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THIS WEEK & NEXT AT ST. THOMAS

ANGELS AND MAN AN EXCITING TRUTH SUMMARIZED

Parishioner John Cannon continues this week a small group study (week 2 of 3) on Angels on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 17. Mr. Cannon has taken the time to put together the study material and is excited about this small group study. If you are interested in joining him and other parishioners for this study, it is asked that you RSVP, Justin, nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com, 907-9648 so that the materials can be prepared for you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

On Wed., Feb. 11, 6:30am all men in the parish are invited to meet for breakfast and sharing at the Lakeside Chalet.



INTERESTED IN MOM'S GROUP?

Have you wanted to get involved? Come join us for our next meeting on Wed., Mar. 11, 9:30am in the Fireside Room, with child care provided. Would you like to receive emails about upcoming events? Please send us an email with you information and we can add you to our list. If you have changed you email address this would be a great time to send it our way. We are working on getting our lists updated. Thank you for your help. moms@st-thomascamas.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Wednesday, 6:00pm in the Church following opening prayer the Adult Topic: *Conversion Story: My Journey to the Catholic Church* with Thaddeus Tsohantaris, St. Thomas Youth Minister

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

The Stations of the Cross begin on Fri., Feb. 27, 6:00pm. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). Following the Stations of the Cross downstairs in the parish hall the Knights of Columbus and Squires will serve bean soup and corn bread. Please put the money you save by eating here at the church into your Rice Bowl container.



ST. PATRICK: THE IRISH LEGEND

Come see this inspiring film about the world-famous Irish hero. Armed with only courage and conviction, St. Patrick's unwavering belief that good conquers evil would liberate Ireland and alter the course of history. This feature film was produced on location in Ireland. Come Fri., Mar. 13, 7:30pm in the Fireside Room following Soup Supper. Doors open 7:00pm. Snacks & Surprises. Sponsored by BNA Prayer



Group.

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. 13 & 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.

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.

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.



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| ■ 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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL and STEWARDSHIP

share the same goal of faithful living, not just generous giving. Operation Rice Bowl reminds us of the struggles of poverty among our human family.

Stewardship is a commitment to live as Christ's Disciples on earth, including sharing our gifts in love and justice with all—especially with the poorest among us.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Parents with children enrolled at Pacific Crest Academy, St. Joseph School, or Our Lady of Lourdes must apply each year for tuition assistance. Please come to the parish office to obtain the "Statement of Active Parishioner" form and return it to the office by March 15.

BIRTHRIGHT

She'd been so scared and thought abortion was the only solution until her Birthright volunteer helped her calm down and begin to think through her options. Be part of this life giving ministry. Call BIRTHRIGHT at 694-8156 or speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622.

"CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL"

On Sat., Mar. 14, 9:00am in Mt. Angel Abbey Library Pearls of Paul: Overview of His Letters is the topic with Fr. Rory Pitstick. \$15 Info: 503 393-5041, Cecile Beckerman.

FR. MICHAEL J. RYAN

On Mar 9-11, following the 8:00am Mass (9:00-10:30am) and a special 6:00pm Mass (7:15-8:45pm) at St. Joseph's in Vancouver you are welcome to attend the mission in the church.

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, terriq@stjoevan.org.

PAUL II CENTER MARCH ACTIVITIES

10 – 9:30am Mad Hatters Knitting Club, 9:30am – noon Blood Pressure Clinic, 7:00pm Memory Loss Family Support Group, 8:00pm AA meeting

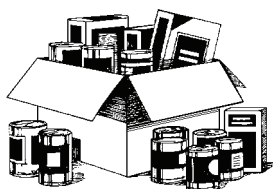
17 – 9:30am Mad Hatters Knitting Club, 8:00pm AA meeting

19 – 6:30pm Servants of Christ's Love – Prayer and spiritual reflection
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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY BAKE SALE COMING



The Catholic Daughters will be holding a bake sale during their coffee hours after all morning masses on Mar. 15. The proceeds will go to the Washington State Catholic Daughter Court for their State Project of building a Habitat for Humanity Home in the

State of Washington. Please come down after a Sunday mass to enjoy the coffee hour with your fellow parishioners and support our bake sale. You can help us contribute to this very worthwhile project by purchasing something from the sale. Thank you for all your support.

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.

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

CATHOLIC BOOK FAIR!

March 9-15, St. Joseph Catholic church is hosting an Ignatius Press book fair to benefit the Parish library and youth ministry. Terrific Catholic books, CDs, movies, rosaries, crucifixes, and medals - these make great gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, Easter, and graduations. The book fair will be held in the John Paul II Library, Mar. 9-15, Tue-Fri 8:30-9:30 am, Mon-Tue 6:30-7:15pm, Wed-Fri 2:00-7:00pm, Sat-Sun after all Masses. Contact Terri Gilbride for information or to volunteer, 696-4407, terriq@stjoevan.org

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE - SUNDAY OFFERTORY

WE REPORT THIS ACCORDING TO THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH RUNS FROM 7/1/2008 THROUGH 6/30/2009

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| Actual Collection Mar 1 | \$12,976 |
| Budget Mar 1 | \$14,902 |
| Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 35 weeks | -\$39,306 -7.8% |
| Collection for Fr Mullady (Feb) | \$3,208 |

IMMEDIATE NEEDS VOLUNTEER FORM

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

The areas below are opportunities for volunteers. Please look over each area and mark (X) in front of the area that best suits your interests.

() **Consolation Apostolate** - Ministry to the Bereaved is in need of an acting leader. The group consists of 14 trained ministers who the new chair will need only organize when a funeral and/or vigil needs coverage. What this ministry does: Represents the Church as greeters at funerals. Facilitates a reception after the Vigil Mass, if requested. Sends out sympathy cards. Makes follow-up telephone calls. Does home visits to the bereaved, if requested. Prepares All Souls Day Mass cards. Coordinates the Widows' & Widowers' Luncheon Delivers Christmas Poinsettias to the bereaved in the memory of their deceased loved one.

() **Drivers**-Would you be willing to accompany a Eucharistic Minister who is taking communion to the sick, elderly, or homebound person? On your way to Mass would you be willing to give someone else a lift? Drivers for Youth events are needed, i.e. snow trips and field trips.

() **Newcomers Committee**-is looking for men and women to join our team. Please consider joining us and sharing your ideas on different ways to embrace our parish newcomers.

() **St. Elizabeth Ministries Meal Support**-delivering a meal 2x a year to a family with a new baby, or someone who is ill.

() **Share with students**-Come help lead middle school small group discussions and get to know some great kids: opportunities for weekly or monthly commitments.

() **Concerned adults**-Help High School Youth Group grow deeper in faith through prayer and small group discussion.

() **Cemetery Board Volunteers**-Help with the administration and maintenance of Holy Cross Cemetery in Washougal, a ministry of our Parish. Help preserve the past and plan the future.

() **Washing & Ironing**-Maybe a lost skill but church linens do need attention. Can we count on you 4-6 times a year? A small group would make this a very quick task.

() **Weekday Church helper**-someone who is available in the daytime, to help with church decorating for Holy Days and flowers

() **Church cleaners**-Friday mornings dust, vacuum, clean windows etc, once every 6 weeks or be on substitute list.

() **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**-Two needed for each of the Sunday Masses to fill monthly rotation, must be confirmed active Catholic with pastor approval. Training will be provided.

() **Lectors**-Every Mass two are scheduled, each just once a month. Need: 5:00pm, 8:00am, 11:30am. Training provided.

() **Stewardship Commission**-There is a common misconception that Stewardship is only about money—and while the Church does need funds (like any other entity with bills to pay), true Stewardship in the Catholic Church includes following through in act and deed with the corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy. Once established, the Commission will meet once a quarter (plus twice a month in October and November) to assist in planning and implementing Stewardship activities and education.

() **Youth Retreats**-For those unable to commit to regular meetings, we can use volunteers to help chaperone day, evening and weekend retreats periodically throughout the year.

() **Photographer**-we'd like to have someone take pictures at parish celebrations, sacramental celebrations and to help archive the changes taken place—are you handy with a digital camera?

() **Read & Write**—Would you read a book in our library and then write a book review for our newsletter?

() **Chaperone/helper**-Girls' Club needs adults on Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm occasionally.

() **KC's**-Men to help as counselors for Squires.



Maybe there is a group that you were a part of in the past, that we don't have—or do you see a need we are not meeting? Let us know.

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

March 7 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Caroline Underwood (Campbell & Vandemarr)

March 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Squires

Liturgy of the Hours—week 2

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

New Testament: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

8:00am Mass for the soul of Daniel Noble (Heacock)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 9:30am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Upper Room
 10:30am Good Shepherd, Room 11
 11:30am Mass for the soul of Beverly Thompson (Duquette)
 1:00pm Baptism Preparation, Fireside Room
 1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Youth Room
 6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room
 7:00pm Squires, Hall

March 9 MONDAY

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

March 10 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Joyce Noble Malfait (Roggenkamp)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
 6:30pm Angels, Room 17

March 11 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Larry Queen (Heacock)
 9:10am Rosary
 9:30am Moms, 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 12 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for intentions of Katherine Young (Grandsons)
 9:10am Rosary
 9:15am Bible Study, Fireside Room
 11:30am Highland Terrace Mass for the soul of Rev. Thomas Kraft O.P.
 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 Outreach Commission, Room 17

March 13 FRIDAY (no meat)

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 9:00am Church cleaners at work
 12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Nurella Doumitt (Baenen)
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church
 6:30pm Soup Supper, Hall

March 14 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the soul of Walt Dolan (McCarty)
 9:40am Rosary
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Theresa Duringer (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 McEneny (CDA)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 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

CALENDAR OF EVENT

- Mar. 20 Holy Week/Easter Summa articles due
- Mar. 20-22 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
- Apr. 24-26 Men's Retreat
- May 2 First Communion Mass
- May 11 CDA Tea
- May 17 Confirmation Mass

SECOND WEEK OF LENT - THE TRANSFIGURATION

Today in Mark's Gospel, we find Peter, James and John being disturbed hearing Jesus talk about carrying a cross and losing his life. In answer to their misgivings, Jesus took them up to a mountain and was transfigured before them. They were filled with awe as they realized his glory was also theirs, a glory not experienced in his future kingdom, but also here on earth.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that as a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. May our **fasting** move us to action on behalf of the poor. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about agriculture programs in the Philippines.



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