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**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

**SQUIRES MEETING**

At 7:00 Sunday in the Hall is the next meeting.

**LECTOR TRAINING**

All lectors and those wanting to be lectors are to attend training on Tue., May 12 at 7:00pm.

**MOMS' GROUP**

Mom's Group Mom 's group will be meeting on Wed. May 13, 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. Questions? Contact Kalin 521-5971 or [kalinlayman@comcast.net](mailto:kalinlayman@comcast.net)

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:**

**PROTECTING THE YOUNG AND VULNERABLE**

In accordance with criteria established by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in their 2002 *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, St Thomas Aquinas Parish will present "Called to Protect for Parents and Families", a video-based program with facilitated group discussions. This program is part of the ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and other vulnerable populations, and to protect them from sexual abuse.

**WHO:** For parents and guardians of children and any interested parishioner (program is intended for ages 18 and over).

**WHAT:** "Called to Protect for Parents and Families", a 90 minute video-based program which all parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle are required to provide

**WHERE/WHEN:** Parish hall on Wed., May 13, 7:00-8:30pm.

**WHY:** To provide parents with information to help them talk with their children about their bodies and how to keep them safe.

If you would like to attend, contact the office 834-2126 ext. 202 or [larissa@st-thomascamas.org](mailto:larissa@st-thomascamas.org).

For other inquiries or more information about the Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program, call 206 274-3188; write SEP/Archdiocese of Seattle/710 Ninth Ave/Seattle WA 98104; or visit their website at [www.seattlearch.org](http://www.seattlearch.org).

**FUNERAL MASS**

The funeral Mass for Ray Hunt will be on Sat., May 16 at 9:00am.

**Who Do You Know?**

The Deo Gratias Awards are a long-standing St. Thomas tradition recognizing two parishioners who serve our parish as they help to build the kingdom of God here on earth. Nominations will be welcomed until May 19 in the parish office either hand written or by emailing, [jeanne@st.thomas-camas.org](mailto:jeanne@st.thomas-camas.org) The Pastoral Council will announce winners in June.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANK YOU'S...**

Thank you to Paul Marshall and Elizabeth Farrell for teaching our communicants each week. Thank you to Melissa McClone and Edna Garrett for "working" the reception. Thank you to L'Rae Scherwinski for organizing the communicants during Mass. Thank you to Lora Rollins for photographing the 1st Communicants at the moment of receiving their 1st Holy Communion. Thank you to Barb Loewen, Diana Shiluk, Chad Taylor & Chuck Grall for helping the communicants during Mass as needed. And a special thank you to the 5:00pm regular Mass attendees for attending another Mass time.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

Classes have ended for this season so we need **all textbooks returned** now. A box is in the back of church for returning or bring to parish office. Classes will resume in September on Wednesday evenings.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas \$750 scholarship applications are due May 15 for graduating high school seniors from our parish and/or Our Lady Star of the Sea in Stevenson.

**NEXT GIRLS' CLUB MEETING**

Our last meeting of the school year is May 18, at 6:30pm in the Youth Room, for girls 10 years and up. Come and make this our "last hurrah!" Don't forget we'll also be hosting the Boys' Vocation Dinner on May 30, attending Challenge Summer Camp in June, and a planning a hike to Beacon Rock in July -- keep watching the bulletin for details!

**ATTENTION ALL BOYS AND THEIR DADS!**

The Girls' Club cordially invites you to a splendiferous Italian flavored Boys' and Young Men Vocation Dinner on May 30, after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. There will be plenty of food, beer & wine, and yummy dessert. After dinner, our local seminarian, Damas Iversen, will give an inspirational and informative talk. Please mark your calendars now and RSVP to the office by May 22. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**CONFIRMATION MASS**

Sun., May 17

11:30am



(Please be aware that we will have a number of visitors at this Mass).

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**YOUR GIFT IS STILL NEEDED.** The Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign is not just another collection, but rather an annual commitment from all parishes in Western Washington to respond as Disciples of Christ, to answer the call to share the Good News and to minister to those in need. If you have not already done so, please consider making your annual commitment today to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

**So far we have 140 pledges representing 20% of the parish.**

**Please let us hear from the other 80% of you!**

**Let's aim for 100% participation!**

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### JOHN PAUL II CENTER

An independent non-profit charitable organization located at 534 NW Everett St., Camas bringing Christ's love to the community by offering loving support for the dignity of human life at all stages. Questions, contact: 834-2625.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Sisters of Reparation of the Sacred Wounds of Jesus invite you to join them on Sun., May 31 at St. Anthony's Parish, 3600 SE 79<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, one block south of Powell Blvd. There will be a special musical presentation by the Ave Maria Chorus starting at 10:00am followed by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vlazny during which the Sisters will renew their vows. A reception will follow. 503 236-4207.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion for promoting Catholic education? Pacific Crest Academy is now accepting applications for the Board of Directors! You do not need to be a parent just have a calling to assist with providing direction and guidance to this exceptional Catholic school. Applications are available at the school office; deadline is June 1, 2009.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND

If you are a woman or man suffering from an abortion in your life, experience God's forgiveness and compassion on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat June 5-7 in Eugene or Nov. 6-8 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. For more information contact: Lori Eckstine, Project Rachel Coordinator at 1 800 249-8074 or e-mail: [leckstine@catholiccharitiesoregon.org](mailto:leckstine@catholiccharitiesoregon.org). The cost is \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

### HOMESCHOOLING FUNDRAISER

The Holy Rosary Homeschool Support Group is hosting a Catholic Homeschool Curriculum Used Book Sale on June 16, 7:00-9:00pm. Located at Holy Rosary's Siena Hall, 375 NE Clackamas, Portland OR, the sale provides an opportunity to purchase resources, pick up catalogs from Catholic educational product providers, and speak with experienced home educators. Refreshments are provided and families are welcome. For more info call Yvonne at 360 885-1355.

### 2ND ANNUAL REAL CATHOLIC MEN CONFERENCE

On June 20 at St. Joseph's, Vancouver featured speakers will include: author, John LaBriola; evangelist, Richard Lane, and Fr. Donald Calloway. Reconciliation and Mass to conclude the day. For more information and to order tickets visit [www.RealCatholicMen.com](http://www.RealCatholicMen.com) or call 503 640-3456. Breakfast and lunch are included with ticket price.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



On Sun., May 17 at the 11:30am Mass, please be aware that we will have a number of visitors as this is the time when there will be high school students and some adults confirmed.

### 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 offset the cost of the material. Please RSVP if you plan on attending so that he knows how many books to purchase. Email: [nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com](mailto:nouvelletheologie@hotmail.com)



### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



On May 22 & 23 attend our parish seminar that will help you to open up your life to the Holy Spirit. Register by calling 834-2126 ext. 263.

### SUMMER CAMP

June 19-21 promises to be a weekend of fun for all ages! Open to all parishioners young and old. Come and spend a fun / relaxing weekend with your fellow parishioners at Camp Howard in Corbett, OR. Registration forms with more info are available in the vestibule and office.



### CDA NEWS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their State Convention in Everett on April 24-26, 2009. Our local Court St. Therese was represented at the convention by Anne Guard, Glenasue Monroe, and Maria Murphy. New state officers were elected, resolutions passed, and new projects approved for the next two years. Court St. Therese won several awards at the convention. They include: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Quality of Life Committee project, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for State Newsletter Contest, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Education, 1<sup>st</sup> Place for State and National Projects, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for Court Publicity. And Anne Guard was named co-Catholic Daughter of the Year for the State of Washington for 2008-2009. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend spent in the company of some wonderful women around the state.



Our June potluck meeting will be held on Mon., June 1. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins. For more information on the Catholic Daughters, please call Anne at 835-8220.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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

Actual Collection 5/3	\$17,501
Budget 5/3	\$16,784
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 44 weeks	-\$41,296 -6.6%

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

**May 9 SATURDAY**  
 5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the soul of Lee Turner

**May 10 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Mother's Day—No Coffee Hour**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 1**  
**Old Testament: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31**  
**New Testament: 1 John 3:18-24**  
**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 9:30am Mass for the intentions of Mothers  
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Mothers  
 6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Squires, Hall

**May 11 MONDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Mildred Ornellas (Nickelsen)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room  
 7:00pm Pinochle, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Scouts, Hall

**May 12 TUESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for Richard Lundquist (Leick)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Lector Training, Church

**May 13 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Margaret Coleman (Murphy)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 10:00am Moms, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Safe Environment: Protecting the Young and Vulnerable, Hall  
 7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

**May 14 THURSDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Elizabeth Goodnight  
 9:10am Rosary  
 3:15pm Vox Clara, Room 16  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church  
 7:00pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room  
 7:00pm Mystogogia, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Outreach Commission, Room 17

**May 15 FRIDAY**  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 9:00am Church cleaners at work  
 12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Rachel Simms (Simms)  
 7:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal, Church

**May 16 SATURDAY**  
 9:00am Funeral Mass for the soul of Ray Hunt (Hunt)  
 9:45am Rosary  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 5:00pm Mass for the soul of Jean Phimister (Leick)  
 6:30pm Craft Night, Fireside Room



**May 17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Confirmation Reception only after 11:30am Mass only**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 2**  
**Old Testament: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
**New Testament: 1 John 4:7-10**  
**Gospel: John 15:9-17**

8:00am Mass for Elva DeBaca (Murphy)  
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 11:30am Confirmation Mass



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 18 SUMMA deadline
- May 21 Mass at Highland Terrace
- May 22-23 Life in the Spirit Seminar
- May 30 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- June 7 Baptism Preparation
- June 14 Corpus Christi Procession
- June 19-21 Summer Camp
- Aug. 16 Annual Parish Picnic

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Immediate Openings— Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm, Mondays 2:00-3:00am, 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.

## CANTATE DOMINO! SING TO THE LORD!

Do you have vocal and/or instrumental talent? Join our St. Thomas music program. We'd like to welcome you to our "family." Contact Kristin at 834-1495 or [kristinyoshimura@gmail.com](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com)

## JOYFUL NOISE MUSIC CAMP

Joyful Noise Music Camp will take place June 22-26 from 9:00-3:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. This is a great way to expose your children (ages 6-12) to music and dance. The children will perform a recital on Fri., May 26, 4:00pm. Cost is \$90. Snacks provided. Contact Jina Darnell at 360-695-1366, ext. 302.

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