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## **THIS WEEK & NEXT AT ST. THOMAS**

### **GIVE HOPE COLLECTION TODAY**

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, envelopes are at the ends of the pews.

### **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 age 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.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

'Called to Protect for Ministries' training will be held on Tue., Mar. 24, 6:00-9:00pm in the hall. Pre-registration is requested. Details on green flyer in bulletin.

### **MOMS' GROUP**

Moms' Group Mom 's group will be meeting on Wed. from 9:30-11:30am in the Fireside Room. Childcare is provided. We will be discussing the upcoming Gospel reading. We welcome all women of the parish to come and join our discussions. Mom's, Grandmas and Aunts are a great addition to our group. You can drop in at anytime. You don't need to commit to every meeting. Bring a snack to share and see you there. For info contact Kalin 521-5971 or kalinlayman@comcast.net

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

On Wednesday, 6:00pm, topic TBA.

### **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 John Paul II workers and Girls' Club will host our lentil soup supper. Please put the money you save by eating here at the church into your Rice Bowl container.



## **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 Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm in the Old Rectory Dining Room.

### **BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE**

This 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.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas are offering two \$750 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.

## **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

### **YOUTH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:**

- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY 1:30-3:00
- 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

SPRING BREAK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

SO WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL.

### **YOUTH ADORATION**

- Mark your calendar for Fri., Apr. 3 our next Youth Adoration time.
- Yes, this is during Spring Break but it is particularly timely as Palm Sunday is Apr. 5.

- **WANTED:** Your old TV/entertainment stand for the Youth Room.



## STEWARDSHIP

**PRAYER** is the first step in becoming a good steward of the Church. What has God given me? What can I give back?

**TIME** is finite for us all. How much time do I spend sleeping, working, eating, playing? How much time do I give to God?

**TALENTS** can be matched to the needs of the parish...and don't be afraid to propose a new ministry for the parish—it might be just what the parish has been looking for.

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS.

### 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.

### 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, 6:00-7:15pm, in St. Dominic Room at St. Joseph's, Vancouver. \$25, per person, \$35 per couple. Contact Terri Gilbride to register 696-4407, [terriq@stjoevan.org](mailto:terriq@stjoevan.org).

### PAUL II CENTER MARCH ACTIVITIES

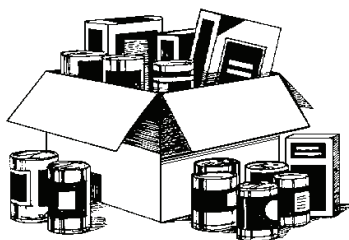
Mar. 24 – 9:30am Mad Hatters Knitting Club  
1:00-3:00pm Blood Pressure Clinic  
8:00pm AA Meeting

Mar. 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. in Camas. 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.

### “CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL”

Christian in the World's Winter-Spring Lecture Series will conclude its current series on Sat., Apr. 4, 9:00am in the Mount Angel Abbey Library. The cost is \$15. Sister Jeanette von Hermann, O.S.B., a member and former prioress of Queen of Angels Monastery in Mt Angel, will speak on Paul's Use of Scripture looking at the use of Hebrew Scriptures in Paul's letters. For more info contact Cecile Beckerman 503 393-5041.



### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OUR SPECIAL GUEST

### FR. VICTOR WARKULWIZ M.S.S. Perpetual Eucharist Adoration

Fr. Victor Warkulwiz from the “Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament”, will be our guest speaking at all the Masses next weekend, Mar. 28 & 29 on the benefits and necessity of perpetual adoration in our parish. Fr. Warkulwiz is currently residing in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PA. at Our Lady of Fatima parish. Fr. Warkulwiz has taken his message of perpetual adoration to several hundred parishes in 36 states and Canada. He has dedicated himself to visiting a parish every weekend where the desire to establish perpetual adoration has been expressed. The fruits of his labor have been bountiful and include a spiritual renewal within each parish.

Please remember that perpetual adoration in a parish is not just for a day, a week, a month or year. Rather it is for always. It is not temporary, but ongoing, lasting, permanent.

POPE JOHN PAUL II SAYS, “OUR ESSENTIAL COMMITMENT IN LIFE IS TO GROW SPIRITUALLY IN THE CLIMATE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST.” THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE GIVEN TO CATHOLICS THAN CHRIST PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST.”

Please do not miss hearing Fr. Warkulwiz, his homily is most inspiring and has touched the hearts of thousands of Catholics in bringing them to a deeper understanding and love of the Blessed Sacrament.

*“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory, and praise...” (APOC:12)*

### KC's BREAKFAST

Be sure that you have your calendar marked for Sun., Mar. 29 and plan to enjoy a great meal. Palm Sunday is the first week of April so we will not be having refreshments that morning as we will begin Mass in the Hall.

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Be sure that you have your calendar marked for Mon., Mar. 30 at 7:00pm so that you do not miss our annual reconciliation service. We have one of the last services in this deanery.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Immediate Openings— Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm, Mondays 2:00-3:00am, Fridays, 7:00-8:00pm, Saturdays, Midnight-1:00am, 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.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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

Actual Collection Mar 15	\$11,200
Budget Mar 15	\$11,248
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 37 weeks	-\$37,096 -6.94%

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## March 21 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Lorraine Grable (Heacock)  
6:30pm Craft Night, 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

## March 23 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Chase Bauer (Bauer)  
9:10am Rosary  
6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room  
6:30pm CDA Committee, Fireside Room  
7:00pm Scouts, Hall

## March 24 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for Virginia Lowery (Alvarez)  
9:10am Rosary  
6:00pm Safe Environment Training, Hall  
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room  
7:30pm Executive Board, Room 17

## March 25 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Anna Grace Henkel (Hyder)  
0:30am Moms' Group, Fireside Room  
6:00pm Faith Formation, Church  
7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
7:30pm DTS, Youth Room  
7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

## March 26 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Mary Stone (Stone)  
9:10am Rosary  
No 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 H. S. Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
7:00pm Pastoral Council, Room 17

## March 27 FRIDAY (no meat)

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
9:00am Church cleaners at work  
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Victor Petrucci (Petrucci)  
6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church  
6:30pm Soup Supper, Hall  
7:00pm Eucharist presentation, Fireside Room

## March 28 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Mike Monroe (CDA)  
9:40am Rosary  
10:00am Confessions  
3:30pm Confessions  
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Lorraine Grable (Brown)

## March 29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours—week 1  
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
New Testament: Hebrews 5:7-9  
Gospel: John 12:20-33

8:00am Fr. Warkulwiz Mass  
9:30am Fr. Warkulwiz Mass (*Third Scrutiny*)  
9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room  
10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11  
11:30am Fr. Warkulwiz Mass  
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 30 Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Apr. 18 First Communion Retreat
- Apr. 24-26 Men's Retreat
- May 2 First Communion Mass, 5:00pm
- May 9 CDA Tea
- May 17 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am
- May 30 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- May 22-23 Life in the Spirit Seminar
- June 19-21 Summer Camp
- Aug. 16 Parish Picnic

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - NICODEMUS AND JESUS

In today's Gospel, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus reminds us during Lent that as we seek to put our spiritual lives in order, we cannot accomplish this task on our own. God has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are reminded that we have been made able to see the kingdom of God; we have been given the gift of eternal life through the waters of baptism.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of those who have no clean water to grow crops or to nourish their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about agriculture programs in Honduras.



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