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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING

Welcome Jim & Joanne Rogers this weekend. They are volunteers with Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, the Catholic child sponsorship program.

ANNUAL FALL SQUIRES BBQ

Looking to enhance your spiritual, leadership, civic, and social development? Then the Squires may be for you! If you are a Catholic male between the ages of 12 and 18, you are invited to attend the Annual Squires Fall BBQ with current and prospective Squires. This year it will be located at the Zeponi property at 2903 SE 282nd Ct in Camas, just minutes from the church, on Sun, Oct 11, at 1:30pm. Please RSVP to Scott Powell, ref.scott@gmail.com

NEW TIMES FOR CIRCLE OF LOVE MEETINGS

Gathering will be at 6:50pm, with prayer from 7:00-8:20pm. This is still on Tuesday evenings. Everyone is welcome

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In a few weeks we will be having a guest speaker, Carl Olson, to discuss Evangelization. For the next two weeks, we will do an overview of other faiths - this week will be non-Christian religions, next week will be non-Catholic Christians. Please join us Wednesday evening in the Hall after praying a decade of the Rosary in the Church at 6:00pm .

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next week in a global sign of the Church's solidarity in mission. Our prayers and donations will help to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is our chance to help Catholic communities throughout the world to become self - sufficient and to flourish according to their own needs and traditions. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most. Envelopes are in the pews.

RESPECT LIFE

"This is not a debate about religious doctrine or even about public policy options. It is a debate about our understanding of human dignity, what it means to be a member family, even though tiny, powerless and unwanted." Rep. Henry Hyde during the House debate on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, *NRL News*. 12/00

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of Lois Guard, long time parishioner, who died last week.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

We begin in the church at 6:00pm sharp to pray a decade of the rosary and end with parent pickup at 7:15pm at the classrooms. Remember to bring your books with you!!

**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 for more information: 834-0393 or pathwaystolearning@live.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that grade 2 children must be attending our Wednesday evening faith formation in preparation for celebrating these sacraments. Contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 for more information.

OLDER CHILDREN

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Children must be enrolled in our Wednesday evening faith formation classes in their regular grade. These children will be "pulled out" for the last 20 minutes of class each week to be prepared to celebrate these sacraments with the grade 2 class. The first "pull out session" starts Nov. 4. Contact Kim Steinke, ext. 207 for more information.

ATTENTION!! GOOD SHEPHERD INQUIRY??

We are considering offering another time for 3 to 6 year olds to experience the Good Shepherd Program. The time would be **Tuesday mornings, from 9:00-11:00am.** If this time might work for you and your child, please contact L'Rae Scherwinski at 834-3719 ASAP.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

IN NEED OF...

Someone donated a pair of speakers to the Youth program. Does anyone have a stereo receiver or amplifier that we could use?

VAYA LEADERSHIP MEETING 10/14

All those interested in taking on a leadership/organizing role with VAYA (Vancouver Area Young Adults) are welcome to join us at 8:00pm at the Starbucks on Mill Plain and Chkalov. Come be a part of the team that makes it all happen!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

Be the Hands and Feet of Christ! Join Middle Schoolers from around the Southern Deanery at the Lewis River Campgrounds in Yacolt, WA. Oct. 24-25. Cost: \$40. Permissions slips available in the office and the vestibule.

"Each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility, acknowledging God as creator and owner of all.

As disciples of Jesus, Stewards are caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering, and the action of sharing these gifts out of love for one another.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

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, the names of recipients are given to the parish Prayer Chain and Circle of Love ministries for inclusion in their prayers.

MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Northwest Family Services will be holding a Money Management workshop at St. Joseph's on Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:00-8:00pm. Cost: \$10 per person; \$20 per couple. Free childcare! Hurry to register by Mon., Oct. 5. To register or find out more information, call 503 546-6377 or visit www.lastingrelationships.org.

UNITED FOR LIFE CONFERENCE SAT., OCT. 17

An ecumenical event on Sat., Oct. 17, with national and local pro-life speakers and great music, 9:00-7:30pm at St. John the Evangelist Church (8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver). Pre-registration by Oct. 10: \$10/person or \$25/family. Lunch/dinner extra. More information at www.unitedforlife2009.com or call 360 574-1569. Please bring a community pregnancy clinic donation.

ADAPTED MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Please join us at Holy Redeemer Church, 17010 NE 9th St. Vancouver, on Sat., Oct. 17, 10:30am, to celebrate an adapted liturgy with Fr. Richard Berg, c.s.c. presiding. There is ample opportunity for spiritual and emotional support during hospitality time following the Mass. For further information, please contact Mary Sutter, 892-0951, email: sutt4@aol.com. This Mass will be in our new church!

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 **lifegiving ministry**. Call **BIRTHRIGHT** at 694-8156 or speak with fellow parishioner Jeanette Gaug at 834-2622.

SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON CONCERT, NOV. 15

Michael Allen Harrison will perform a benefit concert for Seton Catholic HS on Sun., Nov. 15, beginning at 6:30pm. The concert will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church at 8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver. Mr. Harrison is an accomplished pianist who has performed for presidents, foreign leaders and even astronauts orbiting the earth. This will be the third year that he has performed for Seton Catholic High School. Please contact Judy Johnson at 360 258-1932 for ticket information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR & BAKE SALE

The Catholic Daughters are holding a bake sale after all Masses on Sun., Oct. 18. Please make plans to come down to the coffee hour, enjoy some time with fellow parishioners, and buy something for your Sunday dinner dessert. We have some marvelous cooks at St. Thomas. You don't want to miss out! We'll also have some donated collector dolls on sale at the same time. The proceeds from the sales help support our charitable works.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Mon., Oct. 19 from 1:00-6:00pm in the Hall you will be welcomed! Schedule at appointment, www.givelife.org code: vanco7 or 989-2919. Remember to bring your ID. "The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood."

TRUNK OR TREAT

On Sat., Oct. 31, after the Vigil Mass, please bring a pot of chili to share. The North Parking lot will be reserved for cars with candy and we will have games and activities in the Hall. This year we will be having a place in the Upper Room to pray with the relics of various saints. If your family has any relics to share for the evening please call Thaddeus at 834-2126 ext. 215.

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Mark your calendar for Sun., Nov. 8! This annual feast will be on the second Sunday of November this year. Volunteers are needed now! Please call Christina Condliff, 210-4545 to let her know how you can help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HEALING

Fr. Mike Barry is Coming to St. Thomas for a workshop on Healing the Family Tree. This is being held **Fri., Nov. 13** from 7:00-9:00pm and **Sat., Nov. 14** from 9:30am - 4:00pm. This includes helpful talks and a 2 hour **HEALING MASS**. You won't want to miss this. See the Summa for more information.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY FOR PORTLAND: NOV. 1

Please come and pray for all Life on MLK Jr. Blvd. between Alberta on north and Russell on the south. Assembly will start at 2:30pm and the prayers will be offered from 3:00-4:00pm. Directions: Exit 303: East on Alberta then south on MLK Jr. Blvd. Easily accessible by MAX, get off at convention center and walk one block to east to Grand and catch the number 6 bus. Please call 503-334-6183 for questions. God Bless You.

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

Actual Collection 10/4	\$14,251
Planned 10/4	\$14,100
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 14 weeks	-\$10,199 -5.84
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$91,091
Amount under goal	-\$17,110

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Oct. 10 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks (Circle of Love)

Oct. 11 SUNDAY—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Moms
Liturgy of the Hours—week 4
Old Testament: Wisdom 7:7-11
New Testament: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*
9:00am Special Needs class, Old Rectory
9:30am Mass for the intentions of the Marshall Family (Baenen)
11:30am Mass for Aldo Rossi (Stuvik)
1:30pm Annual Fall Squires BBQ, Zeponi property
6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room
7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

Oct. 12 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for Stephen Durringer (Durringer)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
7:00pm Pinochle, Fireside Room

Oct. 13 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the soul of Sonny & Mildred Ornellas (Ornellas)
9:10am Rosary
4:30pm A *Quick* Journey Through the Bible, Fireside Room
6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

Oct. 14 WEDNESDAY

7:00am Finance Council
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:30am Mass for the intentions of the Bortolozza family (Johnson)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room
8:00pm VAYA Leadership Mtg., Starbuck on Mill Plain & Chkalov

Oct. 15 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
8:10am Rosary
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Barbara Murphy (Murphy) followed by Coffee in Fireside Room
11:30am Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks (CDA), Highland Terrace
5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room
7:00pm RCIC, Old Rectory Dining Room

Oct. 16 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work
12:00pm Mind Mass for the intentions of Thomas Hawkins (Wilmott)

Oct. 17 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the souls of Ed & Bessie Straughan (Smith)
9:40am Rosary (Church)
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Clair McBride (Wilmott)

Oct. 18 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by CDA
Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
Old Testament: Isaiah 53: 10-11
New Testament: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

8:00am Mass for the intentions of Jean Hofmann (Wilmott)
9:00am Special Needs class, Old Rectory
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
11:30am Mass for the soul of Al Lasher (Mooney)
7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 19 Red Cross Blood Drive
Oct. 20 Summa articles due
Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat

LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

Being on time for Mass is very important. Every ritual act is part and parcel to the Sacred Liturgy as a whole. The precious prayers and hymnody unite our community from the moment Mass begins. "The Word of God is an event: the *event* of creation and the *event* of what God is doing and saying in Israel and finally the *event* of what God is doing and saying in Jesus." (Jeremy Driscoll, OSB) All of these important pieces are what should be shaping our lives and actions for the rest of the week. They offer us an opportunity for a deeper relationship with Christ, a better knowledge of ourselves through our Catholic world view and the strength and excitement to share our faith with others as we evangelize our family and friends. Don't be late! You don't want to miss a thing!

PERPETUAL ADORATION— THREE OPENINGS!

Two immediate openings — 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.

"MUSIC NOTES"

God is calling you to the choir loft. Yes, He is. I'm telling you. It's true. Call me, 834-1495 or email (kristinyoshimura@gmail.com) to find out how YOU can serve your parish by sharing your musical gifts.

Kristin Yoshimura

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10

For the month of October, study the [Holy Father's Letter for the Year of](#)



[Priests](#) in a small group or by yourself. Make copies. Mark them up. Take the message to heart. So much of what the Holy Father writes never reaches ordinary Catholics! Get the word out! The Holy Father's letter is available on our St. Thomas website.

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