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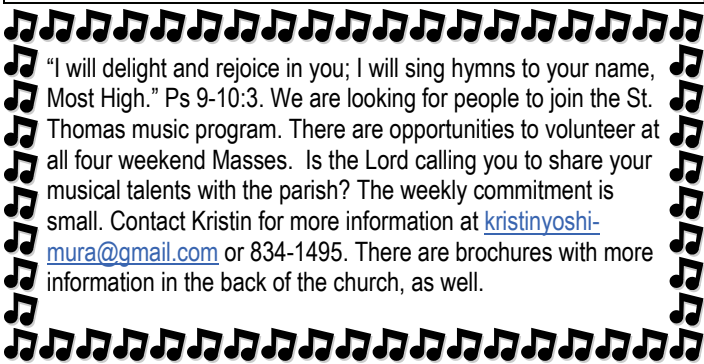
**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

**"WELCOME CORNER!"**

Our "Newcomers' Welcome Coffee Hour Social" is TODAY, Sun., July 12 after the 11:30am. Mass in the Hall downstairs. Please come and introduce yourself to someone new so we can show them what St. Thomas Aquinas is all about... friendship, love and support of one another as we continue to spread His love.

**SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK**

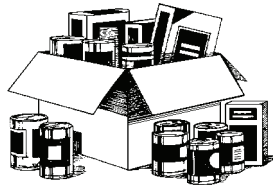
At 11:30am on Wed., July 15 in the Fireside Room all those 50+ (widows, widowers, divorced & not married) are welcome to gather socially for a potluck lunch. Food theme: Picnic! Remember to bring your pennies for Pokino. Questions or need a ride call Jean, 835-3601.



"I will delight and rejoice in you; I will sing hymns to your name, Most High." Ps 9-10:3. We are looking for people to join the St. Thomas music program. There are opportunities to volunteer at all four weekend Masses. Is the Lord calling you to share your musical talents with the parish? The weekly commitment is small. Contact Kristin for more information at [kristinyoshimura@gmail.com](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com) or 834-1495. There are brochures with more information in the back of the church, as well.

**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.



**CHURCH FLOWERS**

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

**REFERENDUM 71 SEEKS TO REPEAL SENATE BILL 5688, THE "ALL BUT MARRIAGE"**

law, which expands the "rights and responsibilities" of domestic partnerships making them the same as for marriage. Domestic partnerships become marriage in everything but name providing a basis for court imposed same-sex marriage in Washington State. The Washington State's Catholic Bishops opposed SSB 5688 and have authorized parishes to collect signatures for R-71 which will be done after Mass today and next weekend.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**"TUESDAYS WITH THE SAINTS"**

July 14 through Aug. 18, 10:00-11:30am, Fireside Room  
July 14—Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Aug. 4—St. John Vianney  
July 21—St. Mary Magdalene Aug. 11—St. Dominic  
July 28—St. Martha Aug. 18—St. Augustine

**CATECHIST/ASSISTANT INFO NIGHT**

This Wed., 7:00pm, adults wanting more information about volunteering as a catechist or assistant are invited to Room 17. Please let Kim know if you plan to attend this week, 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 [myredwings19@comcast.net](mailto:myredwings19@comcast.net).

**EVERYTHING YOU'D WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

If you have students you'll want to attend in informational meeting on Wed., July 29 at the home of Ron & Terry Prill, 5807 NW El Rey Dr., Camas at 6:00pm. Both Ed Little, Principal and Andy Geisler, Director of Development will be available to answer questions. RSVP, 834-9994.

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

July, the Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

**Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;  
Body of Christ, be my salvation;  
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;  
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains;  
Passion of Christ, my comfort be;  
O good Jesu, listen to me;  
In Thy wounds I fain would hide;  
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side;  
Guard me, should the foe assail me;  
Call me when my life shall fail me;  
Bid me come to Thee above,  
With Thy saints to sing Thy love,  
World without end. Amen.

## Summer Volunteer Openings

**Please pray, be open to God. Think about your talents and where you might be able to use them, then give a call for more information. If you know someone you believe would be able to help out, give them a call and encourage them to step forward, or call us and we'll contact them. We'd like to give a personal invitation to everyone.**

### RESPECT LIFE BOOTH VOLUNTEERS

Camas Days are coming up July 24 & 25 and the Knights of Columbus will again need volunteers to help out in their booth. Two people are needed each hour from 9:00am to 8:00pm. To volunteer an hour or more, contact Al Schmid, 835-5346. Alicia Vaughn, 798-9067 has offered to provide assistance to anyone unsure of what to say or how to greet people.

### PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Once a month could confirmed volunteers assist the liturgy as Lectors, contact Doris Kuzis, 834-0491; Ushers, Margaret McCarty, 834-6123 and Eucharistic Ministers, Diane Nelson, 834-2294. Training will be provided. Please call ASAP to sign up, the next schedules are due to go soon.

### CHURCH DECORATIONS

If you can help arrange flowers, please call Mary Talbitzer, 834-5470.

### CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

If you can help out in a classroom on Wednesday or Sunday contact Kim, 834-2126 ext 207 Children's Minister or Thad, 834-2126 ext. 215 Youth Minister.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM MEMBERS

Volunteers to be a part of the team specifically, someone to handle hospitality (refreshments) and someone to coordinate advertising (flyers and non-STA publications). Qualified speakers to take on some of the subjects. Contact Robert Garrett, 450-4175.

### EVANGELIZATION TEAM LEADER

Fr. Gillette would like to form an Evangelization team/committee. We need someone willing to take on a leadership role to coordinate evangelization through our various parish ministries - faith formation, outreach, etc. - and some new activities. Father specifically mentioned a targeted door-knocking campaign to reach out to registered parishioners who haven't attended in a while. Contact Robert Garrett, 450-4175.

### PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT

Would you be comfortable receiving phone calls from people who would like prayers for either themselves or others and then passing on the request? Confidentiality is essential and you should be comfortable enough with prayer that you can pray with someone on the spot. Call the office for more information, 834-2126 ext. 0.

### VOLCALISTS & MUSICIANS

Do you have vocal and/or instrumental talent? Join our St. Thomas music program. Musical groups for both students and adults. We'd like to welcome you to our "family." Contact Kristin at 834-1495 or [kristinyoshimura@gmail.com](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com)

### DRIVERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND OR FOR APPOINTMENTS

Could you pick up a parishioner and bring them to church? Could you take someone to a doctor appointment? We just need volunteers for a call list, sometimes people just need a little help. Contact Kristi Putney, 835-1517

### RCIA PROGRAM

An integral part of our RCIA program are good sponsors. The sponsor is the personal link between the candidate and the church. The sponsor helps guide the candidate during the inquiry and formation phase of their initiation development. I am in need of men and women who are deeply living their Catholic faith and would be willing to share their treasure with another. Interested in helping out with this vital ministry? Please contact Drew Swanson at 503 956 7272.

### OFFICE HELP

Occasionally we need help in the parish office, bulk mailings, secretary sick or on vacation, etc. If you have office skills and some time to share please give a call to the office, 834-2126 ext. 0

### TWO BY TWO

When volunteers make visits to those that are homebound, it is important that they go our two by two. Some bring Christ, in the Eucharist to the home, but others are needed to accompany them on occasion. Are you available at times for an hour or two? Call Jean Carpenter, 835-3601 for more information.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank-you to the 330 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington by pledging \$85,906.

We have reached 79% of our goal of \$108,201.

54% of our parish families have responded with financial pledges or pledges of prayer. The financial pledges average \$288 per household (generously higher than the Archdiocese average of \$264).

If the remaining 46% pledged

\$1.55 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

### ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP ALEX J. BRUNETT DINNER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009 HEATHMAN LODGE

Archbishop Brunett will be returning to Vancouver in November to support fundraising efforts for Seton Catholic High School. Last year's event was a great success. We need 2 people from St. Thomas Aquinas to join the inter-parish team that will work on the planning and tasks associated with this event. A luncheon meeting for volunteers will begin at noon on Wed., July 15 at Seton Catholic H.S. Please contact, Linda Henderson, 837-8120 or Terry Prill, 921-7594 for further information. We hope St. Thomas will be well represented!

### CLASSROOM AIDE POSITION

This is a part-time position, approximately 15 hours per week, assisting in our elementary school. The ideal candidates should have experience working with children, an ability to foster social and academic growth, caring and concern for students, enthusiasm for learning, and the ability to collaborate with other teachers, staff and parents. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter by Aug. 1 to: Brian Anderson Our Lady of Lourdes School, 4701 NW Franklin St. Vancouver, WA 98663 696-2301 principal@lourdesvan.org

### EVENING MASS

Our Lady of Lourdes Church (located at 4701 NW Franklin Street in Vancouver) invites you to share in the Lord's Supper every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.

### 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 800 470-2233 about upcoming weekend dates.

### 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.

### A HELPFUL WEBSITE

[www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org) meant to help evangelize fallen away Catholics.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARISH PICNIC



Mark your calendars!

We have scheduled the parish picnic for Sun., Aug. 16.

### CLAR 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

### JOHN PAUL II CENTER

Located at 534 NE Everett St. in Camas on Tuesdays there is, Mad Hatters at 9:30am and at 8:00pm AA Meetings. On the first and third Thursdays, 6:30pm the Servants of Christ's Love. Questions, 834-2625.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION—TWO OPENINGS!

Just two immediate opening — Thursdays, 11:00-12:00pm (noon) and Saturdays, 3:00-4:00pm 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.

### VOLUNTEER WITH BIRTHRIGHT

no preaching, no scaring, just bringing her the culture of life by showing her that all needs can be met for her child. Bring her light in her time of darkness. Speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622 or call 694-8156.

### 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. Class is open to all married couples, Catholic and non, newlyweds to golden anniversary veterans. Contact the facilitators listed below to register, but don't put it off! Class size is limited to 12 couples. Flyers in vestibule.

### 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 7/5	\$16,996
Budget 7/5	\$16,600
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 1 week	+\$396 +2.4%

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### July 11 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Joyce Noble Malfait (Rink)

### July 12 SUNDAY—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Youth Group

Liturgy of the Hours—week 3

Old Testament: Amos 7:12-15

New Testament: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

8:00am Mass for the soul of Sue Mills (Lounsbery)  
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Mass for the soul of Caroline Underwood (DeBoever)  
 7:00pm Squires, Hall

### July 13 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ference Voros (Lounsbery)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall  
 7:00pm Pinochle, Fireside Room

### July 14 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ron Cowan (Bolger)  
 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  
 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

### July 15 WEDNESDAY

7:00am Finance Council, Room 17  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul Jack Jurgensen (Donnelly)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 11:30am Senior Singles "Picnic" Potluck, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:00pm Elementary Catechists, Room 17  
 7:30pm KC's 4th degree, Fireside Room

### July 16 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Joyce Noble Malfait (Heacock)  
 11:30am Highland Terrace Mass for Catholic to pray the rosary (Crowder)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church

### July 17 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work  
 12:00pm Mind Mass for the soul of Helen Dietzman

### July 18 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Mark Mailhot (Durringer)  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Jehru Donaldson (Hyder)

### July 19 SUNDAY—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Liturgy of the Hours—week 4

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Testament: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 9:30am Mass for the soul of John Carroll (Eledge)  
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Sophia Powell (Bauer)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 25 Mass at 8:00am, not 9:00am due to
- Camas Days Parade (no morning
- confessions)
- Aug. 4 Sung Vespers for the 150th Anniver-
- sary of the death of St. John Vianney and the Year
- of the Priest
- Aug. 16 Annual Parish Picnic
- Aug. 17 SUMMA articles needed

In medieval times, many religious communities would recite three Aves (Hail Marys) during the evening bell. As time went on, this practice developed into the Angelus, a set of three verses, responses, and Aves followed by a concluding verse, response and prayer. By the late middle ages, the Angelus was prayed three times a day: churches and monasteries rang their bells in the morning, at noon and in the evening as a reminder/invitation for all people in the town or countryside to join in the prayer from wherever they were.

At Saint Thomas, we're restoring the custom of ringing the Angelus Bell at noon, and we invite everybody to pray the Angelus at noon wherever you are.

### The Angelus

(Bell tolls three times)

V: The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary

R: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary . . .

(Bell tolls three times)

V: Behold, I am the handmaid of the LORD

R: Be it done unto me according to thy word

Hail Mary . . .

(Bell tolls three times)

V: And the Word was made flesh

R: And dwelt amongst us

Hail Mary . . .

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us Pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our LORD, Amen



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