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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

ANNUAL KC SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST, TODAY!



Get ready for the Big Game with the Knights!! This was a lot of fun last year with tons of prizes. The Knights will be geared out with their NFL jerseys and serving up your choice of regular or blueberry pancakes, link sausage, our famous scrambled eggs and fruit.

CDA

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their February meeting on Mon., Feb. 6. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm. with our guest speakers Ann and Mark Buczkowski sharing information on the 40 Days For Life campaign. Refreshments will follow their talk and then we will begin our business meeting. During the meeting, we plan to discuss our upcoming Irish Dinner on Mar. 17. We will be signing up for help with baking, cooking, decorating, and many other things. This would be a great opportunity to get involved with a fun event. Any women 18 years and older from the parish are invited. Please call Anita Burkard at 833-8786 with any questions.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will additionally be heard on **Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm** each week. Unlike Saturdays, however, confessions will end promptly at 7:00pm due to parish meetings that Fr. Oakland must attend.

TAIZE PRAYER

On Tue., Feb. 7 from 7:00-8:00pm come have a visit with Jesus, you won't regret it.

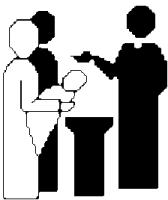
ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Adults will continue THE CATHOLICISM PROJECT Wednesdays at Adult Faith Formation at 6:00pm beginning in the church and then moving into the parish hall.

KEEP IN PRAYER

On Saturday, please include in your prayers those attending our annual women's retreat, as we meet at St. Thomas with Mother Mary beginning at 9:00am Mass on Feb. 11. Our retreat theme is "Angels – our guardians and companions".

BAPTISM PREP FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS



On Sun., Feb. 12 is the next preparation course for parents and those who plan to be Godparents at this sacrament. It will be at 1:00pm in the parish offices. If you are pregnant or have a **child under 7 years old** to be Baptized this class is necessary; contact the parish office to register 834-2126 ext. 0.

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please remember the soul of Juanita Tuholski, she was buried this past week.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

(Contact: Kim Steinke, 834-2126, ext. 207 or kim@st-thomascamas.org)

EVENING FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday from 6:00-7:15pm, beginning in the church. Please bring your books with you. (*Good Shepherd, meets in Room 11.*)

Parents: Please join your children in praying a decade of the rosary before leaving.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

On Wednesdays, 3:45-5:15pm, levels I, II & III meet in Room 11 & the Fireside Room.

SACRAMENTAL PREP. & RCIC

This Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm, in the Fireside Room. Please bring your books with you. **Parents: Please join us in the church to pray a decade of the rosary after you bring your child to class.**

BL. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA APOSTOLATE

Faith formation classes designed for children with special needs. If you feel your child would benefit from this class please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393.

MARDI GRAS FAMILY NIGHT DINNER!!

On Tue., Feb. 21, from 4 to 7 pm, we invite ALL parishioners to enjoy a spaghetti dinner together before the solemn season of Lent begins. Prices are \$5 per person, \$20 for a family of 4 or more AND \$4 for our beloved seniors. Beads and prizes will be awarded and as a special treat, the Camas HS Jazz Band will be performing at 6:00pm!!! Tickets will be on sale next Sunday and also at the door on Feb. 21. Contact Drew Swanson or Kim Steinke if you have questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

(Contact: Drew Swanson, 834-2126, ext. 215 or drew@stthomascamas.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Join us on Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm in the Youth Room for prayer, games, food and a great time as we grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with our lord. If you've never been to a class, consider this your personal invitation, it's never too late. If it's been awhile since you've made it consider coming back this week, we've missed you!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

At 1:30-3:00pm Sundays, in the Fireside Room join for prayer, social and great time as we look into the truths of our Faith. This week we will explore the great blessing of the Eucharist.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship calls us to live out the beatitudes! Show mercy, console, be peacemakers, rejoice!

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS



PCA 2012 OPEN HOUSE!

On Feb. 7, 6:00-8:00pm come and take a tour of Pacific Crest Academy; meet the teachers; introductions by Principal Parker; talk to parents! Special Programs Offered: All Day Kindergarten• Spanish Language Accelerated Curriculum• Music A Catholic School of Academic Excellence, Educating the Leaders of Tomorrow.

GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBER

If you forget your envelope, don't have envelopes or you are using another envelope please remember to put your giving number either on your check or on the envelope in which you put your money if you want credit on your donation statement. Watch your mail, 2011 donation statements. Your account number will be on this statement for those who use electronic transfers and times when you don't have envelopes.

CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD'S WINTER-SPRING LECTURE SERIES

"The Kingdom of God is Among You," will offer its second presentation on Sat., Feb. 11, at 9:00am in the Mount Angel Abbey Library. The cost is \$15 for the session/student cost \$5. Sr. Jeanette von Herrmann, O.S.B., a member of the Queen of Angels Monastery in Mount Angel, will be the presenter of the lecture, **The Kingdom in the Scriptures - Part 2**; she will be looking at the Kingdom of Heaven (or alternatively, the Kingdom of God) in the "New Testament" in this segment. (For information: Cecile Beckerman, 503 393-5041.)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING RETREATS

There is hope and healing after abortion no matter how long ago or how many. Forgiveness and mercy await you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Upcoming retreats are in: Medford, Mar. 23-25, 2012; Bend, Apr. 27-29; and Portland, June 1-3. Participation is strictly confidential. Contact Project Aurora for the Medford retreat: 541 942-2861 or ProjectAurora@aol.com. For Portland and Bend call Project Rachel at 1 800 249-8074 or ProjectRachel@catholiccharitiesoregon.org. The cost is \$175 for meals, room, and all retreat materials. Don't let financial constraints stop you, there is generous financial assistance! For more information visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We have the following openings to our schedule; your help is needed!

Sunday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am

Monday, 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm

Wednesday, 1:00-2:00am, 10:00-11:00pm, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am

Friday, 3:00-4:00am, 11:00pm-Midnight

Saturday, 1:00-2:00am, Noon-1:00pm

Please contact the parish office if you would like to fill an hour or be added to the substitute list contact jeanne@stthomascamas.org or 834-2126 ext. 0. or Schedules to take home are in the adoration chapel.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARRIAGE APPRECIATION RECEPTION, SAT., FEB. 18

Come join us for the annual Marriage Appreciation Reception that will be held in the Hall on Feb. 18 after the 5:00pm vigil Mass. If you have only been married for a few months or 70 years, you are encouraged to join us for a fun filled evening! One of the highlights is the sharing of wedding photos so please bring a framed photo. If you are new to the parish this is a great opportunity to meet other couples. Come join us after the 5:00pm Mass. Prepaid child care reservations only (\$5 per child, \$10 family maximum). Questions or to make child care reservations, contact Shawn, 834-6314 or Kelly, 834-3096.



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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1:00-5:00pm in the Hall, identification is required whether you are a walk-in or schedule appointment at 695-8522 or 1 800 GIVE LIFE. This year alone, as many as four million patients will require blood transfusions across the country. Your single donation as the potential to touch up to three lives.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

On Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday begins as a time to pray, fast and have peaceful witnesses at a local abortion clinic offering prolife alternatives. Contact Mark and Ann Buczkowski, 360 604-5802 or knittedinthewomb@hotmail.com for more info. www.40daysforlife.com

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE THE PERFECT VALENTINES GIFT - A RENEWED MARRIAGE!

Sign up for the Dynamic Marriage course offered at St Joseph's parish, 6600 Highland Dr. Vancouver, Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, Feb. 21-Apr. 17. Join the more than 55,000 couples nationwide who have taken their relationship to new levels of respect and understanding with this dynamic, interactive course. Sign up today and get ready to fall in love all over again! Registration deadline is Feb. 13. Open to all married couples. Engaged couples welcome if wedding date is set. Contact Diane Boggs at the St. Joseph parish office to sign up, 696-4407, dianeb@stjoevan.org.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

(WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS, CREDIT CARDS AND BANK TRANSFERS, MAIL)
OUR FISCAL YEAR RUNS FROM 7/1/2011 THROUGH 6/30/2012

Actual Collection 1/29/12	\$9,584
Planned Collection 1/29/12	\$11,820.50
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) week 31 of the fiscal year	\$2,813
It is easy, convenient, safe, and secure to give to the church electronically from our website, just look for this link in the Stewardship file →	Make Your Donations Online



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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME; WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Dear sisters and brothers: Thank you!

Today we pray for and give thanks to the men and women who publicly profess to live the vows of

poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Monks, hermits, contemplatives, and religious priests, sisters, and brothers represent the diversity of consecrated life recognized by the church. Those who choose this life are committed to imitating Christ, engaging in his ministries of spreading the Good News, and showing that “the world can be transfigured with the spirit of the beatitudes” (Catechism 932). Their witness reminds all of us that our lives have purpose and meaning beyond this age, so we’d better choose how we live our present days wisely.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74)*

“All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.”

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

FEAST OF PAUL MIKI, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Keep the story alive

Christianity came to Japan with the arrival of Saint Francis Xavier in 1549. In fewer than 50 years, however, all foreign missionaries had been expelled and 26 Christians were condemned to die, including Paul Miki, a Japanese-born Jesuit priest. The story does not end there. In the 1860s new missionaries to Japan were astonished to discover a hidden but thriving Christian community numbering in the tens of thousands. They had managed to pass along the faith informally for 200 years! Such is the power of the Christian narrative. What is your favorite story from the life of Jesus? Why? In what ways has it influenced your life? How can you pass it along?

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329)*

“As they were leaving the boat, people immediately recognized him.”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

May God rest in peace!

Talk about holy sites: the Temple Mount, where King Solomon is said to have built Israel’s First Temple around 3,000 years ago, has been considered a sacred location by at least four religious traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and even Roman paganism. Competing claims on the site, and on the area known as East Jerusalem where it is located, are a central element of Arab-Israeli conflict in the region. Surely we can find a way to bring lasting peace to the place where tradition says the Divine Presence rested after creating the world and then gathered the dust to form the first human beings. Add your voice to those calling for a negotiated peace in God’s backyard.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330)*

“May your eyes watch night and day over this temple.”

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Don’t be late to break-fast

With the season of Lent and its practice of fasting arriving in a couple of weeks, it’s a little puzzling to remember that Jesus was a great *breaker* of fasts and violator of religious food rules—that was one thing that got him

into trouble with the authorities. His followers gathered grain on the Sabbath because they were starving. He ate with sinners and outcasts. He simply *did not follow the rules*, but for a purpose: to show how the rules should not control but rather serve to bring a person into a more loving relationship with God and neighbor. What makes a person holy is not external observance but internal faith and love, which leads to right behavior.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331)*

“Everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles.”

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

What do you choose?

Being chosen by God seems attractive, but God’s choice is less entitlement to special favors and more being selected for a commission—given a job to do. Further, we find that God does not usually choose as we might. We find God picking, for example, David, the runt of the litter; Mary, an unknown girl from Nazareth; the sinner over the holy man. Try to be aware of how you make choices: how you will treat a troublesome fellow-worker or that driver who is tailgating or how scrupulously honest you will be. Like God, who chose you to be one in Christ, make decisions based not on the obvious but on what is inside the other—and who dwells within you.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332)*

“When Solomon was old his wives had turned his heart to strange gods.”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FEAST OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

What’s between your life’s bookends?

We know few facts about Saint Scholastica: She lived in Italy in the fifth and sixth centuries, was the sister of Saint Benedict, became a nun and a prioress, and helped found Benedictine monasticism. Yet, thanks to two brief comments by Saint Gregory the Great, we know volumes about *how* she lived her life. Of her childhood Gregory wrote: “She was devoted to God from a very early age,” and a few paragraphs later he added that when she died “her soul ascended into heaven in the likeness of a dove.” Though seemingly innocuous, these comments are like bookends of Scholastica’s existence and give us a sense of the rich content of her biography. As you think about your life’s journey, what do your bookends look like?

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333)*

“He has done all things well.”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES; WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

God is bigger than our needs

In an hour of crisis it may be impossible to imagine that help will arrive in time, or that your great need might be met with sufficient comfort to make a difference. Yet Jesus once faced a hungry multitude and fed them with next to nothing—and no one went away in want. Today the church remembers those who are sick: all who carry the cross of chronic problems like diabetes, AIDS, or mental illness as well as those struck with a diagnosis of an illness like cancer, heart disease, or stroke. We and our loved ones are not forgotten. Jesus comes to fulfill every need. And his mother Mary’s arms are wide enough for all of us.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334)*

“They ate and were satisfied.”

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Feb. 4 SATURDAY

5:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

Feb. 5 SUNDAY

Super Bowl Breakfast sponsored by KCs
Liturgy of the Hours for week 1

8:00am Mass for soul Maria Murphy (Sentesy)
9:30am Mass for the intentions of Al Tangen (Holmes)
11:30am Mass
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Fireside Room



Feb. 6 MONDAY

6:00pm Scouts, Hall
6:30pm CDA, Fireside Room

Feb. 7 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass for soul Raquel de Estrada (Wilmott)
6:00pm Confessions, Church
7:00pm Taize Prayer Service, Church
7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Hall

Feb. 8 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of Fr. Ernan McMullin (Malone)
3:30pm Respect Life, Room 17
3:45pm Good Shepherd program, Room 11 & Fireside Room
6:00pm Faith Formation, all facilities
7:00pm Schola, Church
7:30pm DTS (Dead Theologians Society), Youth Room

Feb. 9 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass for the soul of George Schmid (Simms)
followed by "Coffee Hour"
5:30pm Vox Clara, Church
6:30pm Hispanic Bible Study, Room 16
7:00pm R.C.I.A., Fireside Room
7:00pm Choir practice, Church
7:00pm Mission Committee, Room 17

Feb. 10 FRIDAY

9:00am Cleaners at work, Church
12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Fr. Phelan (Cloutier)

Feb. 11 SATURDAY

9:00am Mass for the intentions of Sandra Hall (Hyder)
9:00am Women's Retreat, Church
10:00am Confessions
3:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass *Pro Populo*

Feb. 12 SUNDAY

Coffee Hour sponsored by Human Dignity & Respect Life
Liturgy of the Hours for week 2

8:00am Mass for the soul of Roberta Tremper (Brown)
9:30am Mass for the soul of Andrew Asaro (Holmes)
11:30am Mass for the intentions of Fran Hansen (Hyder)
1:00pm Baptism class for parents and sponsors, Room 17
1:30pm High School Faith Formation, Fireside Room

Feb. 13 MONDAY

6:00pm Scouts, Hall
6:30pm Pinochle, Fireside Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 18 Marriage Appreciation Event
Feb. 20 Red Cross Blood Drive
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Masses with distribution of ashes at 8:30am,
12:00 Noon and 7:00pm
Feb. 24 Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Soup Supper, 6:00pm

RESPECT LIFE

HEALTH RISKS IN 'REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH': NEW STUDIES ON THE PILL

In spite of the Church's consistent teaching through the centuries, Catholic women use contraception at the same rate as non-Catholics. The contraceptive mentality, as Blessed John Paul II described it, has a dramatic impact on the lives of Catholics everywhere and is a root cause of the culture of death. This mentality was described by him in "Evangelium Vitae" No. 13 as "a hedonistic mentality unwilling to accept responsibility in matters of sexuality ... a self-centered concept of freedom, which regards procreation as an obstacle to personal fulfillment." It is characterized not only by widespread promiscuity and diminishing respect for women, but by a view that only life that is "wanted" or convenient is to be valued and protected...

It is well established, if not well known, that combined oral contraceptives bring a heightened risk for a number of maladies -- breast, liver and cervical cancers, heart attack, stroke, and blood clots, to note a few.[2] To exacerbate the problem, two recent studies have shown that one of the newest and most popular types of oral contraceptives brings an even greater risk of what one study describes as "the most important safety issue for these products" -- venous thromboembolism, or VTE.

For the entire article go to Zenit.org.

www.TheParishLink.com

Due to a lack of time and resources, TheParishLink will be closing. PortlandCatholics is an excellent alternative for Mass and Confession times. Please check out:

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