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THIS WEEK & NEXT AT ST. THOMAS

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

On Mon., Mar. 30 at 7:00pm is our annual reconciliation service with a number of priests from the southern deanery. We have one of the last services in this deanery so if you have not received this sacrament yet, you should consider this an opportunity you don't want to miss. There will be confessions on Good Friday from 12:30-3:00pm but we won't have a large number of confessors.



AQUINAS GUILD

The Aquinas Guild will meet on Wed., Apr. 1 at 9:30am in the Fireside Room. We invite all ladies of the parish to join us. Father Gillette will be our guest speaker and we are looking forward to have him visit with us. Come and enjoy the time with Father, prayer and fellowship.

FAITH FORMATION

Enjoy your Spring Break! The children don't need to have all the fun. See you Apr. 15.

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 the Circle of Love Prayer Group and Boys' Club will host our last soup supper; potato and vegetable soups will be offered.

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



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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Jesus told St. Faustina, "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (diary 301)

The Feast of Divine Mercy is Sun., April 19. The Novena to the Divine Mercy starts on **Good Friday, Apr. 10 at 3:00pm** and ends on **Sat., Apr. 18.** In Jesus' own words, "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death." (diary 1209) The novena will be prayed daily at 3:00pm in the church and can be found on pages 85 – 90 in the *St. Thomas Book of Prayers*.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

STATION OF THE CROSS PICTURE BOOKS

We are missing station of the cross books that were prepared for children to follow along during the Friday evening recitation during Lent. Kindly return them if the books "traveled" to your home!

FAITH FORMATION

No classes on April 1 and 8 due to spring break and Holy Week. Classes will resume on Apr. 15.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Important Dates for both Parents & Communicants:

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION

This is a 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. Deadline: May 15.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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.

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

YOUTH SCHEDULE:

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEXT MEETING
Sunday April 19

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, April 15

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY (DTS) NEXT MEETING
Wednesday April 15

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION
Thursday April 16

The 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

is winding down and all final payments on pledges are due no later than April 20. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, you are strongly urged to do so in order for us to meet our assigned goal. Please send your final payments directly to the Annual Appeal Office at 710 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98104. Thank you!

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 installed and metal urns for flowers has been 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.

PAUL II CENTER MARCH ACTIVITIES

Spring Bluegrass Fest on Apr. 25, noon till 10:00pm, at the Papermaker Union Hall, 514 NE Dallas St., Camas. Join us for live bluegrass music (6 bands), dancing, BBQ, and a beer tent. Have a great time for a great cause – putting CARE back into eldercare. Admission \$20

“CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL”

On Sat., Apr. 4, 9:00am in the Mount Angel Abbey Library, 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, Cecile Beckerman 503 393-5041. Cost \$15.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2010

Details are now available for a trip to France & Bavaria featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play with Father Dominic Hahn. Eleven days, 14 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners). Land Only. Rates per person: Double, \$3,599; Single \$4,299. Airfare will be arranged later. Dates are August 6—16, 2010. Make deposit before April 1, 2009 & receive \$200.00 off per person!! For brochures call Delores, 800-622-5588. Many people from the local area are going, just 10 spots are left.

4TH ANNUAL SPRING GALA & AUCTION

Please join Ecce Veritas Academy on the "Road to St. Paul" Fri., Apr. 24 in Rosary Hall, adjacent to Holy Rosary Parish in Northeast Portland. Savories, conviviality and silent auction begin at 5:30pm, with dinner at 7:00pm and live auction at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$50/person and \$90/couple - for more information, phone 503 233-4996 or visit www.ecceveritas.com. Ecce Veritas Academy is in its fourth year of providing a classical education in the **Catholic tradition to students in grades 7-12.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY THURSDAY

On Apr.9, 7:00pm we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Following the Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight will be held in the Hall.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Apr. 10 Stations of the Cross will begin at 12:00pm. Confessions will be heard from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. We begin the Divine Mercy Novena at 3:00pm. The Liturgy of the Passion will begin at 7:00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY

On Apr.11 the Easter Vigil begins at 8:30pm with the Service of Light. This Mass is one of the biggest celebrations within the church year. We will welcome new members to our faith through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

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. Contact Justin, 907-9648 or nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com.

NEW BIBLE STUDY - GALATIANS

In celebration of the Year of St. Paul we will be studying the book of Galatians on Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:00am. This study will last approximately 5-6 weeks, and begins on Thu., May 21. There is a \$5 fee to help off set the cost of the material. Please RSVP if you plan on attending so that he knows how many books to purchase. Email is preferred: nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Mark your calendars now for May 22 & 23 so that you can attend our parish seminar that will help you to open up your life to the Holy Spirit.

CDA BAKE SALE A SUCCESS!

The Catholic Daughters send out a big THANK YOU! to everyone who supported our bake sale during our March coffee hour. We made just over \$350, and have sent that to our State Court for Habitat for Humanity. Thanks for all the support you give to our charitable efforts.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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

Actual Collection Mar 22	\$10,612
Budget Mar 22	\$12,107
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 38 weeks	-\$38,591 -7.06%

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

March 28 SATURDAY

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 for Barbara Murphy intentions (Murphy)
 9:30am Fr. Warkulwiz Mass *Pro Populo* (Third Scrutiny)
 No Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
 No Good Shepherd, Room 11
 11:30am Fr. Warkulwiz Mass for Felak family intentions (Lounsbery)
 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room

March 30 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Patrick Carey (Heacock)
 9:10am Rosary
 Girls' Club attending Reconciliation Service
 7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service, Church
 7:00pm Scouts, Hall

March 31 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for intentions of Annie Busch (Maitland)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

April 1 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Victor Petrucci (Petrucci)
 0:30am Moms' Group, Fireside Room
 No Faith Formation, Church
 7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
 No DTS, Youth Room
 7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

April 2 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Robert Edward Clark
 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
 No H. S. Confirmation Class, Youth Room
 7:00pm Outreach Commission, Room 17

April 3 FIRST FRIDAY (no meat)

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 9:00am Church cleaners at work
 12:00pm Mass for the poor souls
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church
 6:30pm Soup Supper, Hall

April 4 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for a deeper conversion of Catholics
 9:40am Rosary
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of John & Lauren White (Myers)

April 5 PALM SUNDAY OF LENT

No Coffee Hour—Mass will begin in the parish hall

Liturgy of the Hours—week 2

Old Testament: Jeremiah

New Testament: Hebrews

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

Passion: Mark 14:1-15:47

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*
 9:30am Mass for the soul of Mary Rayburn (Eledge & Cole)
 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
 10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Mark Powell (Bauer)
 1:30pm Server practice for Holy Thursday & Good Friday
 No High School Faith Formation

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 7 Baptism Preparation

June 19-21 Summer Camp

CRS GIVE HOPE

Last weekend we collected \$4,310 for CRS, thank you! Because of your generosity, the Catholic Relief Services Collection will be able to support disaster and emergency relief, refugee resettlement, advocacy, development, and legal services for people in need all around the world. Together, we will restore hope to Jesus in disguise, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer—and in those who respond compassionately to their needs.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - JESUS FORETELLS HIS DEATH AND SUBSEQUENT GLORIFICATION

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that judgment, repentance, and dying to sin are necessary before we can truly know the joy of God's mercy, forgiveness, and new life in Christ. Jesus put it this way: "if you love your life, you must let it go...If you want to serve me, you must follow me and do what I do..."

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that human beings are not only sacred, but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person. May our fasting keep us mindful of the families and communities that are hungry. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services as we learn about education programming in Ghana.

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