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THIS WEEK & NEXT AT ST. THOMAS

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK

At 11:30am on Wed., Mar. 18 in the Fireside Room all those 50+ (widows, widowers, divorced & not married) are welcome to gather socially for a potluck lunch. Remember to bring your pennies for Pokino and any ideas you may have for another activity. Questions or need a ride call Jean, 835-3601.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Wednesday, 6:00pm in the Church following opening prayer the Adult Topic: *Conversion Story, My Journey to the Catholic Church* Lindsay Tsohantaris, star of the movie *Therese: Ordinary Girl, Extra Ordinary Soul*.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

The Stations of the Cross begin Friday at 6:00pm. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).

Following the Stations of the Cross downstairs in the parish hall Pacific Crest Academy parents will serve tortellini soup.



Please put the money you save by eating here at the church into your Rice Bowl container.

CRAFT NIGHT

Do you have crafting projects that you have not finished? Join us for a Woman's craft night on Fri., Mar. 21 at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Bring what ever supplies you need and a snack to share. Whether you have a project or would just like to see what other women are working on, we look forward to having you come. Questions contact Rebecca, 834-4751.

GIVE HOPE

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. In places like Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). In addition to funding the important international relief work from CRS, The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports legal and resettlement services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in next week's Collection.

MONUMENT TO THE UNBORN

The Knights of Columbus is proud to announce that the Monument to the Unborn has been moved onto its base and is ready for use. A bench is being installed and metal urns for flowers will be placed next to the monument. More flower holders can be added if we need them. Please do not use glass vases as they fall and break creating a hazard. Flowers can always be laid on the base. The monument is dedicated to all unborn children—those in the womb now, those who will be born in the future, as well as those who were not born.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

Class this Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Scheduled for Tue., Mar. 24, 6:00-9:00pm in the parish hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Important Dates for both Parents & Communicants:

Mar. 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 meets this Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm in the Old Rectory Dining Room.

NEW FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate is a new faith formation class designed for **children with learning challenges**; if you have any questions or have a child who may benefit from this ministry, please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION RETREAT CHANGE

Due to extenuating circumstances, the Confirmation Retreat will now be a day retreat at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel, OR on Sat., March 21.



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

WANTED: YOUR OLD TV/ENTERTAINMENT STAND FOR THE YOUTH ROOM.

STEWARDSHIP is "LETTING GO"

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding." Prov 3:5

Stewardship helps Christians to let go of the things of this world; it is a way of life that counteracts the materialism, consumerism and individualism in our society that run counter to the teachings of Jesus to love others.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS.

PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

Great techniques for parenting with more respect and cooperation, less nagging and frustration. Course offered Wednesdays, April 8-May 13, 6 to 7:15pm, in St. Dominic Room. \$25, per person, \$35 per couple. Contact Terri Gilbride to register 360-696-4407, terrig@stjoevan.org.

PAUL II CENTER MARCH ACTIVITIES

17 – 9:30am Mad Hatters Knitting Club, 8:00pm AA meeting
19 – 6:30pm Servants of Christ's Love – Prayer and spiritual reflection
24 – 9:30am Mad Hatters Knitting Club, 1:00-3:00pm Blood Pressure Clinic, 8:00pm AA Meeting
26 – 7:30pm Theology of the Body Study Group
We would appreciate donations of warm clothing, especially larger sized women's clothing in good condition. We also would appreciate donations of yarn of any kind.
Watch for more information regarding our upcoming fundraiser: Spring Bluegrass Fest on Apr. 25, noon till 10:00pm, at the Papermaker Union Hall, 514 NE Dallas St. Join us for live bluegrass music, dancing, BBQ, and a beer tent. Have a great time for a great cause – putting CARE back into eldercare.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED

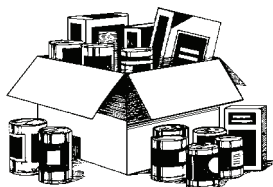
Catholic Community Services is looking for prospective parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea. For information about this and other adoption programs please call 206 328-5921 or check www.ccsww.org.

SETON CATHOLIC H.S. ADMISSIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Freshman and sophomore student applications to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton College Preparatory High School will continue to be accepted through spring and summer. The new regional Catholic high school will open its doors in September 2009. Information and admissions procedures may be found at www.setonhigh.org or you may call Seton High School at 360 254-1800.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Remember to bring in your Lenten donations of non-perishable foods.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S RETREAT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Men's Retreat will be Friday evening, Sunday, Apr. 24- 26 at Mount Angel Abbey in Mt. Angel Oregon. The theme for the retreat is "Man of God", with four main talks: "Jesus as the Model for the Man of God"; "The Man of God at Work and in Business"; "The Man of God in the Family"; and "The Man of God in Parish Life". The style of the retreat is "mixed"--there will be ample time for silence and prayer, as long as fellowship and conversation. Registration form, will be coming soon! Contact Justin, 907-9648 or nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com.

GIRLS' CLUB

Congratulations and thank you to all the mothers and daughters who have done a beautiful job leading recent meetings of the St. Thomas Girls' Club: Melissa and Mackenna McClone, Marcie and Alecia Boehlke, Susan and Kendall Mooney, Mary Gail, Virginia, and Grace Safranski, Jodie and Naomi Gilgore, Leslie, Judith, and Maggie Alexander, Ellen and Joan, Varsek, Nurella and Olivia, Doumitt, Carolyn and Megan Simms, Christine Swanson, Jackie, Julie, and Annalisa Delgado, Keri, Mackenna and Madison Canfield.
May God bless you and your sincere efforts!
Our next meeting for girls 8 and up will be Mon., Mar. 23, 6:30pm in the Youth Room. On Fri., Mar. 27 we will host the Lenten Soup Supper and on Mar. 30 is a Movie Night for girls and planning meeting for parents beginning at 6:30pm. If you have thought about coming to the Girls' Club, we hope to see you at these events.

ADORATION

Immediate Openings— Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm, Fridays, 7:00-8:00pm, 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

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are offering two \$750.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from our parish and/or Our Lady Star of the Sea in Stevenson. Application packets are available in the parish office, or from the scholarship counselor at Washougal High School or Camas High School.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

WE REPORT THIS ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM

Actual Collection Mar 8	\$18,587
Budget Mar 8	\$16,099
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 36 weeks	-\$37,048 -7.10%
Black & Indian Mission Collection	\$2,480
Seton Catholic High Collection	\$2,705

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

March 14 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Theresa Durringer (Firth)

March 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Hour & Bake Sale is sponsored by the CDA

Liturgy of the Hours—week 3

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

8:00am Mass for the soul of Juanita McEnery (CDA)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo (First Scrutiny)*
 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
 10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Chloe Bauer (Bauer)
 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

March 16 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for Juanita & Fred Alvarez (Alvarez)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
 No Girls' Club

March 17 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for Linda Powell (DeBoever)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
 6:30pm Angels, Room 17

March 18 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Finance Council, Room 17
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Fr. O'Shea Mass for the intentions of Vickie Bauer (Bauer)
 9:10am Rosary
 11:30am Senior Singles Potluck, Fireside Room
 6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
 7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
 7:30pm DTS, Youth Room
 7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17
 7:30pm 4th Degree KC's, Fireside Room

March 19 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Fr. O'Shea Mass for the intentions of Dan Durringer (Durringer)
 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
 No H. S. Confirmation Class

March 20 FRIDAY (no meat)

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 9:00am Church cleaners at work
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Sylvester Tillman (Tillman)
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church
 6:30pm Soup Supper, Hall

March 21 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the soul of Tom Gibbs (Heacock)
 9:40am Rosary
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Lorraine Grable (Heacock)
 6:30pm Craft Nights, Fireside Room

March 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Hour is sponsored by PCA Parents Club

Liturgy of the Hours—week 4

Old Testament: Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

New Testament: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

8:00am Mass for the soul of Lorraine Grable (Delgado)
 9:30am Mass for the soul of Ray DeBoever (DeBoever) (*Second Scrutiny*)
 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
 10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENT

- Mar. 20 Holy Week/Easter Summa articles due
- Mar. 21 Confirmation Retreat
- Mar. 24 Safe Environment Training
- Mar. 28-29 Rev. Victor P. Warkulwiz, M.S.S.
- Mar. 30 Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Apr. 18 First Communion Retreat, 5:00pm
- Apr. 24-26 Men's Retreat
- May 2 First Communion Mass
- May 11 CDA Tea
- May 17 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am
- May 30 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- May 22-23 Life in the Spirit Seminar

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -

THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

Today we read of Jesus cleansing the Temple. This story has a sense of urgency. It is not about anger; it's about transformation. Jesus is saying: "No more business as usual. There is not much time left. Be converted, be cleansed because the reign of God is at hand."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the hunger of the people of the world. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about programs that care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Tanzania.



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