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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

RECEPTION FOR POLISH DELEGATION

Please welcome several Polish delegates from the Sister City Program of the City of Camas attending Mass at 9:30am today, Sep. 27. A reception will follow to greet our visitors. The menu will include several Polish delicacies to sample. Please note also that one of the visitors is a parish priest, Father Marek Mrugala, who has graciously agreed to concelebrate Mass at noon on Fri., Oct. 2 and perhaps other Masses, so watch for further announcements.

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 a change of heart for those who have worked to destroy the unity of the family.

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Jeff Cavins has an 8-week introductory CD to the Bible Timeline that will be used for this Tuesday, 4:30-5:30pm meeting beginning Sep. 29 in the Fireside Room. Discussion and prayer will follow. Questions, contact Jeanne Donnelly, 834-2125 ext. 0.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

This week we will be discussing Faith in Action - service in the parish and community. Remember, you don't have to have a child in Wednesday faith formation class to come to Adult 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.

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.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the soul of Jubert Shovlyn, Father of Sandy Bates 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](tel:834-0393) or pathwaystolearning@live.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN

On Thu., Oct. 1, 7:00-8:00pm in Room 11 this class is for older children who need to prepare for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

A letter will be sent home soon with information regarding preparation for children in second grade. 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.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Teen Adoration

Friday October 2. 7:00pm till late.

SAT., OCT. 3 ROSARY BOWL NW

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Pavilion Building.
Join the St. Thomas Carpool.

Call Thad at 834-2126 ext 215 if you are interested.



FAITH FORMATION 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 are Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15pm.

High School sessions are Sundays beginning at 7:00pm.

Dead Theologians Society (HS group) meets Wednesdays, 7:45pm

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 \$3,157. We are trying to raise \$4,358 for the Catholics Come Home Project so we still need \$1,201 to reach our goal. Thank you to those who have already contributed to both of these second collections which help in evangelization and spreading the message of the Gospel.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

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.

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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

You are invited to a presentation given by Brian Willis from Global Health Promise on "Human Trafficking: A Catholic Perspective" on Thu., Oct. 1, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (4701 NW Franklin St., Vancouver).

DREAMS, HEALING, AND THE INNER JOURNEY:

a weekend retreat led by Abbot David Geraets, O.S.B.

Oct. 2-4, 2009 at the Palisades Retreat Center, offering informative sessions on how dreams can be healing and transformative. Registration forms at www.wvccr.org – Pre-registration is required. For more information contact Pat Corwin 425 486-3077. Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal: 206 364-2272, info@wvccr.org.

WORSHIP & PRAISE CONCERT

Join the choirs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (4701 NW Franklin St., Vancouver) for an evening of worship and praise on Sat., Oct. 3, at 7:00pm. Admission is free.

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.

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.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Tables are available at CDA Court St. Johns annual Holiday Bazaar. The date is Nov. 14, 9:00-3:00pm at St. John's Church, 8701 NE 119th St., Vancouver. For info, Dolores Ertler, 573-4003.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

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 Zepponi 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

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Mark your calendar for Sun., Nov. 8! This annual feast will be on the second Sunday of November this year.

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 or 503 285-5200.

BEATIFUL.WOMEN.INSPIRED.

Please join us for a special fundraising event to benefit Pacific Crest Academy and Habitat for Humanity Women Build. Sat., Oct. 17, 11:00am at the Fairgate Inn Camas. Keynote speaker Julianne Crane, co-founder of Women Build and co-author of the Vision will be speaking about inspiring women to greatness through goals-setting in personal and professional relationships & discovering a sense of purpose and fulfillment in everyday life. \$60 tickets can be purchased until Oct. 1 at PCA 834-9913

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 9/20	\$9,734
Planned 9/20	\$11,500
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 12 weeks	-\$7,410 -5.0%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$91,091
Amount under goal	-\$17,110

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Sep. 26 SATURDAY

8:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of John Carroll (Sellers)

Sep. 27 SUNDAY—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by Boys' Club

Liturgy of the Hours—week 2

Old Testament: Numbers 11:25-29

New Testament: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

8:00am Fr. Gordon Mass *Pro Populo*

9:30am Fr. Gordon Mass followed by reception for those visiting from Poland

11:30am Fr. Gordon Mass

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

Sep. 28 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Claire McBride (Wilmott)

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Sep. 29 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mass for the soul of Chuck Bernat (Bernat)

9:10am Rosary

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

6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

Sep. 30 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of David McKenzie

9:10am Rosary

6:00pm Faith Formation, Church

7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Oct. 1 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church

8:10am Rosary

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Ebbie Yoshimura (Yoshimura) 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

Oct. 2 FIRST FRIDAY Guardian Angels (Communion to homebound)

9:00am Church cleaners at work

9:30am Familia, Fireside Room

12:00pm Mass for the poor souls

7:00pm Youth Adoration, Church & Youth Room

Oct. 3 FIRST SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for a deeper conversion of Catholics

9:40am Rosary (Church)

10:00am Confessions

3:30pm Confessions

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)

11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma McBride (Wilmott)

5:30pm Eucharistic Minister Training, Church

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 5 Girl's Club Kick-off

Oct. 11 Annual Fall Squires BBQ

Oct. 19 Red Cross Blood Drive

Oct. 20 Summa articles due

Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat

LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

Please do not leave Mass right after Communion. Mass is not yet over! One would never accept a dinner invitation only to jump up after the main course and exit through the front door without so much as a thank you to the host/hostess. Our Lord wants to stay with Him until the end, praying in thanksgiving for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Judas was the first one to leave Mass early at the Last Supper. Let's not follow in his footsteps. Mass ends when Father says: "The Mass is ended, go in peace" and we say: "Thanks be to God." It is most polite to stay in our pews until the end of the recessional hymn. Emergencies will arise from time to time; in such cases, we should be as discreet as possible so as not to disrupt the Mass that has not yet ended. God bless you!

Christian in the World's Fall Lecture Series "**Mary the Mother of God and Mother of the Church**," will continue on Sat., **Oct. 10**, at 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. Ms. Farley is completing a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the University of Dayton this year. She already holds a Master of Theology from Mount Angel Seminary, as well as two other master degrees, one in Business Administration from Pepperdine University in California and one in Health Care Management from California State University in Los Angeles. (For information: Cecile Beckerman, 503 393-5041)

A new research study finds a link between induced abortion and psychiatric disorders ranging from anxiety to depression to substance abuse disorders. (*Journal of Psychiatric Research*, 2008) There is hope for change and healing! Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ Nov, 6-8 in Portland. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact: Lori Eckstine, 800 249-8074 Cost: \$150 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available! The national website is: www.rachelsvineyard.org

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.



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