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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

EPHANY CONCERT

Our annual Epiphany concert will be held next Sun., Jan. 3 at 3:00pm in the church. The choir/schola will be performing pieces from throughout Advent and Christmas, including special pieces never before heard. We will also include vocal and instrumental solos from our choir members. They put in a lot of effort and extra rehearsal time to prepare for this event. It is our special way of trying to make Christmas more of a season instead of just one day. Epiphany is the day we celebrate the Wise Men arriving to pay homage to Jesus in the manger. Make your Christmas season last by joining us for our concert. Don't forget our sing-a-long at the end. This is truly *your* concert, too! A short reception will follow.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

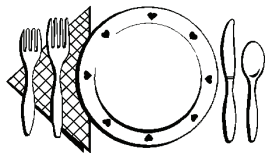
The Catholic Daughters will hold their January meeting on Mon., Jan. 4. Rosary is at 7:00pm and the meeting begins around 7:20pm in the Fire-side Room. Any women in the parish interested in Catholic Daughters are invited to attend this meeting. If you have questions, call Anne at 835-8220.

EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Following the example set by Archbishop Brunett, the Catholics Come Home program will be initiated in our parish and we are in the process of setting up an Evangelization team. Thus far, we have set up a small group to acquire information and resources from the archdiocese in an effort to prepare for the upcoming ad campaign. At this time we are looking for committed parishioners to look at ways that we, as members of the Camas/Washougal community, can evangelize and welcome others. Meetings have been set up for the second Saturday of the month at 8:00am in Room 17. To be included in the sharing of information, contact the office or kristinyoshimura@gmail.com

GIRL'S AND YOUNG WOMEN'S VOCATION DINNER

On Sat. Jan. 9 following the Vigil Mass will be the annual dinner sponsored by the Boys' Club for all girls and young women, aged 7-19, and their mothers. The guest speaker this year will be Sr. Joelle Aflaguek, S.S.N.D. who is currently working at St. Joseph's parish in Vancouver. This is a parish sponsored dinner so there is no charge for parishioners, but we do need to have your reservation by Jan. 4; contact 834-2126 ext. 0 or Jeanne@st-thomascamas.org



AQUINAS GUILD MEETING

This Wednesday, January 6th, is the date for the meeting of the Aquinas Guild. In the past, we have forgone our January meeting, but have decided that we have too much fun to omit it. Hope to see you there.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATED, WHEN?

On Sun., Jan. 10 at 2:00pm in the church.

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

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PRAYER BOOKS

Prayer Books are on sale for \$6 in the office.

PUBLIC HEALTH REMINDER

Although the spread of H1N1 influenza (swine flu) has slowed down, additional H1N1 outbreaks are possible this flu season. Because H1N1 is a contagious and potentially serious disease, it's important for people to get vaccinated. H1N1 vaccine is now available for everyone, especially pregnant women, healthcare workers, children ages 6 months through age 24, parents and caregivers of children younger than 6 months, and people 6 months through age 64 with chronic medical conditions. A list of vaccine location can be found at www.FluNewsSWWashington.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul thanks all of you who generously supported our Christmas Food Drive and Giving Tree. Because of your generosity they were a great success and we were able to give food, clothing, and gifts to over 30 families! The families you helped were overwhelmed with your generosity and they asked us to tell you how much they appreciated your loving support.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

H.S. SNOW RETREAT

Rescheduled for Jan. 17 & 18

M.S. SNOW RETREAT

Feb. 13, Mark your calendar for this fun day away.



YOUTH ADORATION

On Jan. 8, 7:00pm in the Church we will meet and share together

SUPER BOWL PARTY

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

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISH FAMILIES WHO RETURNED A STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE. THIS REALLY HELPS THE PARISH IN PLANNING OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

IF YOU DID NOT RETURN A PLEDGE CARD IT IS NEVER TOO LATE...PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 834-2126 AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND ONE TO YOU.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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

Monday, Midnight-1:00am & 1:00-2:00am

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

Thursday, 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 & 2:00-3:00am

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill a hour. Jeanne@st-thomascamas.org or 834-2126 ext. 0.

PRAYER CHAIN

Have you found a beloved friend or family member who weighed heavily on your heart, so much so that you worried for them and found yourself praying for him or her; then began to wish you had something more powerful than just your own prayers? Well, how about multiplying your prayers by others praying with you! Here it is call the prayer hot line 835-1644 to get your prayers going through to several parish members praying with you or for you! Your confidentiality is a major consideration of the prayer group when you call, simply give the name of the person you wish the group to pray for and what you're asking the Lord to do for this person. If you would like to pray for others and become a member of the prayer chain, just contact Vie, 335-1644 or vie_ross@evross.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SOUTHERN DEANERY MEETING

On Thu., Jan. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church (157 S.W. 6th St. Chehalis), is the next meeting Hostesses will be the St. Joseph's Altar Society. DIRECTIONS: From North or South on I-5 take exit 77. Drive East on Main St. (approximately one half mile) to stoplight at Cascade St. and turn right. Proceed ½ mile to 6th St. and turn left. Parish Center is on the right. Parking is available on 6th St. in front of the church.

**MASS 9:00am; REGISTRATION AND COFFEE 9:30am;
CALL TO ORDER 10:00am; ADORATION & ROSARY 12:00 NOON;
LUNCHEON 12:30pm; AJOURNMENT 2:30pm.
Registration and Luncheon Suggested donation \$5.**

RESERVATIONS: Please call with approximate number of persons from your area to attend by Jan. 9 to Susan Muller, 360 262-9682.

*Collection at lunchtime will be for PREGNANCY AID.

**Installation of our new President, ELEONORE PRICE and Vice President, MARY SCHADE.

***PLEASE BRING YOUR "CATHOLIC LACE" PROJECT FOR BOOKLET UPDATES.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 to reserve a seat: 834-2126 ext. 260. Suggested donation \$5. Sponsored by KC's.

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 a broad selection of Theme Dinners to sign up for. The cost is only \$39 per person. For more information call, Bud Brown, 834-7863 or Laurie Midles, 833-1098.

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

SUPPORT OUR SETON HIGH B-BALL TEAM

It will be St. Thomas Aquinas Parish night at the upcoming basketball game between the Seton High Cougars and Kingsway Christian. The game is at 7 pm on Thursday January 14 at 3300 NE 78th Street Vancouver. Come support our only SW Washington Catholic High School and watch this first year team play some great basketball. For more information or to carpool over that night call Shawn MacPherson at 834-6314.

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

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 Christmas	\$8,767
Actual Collection Sunday 12/27	\$10,522
Planned Christmas	\$7,700
Planned Sunday 12/27	\$9,100
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 26 weeks	-\$7,111 -2.1%
It is convenient to give regularly by bank transfer or credit card. We encourage you to consider it!	Call the office for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Jan. 2 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the for the soul of Lois Guard (Zefran)

Jan. 3 SUNDAY Epiphany

Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Liturgy of the Hours for week 2

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

New Testament: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



8:00am Mass
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 11:30am Mass
 3:00pm Epiphany Concert, Church
 No H. S. Youth Group



Jan. 4 MONDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Ethel Brown (Myers)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall
 6:30pm Girls' Club, Youth Room
 7:00pm CDA, Fireside Room

Jan. 5 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass
 4:30pm Prayer Group, Fireside Room
 6:50pm Circle of Love, Fireside Room
 7:30pm KC's, Hall

Jan. 6 WEDNESDAY

6:30am Men's Breakfast, Lakeside Chalet
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ken Haas (Haas)
 9:10am Rosary
 9:30am Aquinas Guild, Fireside Room
 6:00pm Faith Formation, Church
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola
 7:45pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Jan. 7 THURSDAY

8:10am Rosary
 8:30am Mass followed by "Coffee" in the old rectory
 5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
 7:00pm Choir, Church
 7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room
 6:30pm RCIC, The Belisle Library

Jan. 8 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
 12:00pm Mass for the soul of Howard Ritter (Myers)
 7:00pm Youth Adoration

Jan. 9 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass
 9:40am Rosary (Church)
 10:00am Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mass for the intentions of Carol Holland (Duringer)
 6:00pm Girls' & Young Women's Dinner, Hall
 7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Jan. 10 SUNDAY The Baptism of our Lord

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Girls' Club

Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

New Testament: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:16

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Mass for Harry Maczewski (Johnson)
 11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 2:00pm 1st Reconciliation Celebrated
 5:30pm H.S. Confirmation, Youth Room
 6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room
 7:00pm Squires, Hall
 7:00pm H S Faith Formation, Youth Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 10 First Confessions
- Jan. 19 March for Life, Olympia
- Jan. 30 St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Dinner
- Feb. 1 Lenten SUMMA articles due
- Feb. 12 Healing Mass with Fr. Justus
- Feb. 13 Marriage Celebration
- Feb. 17 Mardi Gras Fundraising Dinner
- Feb. 21-25 Lenten Parish Mission
- Feb. 26-28 6th Annual Women's Retreat

MASS IN THANKSGIVING...

for the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & in Celebration for the Presence of African American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Brunett on Sat., Jan. 9, 5:30pm at St. James Cathedral. A reception will follow in the Isaac Orr Conference Hall. Please RSVP to Philip Tran, 206 382-4828 or philipt@seattlearch.org

SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Applications for admission are due by Jan. 15. For more information and to sign up for testing, log on to www.setonhigh.org or contact Vice Principal, Andy Nichols 360 258-1932 ext. 224. We are grateful to you all for your prayers and support. May God bless you!

BIRTHRIGHT...

provides *loving alternatives to abortion* and support to each pregnant woman for as long as she wishes. Learn about volunteering. Speak with fellow parishioner, Jeanette Gaug 834-2622.

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