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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

MARCH FOR LIFE OLYMPIA BUS TRIP

In remembrance of Roe v. Wade we will again travel by bus to the Washington State Capital in Olympia on Tue., Jan. 19. The bus boards at St. Thomas 6:45am and leaves at 7:00am. Bring home made signs or use those provided. Dress warm! Mass at St. Michael's in Olympia with Auxiliary Bishop Tyson or Almaguer at 10:00am, followed by march or shuttle to the Capital for noon presentations for one hour. Return to St. Michael's for a KC provided lunch. Back in Camas at about 5:00pm. Call NOW to reserve a seat: 834-2126 ext. 260. Suggested donation \$5 for adults/children free. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

NOVENA TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The feast day of St. Thomas is Jan. 28, and our parish novena will begin on Tue., Jan. 19 and ends on Wed., Jan. 27. The novena will be prayed before each Mass and can be found on page 121 of the "St. Thomas Book of Prayers." The intention for this novena will be for all teachers and students, to teach and to learn zealously.



SENIOR SINGLES POTLUCK

At 11:30am on Wed., Jan. 20 in the Fireside Room all those 50+ (widows, widowers, divorced & not married) are welcome to gather socially for a potluck lunch. Remember to bring your pennies for Pokino and any ideas you may have for another activity. Questions or need a ride call Jean, 835-3601.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This week in Adult Faith Formation, (Wed., 6:00pm) we will be discussing Balancing Solidarity and Subsidiarity under the US Constitution - roles of the State in Social Justice.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We now have the following openings so your help is needed:

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am & 4:00-5:00am

Friday, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Saturday, midnight-1:00am

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill a hour. Jeanne@st-thomascamas.org or 834-2126 ext. 0. Schedules are in the adoration chapel and you are welcome to take one home as we have many times with only one person in the chapel as well as the above space which no one is covering.

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to everyone who helped make the fourth annual Epiphany concert such a roaring success! We had a record turn out of 171 people. The choir did a wonderful job and the dessert reception was delicious, thanks to Lisa Hix. We are so happy to have had an opportunity to share the extra holiday music with you. We love our parish!!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

This Wed., Jan. 20 at 6:00pm. Remember to bring your books with you!

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Meetings are 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: [834-0393](tel:834-0393) or pathwaystolearning@live.com

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE AT TWO MASSES

Child care is available Sunday mornings in Room 8 of the Aquinas Center during the 9:00am and 11:15am Masses. Child care at Sunday Masses is on going. There is no charge.



BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

Please be very careful driving and remember the 25 mph speed limit in the neighborhood.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**IT'S A 3-DAY WEEKEND
NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY!**

H.S. CONFIRMATION PROGRAM BEGINS JAN. 24

Next Teen Adoration Fri., Feb. 5, 7:00pm



SUPER BOWL PARTY

On Sun., Feb. 7 for ALL youth, so invite your friends and plan to party!

M.S. SNOW RETREAT

Sat., Feb. 13

Mark your calendar for this fun day away.



MARDI GRAS DINNER

This fundraising dinner helps out our Youth, so please mark your calendar now and plan to attend on Feb. 17.

**STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE BASED ON THE GOSPEL.
HOW DO I MAKE IT MY WAY OF LIFE?**

**I TAKE TO HEART THE OPENING WORDS OF PSALM 24:
"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND ALL THAT IS IN IT."**

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING ROE VS WADE

We will meet from 1:00-2:00pm on Fri., Jan. 22 on the steps of the Clark County Courthouse in downtown Vancouver for a peaceful demonstration. In sorrow we mourn the millions of babies aborted, hearts broken and relationships destroyed. In joy we affirm that every human life from conception until natural death is a gift from God. In love we commit ourselves to parents with untimely pregnancies. In hope we promise to spread the good news about the tiny life in the womb and the local groups who help struggling parents before and after the birth of their baby. For more information go to www.clarkrtl.org or call Clark County Right to Life at 360 573-7459.

VIANNEY

On Fri., Jan. 29 at Holy Redeemer actor Leonardo Defilippis, at 7:00pm in the church will be performing! Suitable for ages 9 years and up, this production is offered for the Year of the Priesthood proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, and recounts the gripping story of the remarkable saint, John Vianney, who is anticipated to be named the patron of priests worldwide in 2010. A freewill offering of \$10/ adults and \$5/children is suggested.



OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph Catholic School is hosting an Open House on Sun., Jan. 31, 10:00-2:00pm. Please come visit with teachers, see classrooms and get more information about a Catholic education for your children. Visit www.stjoevanschool.org for information, or call 696-2586.

OPEN HOUSE

Attention Parents! On Tue., Feb. 2, 6:30-8:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Open House is the perfect time to find how a Catholic education can benefit your child. From preschool through 8th grade we offer an excellent education, rooted in Catholic values, and focused on the success and well being of the whole child. Find out more at our Open House! RSVP for your information packet today! Call 696-2301 or register online at www.lourdesvan.org.

RACHEL'S CORNER

If you are hurting from a past abortion experience, the Church is calling you home to heal. Healing a hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The next retreat is Feb. 19-21. Contact: 800 450-7814.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TAIZE PRAYER

Opportunities for experiencing Taize Prayer are coming to our parish. Tuesday evening, Jan. 26 gather at 6:50pm in the Fireside Room. Prayer will begin promptly at 7:00pm. This will be our first session. Expect to experience, *silence & meditative singing*. All are welcome.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DINNER

Save the date for our STA Feast **Crab and Prime Rib** Dinner on Sat. Jan. 30, 2010. Transformed, the hall is beautifully decorated; the food is always five star, and the service professional. There is a great selection of wines, clever games, DJ music, dancing and you can sign up for broad selection of (fundraising) Theme Dinners. The cost is only \$39 per person. For more information or to make a reservations contact, Bud Brown, 834-7863 or Laurie Midles, 833-1098.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

For a variety of reasons many Catholics have missed the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, thus missing out on the graces that God deeply desires to give them. I think Catholic author Peter Kreeft sums up the need for this sacrament well, "**The Sacrament of Confirmation's need and purpose is to make the same difference to the individual Catholic that the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost made to the Church. The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the Apostles at the day of Pentecost.**" We will begin our Adult Confirmation class on Feb. 10 in room 17 next to the parish office at 7:00pm and continue on Wednesday evenings. For more info and the schedule of topics please see Confirmation brochure located at church entrances. If you have any questions or would like to assist as a sponsor please call Drew at the parish office, ext. 212.

6TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Retreat will be held Friday evening through Sun., Feb. 26 – 28, 2010, at the Anderson Lodge retreat center in Ariel, WA with Mother Mary of the Angels, S.R. who will guide and facilitate our discussion of Apparitions of Mary. Parishioner week-end rate is \$85 and non-parishioner rate is \$125 or there is a \$50 day fee for Saturday to cover food and fees. Registration deadline: Feb. 19. Please forward questions or confidential requests for scholarship information to Karen Normandeau, 835-7307, gknorman-deau@aol.com

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 1/10	\$10,006
Planned Collection 1/10	\$10,700
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 28 weeks	-\$8,778 -2.4%
It is convenient to give regularly by bank transfer or credit card.	Call the office for more information.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading the signs

Ever notice how God never requires us to “say when”? The extravagant gesture is God’s signature statement. In the time of Elijah a jar of meal and a jug of oil refused to go empty, no matter how many times a cer-

tain widow dipped into both. On the occasion of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with one boy’s lunch, there was enough for leftovers. And when Jesus turned water into wine, it was a *lot* of wine, and the best kind, too. Abundance is God’s way of doing things. In your charitable giving count on God’s making it up to you—and then some!

Today’s readings: *Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11*
“*Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory.*”

Monday, January 18

United we stand

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908. The dates of the week were proposed by Father Paul Wattson, cofounder of the Graymoor Franciscan Friars. Popes Pius X blessed the concept and Benedict XV encouraged its observance. Protestant leaders in the mid-1920s also proposed an annual octave of prayer for unity. In 1948, with the founding of the World Council of Churches, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity became increasingly recognized by different churches throughout the world. Take a moment today to pray that, despite our differences, Christians of various backgrounds and traditions may indeed “all be one.”

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22*
“*One puts new wine into fresh wineskins.*”

Tuesday, January 19

Listen and speak

The theme for this second day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from the Gospel of Luke: “You are witnesses of these things.” The word *witness* is both a noun and a verb. We are witnesses because we are Christian: We have experienced the reality of Jesus in our lives. But witnesses also speak: We are called to share our stories of faith with others. In our culture of deeply divisive language, politics, and, particularly, religion, we must actively strive to find creative ways to share our encounters with Jesus and hear the stories of other Christians. Our intention, though, begins with some reflection: How willing am I to share my faith stories with others? How willing am I to listen to theirs?

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28*
“*Then he said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.’*”

Wednesday, January 20 Feast of Fabian, pope, martyr

The accidental pope

Can a layperson be chosen pope? It happened in the year 236, when it is said that those who had gathered to elect a new bishop of Rome saw a dove alight upon the head of Fabian, an unknown layman and farmer who happened to be visiting the city. He was at once proclaimed bishop of Rome by acclamation. Fabian made important contributions to the church, including his decision to send seven bishops to Gaul to evangelize the region we know today as France and Bel-

gium. Be prepared for service both great and small at any time of day or night.

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6*
“*Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?*”

Thursday, January 21

Across the great divide

While Christian unity comes to our attention each January, in the daily “culture wars” what divides people (including Christian from Christian) seems always more prominent. In the health-care debate for example, we focus on divergent views on issues rather than a common goal like securing health care and insurance for the poor or illegal immigrants. Yes, *illegal*. See what I mean? Immediately the voices of righteousness and indignation (like that of the elder son in the story of the Prodigal Son) rise—even to belligerence. What of the borderless kingship of Christ? Christ’s unconditional compassion is real only insofar as it is acted in *our* flesh. Unity among Christians will elude us as long as any of us clings to anyone or anything other than Christ.

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12*

“*Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him, ‘The king should not sin against his servant David.’*”

Friday, January 22

Please take this call

To what will you be called this day? Will it be to reconciliation and right relationship with a friend or coworker? To lead the way on a project using your gifts and a bit of inspiration from the Spirit? To lay down your own good ideas, your plan, or perhaps even your own pride or reputation in order to help another person? To make someone smile? You may not see it coming, and you might not even realize it when it is happening, but throughout this day, indeed this and every day, you are called by God to some small or large part of bringing about the gospel of Christ Jesus. Listen, and be ready!

Today’s readings: *1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19*

“*[Jesus] went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted.*”

Saturday, January 23

The challenge of Christian unity

In the opening verses of 2 Samuel, David mourns the death of Saul, the king of Israel. Never mind that Saul spent most of 1 Samuel trying to kill David. But David understood that there was something in life bigger than his own concerns, his own problems. The king had fallen, and that needed to be mourned. Jesus taught the people to love their enemies, too. Maybe that’s why his family thought he was crazy. And maybe the first step toward Christian unity, for which we pray this week, is understanding that there’s something more important than our differences. All Christians need to love one another.

Today’s readings: *2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21*
“*When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’*”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Jan. 16 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Lilly Monaghan (Bauer)
7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Jan. 17 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour sponsored by the CDA
Liturgy of the Hours for week 2
Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass for Harry Maczewski (Johnson)
11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
NO H.S. Confirmation or H S Faith Formation

Jan. 18 MONDAY (Staff Day off)

8:30am Mass
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall

Jan. 19 TUESDAY

7:00am Bus leaving for March for Life in Olympia
8:30am Mass for the soul of Andrew Mueller (Myers) (Novena Prayer)
4:30pm Study & Pray Small Group, Fireside Room
6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room



Jan. 20 WEDNESDAY

7:00am Finance Council, Room 17
8:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Howard Ritter (Novena Prayer)
9:10am Rosary
11:30am Senior Singles, Fireside Room
6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Jan. 21 THURSDAY

8:10am Rosary
8:30am Mass followed by "Coffee" in the old rectory (Novena Prayer)
11:30am Mass at Highland Terrace
5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
6:00pm CDA dinner planning meeting, Hall
7:00pm Choir, Church
7:00pm Executive Board, Room 17
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room
6:30pm RCIC, The Belisle Library

Jan. 22 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Howard Ritter (Circle of Love) (Novena Prayer)

Jan. 23 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the soul of Father Joseph Dahlem (Novena Prayer)
9:40am Rosary, Church
10:00am Confessions
12:00pm Baptisms, Church
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass (Novena Prayer)
7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Jan. 24 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Boys' Club
Liturgy of the Hours for week 3
Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

8:00am Mass (Novena Prayer)
9:30am Mind Mass for the soul of Ray Winders (Novena Prayer)
11:30am Mass *Pro Populo* (Novena Prayer)
5:30pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room
7:00pm H S Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 30 St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Dinner
- Feb. 1 Lenten SUMMA articles due
- Feb. 7 Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 12 Healing Mass with Fr. Justus
- Feb. 13 Marriage Celebration Reception
- Feb. 17 Mardi Gras Fundraising Dinner
- Feb. 21-25 Lenten Parish Mission
- Feb. 26-28 Sixth Annual Women's Retreat
- Mar. 6 Baptism Preparation
- Mar. 13 St. Patrick's Dinner
- Apr. 10 First Communion Retreat
- May 1 First Communion
- May 15 Boys' and Young Men's Vocation Dinner
- May 21 & 22 Life in the Spirit Seminar
- May 23 The Sacrament of Confirmation
- June 18-20 Summer Camp

LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

The liturgical celebration involves signs and symbols relating to creation (candles, water, fire), human life (washing, anointing, breaking bread), and the history of salvation (the rites of the Passover). Integrated into the world of faith and taken up by the power of the Holy Spirit, these cosmic elements, human rituals, and gestures of remembrance of God become the bearers of the saving and sanctifying action of Christ. (CCC 1189)

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010

Considering the damage done to the priesthood by sins of calumny, detraction, and tale-bearing, you can resolve to refrain from all critical, unkind, and judgmental speech (and blogging) concerning priests, and also resolve never to repeat unedifying comments, anecdotes, or gossip concerning priests, their sins, and their failings.



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