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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
 Rejoice to the extent that you share in the
 sufferings of Christ, so that when His glory is
 revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.
 1 Peter 4:13
 May 4th, 2008 A.D. 7th Sunday of Easter

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St. Thomas
 Aquinas
 Parish lives a dynamic
 orthodoxy
 that is a spirit-filled
 faithfulness to Jesus
 Christ and His Gospel
 and to His Catholic
 Church and its
 teachings.



Pastor’s Corner Stewardship Focus Parish News



My dear family,
 Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. I should have put it into last week’s bulletin, but in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe the Ascension Day is permanently transferred to the Sunday following (as it is in about 75% of the dioceses of the United States) - so, Ascension Thursday is not a holy day of obligation for us.

The last of the First Communions is today, and Tuesday is the second and final confirmation. Many thanks to all the people preparing our kids and adults for these sacraments, and congratulations to all those who have received our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and the
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Catholic Education Guiding our Spiritual Lives

The Second Vatican Council pointed out that each of us is **called to holiness via our baptism, that we are to live a spiritual life.** The Liturgy of the Word at Mass, along with the homily, provides insight into how we should live that spiritual life. However, they are not enough. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me." (Matthew 11:29) We also learn from Christ through **life-long education** to gain the necessary insight to become holy people of God. That education begins at home with our parents, then our Children’s Religious Education (CRE) and on to Adult Religious Education programs.

As members of the Catholic faith, the Catechism teaches us that "Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine ... in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."
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A Prayer Witness The Rosary and First Holy Communion

A prayer to stop abortion is offered each First Friday of the month at Noon and 6:30 p.m. All twenty decades of the Most Holy Rosary are recited by people who bring this intention before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

On one particular occasion I was asked to lead the Second Sorrowful Mystery. As we prayed through this mystery the Holy Spirit gave me a vivid mental image of many young children dressed in their First Holy Communion outfits joyfully running into the sanctuary. I asked Jesus to reveal the meaning of this provocative image.

What I heard in my heart was this, **“Through this powerful prayer of the rosary, these are the children that are being spared to receive Me in the Holy Eucharist.”**

Received from Nila Baker.

Pastor's Corner
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Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

The sweet month of May - the most beautiful month dedicated to the most beautiful of women, our Blessed Mother, is here. I hope we are all doing something special (like saying the Rosary) to renew our devotion to our Lady.

Mark your calendars! Deacon Jeff Whorton will be ordained a priest in Santa Fe at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 31, at 10 am. He will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Thomas on Sunday, June 1, at 9 am. No tickets are needed for either event, and all are invited. Pray for Deacon Jeff and the other two deacons who will be ordained priests of God on that day!

A blessed week, Msgr. Doug Raun

ACTS Course Scheduled

Jeffrey Steenson, D.Phil., will present a six-week course, "Introduction to the Early Church Fathers," on Mondays, 6/2/08-7/7/08, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Dr. Steenson earned his doctorate at the University of Oxford, England, and has studied the history and literature of the early Church extensively throughout his academic and ministerial careers. A yet-to-be-decided text (less than \$20) will be recommended for this course. Please watch the bulletin for more details! Please contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com to reserve a book.

ALPHA Is Coming!

Do you, or someone you know, want to know more about Catholic Christianity? If so, THE ALPHA COURSE is where one starts! ALPHA is an 18-week, no-pressure course in basic, foundational Catholic/Christian teaching. ALPHA is for **all** adults—young, old, and in-between: "cradle" Catholics wanting a refresher course or needing to prepare for sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and/or First Communion), and Christians and non-Christians wanting to become Catholic, or to simply learn more about Catholic Christianity without committing to it. The next ALPHA COURSE will be held in Fr. D'Arco Hall on Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 p.m., beginning 5/27/08. Each class meeting normally includes dinner. Please contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, OR AquinasAM@yahoo.com, for more details and to pre-register.

We welcome our new Parishioners

Jaime L & Chana M Andujo
Paul Bunnell & Luz Alessio-Bunnell
Jerry R Maldonado
Stan J & Martha M Mathews
Carlos R & L Berenice Rosales
Barbara Staley
Mario L Tapia

Funerals

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

Michael Dinallo
Maxine Martinez
Angelo Reyes

Sacrament of Baptism

Isaac Emiliano Acosta
Derek Joseph Barreras
Joseph Coccimiglio, Jr.
Aiden Parker Vincent Leavengood
Sofia Julieta Rivas
Abraham Josiah Rubalcava
Santiago Michael Thompson

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

1st Banns: Sarah Getz & Nicholas Grieco
1st Banns: Monica Garcia & Steve Martinez
1st Banns: Sarah East & Ian Brumana

To register with the parish, pick-up a registration card at the church exits, stop by or call the office (1594 Sara Rd, 892-1511) or send an e-mail to: Contact@stanm.org

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

Next Week's Readings
4-11 May

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-2 Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39
Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Upcoming Events

Have a Burrito for Cub Scouts

This 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 see do it again!

Altar & Rosary Society Sale & Breakfast

Join the ladies at their religious articles sale during the Cub Scouts' breakfast this morning. Proceeds support our seminarians and novitiates!

And, they'll hold both a continental breakfast & religious article sale after morning Masses on 18 May.

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 468-6864 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 birthday blessings for sister Janie! for another daily Mass opportunity! for healing my knee! for my cousin Benny S. joining you!

Perpetual Adoration Contacts

Pauline Salata (Midnight-6 a.m.) at 892-0524

Louie & Terry Santa Maria (6 a.m.-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: **Les & Jeannie Reynolds 1-15 May**

Virgin II: **Mary Longhvardi 1-15 May**

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. **3-9 May Winifred Allen by Michael Allen and Family 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

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 6 June, 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
892-1511 x104
AquinasAM@yahoo.com

Catechetics Course Scheduled

Jeannette Schlicher will facilitate an excellent, seven-week, video-based teaching methodology seminar called “The 7 Laws of the Learner,” on Wednesdays, 5/28/08-7/30/08, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (no classes 6/11 or 7/16). It will be held in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room (Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Ste. J), and is thus strictly limited to 16 participants. Although the focus is on religious education, the principles taught in this course are applicable to all teaching scenarios, including secular. A required course workbook will be available from Adult Ministries, and will cost \$12.95. Please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to pre-register and reserve a workbook.

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Hand Writing Contest

Stephany Strahle is the state grade level winner of the National Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest. Stephany, a third grader at St. Thomas Aquinas School, competed against other students from New Mexico to become the top third grader in cursive writing in our state. She will now compete at a national level against the top students from around the country with hopes to become the National Grand Champion.



Her teacher, Mrs. Abigail Walden, describes Stephany's penmanship as "beautiful and careful cursive. Her care and effort are always evident in her writing. It looks like font."

Congratulations to Stephany, our state champion!

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 Tuesday, 6 May, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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

The last group of our children are making First Communion today, 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.

Vacation Bible School is 7-11 July

Registration forms are in the Religious Education Building. This year's theme is "Jerusalem Marketplace." We have 80 of 200 slots filled already—don't wait! 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 Ascension of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, will remind Catholics that You created all human life to be raised to the heights of heaven, not thrown in the garbage.

Human Life Exalted

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on the throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. **Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.**

Taken from Father Frank Pavone,
www.priestsforlife.org.

All are invited to come to the **St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday, 7 May, in the St. Lucy Filippini Room next to the Parish Offices. We will discuss final plans for the annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale and see a pro-life video, if time permits. The meeting will last one hour.

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

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 4th, Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>	6:00 p.m.	Carol Baynes by Ginger Cook Gemma Morris by Ginger Cook Rosie Walters by Ginger Cook
7:00 a.m.	Kukowski Family by Frank P. Kukowski For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ✠ Bernard & Nancy Rumschik by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik	7:15 a.m.	@ STAS for our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff
9:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish CDA, STA Court #2306 ✠ Beatriz Padilla by Alfred	Friday	<u>May 9th, Easter Weekday</u>
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	9:00 a.m.	✠ Bernard & Millie Rumschik by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik ✠ Dorothy McGregor by Cousin Marian Kohl Hayley Dillon
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.	Margaret Onderko for her health by husband & son Dulcie Tafoya special intentions by Dulcie Tafoya In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Annette Abeyta
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	8:15 a.m.	@ STAS for the unborn
8:00 a.m. @ SJV	✠ Jim & Gloria Spam by Jan, Paul & Matt Dorothy Hasey by Jan, Paul & Matt	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 10th, Easter Weekday</u>
11:00 a.m.	✠ @ SJV To our dear parents by Pat & Nora Shanno	9:00 a.m.	✠ Bernard & Millie Rumschik by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik Hayley Dillon For the family members of the Trujillo & Sena
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 5th, Easter Weekday</u>	5:00 p.m.	✠ Julio Streppone by wife Patricia ✠ Joseph L. Giamboi birthday by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi Peterson Sutherland birthday by Mom & Dad
9:00 a.m.	✠ Amado Bagood by the Sutherland family ✠ Ignace Joseph LeBlanc Ann & Ralph Bonomo by the prayer group	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 4th, Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>
6:00 p.m.	✠ Abel Lerma birthday by Lydia	7:00 a.m.	Lawrence Hebel Fr. Daniel Francis Day of Ordination by Tony & Marie Di Blasi ✠ Bernard & Millie Rumschik by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik
7:15 a.m.	@ STAS for missionaries around the world	9:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parish ✠ Ramona Jaramillo by daughter Nila ✠ John Pignataro by Sandra Pignataro
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 6th, Easter Weekday</u>	11:00 a.m.	Sr. Anne Louise by the Class of 2008 at STAS Mr. Gabe Papponi by the Class of 2008 at STAS Staff & Teachers at STAS by the Class of 2008 STAS
9:00 a.m.	✠ Leonard Baker by Ann & Ralph Bonomo ✠ Bernard & Nancy Rumschik by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik ✠ William Kohler by Larry & Carol Larson	12:30 p.m.	✠ Rosanne McCrary Gonzales 3 rd anniversary by Gonzales family ✠ Luisa Rivera Rayel de Cripin and Tomás & Marvin Crispin ✠ Isidro Nieves Guerrero
7:00 p.m.	No 6:00 p.m. Mass; Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Leo & Lourdes Cordero 45 th wedding anniversary ✠ Luisa Rivera Rayel de Cripin and Tomas & Marvin Crispin ✠ Martín Otero by Matt Shipman & Rebecca Otero
7:15 a.m.	@ STAS for our military personnel	8:00 a.m.	✠ @ SJV Dorothy Hasey by Janis & Paul Fensterer
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 7th, Easter Weekday</u>	11:00 a.m.	@ SJV that all our parishioners will live stewardship joyfully
9:00 a.m.	✠ Philip M. Groenewold by wife Jeanne ✠ Vernon Eberhardy by Jane ✠ Leokadia Matejczuk by son & daughter-in-law		
6:00 p.m.	✠ Bernadette Ortíz 5 th Anniversary by the Ortíz family ✠ Mary Aragon by the Aragon family Quincy Torrez baptism anniversary by the Aragon family		
8:15 a.m. @ STAS	✠ Mary Jane Lifschultz repose of her soul by Sr. Anne Louise, Staff & Students at STAS		
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 8th, Easter Weekday</u>		
9:00 a.m.	✠ Jack Green by Irene Green ✠ Bernard & Nancy Rumschik by Mr. & Mrs. Rumschik Al Mills by Janice Martinez		

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



Do we ever take the initiative in giving our time, talent and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?

Catholic Education

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Doing this on our own is only the beginning. A membership expectation of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is our participation in educational opportunities, regardless of our age!

Unless we have an extensive home study program for our children, we fail as parents if we don't **send our children to weekly CRE**. Sister Alma and her staff offer numerous opportunities throughout much of the week. See page 4 for registration information. Don't wait; classes fill up quickly!

For teenagers we also have various educational opportunities. There are general classes plus **Confirmation preparation** classes weekly. We provide periodic retreats plus **LifeTeen** events after 6:00 p.m. Mass most Sundays. As teens face more and more distractions from living holy lives today, it becomes even more imperative for parents to influence them to grow spiritually as they make decisions how they will live the rest of their lives!

As adults, especially as cradle Catholics, we often feel we know most of what we need to know about our faith. We become complacent in our faith, with many of us failing to attend weekly Mass, much less continuing to explore our faith and becoming more knowledgeable Catholics. We are hardly living our baptismal call this way. Well, you have come to the right parish!

Coincidentally, new **ALPHA** and **ACTS** courses **begin on 27 May and 2 June**, respectively. You can find the details on page 2. If you haven't attended **ALPHA** previously, or a recent **ACTS** course, why are you waiting? **ALPHA** even provides child care! Ask yourself if holiness is important in your life. Ask yourself if your spiritual life is important. As a true member of the Catholic faith and St. Thomas Aquinas parish, ask yourself "**Am I doing all I can to improve my (or my children's) spiritual life?**"

Subscribers to our weekly e-letter will receive further references on this subject. E-mail to Bulletin@stanm.org. Next week's subject will be "**Transparency and Listening**" which will explain how our parish operates to our advantage.

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.



St. Thomas Aquinas **Bereavement Support Group** meets Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini room, adjacent to the Parish office. For information contact Mary Davidson at 892-9886. If no response within two days, please call back.

New Adult Ministries Online Group

Interested in what is happening in Adult Ministries? Visit our Adult Ministries Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AquinasAM/>, and, if you like what you see, please join. There is information about activities, classes, and meetings, as well as discussion on various topics.

A mother/daughter Chastity Program

A special one-day class for mothers and their adolescent daughters, ages 10 to 12, designed to emphasize the beauty and gift of human sexuality. Self-esteem, friendships, peer pressure, the physical and emotional changes of adolescence, reproductive systems, the menstrual cycle, reproductive hygiene, decision-making, and chastity will be discussed in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Date: Saturday, 17 May. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost \$15.00/person. Pre-registration required. Call 831-8222 or 831-8117 in Albuquerque.

Lectio Divina Day of Prayer

Lectio Divina is an ancient prayer-form still used in Monasteries. It comes to us from the Desert Fathers and Hermits. If you feel the call to toward closer union with God, join us for this day. Lectio Divina may be God's answer for you. Director is Sue Williams, Lay Carmelite, who has a BA in Religious Studies and is working on her Masters Degree.

God's call for personal union with Himself is not only for the Saint or for the Mystic.... It is for you. Tuesday 13 May, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., The Spiritual Renewal Center, 6400 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque 87120. Go to www.spiritualrenewalretreats.com/ or call 877-4211 or for more details. Suggested Offering

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
Business Manager (Ext. 101).....	Martin P. Sedillo
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 Stravinski

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 today 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!”

Self Awareness/Defense Workshop--Women of all ages (must be middle school age or above) learn how to protect yourself defensively and to be more aware of your surroundings. Workshop - Friday, May 9, 7:00-9:30 pm. Main Gym at St. Pius X High School, 5301 St. Joseph's Dr NW, Albuquerque. Presenter: Detective Al Verlarde, 16 year veteran of A.P.D. and served in the US Marine Corps for 6 years. Free will donation. Great mother/daughter opportunity in honor of Mother's Day. To register e-mail jjriver@cableone.net

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) or tixierf@ccasfnm.org.

San Ysidro Fiesta 18 May

Attention crafters: come join the fun at our fiesta. Craft tables \$20.00 each. Enjoy a full day of socializing.

8 Contact Patty Vasay at 792-2190 for details

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: Michael & Michelle Beglau 771-0756
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