

## REMEMBER TO SUPPORT AND THANK OUR SPONSORS

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As we celebrate **Respect Life Sunday**, the words of the late pro-life hero, Rep. Henry Hyde, are as true today as when spoken on the floor of the House of Representatives in 2000: "We are knee deep in a culture of death...In this advanced democracy, is it our crowning achievement that we have learned to treat people as things? Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of life and a culture of death." *NRL News, 12/07*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO MEET TONIGHT**

This evening at 5:30pm in the Church all Eucharistic Ministers are to come to our annual meeting. There will be time for Q's and A's.

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is Oct. 7 and our parish novena continues until Tue., Oct. 6. The novena will be prayed before each Mass and is found on page 136 in the *St. Thomas Book of Prayers*. The intentions for this novena will be for the protection of the sacrament of marriage and deepening love of husband and wife, and a change of heart for those who have worked to destroy the unity of the family.

### **CDA**

The Catholic Daughters will hold their next business meeting on Mon., Oct. 5 in the Fireside Room. We will have a talk from a speaker from the Community Pregnancy Clinic at 6:30pm. That will be followed by refreshments and a baby shower for the Clinic. Our business meeting will begin at 7:15pm. Any ladies of the parish 18 and over who are interested in Catholic Daughters are invited to attend this meeting. Hope to see you.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

At the Lakeside Chalet on Wed., Oct. 7, 6:30am all men are welcome to come start the day with delicious food and great conversation.

### **ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE MEMBERS**

The next meeting of the Aquinas Guild is Wed., Oct. 7, 9:30am in the Fireside Room. Final plans are being made for the Harvest Dinner, we need your assistance.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Join us this Wednesday, as we continue to grow together in our faith as a community. We meet in the hall after joining everyone in praying a decade of the Rosary in the Church at 6:00pm. Prayer and Contemplation will be the topic for adults this week.

### **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.

## 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](tel:834-0393) or [pathwaystolearning@live.com](mailto: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 to 11 am**. If this time might work for you and your child, please contact L'Rae Scherwinski at 834-3719 asap.

### **GIRLS' CLUB ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**

Girls' Club Ice Cream Social! Girls who have received their First Holy Communion and older are invited to bring their moms to the Youth Room on Oct. 5 at 6:30pm to kick off another year for the St. Thomas Girls' Club. It will be an opportunity to get acquainted, hear stories from some of our members, and take a look at the year ahead. Girls, this is your club, so we will brainstorm ideas with you that will make this the best year ever. Our meeting format will be as follows: First Monday of each month for girls 10 and up, third Monday of each month for girls 8 and 9 years old. Moms and girls, we look forward to seeing you Oct. 5!

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**HS Bonfire Tonight!** (Sunday 7:00pm)  
Come for S'Mores and Fun.

TeenStar Parent Meeting - Tuesday, 7:00pm  
Room 17

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

In the past few weeks we've taken up a second collection for the Build Hope Campaign and for the "Catholics Come Home" Project.

Donations to the Build Hope Campaign totaled \$1,466 and to the Catholics Come Home Project totaled \$4,570. We surpassed our goal of \$4,358 for the Catholics Come Home Project!!

Thank you to those who contributed to both of these second collections which help in spreading the message of the Gospel.

## 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](http://www.lastingrelationships.org).

### ST. JOSEPH'S, KALAMA CENTENNIAL

Join on Sat., Oct. 10, 1:00-10:00 for St. Joseph Catholic Church Centennial Celebration. Archbishop Alex Burnett will celebrate Mass at 5:00pm. Guided tours, historical display, refreshments and "Dance through the Decades." More info contact Maxine Neiman, 360 673-4479.

### CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD'S FALL LECTURE SERIES

"Mary the Mother of God and Mother of the Church," will continue on Sat., Oct. 10, 9:00am, in the Mount Angel Abbey Library. The cost is \$15 a session/Students \$5. Elizabeth Farley, a Marian scholar, will provide the presentation, Theology of Mary I. For information: Cecile Beckerman, 503 393-5041.

### 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](http://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](mailto:sutt4@aol.com). This Mass will be in our new church!

### BIRTHRIGHT

#### BRINGS COMFORT, KNOWLEDGE AND HOPE.

We are here for her. Practical help and caring pregnancy support. Learn about volunteering, speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622 or call 694-8156.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING

Jim & Joanne Rogers will visit St. Thomas the weekend of Oct. 10 & 11 to speak after all the Masses. They are volunteers with Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, the Catholic child sponsorship program. This will offer each of us an easy and affordable way to help a needy child or senior in a developing country while supporting the work of Catholic missionaries.

### 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 282<sup>nd</sup> Ct in Camas, just minutes from the church, on Sun, Oct 11, at 1:30pm. Please RSVP to Scott Powell, [ref.scott@gmail.com](mailto:ref.scott@gmail.com)

### 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 Kate Linde, 835-2490 to let her know how you can help.

### CATHOLIC RADIO KBVM FALL SHARATHON

Your Catholic radio station, KBVM-FM 88.3 will broadcast its Fall Sharathon Oct. 5-9. The weeklong event will feature a variety of special guests, interesting conversations about the importance of our faith and an opportunity for listeners to support the region's only Catholic radio station. More information is available at [kbvm.fm](http://kbvm.fm) or 503 285-5200.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT™

Come on a retreat Nov. 6-8 in Portland or April 16-18 in Medford. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact: Lori Eckstine, Project Rachel Coordinator at 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)

### 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 9/27	\$8,069
Planned 9/27	\$11,000
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 13 weeks	-\$10,350 -6.45%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$91,091
Amount under goal	-\$17,110

## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

### Oct. 3 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the soul of Jennie Rader

### Oct. 4 SUNDAY—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Breakfast is sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours—week 3

Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-24

New Testament: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*  
 9:30am Mass for the intentions of the Parker Family (Baenen)  
 9:00am Special Needs class, Old Rectory  
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma McBride (Wilmott)  
 5:30pm Eucharistic Minister Training, Church  
 7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

### Oct. 5 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Al Lasher (Mooney)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall  
 6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room  
 6:30pm Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Fireside Room

### Oct. 6 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Yayoi Wavra (Myers)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 4:30pm A *Quick* Journey Through the Bible, Fireside Room  
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus, Hall  
 7:00pm TeenStar Parent Program, Room 17

### Oct. 7 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Justus Yoshimura (Yoshimura)  
 9:10am Rosary  
 9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room  
 6:00pm Faith Formation, Church  
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church  
 7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

### Oct. 8 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
 8:10am Rosary  
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Jon Durringer (Durringer) followed by Coffee in Fireside Room  
 5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15  
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church  
 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm RCIC, Room 11  
 7:00pm Outreach Commission, Room 17

### Oct. 9 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work  
 12:00pm Mind Mass for the soul of Joe Tipton

### Oct. 10 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Courtney Estrada (Wilmott)  
 9:40am Rosary (Church)  
 10:00am Confessions  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 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 Parker Family (Baenen)  
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma McBride (Wilmott)  
 1:30pm Annual Fall Squires BBQ, Zeponi property  
 6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room  
 7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 11 Annual Fall Squires BBQ  
 Oct. 19 Red Cross Blood Drive  
 Oct. 20 Summa articles due

## 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— TWO OPENINGS!

Two immediate openings — Mondays, Midnight-1:00am & 1:00-2:00am 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](mailto: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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