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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

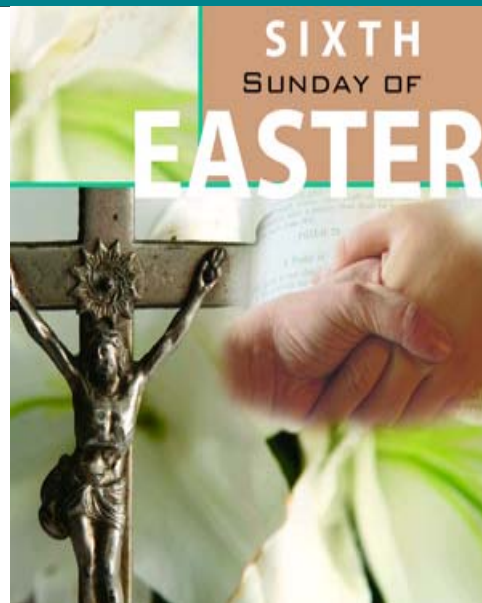
“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation who asks you for a reason for your hope. 1 Peter 3:15

April 27th, 2008 A.D. 6th Sunday of Easter

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The mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is to seek the greater honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls by sanctifying, teaching, and shepherding the faithful through dynamic orthodoxy.



Pastor’s Corner Stewardship Focus Parish News



My dear family,

This week is the start of May – the month of the Blessed Mother, a time for each one of us to renew our devotion to our Lady. As is our custom, we will start our celebration of the month with the **May Crowning on Thursday May 1st, at 7:00 p.m.** in church. We will pray the Rosary, crown the statue of our Lady, and pray the Litany, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. What a beautiful way to honor the Blessed Mother! All are invited, and if you wish, you may bring flowers to present to the Blessed Virgin during the Crowning.

This Tuesday is the first of our two Confirmations. We welcome His Excellency the Archbishop to our parish as he
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Ministry—Our Call to Holiness

As you read in our mission statement above, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is about **teaching, sanctifying, and shepherding** us parish members. One essential way to do this is through ministry. Our parish “owes” us members opportunities **to live as Christ called us**; opportunities to **use our spiritual gifts in His Name**; opportunities for us **to be all that God meant us to be** when He created us!

This helps us reach out with concern to the world and **builds us up** as Christ’s disciples. The parish values each of us members and seeks to help us learn what God has called us to do with our gifts; to become that “best version of ourselves” as Matthew Kelly describes it.

Through its numerous ministries, our parish offers us opportunities to grow in our Catholic faith. When we participate in ministry, we become **true members** of our parish, not just spectators!

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National Volunteer Week 27 April—4 May

While a secular event, NVW highlights the need and importance that we are called to be volunteers for our parish and for the larger community. Our nation is well known for its generosity and its spirit of volunteerism.

A great example is last weekend’s **Celebrate Marriage**. 25 people volunteered to enable 33 couples to have a successful and meaningful event. From child care to testimonies to providing meals to audio-visual to organizing the event, without those volunteers giving their time, there would have been no retreat!

How have parish volunteers **affected you**? What have **you gained** from your participation as a volunteer? We want to read stories like this so everyone can see how being involved with ministry is such a powerful spiritual experience.

E-mail Stewardship@stanm.org or send your story to the parish office at the address above. **Your story could impact another’s life!**

Pastor's Corner
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comes to give the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit to 86 of our parishioners! Keep the confirmandi in your prayers.

Well, last week was April 15th – Tax Day –and I once again heard the remark, “Of course, you priests don’t have to pay taxes!”

Ha, ha, ha! Churches are tax-exempt. Priests are not.

I mentioned this to the Pastoral Council, and they thought it might be of interest to you to share this quote from a publication Taxes For Priests, published by the National Federation of Priest’s Councils:

“For whatever reason Catholic priests earn less than their Protestant counterparts. Generally, and compared to other denominations, Catholic priests receive the greatest amount of pre-ordination training, make the most personal lifestyle sacrifices, have the largest congregations, yet earn the lowest pay.

"A priest doesn't make much money, but he sure pays a lot of tax....A priest will often find his Federal tax liability to be in the range of 30%. This is because a priest pays two Federal taxes: income taxes and self-employment Social Security tax....Add to that state and local income taxes and priests find their income tax burden absorbing over one-third of their cash income."

Just in case anyone is interested, the base pay for a priest in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is \$1192 a month, pre-tax. For every year you are ordained, it goes up \$10 a month. (I'm in my 25th year of ordination, so I am given \$250 a month more than the base income.) This is set by the Archbishop. It is the only money that goes directly from the parish collections to the priests. Of course, priests are also given room and board in the rectory, health insurance and retirement. Priests buy their own car (The parish reimburses auto expenses, and the priest and the parish split the car insurance.) Priests buy their own clothing, personal things, etc.

Added to the priest's income would be offerings that people might give to him apart from the parish collections—Mass stipends (the priest can keep for himself one Mass offering a day), and gifts that may be given to the priest for weddings, funerals, baptisms, Christmas, and so forth. (As you know, our parish has no fees for sacraments, and no one is ever required to give an offering. If someone gives something to the priest, it certainly is appreciated, but never required. I “squirrel up” my gifts, and that’s what I use to go on vacation.)

And yes, priests tithe to the parish and other pious and charitable causes, just like everyone else.

And now you know about priests, pay, and taxes!

A blessed week, Msgr. Doug Raun

We welcome our new Parishioners

Nicole Basciano & Christopher Hart

Carlos S Cisneros

Flora A Dole

Oracio & Sophie Dominguez

William M & Sally A Duckert

Clarence R & Marjorie L Galassini

Allen R & Theresa P Gelinas

Estelle Gilligan

Darren R & Hasuben L Goodwin

Francis E & Vickie S Lente

Joseph C & Helen C Leverington

Amanda Lopez

Jerry R & Nicole Lujan

Lupe Pena

Carlos R & L Berenice Rosales

Andrew J & Naomi Varilek

Matthew & Jessica Vigil

David M & Zita M Whorf

Funerals

Please call our Parish Office as soon as possible in order to coordinate liturgical services.

Sacrament of Baptism

Ethan James Danner

Alexandra Rosa Greenwall

Milo Thomas Harmon

Lauren Jayanna Lopez

Estrella Nevaeh Abbie Martha Trujillo

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.

3rd Banns: Amanda Montañó & Sean Ricker

Bring a Friend to Mass. Our Lord will thank you!

Next Week's Readings

April 27th — May 4th

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2008

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: (Easter Weekday) Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/Eph

2 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 ©Liturgical Publications Inc.

Upcoming Events

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast!

On Sunday, 27 April, after the 7 and 9 a.m. Masses in D'Arco Hall, Knights of Columbus Council 6696 and Assembly 1905 will serve a delicious pancake breakfast. Light pancakes, fluffy scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, hot coffee and cold juice will be accompanied by other goodies. Come and enjoy!

Have a Burrito for Cub Scouts

Next Sunday after the 7, 9, & 11 a.m. Masses, our Cub Scouts will hold their famous Burrito breakfast in Father D'Arco Hall. Come have a burrito, with some juice and coffee, and support your Cub Scout program. **A special thanks** for all the great parish support last month, so much so we sold out!. Let's do it again!

Silent Auction for Church of the Incarnation Saturday 17 May 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Gallería Roja will provide Southwestern artwork and precious stone jewelry along with other items in support of the Incarnation Building Campaign. Opening bids begin at \$125. The auction will close at 2:00 p.m. and winners must take possession by 3:00 p.m. The church is located just west of S.R. 528 on Monterey Road, between Pasilla & Honduras. For more information contact the parish office at 771-8331.

Make Your Mom Proud!

Annual Pro-Life Mother's Day Carnation Sale!

Plan now to buy carnations for your Mom before or after Mass on Sunday, 11 May, to support pro-life groups, Birthright of Rio Rancho and Project Defending Life, as well as the parish Respect life Committee. Thank you and God bless you!

Let's Show Appreciation for our Priests!

Please join us on Monday, 19 May at 6:00 p.m. at the Hotel Albuquerque for a dinner honoring the Priests of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. This is a benefit dinner. Tickets are \$60.00 with all proceeds going to support our seminarians. We are forming tables for St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners and their guests. Please call Colleen Maddy at 771-8880 to reserve your place at our table.

YOUNG AT HEART

Parish seniors are invited to join our social meetings every 2nd & 4th Thursday, Fr. D'Arco Hall (2nd Thursday) – Bingo 1:00 p.m. Questions? Call Earl 896-2400



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Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

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May Liturgical Events

4th: Feast of the Ascension Commemorated
6th: Confirmations 7:00 p.m. (no 6 Mass)
11th: Pentecost
25th: Feast of Corpus Christi
26th: Memorial Day 9:00 a.m. Mass Only

Perpetual Adoration Testimonies

Here are some beautiful blessings posted in our Daily Blessings Received Book for the Chapel: Thank-you: for my great health!
for the right health care people in my life!
for reuniting my husband and me!
for the gift of friendship!
for the gift of life!

Perpetual Adoration Contacts

Pauline Salata (Midnight-6 a.m.) at 892-0524
Louie & Terry Santa Maria (6 a.m.-12 noon) at 896-0307
e-mail: flagshipsm12659@msn.com
Paul & Anise Yarbrough (Noon-6 p.m.) at 899-0981
e-mail: yarburro@msn.com
Pat & Jolyn Murphy (6 p.m.-12 Midnight) at 892-4931
e-mail: jpmurphrc@msn.com

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Next to the Holy Mass, this form of worship pleases Our Lord most. Please consider coming to the Chapel and *committing* to keeping our Lord company for just one hour weekly. *Blessings abound with such sacrificial love!*

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Committed adorers needed for the following:

Sundays & Mondays 2:00 a.m.; Mondays 3:00 a.m.
Fridays from 1:00-2:00 a.m.

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?” Mt. 26-40

Pilgrim Virgin: To have the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima in your home, and to receive Her Blessings in your life, call Cathy 898-5591 or Joann 899-9647.

Virgin I: Julie Chimento 15-30 April

Virgin II: Monica Pineda 15-30 April

Tabernacle Flowers Please contact Betty Larson at 891-3577 or Elaine Jones 922-9758 to reserve a week for your intentions. The weeks run from Saturday through Friday. The cost for two vases at the Tabernacle is \$50.00. You may share this cost with another person for both your intentions. **26 Apr-2 May for Peter Moyna by Bernice Moyna. Adoration Chapel Candles** - please call the parish office at 892-1511.

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097
Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



After the 6:00 p.m. Masses

April

27th-Big Daddy T

May

4th-The Elite 8

18th-Momma T



XLT-“*the LORD is Exalted, Enthroned on High...*” Isaiah 33:5

XLT is an intense night of prayer filled with Praise and worship, inspirational talks, and powerful Adoration!

Open to all ages, we invite everyone to attend and receive the joy that comes from praising and worshipping God!

St. Thomas Roman Catholic Homeschoolers (STRCH), ministering to the needs of home schooling families, meets every month for First Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. Next meeting is 2 May, followed by fellowship in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Call Andrea Bass at 323-9222 for more information or you can join our group online! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM/>

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher
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Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221

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Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Science Fair Awards—Part 1

Congratulations to St. Thomas Aquinas 8th grader Jessica van Loben Sels, one of a select number of students statewide who qualified for the State Science and Engineering Fair held in Socorro. Jessica's project on "Explaining Air Contamination" garnered her an Honorable Mention in the Regional competition held in March. She was one of just 100 New Mexico students to advance to the state level.

The same day of the State Science Fair, Jessica also represented St. Thomas in the State Geography Bee, advancing through eight of the nine rounds. Jessica has also won top honors in an art contest and is representing the state of New Mexico at the national level.

We also recognize 8th grader Melissa Casaus, who qualified for the Regional Science Fair with her project on "Magnets: Can They be used to Move Heavy Objects?"

We are proud of these high achieving students and their quest for academic excellence!

Melissa Casaus



Jessica van Loben Sels

Homeschool Co-op

Janice Martinez and Chris LaLonde are beginning a High School (9-12) Catholic homeschooling co-op in the fall here at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. Other grades might be available based on interest. Please come to an information meeting at STA Religious Education Building Room 11 on 6 May from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Children's Religious Education
Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

Our children are making First Communion on 27 April and 4 May. Please pray for them. Registrations for the 2008-09 Religious Education year will be available in the Religious Education Office Religious Education classes end the week of 4 May. Sr. Alma

Conflict Resolution Presentation

Deacon Tom Burns, of our Counseling Center, will present thoughts and tools on a subject dear to married couples—Conflict Resolution. We all have differences from time-to-time. Deacon Tom will lead us to understand their source and provide solutions for solving, not running from, this eventuality. Maria & he will start with a mini-play which is designed to get the audience to **think about their own conflicts**. It will be in two parts. The second portion of the morning's presentation will be to **elicit discussion** from the audience. The third will be table exercises to get the audience to **work on real issues of their own**. We will have a couple of breaks interspersed.

The presentation will include discussion and hands-on exercise in resolving an actual conflict. This presentation will occur on **10 May, from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. **Admission is free** for this event. However, you **must register!** We'll have refreshments so we need to know how many of you plan to partake! We also need to prepare materials and provide sufficient seating. Call 892-1511 x362 or e-mail M&FL@stanm.org.

St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center offers individual, couple, and family counseling with afternoon and evening appointments. A fee is charged for each hour session. For more info call the Counseling Center, 417-2467 or Deacon Burns, 892-1511, ext. 113.



Attention Married and Engaged Couples

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you **WHY** the Catholic Church prohibits unnatural forms of birth control? For most of us the answer is **NO**. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. For more information call Elvira at 892-5783 or Rosanne at 892-2927.

Young Adults Catholic Group Deacon Little
890-6574 Deacon.Dave@stanm.org

Meets the **2nd and 4th Fridays of the month**. We will meet each month at my house. The topic for our next series is the Holy Mass and the Bible. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

Father, we pray that the Spirit of Truth may enable all people to see that human life at every stage must be respected and protected, and that no person has the right to choose to kill another.

Pro-life Feminism

Susan B. Anthony (1889), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."

Taken from Father Frank Pavone,
www.priestsforlife.org

End Abortion Through Prayer! First Friday Rosary

Join the prayer warriors in our campaign to storm Heaven with our prayers to end the killing of babies in the womb and to protect our troops every First Friday by praying all 20 mysteries of the rosary. Come to the church at Noon or stay after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Say the strongest prayer to Our Lady and Holy Mother this coming Friday, 2 May.



Good News From The Front Lines

How would you like to make a difference between life and death? Call Project Defending Life at 266-4100 or Maura Jans at 892-3267 and join us in peaceful and prayerful presence in front of our local abortion mills.



Mass Intentions

Sunday

April 27th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna family
 † Fr. Joseph Ganssle, OFM by his sister
 † Michael Wynne by Leo Wynne
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Leonard Baker by Kuchar family
 † Beatriz Padilla by Alfred
- 11:00 a.m. Minnie, Vince Jaramillo & Frank Torres by family
 † Joseph & Barbara Rich by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
 † Virginia Pruitt by Thomas & Paul Pruitt
- 12:30 p.m. † Robert Martinez by De Blassie family
 Olivia & baby by Victor
 † Bob Keaveny Sr. by family
- 6:00 p.m. Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrating
 their 175th year
 † Eliza Romero 1st Anniversary
 by Rebecca, John & family
 Stan Matejczvk 50th birthday by wife & children
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV
- 11:00 a.m. † @ SJV Peggy Ward by Jack Ward & family

Monday

April 28th, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Edward Shaw by Mary Shaw
 † Sebastian Ballistri by Ofelia & Richard Muenzer
 † Leonard Baker by Helen & Jim Doolittle
- 6:00 p.m. Adriana & Leana Chavez by the Abeyta family
 Trinity Aragon happy birthday by mom, dad & sisters
 † Deceased family members by Marian Sype
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS for the homeless

Tuesday

April 29th, St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. † Ed Roman by Lydia
 † Al Tedesco by Larry & Carol Larson
 † Al Tedesco by Patricia McKeneely & Kathy Goad
- 6:00 p.m. **Confirmation at 7:00 P.M.; no Mass at 6 P.M.**
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS for the unborn

Wednesday

April 30th, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Stando by Marian & Bob Kohl
 † Carl Cohn by family
 † Rev. Msgr. Thomas W. Groenewold
 by Jeanne & Roy Groenewold
 † Julio Streppone for his birthday by wife Patricia
- 6:00 p.m. Special Intentions by Marian Sype
 Dec's good health and healing
 Heather McCluskey happy birthday by her parents
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS for our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

Thursday

May 1st, Ascension of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. † José Ramon Armijo by the Bratt family
 † Amado Bagood by the Sutherland family
 † Irene Madrid by Nila Baker

- 6:00 p.m. † Virginia & Alex Sullivan by Henry
 Holy Souls in purgatory by Henry
 Donald & Frances DuBay happy anniversary
 by the Aragón family

- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS

Friday

May 2nd, First Friday, St Athanasius

- 9:00 a.m. † Virginia Stando by Marian & Bob Kohl
 † Emilio Córdova by Cecilia Córdova
 † Al Tedesco by Marian & Bob Kohl

- 6:00 p.m. † Virginia & Alex Sullivan by Henry
 Holy Souls in purgatory by Henry
 Donald & Frances DuBay happy anniversary
 by the Aragón family

- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS for all students

Saturday

May 3rd, First Saturday, Sts. Philip & Paul, Apostles

- 9:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased members
 of Altar & Rosary Society
 † James & Tim Barkalow by Rose Mary
 † Fr. Joseph Ganssle, OFM by his sister

- 5:00 p.m. † Parents of Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz
 by Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz
 † Julio Streppone by wife Patricia
 † Walter Lemerich by sister

Sunday

May 4th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 a.m. Kukowski Family by Frank P. Kukowski
 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 † Bernard & Nancy Rumschik
 by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 CDA, STA Court #2306
 † Beatriz Padilla by Alfred
- 11:00 a.m. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun by the Class of 2008 at STAS
 Fr. Michael DePalma by the Class of 2008 at STAS
 Fr. Scott Mansfield by the Class of 2008 at STAS
- 12:30 p.m. † Paul Trujillo by Irma Trujillo & family
 Angelo Ryes by Travers family
 Sacred Heart of Jesus in thanksgiving by Angie Tripp
- 6:00 p.m. † Evangelina Manning repose of her soul
 † by sister Dora Segura
 Peter Daniel Moyna by Kathleen Moyna
 Maria Cordova by Richard & Veronica Dominguez
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV for our military personnel
- 11:00 a.m. @ SJV To our dear parents by Pat & Nora Shannon

Ongoing Weekly Meetings (Religious Education Building)

- Al-Anon: Thursday, Noon, rm. 6
 Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104
 Blue Army: Tuesday, 10 a.m.; Cathy, 893-5591
 (Call Cathy with your prayer petitions.)
 Rosary Makers: Friday, 10 a.m., rm. 6 896-6127
(Father D'Arco Hall)
 Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Thursday, 7 p.m.
(Church)
 Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
 Wednesday, after 9 a.m. Mass



Ministry—Our Call to Holiness
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God’s vision for each of us to be the best we can be. He wants us **to be better tomorrow than we were yesterday**. Being part of parish ministry is a key element of this journey. And our parish provides these opportunities **to become the best version of ourselves**, many opportunities.

It is through **our participation in ministry** that the Church seeks **our faith engagement**. Without that engagement we have not answered Christ’s call to discipleship! Our engagement should be a deeply felt emotional call to serve Him, motivating us to live in His way. It is through engagement in ministry that we **actually experience God’s call**, not just read or hear about it. Our faith engagement brings us into a spiritual life, a healthy spiritual life, not a couch potato spiritual life.

In Lumen Gentium, the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the Vatican II Council Fathers taught that **“all are called to sanctity”** They go on: “Each one ... according to his own gifts and duties must steadfastly advance along the way of a living faith, which arouses hope and **works through love.**”

Volunteering in ministry is one of the best ways to demonstrate our love; our love for Christ; our love for one another. Coming to Mass once weekly is insufficient on its own to answer this call to holiness. We can listen to the Word and to its instruction via the homily/sermon, but unless we put that Word into action, **we have not answered God’s call!**

It is through ministry that our parish provides opportunities to develop **deep and lasting friendships within our faith**. These friendships help us see that **we are not alone in our daily struggles**. These friendships provide **mutual support** for seeking our holiness. We can accomplish much more in ministry, as in anything, when our numbers are greater! Friendships gained there provide the means to **help each other achieve God’s plan** for our spiritual success; for our salvation!

Each parish ministry **must welcome us** as potential members. We bring our talents to the appropriate ministry where we can serve that ministry’s “clients” and be the face of Christ to them. In turn, **we receive the joy of participation and giving our time and talent**. The ministries we choose must provide the means to use our time and talent effectively. This is a symbiotic relationship from which both ministries and members gain.

Choosing a ministry should be based on **what we do well** and **what we enjoy doing**. The parish seeks our joyful service through our giving of time (a sacrifice) and talent
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BeFriender Ministry is a lay pastoral care program. That means specially trained lay persons enter into caring relationships with others at times of special need by visiting with them, being with them, and bringing emotional and spiritual support. Please call Gloria at 891-0388.



Xaltar CD Sales Support
St. John Vianney Building Fund
CDs Available at the Office

“Blood of the Martyr”, featuring **LifeTeen choir members** and **Deacon Dave Little**, is available at retail outlets throughout the Albuquerque area, as well as on-line on their website, www.xaltar.com. The new release contains 12 new songs in a variety of styles. **All proceeds from the sale of the CD, will benefit the St. John Vianney building fund**, to construct a badly needed third Catholic church in Rio Rancho, NM. **Art for the CD was done by grade school children at St Thomas Aquinas School, Rio Rancho, NM.**

You can purchase Xaltar CDs at Holy Family Religious Store, 9421 Coors Blvd NW, at the northwest corner of Coors and Irving, the Hastings store in Rio Rancho, Garson & Sons, and in the parish office! For more information, contact Joanna Dunn at 897-2169.

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(a portion returned in gratitude). The parish challenges us to deepen our relationship with God through our faith engagement. Coming soon will be an opportunity to learn what our spiritual gifts are and how we can apply them in ministry.

Once we actually join and participate, we have begun to more completely live our call to holiness. **This is living God’s plan for our lives!** This is how we become **engaged in our parish and engaged with our faith**. Participating in ministry is an essential element of our parish and faith membership expectations. Ask yourself: **“Am I meeting this expectation; God’s Expectation?”**

Next week we will cover the life-long need for learning about and growing in our faith through on-going education. Once again, the parish must provide educational opportunities and we members must avail ourselves of those opportunities. If you missed any of this series on membership expectations, send an e-mail to Contact@stanm.org or call 892-1511 x115 for back copies.

Parish Directory

Pastor.....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
Deacons.....	Rev. Mr. Roger Ayers, James Baca, Tom Burns,
.....	Kenneth Hill, David Little, Leroy Sanchez, Frank Smith
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Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana R. Martínez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....	Jeannette Case Schlicher
Ayuda Español (Ext. 360).....	Dn. Jaime Baca
Bulletin Editor (Ext. 358).....	Bill Mader
Catholic Social Action (Ext. 112)	Deacon Frank Smith
Communications & Development (Ext. 115).....	Bill Mader
Funeral Notices.....	Extension 353
Maintenance (Ext. 129).....	Gilbert Garcia & Manuel Fernandez
Marriage & Family Life (Ext. 103).....	Deacon Ken Hill, Director.
.....	Deacon Frank Smith, Associate Director
Music & Liturgy (Ext. 105).....	Steven Woodbury
Receptionist.....	Maria Harrington
Religious Education (892-1497)	Sr. Alma Blume MPF
Administrative Asst (892-1497).....	Laura Smith
Sacristan.....	Anne McCluskey
Secretary to the Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Kathy L. Girón
Special Mass Schedule.....	Extension 350
Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	Extension 359
WEBSITE.....	www.aquinaschurch.org
Youth Ministries (896-8097).....	Justin Bucalo
Assistant (896-8097).....	Alisha Langlois

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (fulfills Sunday obligation).....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
.....	12:30 p.m. (Bilingual) & 6:00 p.m. (LifeTeen)
Monday - Saturday.....	9:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday	6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

24 hours each day in the Adoration Chapel
located on the west side of the Church

Mission Church St. John Vianney

St. Thomas Aquinas School
1100 Hood Road SE

Mass Times

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday.....	8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday.....	8:30 a.m., 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Around the Archdiocese

Evangelization: Cry out with joy! The psalmist encourages us to live as people who “cry out to God with joy”. To do this, we may need to look at the world with new eyes, with eyes that see the blessings set before us. We may need to allow ourselves to be overcome with the goodness and beauty of His creation, and to take delight in it. We pray this day for joyful hearts that recognize God’s renewing presence all around us. Let us also have the grace and gladness to say to God “How tremendous are your deeds!”

The **Albuquerque African American Catholic Community** will celebrate its **16th Anniversary** with Mass and Song Praise on **27 April** at **12 noon** in the **Sandia Room of the Catholic Center**, 4000 St. Joseph’s Place NW, Albuquerque 87120. The celebrant will be Rev. Thomas M. Jackson, OP from UNM Aquinas Newman Center. All are invited to join us in the celebration. Please call **Mrs. Brenda Dabney** at **836-3627** for more information.

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is a global, annual event when we join in solidarity with the nearly 20 million refugees around the world who struggle to survive and rebuild their lives. It is a time to bring attention to the refugee plight, a time to take responsibility to resolve this human tragedy, and a wonderful occasion to celebrate the amazing and diverse cultural gifts the refugees bring to us all. We are pleased to report that, since 2000, Catholic Charities of New Mexico has helped approximately 2,000 refugees from 26 countries start their new lives in Albuquerque.

Sunday, 22 June; 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale SE Blvd. (2 blocks south of Central).

Program: Multi-cultural musical performances (to include music by a Grammy-nominated performer), refugee testimonials, and delectable refreshments! Admission: Free! Call for reservations, as seating is limited! For more information, contact Feliz Tixier, Volunteer Coordinator, Center for Refugee Settlement and Support, 724-4670 or 724-4629 (direct) tixierf@ccasfnm.org,

“A wedding is a day, a Marriage is a lifetime,” is the message that Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend presents to the engaged couples attending their weekend retreat. Next Engaged Encounter weekend is: 17-18 May. Place: IHM Retreat & Conference Center in Santa Fe. For more information, call 352-1177 or 831-8117 in Albuquerque.

St. Thomas Aquinas Ministries

Altar & Rosary Society: Saralee Wisner - 792-5516
Altar Servers: Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649
Apostolate Our Lady of Fatima: Gerrie - 892-0414
BeFrienders: Gloria Hultine - 891-0388
Bereavement: Mary Davidson - 892-9886
Catholic Daughters of America: Mary Chambers - 896-0256
Charismatic Prayer Group: Nila Baker - 892-1511 x361
Counseling Center: 417-2467 or Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511, ext. 113
Elizabeth Ministry: Cyndee DeBlassie - 922-0145
Eucharistic Adoration: Ben & Gaylene Bitonel - (806) 676-0333
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Doug & Karen Taylor - 896-7985
FAMILIA: Phil & Cathy Casaus 890-3222
Finance Council: Christian Reedy - 899-0873
Greeters: Eileen Walling 891-1775
Home & Hospital Ministry: Eileen Walling - 891-1775
Catholic Homeschoolers: Andrea Bass - 323-9222
Holy Cross Association: John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245
Knights of Columbus #6696: Allen J. Rowbotham - 899-2516
Lectors: Maria Burns—771-2005
Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator: Jeannette Mata - 896-8483
Natural Family Planning: José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783
Nursery: Aud Walaszek - 792-8716
Parish Social Committee: Debbie Hanko - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Danny Trujillo - 891-8515
Pre-Cana: Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511 ext. 113
Public Affairs Committee: Felicie Truscio - 891-1304
Respect Life: Maura Jans - 892-3267
Rosary Makers: Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260
Secular Franciscans: Ernest & Elena Duran - 890-7040

St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry: Brad Hayden - 890-3151
Welcoming Team: John & Mecki Kahrs - 890-6534
Young Adult Catholics: Deacon Dave Little - 890-6574

Crisis & Immediate Help

Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center: 266-7711
All Faith's Receiving Home: 271-0329
Catholic Charities: 247-9521
Child Abuse/Neglect: 841-6100 or 1-800-797-3260
Haven House: 896-4869 or 1-800-526-7157
Missing Children's Hotline: 1-800-587-4357
National Runaway Switchboard: 1-800-621-4000
S.A.F.E. House 247-4219
Suicide Crisis Hotline: 247-1121 or 266-7711

Support & Other Groups

AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-2437
Ala Teen or Al Anon: 262-2177
Alcoholics Anonymous: 266-1900
Birthright Rio Rancho: 891-1430
Blue Star Mother: 792-4552
Boy Scouts: Bob Ortiz - 891-8941
Children, Youth & Families: 841-4482
Concerned for Disabled: 892-6467
Consumer Credit Counseling: 884-6601
Cub Scouts: Carol Donlin 6a@stasnm.org
Gamblers Anonymous: 260-9899
NAMI (Mental Illness): Lynda Rochford 867-9517
NM Commission for the Blind: 841-8844
Overeaters Anonymous: 896-1359
St. Felix Pantry: 891-8075 - Food & Clothing Support
St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center: 417-2467 or 892-1511 ext. 113
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 892-0526
United Way Information & Referral Help Line: 247-3671