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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters will hold their May meeting on Mon., May 4, in the Fireside Room. We'll begin with a rosary at 7:00pm, with the meeting following at 7:15pm. We'll be finalizing the arrangements for our Mothers' Day Tea, and hearing reports of all the exciting events at the recent State CDA Convention. Any women in the parish interested in Catholic Daughters are invited to attend this meeting. If you have questions, call Anne at 835-8220.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Wed., May 6, 6:30am meet for breakfast and sharing at the Lakeside Chalet. This is our new First Wednesday breakfast, all men are welcome.

AQUINAS GUILD

The Aquinas Guild will be meeting on Wed., May 6 at 10:00am in the Fireside Room. It will be a Potluck luncheon and all ladies of the parish are welcome to join us and enjoy the fellowship and delicious food.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Available space is filling up for the Catholic Daughters' Mothers' Day Tea, being held on Sat., May 9 at noon. The tea will begin at noon, and the cost is \$15 per person. We'll be selling tickets after all masses this weekend. No tickets will be sold at the door, so reserve your spot now. There will be wonderful tea foods, entertainment and door prizes. Proceeds will go toward our charitable projects. Just call Anne at 835-8220 to reserve your space today.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal will help provide the much needed resources to thousands of individuals this year. As we are faced with challenging economic times, be aware that some of your fellow parishioners will not be able to financially support the appeal this year. If you are in a position to do so, I ask that you consider an increase in your gift this year to make up for those who can't. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal is making a difference in someone's life today. Please join me in supporting the Appeal by returning your pledge envelope.

MOM'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards are now available in the vestibule for you to have your mother remembered at the Masses on Mother's Day weekend.

DEO GRATIAS AWARD

This long-standing St. Thomas tradition recognizes two parishioners who serve our parish as they the kingdom of God here on earth. Nominations will be welcomed until May 19 either hand written or by emailing, jeanne@st.thomas-camas.org The Pastoral Council will announce winners in June.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of William Stineback who died last week.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

God's Blessings go out to the following children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Benedict Alexander, Marco Allen, Cameron Canfield, Brandon Cook, Jared Davis, McKenna DeGroat, Savana DeGroat, Jordan DiFillippo, Isabella DiVincenzo, Brett Filuk, Michael Flynn, Mary Grall, Bryan Hannon, Warren Henderson, Maximilian Hyder, Devyn Hynds, Bethany Johnson, Julianne Johnson, Sophia Korell, Tara Larsen, Jack Larson, Michaela Lasher, Anthony Layman, Brandon Lee, Kylie Loewen, Matthew Long, Valentina Maggi, Louis Moran, Hanna Moss, Samantha Mullan, Jacqueline Muri, Diego Murguia, Manuel Murguia, Manuel Navarro. Aaron Noriega, Roberto Obregon, Jason Powell, Isabella Rollins, Wyatt Samson, Madalyn Scherwinski, William Schultdt, Samuel Shiluk, Jordan Slotto, Alexis Taylor, Ian Urias, Cameron Watson, Page Weithas

SQUIRES MEETING CHANGE

Today, May 3 at 7:00pm in the hall will be the next meeting.

GIRLS' CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting is May 4 at 6:30pm in the Youth Room -- ALL girls are invited! ATTENTION MOMS: While the girls do some activities and/or watch a movie, the moms will be planning our spring and summer activities: Boys' Vocation Dinner and Challenge Summer Camp. We will also discuss Challenge fees. Please mark you calendars and help us make this club a success!

QUO VADIS DAYS 2009

The Seventh Annual Three Day Vocation Camp will be held June 28-July 1 at Camp Don Bosco. Young men aged 13-18 are invited to come and spend time with other young men looking at the Lord's call in their life while having a great time. *Quo Vadis Days* is lead by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The cost of the camp is covered by the Serra Club and the Knights of Columbus and other generous donors. For more information, qvdays.org

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, Fri., May 8, 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass, Sun., May 17 11:30am
(Please be aware that we will have a number of visitors at this Mass).



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"Take courage, get up, He is calling you." Mark 10:49

Today is Commitment Sunday, and today we are asking you to participate in supporting the Church in Western Washington, to be a part of something bigger than just our local community, to join with the other parishes in the Seattle Archdiocese so working together we can accomplish what we could not do alone. There are 171 parishes and missions in the Archdiocese, serving 577,400 Catholics. When you give a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, your money goes to support 63 ministries and services. Please make your pledge today.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Sisters of Reparation of the Sacred Wounds of Jesus joyfully invite you to join them in a celebration honoring the 50th anniversary of the community's foundation. Ceremonies will be held on the morning of Sun., May 31 at St. Anthony's Parish, 3600 SE 79th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 1 block south of Powell Blvd. There will be a special musical presentation by the Ave Maria Chorus starting at 10:00am. At half-past ten, the Sisters will renew their vows during the Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Vlazny. A reception will follow and continue until two o'clock. All are welcome! 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. The cost is \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: www.rachelsvineyard.org

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 or call 503 640-3456. Breakfast and lunch are included with ticket price.

ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING? OR INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?

Join the Holy Redeemer Homeschool Co-op in Vancouver for monthly support meetings with parents, as well as student enrichment and socialization opportunities for our children. Please contact our Registrar, Jamie Kohler, at 885-7780 ext.13 for more information.

SETON CATHOLIC H.S.

We're opening this Sep. 8 welcoming freshman and sophomore students at our new school facility located at 811 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA. Information and admissions procedures may be found at www.setonhigh.org or you may call Seton High School at 360 254-1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

For other inquiries or more information about the Archdiocese's Safe Environment Program, call 206.274.3188; write SEP/Archdiocese of Seattle/710 Ninth Avenue/Seattle WA 98104; or visit their website at www.seattlearch.org.

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. 

BAPTISM PREPARATION

For parents who would like their child (under age 7) or newborn baptized and for those invited to be a witness at a Baptism a preparation session will be offered on Sun., June 7. Contact the parish office to register for this class, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome.

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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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

Actual Collection 4/26	\$9,129
Budget 4/26	\$10,364
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Budget) for 43 weeks	-\$41,963 -6.85%

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

May 2 SATURDAY
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Evan Simms (Simms)

**May 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITMENT SUNDAY**
Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Liturgy of the Hours—week 4
Old Testament: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
New Testament: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*
9:30am Mass for the intentions of Caleb Putney (Bauer)
11:30am Mass for the Hynds family intentions (Baenen)
1:00pm Confirmation Interviews with Fr. Gillette
7:00pm Squires, Hall

May 4 MONDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Fr. Phelan Mass for the soul of Tom Brown (Doyle)
9:10am Rosary
6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room
7:00pm Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Fireside Room
7:00pm Scouts, Hall

May 5 TUESDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Fr. Phelan Mass for healing for Helen Sommers (Kalinowska)
9:10am Rosary
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

May 6 WEDNESDAY
6:30am Men's Breakfast Group, Lakeside Chalet
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Fr. Phelan Mass for the intentions of Gloria Hair (Murphy)
9:10am Rosary
10:00am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room
7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:30pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17

May 7 THURSDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Fr. Phelan Mass for Lora Fay Johnson (Johnson)
9:10am Rosary
3:15pm Vox Clara, Room 16
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
7:00pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room
7:00pm Mystogja, Fireside Room

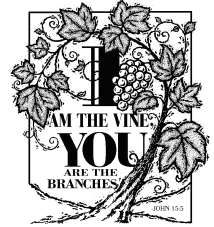
May 8 FRIDAY
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mass for the teachers at Pacific Crest Academy

May 9 SATURDAY
9:00am Mass for the intentions of Rudy Johnson (Murphy)
9:45am Rosary
10:00am Confessions
12:00pm CDA Tea, Hall
3:30pm Confessions
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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 17 Confirmation Mass, 11:30am
- May 30 Boys' Vocation Dinner
- May 22-23 Life in the Spirit Seminar
- June 5 Volunteer Appreciation
- 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



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