 109th Ct., Suite A, off of Gher Rd., throughout this Lenten season. We will be praying from 8:00-5:00pm each day beginning Feb. 26 and ending March 8. Please bring warm (or cold) beverages for your own comfort, dress warm and bring yourself a chair if you so chose. Our goal is to save a few lives for Jesus this Lenten season. Can you help us pray? Bring positive signs and banners of your own making. "Christ loves you and your baby." "Your baby is beautiful."

Schedule:

Group/Contact:	Day of the week:	Dates:
Clark County Right to Life-Joan Oser 360-573-7459	Mon. 3/2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & 4/6.	
Still Open-Call Jerry Ross 360-673-2376 or Cell 360-957-0526	Tue. 3/7, 14, 21, 28 & 4/7.	
St. John's KC's-Mike Calderon 360-892-5702	Wed. 3/4, 11, 18, 25 & 4/1, 8.	
Carol Wiese(AM 360-885-0023), Peggy Girard(PM 360-696-2949)	Thu. 2/26, 3/5, 12, 19, 26 & 4/2.	
Human Life of Cowlitz County-Norma Peters 360-636-4553	Fri. 2/27, 3/6, 13, 20, 27, & 4/3	

To car pool with others from St. Thomas, please call Jerry Ross at 360 673-2376 (Kelso).

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