



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

*Thank-you to the 319 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington. We have received \$84,625 in pledges, over 3/4 of the way to our goal of \$108,201. 52% of our parish families have responded generously.*

***If the remaining 48% pledged \$1.60 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

### 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.

### 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

### RECHARGE YOUR PROLIFE BATTERIES

Clark County Right to Life is sponsoring a 4-hour pro-life seminar on Sat., July 11, 10:00-2:00pm at Northwest Health and Safety at 6300 St. James Road, Suite 107, Vancouver. (Lunch provided on-site). Teens, senior citizens, and all ages in between are welcome. Theresa Bock from the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment will be in Vancouver to update you on the latest legislative proposals as well as share with you practical tips for organizing and lobbying. Sign by contacting Tina Bock at [tina-bock@hotmail.com](mailto:tina-bock@hotmail.com) or call 360 261-1165. Donation of \$5/person and \$10/family. Send checks made out to Clark County Right to Life to CCRTL, PO Box 1652, Vancouver, WA 98668 OR pay online at <http://www.clarkrtl.org/confer/nchla.htm>

### NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

On July 12, 11:00am Archbishop Brunett will dedicate the new St. Edward Church, 601 W C St in Shelton. Fr. Belisle has invited "With One Voice" choir members to participate in vespers at 3:00pm. [www.saintedwardshelton.org](http://www.saintedwardshelton.org) weekly bulletin has map with new location. If you plan to attend please leave word at the St. Edward; if you'd like to car pool, leave word at St. Thomas parish office.

### EVENING MASS

Do you work during the day and are unable to attend morning 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "WELCOME CORNER!"

*Welcome news for all! "He is before all else that is.*

*In Him, everything continues in being. Colossians 1:17*

Who are we as a parish and how do we wish to be perceived? We come from places near and far. Many were/are "born" into St. Thomas Aquinas while still many others are relocating, arriving for the first time. If we put Jesus "before all else that is", we recognize our collective responsibility, young and old, priest and parishioner, men and women, usher and Eucharistic Minister, to make everyone in our parish community feel *welcome*. When arriving at Mass, offer a *smile* and say *hello* to someone you may not know. *Move in* to the pew to make room for latecomers. We bring our broken selves to the banquet each week looking for a sense of belonging and sharing. Hopefully, our parish is perceived as a place where "In Him, everything continues..." to reflect our love of neighbor as ourselves. When able, after Mass, come and share a little conversation downstairs with fellow parishioners at our "Coffee Hour". **Don't forget...** Our "Newcomers' Welcome Coffee Hour Social" is 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.



Mark your calendars!

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

We do need a volunteer willing to organize our organizations so that this fun day will be enjoyed by all. Notes from previous picnics are in the parish office for review. Please contact Kelly Kashas, 834-3096 if you can take on this job.

### 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

## 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!

### PETER'S PENCE—\$3,002

Thank you for your contributions to the Peter's Pence collection for the spiritual and charitable works of the Holy Father. If you would still like to contribute you can put a contribution in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office this week.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

REPORTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM  
7/1/2008 THROUGH 6/30/2009

Actual Collection 6/28	\$10,733
Budget 6/28	\$10,812
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 52 weeks	-\$52,838 -7.25%

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**July 4 SATURDAY**  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Mara Steen (Lounsbery)

**July 5 SUNDAY—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Coffee Hour is sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
 Liturgy of the Hours—week 2  
 Old Testament: Ezekiel 2:2-5  
 New Testament: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

8:00am Mass for the soul of Clara Stellflug (Barnes)  
 9:30am Mass for the intentions of the Collins family (Bolger)  
 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*

**July 6 MONDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of William Hannon (Lounsbery)  
 8:30am Altar Server Training, Church  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

**July 7 TUESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Caroline Underwood (Heacock)  
 8:30am Altar Server Training, Church  
 9:10am Rosary  
 4:30pm Prayer and Faith-Sharing, Fireside Room  
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room  
 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

**July 8 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Joyce Noble Malfait (DeBoever)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 9:30am Mom's Group, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:00pm Elementary Catechists, Room 17

**July 9 THURSDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Tom Meyer (Mclvor)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church  
 7:00pm Outreach Committee, Fireside Room

**July 10 FRIDAY**  
 9:00am Church cleaners at work  
 12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Samara Encke (Lounsbery)

**July 11 SATURDAY**  
 9:00am Mass for the soul of Georga Meyer (Van Kuren)  
 9:40am Girls' Club Hike to Beacon Rock leaving parking lot  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 10:00am Girls' Club Hike, Beacon Rock  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 16 Annual Parish Picnic
- Sep. 13 Baptism Preparation
- Sep. 16 Faith Formation
- M S Youth Group
- Dead Theologians Society
- Sep. 20 H S Youth Group

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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