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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

EARN \$\$ FOR OUR PARISH

The Catholic Northwest Progress subscription drive will be taking place at our parish. \$10 for each one year subscription and \$20 for each two year subscription/renewal will be donated back to our parish.

NOVENA TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

The feast day of St. Thomas is Jan. 28, and our parish novena ends on Wed., Jan. 27. The novena is 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.



ST. THOMAS MOM'S GROUP

LEGENDS OF ST. VALENTINE & CARD-MAKING

In the Fireside Room on Tue., Jan. 26, 9:30-11:00am; as we approach Valentines Day, come learn about St. Valentine, and make cards for your loved ones. Card-making materials and coffee will be abundant. St. Thomas Moms Group is casual & cozy. It is a great way to meet fellow Catholic mothers in your parish. We love new faces... come and bring a friend! Free Childcare provided, if desired. For further inquiry, contact sia nickelsen: siaeliza@gmail.com or 907-2487.

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.

RETIRED POTLUCK

This Wed., Jan. 27, at noon in the Fireside Room. Bring a friend and a dish to share!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This week in Adult Faith Formation, (Wed., 6:00pm) we will be discussing Subsidiarity - Constitution, politics, voting, etc.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DINNER

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. Ticket are also available in the parish office; if there are any left.

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 an 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

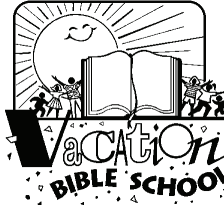
(Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:15pm)

Jan. 27

Mar. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Feb. 3, 10 & 24

Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28



VBS PLANNING MEETING

SCHEDULED

MONDAY, FEB. 8, 7:00PM IN ROOM 17

All interested adults please plan to attend. VBS week is scheduled for August 2 - 6.

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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

H.S. CONFIRMATION PROGRAM BEGINS TODAY

On Sun., Jan. 24, 5:30pm in the Youth Room will be the first session of our Confirmation program for all who are at least juniors in high school or 16 years old, don't be late!

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 Tue., Feb. 16.

GOING DEEPER

The blog that answers teen questions for deeper Catholic Understanding. At goingdeeper-catholic.blogspot.com

IN YOUR CHARITY

Pray for the soul of David Monaghan, son of Norma, whose funeral was last Friday.

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

**I RECOGNIZE THAT PART OF MY GOD-GIVEN MAKE-UP IS A
NEED TO GIVE, AND THAT IT IS A SOURCE OF MY OWN PEACE
AND HAPPINESS.**

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

HAITI EARTHQUAKE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. CRS has made an initial commitment of \$5million for immediate use in the relief effort. The agency is geared up for a major emergency response to this severe disaster. CRS is mobilizing food and gearing up its emergency capacity, and deploying emergency shelter and hygiene kits in Haiti, as well as bringing supplies in from the neighboring Dominican Republic. To donate, please call 1 877-HELP-CRS, or online at www.crs.org or send a check to CRS/Archdiocese of Seattle, 710 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98104 (on the memo line, please write: Haiti Earthquake). Thank you.

VIANNEY

On Fri., Jan. 29 at Holy Redeemer actor Leonardo Defillipis, 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.

LITTLE ANGELS PRESCHOOL

Take 25% off registration when enrolling your child Jan. 19-Feb. 5. This can be applied to the second half of this school year or for the 2010-2011 school year. We offer 8:45-11:15am and 12:00-2:30pm preschool. For more information, please contact Dana Kutch at 573-3325 or e-mail at dana@stjohnvancouver.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 Feb. 19-21. Contact: 800 450-7814.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A TIME TO VISIT

On Tue., Feb. 9 Fr. Justus Kiiza will be in the parish hall beginning at 5:00pm. Yes, we're having a potluck supper too for all Father's many friends. We'll gather about 5:00pm and plan to eat at 6:00pm. Bring any food items you'd like to share and we'll feast together on yummy food, good conversation, and catch up on what's been happening in Fr. Justus' life. This is being sponsored by *Circle of Love*, and all are Welcome.

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 weekend 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring your compassion for pregnant women in need to BIRTHRIGHT. Caring makes the difference. Don't hesitate. We'll train you and work with your schedule. Shifts can be shared. The need to support the choice for life is great. CALL 694-8156.

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 1/17	\$10,553
Planned Collection 1/17	\$9,300
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 29 weeks	-\$7,525 -1.9%
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 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Put your list away

Humans are afflicted with the desire to make lists, to categorize, to arrange according to significance—and we especially like to assign importance, particularly

among people. But we never see the whole picture, so how can we know who is more important, or which ability or action has the greatest potential for good? In *Middlemarch* George Eliot reminds us: “. . . For the growing good of the world is partly dependent upon un-historic acts, and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs.” We are all part of the Body of Christ; we are all necessary and important. Take a break from judging today.

Today’s readings: *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

“Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?”

Monday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of Paul, apostle

Down but not out

The life of Saint Paul is a study in contrasts. He went from being a respected Jewish teacher with the power to haul Christians to jail, to a blind man lying in the dust, to a great apostle of the one whose followers he had hunted down. The force of his conversion echoed the violence he had used against the followers of Christ: A flash from the sky threw him to the ground and blinded him; he didn’t eat or drink for days. When he recovered and began to preach the gospel of Jesus, some Christians could not believe one of their worst enemies had become a brother in Christ. Paul’s encounter with the risen Jesus laid upon him the “obligation,” as he put it, to bring Christ’s message to the world. How does your life, with all of its contrasts, proclaim your faith in Jesus?

Today’s readings: *Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18*

“He is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel.”

Tuesday, January 26

Feast of Timothy and Titus, bishops

With a little help from your friends

We can infer from Saint Paul’s letters more about his fellow missionaries, Timothy and Titus, than we can about any of the original 12 apostles. Of Titus we know that his friendship with Paul was so deep that Paul’s imprisonment was eased by Titus’ comfort. How important friendship is, and how frequently neglected or misunderstood. In his book *Friendship* historian and theologian Martin Marty repeats this sentence often: “We have friends, or we are friends, in order that we do not get killed.” With each repetition, he points to what threatens to kill us, ranging from anger, poverty, violence, or starvation to loneliness, ignorance, illness, or neglect. How lovely if, after a saint’s name, one might read not only “bishop,” “apostle,” or “martyr” but also “friend.”

Today’s readings: *2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 3:31-35*

“To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share.”

Wednesday, January 27

Feast of Angela Merici, virgin

Support your local family

Saint Angela (1474-1540) was a big believer in the strength of women, the importance of family, and the need for adequate religious instruc-

tion. From an early age her goal was to support women in their vocations as mothers, daughters, and Christians. She eventually founded several schools in northern Italy to instruct young girls in Catholic theology and Christian living, and formed the Society of St. Ursula, dedicated to providing women of little social status with a sense of their dignity and a faith filled purpose. Among her instructions: “Live and behave in such a way that your daughters will mirror themselves in you. And what you want them to do, do it yourself first.” Good advice for all parents, guardians, and mentors of children.

Today’s readings: *2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20*

“And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit.”

Thursday, January 28

Feast of Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor of the church

No question about it

Saint Thomas Aquinas intended his *Summa Theologica* to represent, as the title says, a “summary” of Christian theology. Seeing that this summary stretches to more than 3,000 pages, we would have trouble imagining what he left out. His attention to questions of faith is so thorough that he even devotes time to the issue of whether our resurrected glorified bodies will be agile (he concludes they will). What are some of the “odder” questions you have about the Catholic faith? Find the answers.

Today’s readings: *2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25*

“For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light.”

Friday, January 29

You’ve got to start somewhere

Every year the CNN television network sponsors a program recognizing “everyday people changing the world.” On Thanksgiving Day the top ten “CNN Heroes” are honored in a televised event. What is striking in each story is the extent to which one “small” person, like the mustard seed in the gospel parable, really can make a huge difference for the good. The nomination categories suggest ways each of us can make a positive difference: “championing children,” “community crusaders,” “defending the planet,” “medical marvels,” “protecting the powerless,” and “young wonders.”

Today’s readings: *2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34*

“It is like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all the seeds on earth.”

Saturday, January 30

Riding out the storm

The sea regularly serves as a metaphor for life. No one wants to go through “rough waters,” and who doesn’t prefer “smooth sailing”? As we all know, however, the voyage of a lifetime has stretches when stress, fear, depression, loss, or disaster rock your boat. In the Gospel of Mark Jesus calms the wind not once but twice. In both cases a gale was making life difficult for the disciples on the lake, and both times the miracles showed Jesus’ power over chaos and the capacity of faith to overcome fear. We can’t avoid stormy seas, but we can trust in the One to whom the wind and water answer.

Today’s readings: *2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41*

“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Jan. 23 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass (Novena Prayer)
7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Jan. 24 SUNDAY—PROGESS 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)
9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory
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

Jan. 25 MONDAY

8:30am Mass (Novena Prayer)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
5:45pm Liturgy Committee, Room 17
7:00pm Pastoral Council, Room 17

Jan. 26 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass (Novena Prayer)
9:30am Moms, Fireside Room
4:30pm Study & Pray Small Group, Fireside Room
6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

Jan. 27 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mind Mass for the intentions of the Baja Family (Baja) (Novena Prayer)
9:10am Rosary
12:00pm Retired Potluck, Fireside Room
6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Jan. 28 THURSDAY

8:10am Rosary
8:30am Mass followed by "Coffee" in the old rectory
7:00pm Choir, Church
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room
6:30pm RCIC, The Belisle Library

Jan. 29 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass

Jan. 30 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass
9:40am Rosary, Church
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Kathleen Frost (Layman)
6:00pm St. Thomas Feast Dinner, Hall
7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Jan. 31 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour sponsored by the PCA Parents Club
Liturgy of the Hours for week 4
Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

8:00am Fr. Allison Mass
9:30am Fr. Allison Mass
11:30am Fr. Allison Mass *Pro Populo*
5:30pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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

MUSIC NOTES

Have you been considering becoming part of the music ministry at St. Thomas? Anytime is a good time to join us! Give me a call or an email and I will give you the details. We always look forward to welcoming new members. God bless you! kristinyoshimura@gmail.com or 834-1495

LITURGY HIGHLIGHTS

Anything but ordinary! "While the word "ordinary" in popular usage is used to describe things that are nondescript or dull, ordinary rather means customary, regular, and orderly. Ordinary Time may also be called Ordinal Time, which means numbered time. Ordinal comes from the Latin "*ordinalis*," which is a word meaning "showing order, denoting an order of succession." Hence, Ordinary Time is the standard, orderly, counted time outside of the other liturgical seasons. There is nothing "dull" about Ordinary Time!"

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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