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**THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

**RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS**

The Hall will be open on Labor Day, 10:00-2:00pm and on Tue. & Wed. 7:00-3:00pm for you to drop off donations for this Aquinas Guild sale. We need clean, useable: clothing, shoes, linens, dishes, pots & pans, silverware, vases, exercise & yard equipment, bikes, toys, & sporting goods, fabrics and craft supplies; videos & books (no encyclopedias, please). We cannot accept large appliances or furniture. Baby car seats and cribs are also unacceptable because of legal liability. Contact Fran, 837-3422 or fmhewitt@comcast.net.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Guild  
Annual  
Rummage  
Sale**

Thursday Sept. 10 9 to 3pm	Friday Sept. 11 9 to 4pm	Saturday Sept. 12 9 to noon
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Lunch available  
Thurs. & Friday

!!!!!!!  
Most items  
25 cents!

\$1 per Bag Sat.  
4th & Oak Sts.. Camas

**SVDP WEEKEND SURVIVAL KITS FOOD DRIVE**

East County Family Resource Center (a.k.a. The Children's Home Society) will be providing weekend meals and snacks to children in need within our community over the 2009-2010 school year. Please take a look at this week's bulletin insert for a list of the items that are needed. Please post this flyer in your home and remember to bring some of these items with you to church, whenever you can throughout the year, to help in this important program. May God bless your generosity.

**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.

**CLAIM YOUR PROPERTY!**

Please be sure to pick up any dishes that you have left either with food for a potluck, funeral luncheon or priest meal from the hall near the kitchen door we don't need and we don't want you to need to pay to get your dishes out of the Rummage Sale.

**IN YOUR CHARITY**

For the soul of David McKenzie who died on Sept. 1.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

**CATECHISTS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

1st Grade: Catechist and Assistant  
3rd Grade: Assistant  
4th Grade: Assistant  
5th Grade: Catechist and Assistant

**REGISTRATION FORMS**

Please fill in front and back and return by Sep. 9. Thanks.

**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. **NOTE: Please indicate Sunday or Wednesday preference!** 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**

**PARENT MEETING SEPTEMBER 9**

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND HAVE A CHANCE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

**REGISTRATION FORMS**

Forms are in the Church vestibule and Parish Office.

Real Catholic Men "**MARCH FOR PURITY**"

(For those 16 years and older)

Sat., Sep. 12

Carpool from St. Thomas at 2:00pm

**SOUTHERN DEANERY HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT**

with special guest Chris Stefanick

Sep. 25-27

Registration forms are in the parish office.

**ROSARY BOWL NW**

Sat., Oct. 3

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Pavilion Building.

Join the St. Thomas Carpool.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank-you to the 341 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington by pledging \$90,891. We've reached 84% of our goal of \$108,201. 56% of our parish families have responded with financial pledges or pledges of prayer. The financial pledges average \$295 per household (generously higher than the Archdiocese average of \$265).

If the remaining 44% pledged \$1.25 a week we would achieve our goal! Your gift, no matter what amount, will make a difference. Please contact the parish office to make a pledge.

## NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

### 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.

### 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.

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

"Mary the Mother of God and Mother of the Church," will begin on Sat., Sep. 12 at 9:00am, in the Mount Angel Abbey Library. The cost is \$50 for the series (four Saturdays) or \$15 a session. Student cost is \$20 for the series or \$5 a session. (For information: Cecile Beckerman, 503-393-5041)

### EXPECTING A BABY OR RECENTLY HAD A BABY?

Northwest Family Services is offering a workshop called "Lasting Relationships for New Parents", for couples who are making the transition to parenthood. The research-based workshop helps couples to maintain their close connection as they develop a "new normal." This workshop will be held on Sep. 11 and 12, at SW Washington Medical Center. Cost is \$40 per couple. Details & registration (503) 546-6377 or [www.lastingrelationships.org](http://www.lastingrelationships.org).

### 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.

### RETROUVILLE

"A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages," [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 800 470-2233 about upcoming weekend dates.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### 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. Contact the parish office to register for this class, 834-2126 ext. 0. Expecting parents are most welcome. Godparents are also expected to take a class, be prepared, take the class, before you need it! We offer classes just four times a year and Baptism monthly.



### 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 Fire-side 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.

### 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](mailto:kristinyoshimura@gmail.com)



### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adoptive parents who are interested in learning more about infants who are available for adoption from South Korea are invited to contact 206 328-5921 or [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org).

### A HELPFUL WEBSITE

[www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org) meant to help evangelize fallen away Catholics.

### 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 8/30	\$8,639
Planned 8/30	\$10,000
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 9 weeks	-\$4,524 -4.2%
Annual Catholic Appeal—total pledged	\$90,891
Amount under goal	-\$17,310

# St. Vincent de Paul

## “Weekend Survival Kits” Food Drive

East County Family Resource Center (ECFRC) will again provide “weekend survival kits” of food to children of needy families within our community this school year. These ‘kits’ will be distributed at school on Fridays in an anonymous manner to children in need to ensure they are nourished on the weekends.

St. Vincent de Paul of St. Thomas Aquinas is assisting ECFRC to help supply the food items to be distributed in these kits. Donations can be left in the vestibule of the church, along with the regular food donations. ECFRC will then distribute the items according to their use. A list of the items needed for the ‘weekend survival kits’ is listed below.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity toward this important program!



Macaroni & Cheese

Tuna

Cereal

Peanut Butter

Jam or Jelly

Crackers

Soup

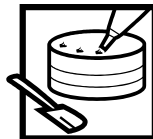
Chili/Ravioli/Spaghetti O’s

Cake Mix

Frosting for cake

Kids juice or box drinks

Bottled Water



Individually wrapped servings of the following:

Jello

Pudding

Fruit cups

Chips/snacks

Dried fruit and nuts



Granola Bars

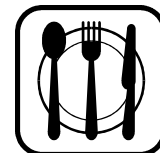
Beef Jerky

Individual packets of mayonnaise

Paper plates

Small hand sanitizers

Wet wipes



# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- Sep. 5 SATURDAY**  
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Chuck Clarke (Bernat)
- Sep. 6 SUNDAY—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**  
**Liturgy of the Hours—week 3**  
**Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a**  
**New Testament: James 2:1-5**  
**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**
- 8:00am Mass for the soul of George Paige (St. Germain)  
9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*  
11:30am Mass for the intentions of Bridget & Philip Powell (Bauer)
- Sep. 7 MONDAY—Staff Day off**  
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Mary Eleazar (Wilmott)  
9:10am Rosary  
10:00am Rummage donations accepted, Hall  
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
- Sep. 8 TUESDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul of Chuch Bernat (Bernat)  
9:00am Set up for Rummage Sale, Hall  
9:10am Rosary  
6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
- Sep. 9 WEDNESDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:30am Mass for the soul of Joe Johnson (Schmid)  
9:00am Set up for Rummage Sale, Hall  
9:10am Rosary  
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
- Sep. 10 THURSDAY**  
8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church  
8:10am Rosary  
8:30am Mass for the intentions of Al & Jeanette Schmid (Smedley) followed by Coffee, Fireside  
9:00am Rummage Sale, Hall  
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
- Sep. 11 FRIDAY**  
9:00am Church cleaners at work  
9:00am Rummage Sale, Hall  
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Winner Burke (Wilmott)
- Sep. 12 SATURDAY**  
9:00am Rummage Sale, Hall  
9:00am Mass for William DeSantis (Stevan)  
9:40am Rosary (Church)  
10:00am Confessions  
2:00pm March for Purity, carpool leaves  
3:30pm Confessions  
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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sep. 16 Faith Formation sessions begin!  
M S Youth Group  
DTS
- Sep. 20 H S Youth Group
- 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.**

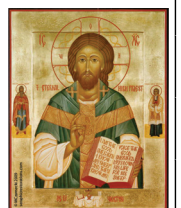
### Daily Prayer During the Year for Priests

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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