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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FALL DRIVE

SVdP is conducting its annual drive for personal grooming and household cleaning items. Lists of the most needed items are in the vestibule. Please bring donations to the St. Vincent de Paul barrel in the vestibule NOW. These items begin the list of things that we'll be hoping to distribute this Christmas. We count on your support.

NOVENA TO CHRIST THE KING

The feast day of Christ the King will be celebrated Nov. 22. To commemorate this important day, our parish will pray the novena before each Mass. It can be found on page 138 in the "St. Thomas Book of Prayers;" the intention is that Christ will rule in the hearts and minds of all peoples, especially our world leaders.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

On Wed., Nov. 18 beginning at 11:30am, all those who have lost their spouse are invited to a special luncheon in the Fireside Room. RSVP 834-2126 ext. 0, we still have a few available seats.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Plan to attend our next session on Wed., Nov. 18 when Advent ideas, candles and booklets will be available to help you make the most of this time of preparation. We will not be mailing booklets in the December SUMMA as we have done in the past and the Take Five for Faith samples we've had in the bulletin are through for now. We have purchased instead, a variety of materials from which you can choose what you think will work best for you and or your family. Advent candles cost \$1. Donations for booklets welcomed.



RCIA

Have you asked anyone about becoming Catholic or just invited someone to learn about Catholicism? Bring them with you to our RCIA inquiry sessions beginning at 7:00pm on Thursdays in the Fireside Room where we will search and explore the truths of the Catholic Faith and experience the fellowship of our Church family. Questions? Contact Drew, ext. 212.

BOOK OF THE DEAD

This book is located in the church vestibule so that you may enter the names of loved ones for whom we can then pray during this month of November.

PRAYER BLANKETS

Blankets are in the parish office that have been blessed by Fr. Gillette to be given to anyone who has a special need. In addition to prayers said by those making the blankets, recipients are included in the prayers offered by the Circle of Love and Prayer Chain ministries.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Are you aware that we have people waiting to pray for you or for those you know that need God's special attention? Simply contact Vie Ross Prayer Chain 335-1644 or vie@evross.com to get intentions held up in prayer. If you are interested in being added to the growing list of those praying, contact Vie.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

We meet this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the church. Children will be given Advent activities and Advent Candles will be available for \$1 per set.

Here is the schedule through the end of the year:

Nov. 18, Dec. 9 and 16.

(NOTE: Class has been canceled on Dec. 2 as we have scheduled an Advent Mission for this week and everyone is encouraged to attend.)

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS

This Thursday, 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall for all children preparing to celebrate their First Reconciliation in January. Parents are asked to attend with their children.

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

APOSTOLATE

Meets on Sunday mornings before and during 9:30am Mass. This is a faith formation class designed for children who need a non-traditional classroom setting. Contact Kellie Hagen: [834-0393](tel:834-0393) or pathwaystolearning@live.com

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

H.S. FAITH FORMATION

See you tonight and next Sunday, at 7:00pm. On Dec. 2 we'll be attending the Advent Mission.

JR. H. FAITH FORMATION

We meet this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the church.
(NOTE: Class has been canceled on Dec. 2 as we have scheduled an Advent Mission for this week and everyone is encouraged to attend all five nights.)

RESPECT LIFE

Addressing the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Professor Rocco Buttiglione noted the prevalence of forced abortion in China and other parts of Asia: "There are countries covering one quarter of humanity in which abortion of the second child is required. There are countries spanning perhaps another quarter of humanity in which it is possible for women to be bribed with the offer of aid to have abortions." (Newsmax.com, 7/31/09)

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the U.S. strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all from the moment of conception until natural death. However, all current bills are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. Please contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix these bills with pro-life and pro-justice amendments. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. More information is in the vestibule.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Father, we praise You and give You thanks.
 You have given us everything we need and every gift we have.
 Give us generous hearts that we might respond by sharing
 our blessings in support of each other and our parish.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT
 TO THE PARISH AND RETURN YOUR STEWARDSHIP
 COMMITMENT CARD TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

LOST AND FOUND

There's a green container in the southeast corner of The Belisle Library with coats, hats etc. that have been misplaced or left. Small possibly valuable items: the watch found after the parish picnic, the found ring and a SanDisk are kept in the parish office to be claimed.

FLOWERS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

The flower committee wishes to thank all the people who have donated time, flowers, and money for the beautification of our church. We would gladly accept fall flowers!

SETON CATHOLIC H S HARRISON CONCERT, TODAY!

Michael Allen Harrison will perform a benefit concert for Seton Catholic HS on Nov. 15, beginning at 6:30pm at St. John the Evangelist Church (8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver). Tickets at the door: \$20/ adult, \$15/seniors and students.

LA SALLE PREP INFORMATION NIGHT IN CAMAS

On Wed., Nov. 18, 7:00pm at the home of Rick & Judy Soberanis, 3307 NW Dahlia Dr. meet La Salle Principal Tom Dudley and others to learn about this option for your HS student. RSVP, 834-3080.

JPII CENTER IS MOVING

The John Paul II Center will be moving its activity into the Center for Human Dignity at 325 NE Lechner St., Camas by the end of November. Everyone at the JPII Center thanks all of you who have continued to offer your support, even during these challenging times. We hope that you will continue to support us as we move forward by volunteering your time and by contributing to the Center for Human Dignity.

CELEBRATE BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

The Office of the Vicar for Clergy and the African American Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Seattle cordially invite you to a Presentation of Sr. Thea Bowman and Her African American Catholic Spirituality at 6:30pm on Nov. 21 at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 416 S 4th St., Renton WA followed by a light southern dinner. Please RSVP to Philip Tran, 206 382-4828 or philip@seattlearch.org

DYNAMIC MARRIAGE COURSE REGISTRATION

Find out as you fall in love with your spouse all over again in Dynamic Marriage, an in-depth, interactive course offered at two Vancouver area parishes this winter. Class is open to all married couples, Catholic and non, newlyweds to golden anniversary veterans. Flyers are in the vestibule or contact Terri Gilbride 882-0760, tg_bride@yahoo.com or see www.familydynamics.net, or Michel DeGroat, 954-5194 for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus, with the help of this community, have been serving and delivering Thanksgiving dinner for seniors, shut-ins and others in need in the Camas and Washougal area on Thanksgiving Day. (Last year 500 dinners.) Currently we need to know who needs a dinner; call Treasure House, 834-4181, East County, 835-7802 or Al Schmid, 835-5346 to give the name & number of people in the household, phone number and address.

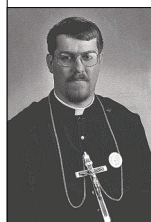


Donations help defer the costs and would greatly appreciated. Cash donations can be made to the Camas-Washougal Thanksgiving Dinner Fund at Riverview Savings and Loan in Camas or Washougal. Unfrozen turkeys are needed Nov. 22-Nov. 24. Pies can be delivered to the hall until 10:00am on Thanksgiving. Divers should be at the church hall, 11:30-11:45am on Nov. 26.

THANKSGIVING DAY BREAD EXCHANGE

If you are planning to attend the 8:30am Thanksgiving Day Mass this year, there will once again be the bread exchange. The Catholic Daughters encourage everyone attending mass to bring a bread item (i.e. rolls, muffins or loaf of bread) and put it on the table up front. At the end of Mass, all the items will be blessed by Father; then everyone is encouraged to take home a bread item, preferably not the one you brought. What a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your parish!

ADVENT PARISH MISSION



The Parish Mission is starting on Nov. 29. Families, mark your calendars to attend all five evenings each with a different topic, but all a part of the theme of "Following Jesus Christ." Child care available by calling 834-2126 ext. 207. Presentations are about 50 minutes long. Confessions will be heard. Following the 8:30am morning Masses on Mon.-Thu. there will be a second opportunity to heard a presentation.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

On Sun., Dec. 6 is the next preparation course for those who would like their child (under age 7) or newborn baptized and for those invited to be a witness at a Baptism. Contact the parish office to register for these classes, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS & BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)

OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Thanks to the more than 60 parish families who donate to the parish regularly through "Electronic Giving". They donate weekly or monthly by using an automatic transfer from their checking account or a credit card transaction. If you are interested please contact the parish office 834-2126 ext 208.

Actual Collection 11/8	\$18,412
Planned 11/8	\$17,600
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 19 weeks	-\$10,930 -4.5%
This is the time of year we ask you to renew your Stewardship pledge.	Please send your pledge cards to the office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Nov. 14 SATURDAY

5:00pm Mass for the soul of Louis Guard (Mingus)

Nov. 15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Coffee Hour sponsored by CDA

Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

Old Testament: Daniel 12:1-3

New Testament: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

8:00am Novena prayer then Mass for the soul of Ray DeBoever (DeBoever)

9:00am Special Needs class, Old Rectory

9:30am Novena prayer then Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Novena prayer then Mass for intentions of Jon C. Duringer & Family (Duringer)

7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

Nov. 16 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for Sharon Marquardt (Wavra)

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Nov. 17 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the soul of Lois Guard (CDA)

9:10am Rosary

4:30pm A *Quick Journey Through the Bible*, Fireside Room

6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

Nov. 18 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the soul of Edwin Olt (Wilmott)

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Faith Formation, Church

7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Nov. 19 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:10am Rosary

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Maureen O'Connor (Doumitt) followed by Coffee in Fireside Room

11:30am Mass for the soul of Fr. David Prebula OSB, Highland Terrace

5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15

6:30pm First Reconciliation, Hall

7:00pm Choir practice, Church

7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

7:00pm RCIC, The Belisle Library

Nov. 20 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work

12:00pm Novena prayer then Mass for the intentions of the Stephen Duringer family (Duringer)

Nov. 21 SATURDAY

8:30am Novena prayer then Mass for the intentions of Stephen Duringer family (Duringer)

9:40am Rosary (Church)

No morning Confessions

3:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Novena prayer then Vigil Mass for the soul of Lois Guard (DeBoever)

Nov. 22 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Coffee Hour sponsored by Boys' Club

Liturgy of the Hours for week 2

Old Testament: Daniel 7:13-14

New Testament: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

8:00am Novena prayer then Mass for the soul of Sylvester Tillman (Tillman)

9:00am Special Needs class, Old Rectory

9:30am Novena prayer then Mass *Pro Populo*

11:30am Novena prayer then Mass for intentions of the Matt Bauer Family (Bauer)

7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 29-Dec. 3 Advent Parish Mission with Fr. Ben Cameron

Dec. 6 Baptism Preparation for parents & witnesses

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception, (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 8:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

Regarding Perpetual Adoration during Mass: In the "Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist," paragraphs 7 and 8 clearly state that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament be interrupted during the celebration of the Mass. The reason for this is to reinforce the principle that the celebration of Mass is central to parish life. If adoration takes place at the same time as Mass, it may obscure centrality of the Mass and allow adoration to take precedence over the celebration. Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist undoubtedly "leads us to acknowledge Christ's marvelous presence in the sacrament and invites us to the spiritual union with him that culminates in the sacrament of Communion" (Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, #7). It is for that very reason that the most fruitful participation by individuals in perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament seems to be in interrupting their adoration to participate in the very action that results in the unique and glorious presence of Christ in the reserved Blessed Sacrament.

Tony Varas, Office of Liturgy, Archdiocese of Seattle

PERPETUAL ADORATION— FOUR OPENINGS!

Three immediate openings — Sundays, 9:00-10:00am, Mondays, Midnight-1:00am, 1:00-2:00am & 7:00-8:00am on Tuesdays we need people to take an hour with our Lord. If you can commit to an hour you will be welcomed. Call the office if you can fill a position, 834-2126 ext. 0.

ATTENTION ST. THOMAS MUSICIANS!

We are beginning to prepare for the holidays. The choir will be singing at the Grotto on Dec. 3 at 8:00pm. We will also be singing for the Camas Tree Lighting on Dec. 4. In addition, we will be preparing for Christmas Masses and our annual Epiphany concert on Jan. 3. We need singers and players. kristinyoshimura@gmail.com or 834-1495.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10



Did you know that in the U.S., there are 64.4 million Catholics and only 41.5 thousand priests to serve them? That's 1500 to 1. Our priests work extremely hard to meet the needs of everyone in their flock. Please thank your priest for all he does!! Write him a kind letter expressing your gratitude for his service to our parish. Everyone needs encouragement, especially our selfless priests.

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Catholic Community Services

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