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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

ST THOMAS MOM'S GROUP

On Tue., Mar 9, 9:30-11:00am in the Fireside Room. Come meet new mothers in the parish and catch up with the old. Feel free to bring a friend! Babies are welcome and/or free childcare is provided. Questions: contact Sia Nickelsen, 907-2487 or siaeliza@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Wed., Mar. 10, 6:00pm following a decade of the rosary come downstairs to the parish hall for: group discussion and we will be doing some brainstorming on apologetic topics. Robert Garrett calls this "in the trenches," because we will be discussing best way to respond to questions and/or challenges to our faith that we all run into.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The feast day of St. Joseph is Mar. 19. Our parish novena, which will be prayed before each Mass, will begin on Mar. 10 and conclude on Mar. 18. The novena can be found on page 126 of the St. Thomas Book of Prayers. The intention is for all men, especially husbands and fathers, that they will have the courage and guidance to model themselves after our beloved St. Joseph.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Our third Adult Confirmation class is in the Aquinas Center, Room 17 at 7:00pm on Wed. Mar. 10. 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, ext. 212.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

On Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be in the Church beginning at 6:00pm; following in the Hall, various parish groups will be providing a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread. Donations collected at these meals are given to Operation Rice Bowl. This week, the Girls' Club and Center for Life families are hosting the supper.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The Catholic Daughters/Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held this Sat., Mar. 13 – you won't want to miss this chance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and see the Molly Malone Dancers from the Yeates Academy of Dance strut their stuff. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for 11-and-under), and include the entertainment and a luscious dinner. Seating is limited, and this event is popular – so be sure to purchase your tickets early. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** You can call Anne, 835-8220 for tickets and more information. Tickets are being sold at the Knights' breakfast following all Masses on Sunday.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLETION

The CRS Collection is the annual parish collection taken up by the U.S. Catholic Bishops on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Flyers with more info are in the bulletin and envelopes are at the ends of the pews.

Note about Haiti: CRS was able to respond to the recent disaster in Haiti within hours because it was already in place and prepared, in large part because of this annual CRS collection.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT – THE BURNING BUSH AND THE CALL OF MOSES

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

(Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-7:15pm)
Mar. 10, 17 & 24; Apr. 7, 14, 21 & 28

VBS PLANNING SESSION

TOMORROW, Mon., Mar. 8, 7:00pm in Room 17.
VBS scheduled for Aug. 2-6, 10:00-12:00 (noon) each day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Parents & children meet this Thu., Mar. 11, 6:30pm in the parish hall. Childcare will be provided ONLY if requested.

BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Classes 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 or pathwaystolearning@live.com.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

SAT., MAR. 13, 10:00-10:00PM
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TO REGISTER & CARPOOL INFO

ROSARIES, MEDALS, JEWELRY

St. Thomas Youth Ministry will be selling hand-made rosaries and religious jewelry Sun., Mar. 13 and 21 to help fund the Spring Ropes Course Retreat and the Summer Youth Conferences.



GOING DEEPER

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

STEWARDSHIP—TAKING THE NEXT STEP

IT IS THE EXPERIENCE THAT IS CONVINCING..

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: LOOK AT YOUR INCOME—THEN DECIDE TO TAKE SOME OFF THE TOP NEXT WEEK AND GIVE IT TO THE LORD. “OFF THE TOP” IS THE MAIN THING. THE AMOUNT ISN’T AS IMPORTANT AS PLANNED, CONSISTENT GIVING. THEN DO IT—AND SEE HOW IT AFFECTS YOU...HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR BELIEF IN GOD.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

BIRTHRIGHT

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 our coordinator Angela 882-1824.

ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

On Thu., Mar. 18 the ACCW Southern Deanery will meet at St. Michael's in Olympia with registration at 9:30am. We meet to support, educate, honor and encourage Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. Come join us—for reservations contact, Mary 360 866-0305. 482-3853.

PRAYER BLANKETS

Blankets are in the parish office that have been blessed by Fr. Gillette to be given to anyone who has a special need. In addition to prayers said by those making the blankets, recipients are included in the prayers offered by the Circle of Love and Prayer Chain ministries.

2010 CENSUS

Did you know that you are encouraged to fill out census forms as they help our church know how many Catholics live in our area? Yes, that's right, our church gets it's information about where people live from the census taken by the government.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Are you aware that we have people waiting to pray for you or for those you know that need God's special attention? Simply contact Vie Ross Prayer Chain 335-1644 or vie@evross.com to get intentions held up in prayer. If you are interested in being added to the growing list of those praying, contact Vie.

LOST AND FOUND

There's a box in The Belisle Library with coats, hats, etc. that have been misplaced or left. Small possibly valuable items: the watch found after the parish picnic, a couple of rings and a bluetooth are kept in the

PERPETUAL ADORATION

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



Monday, 2:00-3:00am
Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am, 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 834-2126 ext. 0 or jeanne@st-thomascamas.org 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TAIZE PRAYER

The next Taize prayer night in the Fireside Room will be on Tue., Mar. 16 with gathering at 6:50pm and prayer beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

On Mon., Mar. 22 at 7:00pm we have several priests coming to assist Fr. Gillette.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT 2010

On Tuesday evenings, beginning Mar. 30 with gathering at 6:50pm and sessions, 7:00-8:30pm, the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* will be coming to our parish. Each week for 7 weeks, witness talks will be followed with small group discussions including question and answer time. Sign up by calling 834-2126 ext. 263. All are welcome.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

- Apr. 1 Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight
Apr. 2 Tre Ore
Stations of the Cross, 12:00pm
Confessions, 12:30-3:00pm
Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00pm
Liturgy of the Passion, 7:00pm
Apr. 3 Easter Vigil, 8:30pm



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 2/28	\$10,130
Planned Collection 2/28	\$12,400
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 35 weeks	-\$11,627 -2.6%
Donations to be sent to Fr Propst, OP collected during the Lenten Mission	\$3,127 Thank You!



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The sweet smell of prayer

We tend to pray for the people we like. Or at least we pray for family and friends, even—or especially—if they're troublesome. Maybe for Lent we should try praying for the people we don't like, those at work or school or in the neighborhood who just rub us the wrong way. They are like the unfruitful trees in the gospel story: We encounter them hoping for something sweet, but we get something sour. Our prayers for them are like . . . well, fertilizer. A season of prayer would do them—and us—a world of good.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9*

"Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

MONDAY, MARCH 8

FEAST OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

Love first and ask questions later

Saint John of God (1495-1550) had a habit of jumping in to help whenever he saw the need. During a hospital stay he got up to care for the other patients around him. On another occasion, when the same hospital was on fire, he dropped what he was doing, raced to the scene, and rushed into the burning building to carry out patients on his back and then again to try to save the structure. A prayer to John says: "Saint John, help us to act out of love as soon as we feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit." Have you ever held back when you could have helped? Promise yourself you'll leap at future chances to do something good.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30*

"Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

FEAST OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Give it up for Frances

Frances was born in Rome in 1384 to wealthy parents. At an early age she wanted to be a nun, but her parents arranged a marriage instead. She would lose two children to the plague, which sensitized her to the needs of the less fortunate. With her sister she visited the poor and took care of the sick, inspiring other wealthy women to do the same. Frances can serve as our inspiration to practice a little good-old-fashioned Lenten almsgiving.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35*

"Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Each one, teach one

God bless those who take the time and trouble to teach! The neighbor who shares the secret to flaky pie crust; the guy at the hardware store who explains the mysteries of doorknob mechanisms; and the high school history teacher who opens up a love for the treasures of the past—all give us something wonderful for the road ahead. The greatest teachers are those who instruct us not only in how-to-do but who-to-be: loving, compassionate, responsible, and just children of God. Consider the best lessons you've been taught and pass them along.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19*
"Whoever [keeps these commandments] and teaches others to do the same, will be great in the Kingdom of heaven."

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

LENTEN WEEKDAY

It's up to you

Lent's traditional fasting, prayer, and almsgiving can help us slow down and consider whether the thousands of choices we make in a day are in tune with God. In prayer we listen in silence for God's perspective on how to live. Fasting prods us to abandon quick, self-indulgent answers to life's questions and problems. Almsgiving asks what we value and whether we are generous. Tuned in to our often automatic decision-making, we may realize how much each choice matters. The amazing ability of a computer is actually the result of myriad "switches," each set at either one or zero. Change only one, and the result changes. So also we, by paying attention to our choices, may choose to undo some of our scatteredness, our noisiness, our sadness—and soften a stony heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23*

"Whoever is not with me is against me."

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Now hear this

When challenged by the scribes to name the most important of the commandments, Jesus begins by quoting the prayer that is known as the *Shema Yisrael* for its opening words: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone." To this day observant Jews consider the *Shema* their most important prayer, reciting it twice daily, and it is traditional for Jews to recite it as their last words. If we want to understand the life and times of Jesus, a good place to start is to learn about Judaism. Study up today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34*

"You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other.'"

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lent, here and now

How's Lent going for you? Has it been easy to enter into this year, or has it not even been on your radar screen? Wherever you are, it's OK. Today is a new day. If you're having difficulty, look to the prophet Hosea. Hosea gives us two things on which to focus our attention and efforts. First, he calls us to be persons of steadfast love. We can express steadfast love by attending a Lenten celebration with our parish community, reaching out to someone in need, or doing something especially considerate for our loved ones. Second, Hosea calls us to knowledge of God; not simply to know about God but to know God, to be in relationship with God. We can do that by being aware, right now, that we are in God's presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14*

"For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Mar. 6 SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass for the soul of Juel Fadness (Warth)
7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Mar. 7 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Liturgy of the Hours for week 3
Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

8:00am Mass
9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory
9:30am Mass for the soul of Victor Petrucci (Petrucci)
11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
1:00pm Baptism Preparation, Fireside Room
5:30pm Confirmation, Youth Room
7:00pm H S Faith Formation, Youth Room

Mar. 8 MONDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Vicky Augon (Lounsbury)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Scouts, Hall
7:00pm VBS planning, Room 17
7:00pm Pinochle Fireside Room
7:00pm Pastoral Council, Old Rectory

Mar. 9 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Ray Winders (Winders)
9:30am MOMs, Fireside Room
4:30pm Study & Prayer Small Group, Fireside Room
6:50pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room
7:00pm Eucharistic Ministers team, Church

Mar. 10 WEDNESDAY Novena to St. Joseph

8:30am Mass for the intentions of Maria Murphy (Doyle)
9:10am Rosary
6:00pm Faith Formation for children; adults to attend Mass
7:00pm Adult Confirmation, Room 17
7:30pm St. Thomas Schola, Church
7:30pm Dead Theologians Society, Youth Room

Mar. 11 THURSDAY Novena to St. Joseph

8:10am Rosary
8:30am Mass for the soul of Jack Gardina (Bernat) followed by "Coffee" in the old rectory
5:30pm Vox Clara, Room 15
6:30pm RCIC, Hall
6:30pm First Communion prep, Hall
7:00pm Outreach, Room 17
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
7:00pm RCIA, Fireside Room

Mar. 12 FRIDAY (Abstain) Novena to St. Joseph

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass for the soul of Fr. Terence Wager, O.S.B.
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper, Hall

Mar. 13 SATURDAY Novena to St. Joseph

8:00am Evangelization Team, Room 17
9:00am Mass
9:40am Rosary, Church

10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Vigil Mass for the souls of Raphael & Dorothy Straughan (Smith)
6:00pm St. Patrick Dinner, Hall
7:00pm Dynamic Marriage Class, Fireside Room

Mar. 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Novena to St. Joseph

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Youth
Liturgy of the Hours for week 4
Old Testament: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00am Mass for the intentions of the Deborah Hannon family (Wilmott)
9:00am Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Apostolate, Old Rectory
9:30am Mass for the soul of
11:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
5:30pm Confirmation, Youth Room
6:30pm Boys' Club, Fireside Room
7:00pm H S Faith Formation, Youth Room
7:00pm Squires, Hall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar. 15 SUMMA articles due date
- Mar. 30 Life in the Spirit Seminar begins
- Apr. 10 First Communion Retreat
- Apr. 17 Ecumenical Tea
- May 1 First Communion Mass, 5:00pm
- May 8 Father-Daughter Dance
- May 14 Couples Night Out



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CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2010



To celebrate the Year of the Priest during Lent: Each Friday (the day of Our Lord's Blessed Passion) pray the Stations of the Cross for priests and/or pray the *Litany of the Precious Blood* or the *Litany of the Sacred Heart* for them.

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