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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS & WITNESSES

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., Sep. 13, 1:00pm in the Fireside Room.

95TH BIRTHDAY PARTY—TODAY!

Felix Mueller's home, 144 SE Whitney St, Camas will be open from noon to 4:00pm to friend and family to celebrate his coming birthday on Sep. 19. Please feel free to stop by.

BOYS' CLUB

The next meeting is 6:30pm in the Fireside Room on Sun., Sep.13.

SQUIRES MEETING

On Sun., Sep. 13 at 7:00pm downstairs in the Hall is the next meeting.

LECTORS' MEETING TONIGHT

This evening, Sun., Sep. 13, 7:00pm in the Church lectors are to have their annual meeting. Please remember to attend, we will be distributing your workbooks for the year.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters will hold their first meeting for the new year on Mon., Sep. 14. We will have our potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Everyone should bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert, and your own table service. The business meeting will follow at 7:30pm. Any women in the parish interested in Catholic Daughters are invited to attend this potluck & meeting. If you have questions, call Anne at 835-8220.

SENIOR SINGELS

On Wed., Sep 16, 11:30am come to the Fireside Room with a dish to share, pennies for pokino and stories of your summer travels. Questions, contact Jean, 835-3601.

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS, WED., SEP. 16

Preschool through Adults, just not High School, meet at 6:00pm in the Church for an opening prayer. Adults will learn something of Robert Garret this week who has volunteered to help organize our adult program this year and the goals of this new program after students are excused to go to the classrooms with their catechists.

SOFTENING OUR HARD PEWS

Recognizing that our wooden pews can seem especially hard to those whose health is poor, the Aquinas Guild is providing individual cushions for the use of those who sit in the front rows at weekend Masses; just ask an usher if you need help locating a cushion. After Mass please return them to storage space.

PERPETUAL ADORATION— TWO OPENINGS!

Just two immediate openings — Mondays, 1:00-2:00am & 11:00-12:00 (noon), we need people to take an hour with our Lord. There are also several times when just one person is signed up, so we can use anyone called to come to our chapel. 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CATECHISTS/ASSISTANTS STILL NEEDED

Grade 1: Catechist and Assistant
Grade 3: Assistant
Grade 4: Assistant
Grade 5: Catechist and Assistant

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

On Wed., Sep. 16, 6:00-7:15pm. We begin in the church at 6:00pm and classes will be dismissed with their catechists and adults can go to the parish hall for discussion.

GOOD SHEPHERD REGISTRATION FORMS NEEDED

Please fill in and return your registration form ASAP to secure your child's place in our Good Shepherd program. L'Rae has been compiling a list over the summer and the registration form will confirm your child's space. L'Rae will call every family the week before classes start on Sep. 16 to verify a "yes" or "no".

CATECHISTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS

Catechists are needed for this faith formation class designed for children with learning challenges. Class meets during 9:30am Mass. Please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393. Parent note: If you think your child would benefit from attending this class, please contact Kellie as she would be happy to discuss this with you. A filled in registration form is needed.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

REGISTRATION FORMS

Forms are in the Church vestibule and Parish Office.
There is a \$15 fee to help cover materials this year.
Jr. High sessions begin this Wednesday, 6:00-7:15pm.
High School sessions begin next Sun., Sep. 20, 7:00pm.
DTS begins Wed., Sep. 16, 7:45pm

SOUTHERN DEANERY HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

with special guest Chris Stefanick

Sep. 25-27

Registration forms due: Mon., Sep. 21, forms are in the parish office.

ROSARY BOWL NW

Sat., Oct. 3

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Pavillion Building.

Join the St. Thomas Carpool.

Call Thad at 834.2126 ext 215 if you are interested.

IN YOUR CHARITY

For the soul of Joe Tipton whose funeral will be on
Mon., Sep. 21.

STEWARDSHIP IS "LETTING GO"

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding." Prov 3:5

Stewardship insists that we put God's word into practice and share His gifts, recognizing that He is the source of all our gifts and produces the increase we experience when we place ourselves at the service of others.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

ADULT CHOIR

A new season is about to begin. Let's fill the choir loft with voices. The time commitment is small and the gift to your parish is big. The choir and schola each practice for 1.5 hours each week. We sing four part harmony on all of the hymns, plus we work on other challenging pieces. We will have performance opportunities outside of Mass as well. The choir will be singing for the Camas tree lighting festival, live on 88.3 KBVM Catholic radio and for the annual Epiphany concert. Call or email to join! 834-1495 or kristinyoshimura@gmail.com



A HELPFUL WEBSITE

www.catholicscomehome.org meant to help evangelize fallen away Catholics.

CHURCH FLOWERS

The flower committee keeps supplies in the left side of Father's confessional. Your personal vases will be left there for you to pick up as well as plastic vases for outside use. Thank you, Mary Talbitzer, 834-5470.

LOOKING FOR A RETREAT?

Learn about are Archdiocesan Palisades Retreat center in Federal Way by checking <http://www.seattlearch.org/ArchdioceseWorking/CWM/PalisadesNewsletter.htm>.

DYNAMIC MARRIAGE COURSE

What makes couples fall in love? What makes them stay in love? How can you keep the two of you from falling out of love? Find out with Dynamic Marriage, an intensive 9-week course offered in four Camas-Vancouver area parishes this fall and winter. Contact the facilitators to register, but don't put it off! Class size is limited to 12 couples. Flyers in vestibule.

RETROUVAILLE

"A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages," www.retrouvaille.org or call 800 470-2233 about upcoming weekend dates.

UNITED FOR LIFE CONFERENCE

National and local pro-life speakers, Sat., Oct. 17, 9:00-7:30pm, at St. John's Catholic Church. \$10/person or \$25/family. Lunch and dinner served at additional cost. More information at (360) 574-1569 or www.unitedforlife2009.com.

ST. JOSEPH'S, KALAMA CENTENNIAL

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Has anyone asked you about becoming Catholic or just been interested in finding out more about Catholicism? Invite them to come with you to our RCIA inquiry sessions beginning at 7:00pm on Thu., Sep. 24 in the Fireside Room. We will meet every Thursday after that 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.

RECEPTION FOR POLISH DELEGATION PLANNED

The Sister City program of the City of Camas will host a delegation from Poland this fall and a number of delegates from this Catholic country will attend the 9:30am Mass on Sep. 27. Plans include a reception to follow Mass and we are looking for parishioners to assist in what should be a fun and interesting event. If you want to help or need more information, please contact Shawn MacPherson, 834-6314.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is Oct. 7 and our parish novena will begin Mon., Sep. 28 and end 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 for those who have worked to destroy the unity of the family.

RESCHEDULED SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All new parish volunteers whose volunteer work will involve working with children and vulnerable adults are required to attend course entitled *Called to Protect for Ministries*, which will be offered on Tue., Sep. 29, 6:00-9:00pm in the hall. If you have attended this course in the past, you may update your training on-line. To register for the course or to update your certification: <http://www.seattlearch.org/sep/index.html> or contact the parish office for assistance.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, SEPT. 23 - NOV. 1

It is a special time of community prayer, fasting and offering of prolife alternatives to abortion-minded women and girls going to the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic just north of SR 500 and west of Gher Rd. Let us witness to the truth with love. Website at <http://www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver/>

SVDP WEEKEND SURVIVAL KITS FOOD DRIVE

Remember your donations for the East County Family Resource Center (a.k.a. The Children's Home Society) weekend meals and snacks for children in need within our community over the 2009-2010 school year. Flyers with suggested donations are in the vestibule.

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 9/6	\$13,070
Planned 9/6	\$13,100
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 10 weeks	-\$4,554 -3.7%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$90,991
Amount under goal	-\$17,210

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- Sep. 12 SATURDAY**
 5:00pm Vigil Mass Mind Mass for the soul of Mildred Ornellas
- Sep. 13 SUNDAY—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Coffee Hour is sponsored by Moms
 Liturgy of the Hours—week 4
 Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4c-9a
 New Testament: James 2:14-18
 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35
- 8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*
 9:30am Mass the intentions of Kevin Putney (Bauer)
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Al & Jeanette Schmid (Simms)
 1:00pm Baptism Preparation, Fireside Room
 6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room
 7:00pm Squires, Hall
 7:00pm Lector Training, Church
- Sep. 14 MONDAY**
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks (Guard)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
 6:30pm Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Fireside Room
- Sep. 15 TUESDAY**
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Al Lasher (Dayton)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
- Sep. 16 WEDNESDAY**
 7:00am Finance Council, Room 17
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Harriet Lehnen (Mooney)
 9:10am Rosary
 11:30am Senior Singles, Fireside Room
 6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
 7:30pm KC's 4th degree, Fireside Room
 7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room
- Sep. 17 THURSDAY**
 8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:10am Rosary
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of Brendans Lounsbery (Lounsbery) followed by Coffee, Fireside
 11:30am Highland Terrace Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks (CDA)
 5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church
- Sep. 18 FRIDAY**
 9:00am Church cleaners at work
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Winner Burke (Wilmott)
- Sep. 19 SATURDAY**
 9:00am Mass for the soul of Jim Marquardt (Schmid)
 9:40am Rosary (Church)
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Norrie Gibney (McWilliams)

- Sep. 20 SUNDAY—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Coffee Hour is sponsored by Moms
 Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
 Old Testament: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
 New Testament: James 3:16-4:3
 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37
- 8:00am Mass *Pro Populo*
 9:30am Mass the intentions of the Duffy Family (Baenen)
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Lilly Monaghan (Bauer)
 7:00pm H.S. Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 23 No Mass
- Sep. 23 Retired Potluck
- Sep. 25-27 High School Fall Retreat
- Sep. 27 Polish Delegation visit
- Oct. 20 Summa articles due
- Nov. 8 Harvest Dinner
- Nov. 30-Dec. 3 Advent Parish Mission

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10

Here's what you can do for September:
Resolve to show all priests a supernaturally motivated respect and reverence. Reclaim the beautiful Catholic custom of asking for a priest's blessing whenever you encounter him.

Daily Prayer During the Year for Priests
 We thank you, God the Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.
 O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.



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