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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN, HERE

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.

WELCOME FR. PETE BYRNE

Maryknoll Fr. Pete Byrne will speak at all the Masses next weekend. Fr. Pete is from Helena MT and has been a missionary priest for 53 years. Fr. Pete works with the street children of Lima, Peru, where he has had many years of mission experience.

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Maryknoll's website includes information for adults, a prayer request page, and games and projects for children of all ages.

BNA ROSARY MAKING

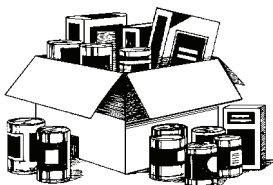
Next Sun., July 26 after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses, the BNA prayer group will be providing rosary-making. All ages are invited downstairs in the parish hall to make rosaries in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, whose feast day is July 16. Prizes!

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.

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.



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. Mary Magdalene*.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION

This is a faith formation class designed for children with learning challenges. Please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393 now.

ATTENTION—BOYS WHO SERVE AT MASS

On Mon., July 27 there is training for acolytes, 10:00am. Plan to stay 2 hours.

On Mon., July 27, 11:00am for all boys there will be an update session, noting changes in procedures! This is a 1 hour session.

Be sure that you attend!

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.

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.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the souls of Sharon Marquardt, sister of Al Schmid and for Patricia Sanks whose funeral Mass will be celebrated on Mon., July 20, 11:00am.

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.

VOCALISTS & MUSICIANS

"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, students and adults 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 or 834-1495. There are brochures with more information in the back of the church, as well.

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 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 out 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 336 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington by pledging \$88,141.

We have reached 81% of our goal of \$108,201.

55% of our parish families have responded with financial pledges or pledges of prayer. The financial pledges average \$290 per household (generously higher than the Archdiocese average of \$264).

If the remaining 45% pledged \$1.43 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

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

NEWCOMERS' CORNER

Thank you to the many parishioners who came last Sunday to welcome Newcomers to the St. Thomas Aquinas Family! And, thanks also to Fr. Gillette for his words and special blessing for them. For those new to St. Thomas who couldn't attend, we missed you! Please, all, try to come to the coffee hour when you can after any of the Sunday Masses. You can be assured of a great cup of coffee and a continental-style breakfast. Most of all, there will be friendly faces and the sharing of Christ's love for all.

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—THREE OPENINGS!

Just one immediate opening — Mondays, 1:00-2:00am & 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.

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNG VESPERS FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY (PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS) AND THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST
Tue., Aug. 4 at 7:00pm in the Church.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF ST. THOMAS

You are invited to join the Aquinas Guild at Prindle Park for a potluck picnic on Wednesday morning, July 29. If you have young ones, bring them along. There is a playground, rest rooms, a very shallow wading creek and lots of room to run. Plus a covered shelter with tables, water and electricity. Carpooling available from church parking lot at 10:00am. Prindle Park is about 20 minutes' drive from the church. After our 10:30am business meeting (we have a Rummage Sale coming up in September!), we will enjoy our potluck luncheon around 11:30am. Please come, bring a covered dish to share, and enjoy a morning of fresh air and good conversation.



PARISH PICNIC

It's that time again -- time to enjoy an afternoon with your parish family, at our annual parish picnic -- SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 from 1:00-4:00pm LOWER HATHAWAY PARK in Washougal. Come for an afternoon filled with good food and fun. It's also a great opportunity to meet our newest parishioners and make them feel welcome. The Knights of Columbus will be providing their customary barbecue, complete with beverages. You also get to enjoy tasting a wide variety of salads and desserts made by your fellow parishioners. If your last name starts with the letters **A – L**, we ask you to please bring a **dessert** and those whose last names begin with **M – Z** please bring a **salad**.

Just so you can eat your fill and not worry about the calories, after lunch you can participate in **SOFTBALL** (bring your mitt) or **ULTIMATE FRISBEE**, participating in the **SPOON RACES**, playing **CROQUET**, or just tossing a **FOOTBALL**. In addition, there will also be a **FISHING BOOTH**, **FACE PAINTING**, and **COLORING** for our youngest parishioners. On the other hand, if you would rather take it easy and enjoy the shade by the river, you can play **WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO**. Please bring a fun gift for the bingo game stapled in a brown grocery bag and marked "BINGO."

So bring an appetite, lawn chairs, hat, and sunscreen and be ready to have a good time. If you are planning to swim in the river or participate in the Water Balloon Toss, we recommend you bring a towel.

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 7/12	\$11,867
Planned 7/12	\$11,700
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 2 weeks	+\$563 +1.95%

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

July 18 SATURDAY

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)

July 20 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
11:00am Funeral Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall

July 21 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Kevin Powell (Iversen)
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

July 22 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Megan Simms (Simms)
9:10am Rosary
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

July 23 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Fr. Thomas Beattie
9:10am Rosary
7:00pm Choir practice, Church

July 24 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Georga Meyer (VanKuren)

July 25 SATURDAY

8:00am Mass for the soul of Ference Vovos (Lounsbery)
10:00am No Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Fr. Pete Byrne Vigil Mass for the soul Katherine Herschell (Herschell)

July 26 SUNDAY—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Squires
Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
Old Testament: 2 Kings 4:42-44
New Testament: II Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel: John 6:1-15

8:00am Fr. Pete Byrne Mass for the soul of Lee Turner (Myers)
9:30am Fr. Pete Byrne Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Fr. Pete Byrne Mass for the soul of Joe McKamey (Yoshimura)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 29 Aquinas Guild, Prindle Park
- Aug. 4 Sung Vespers for the 150th Anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney and the Year of the Priest
- Aug. 16 Annual Parish Picnic
- Aug. 17 SUMMA articles needed
- 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

TEAR THE CUTTER



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



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

