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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

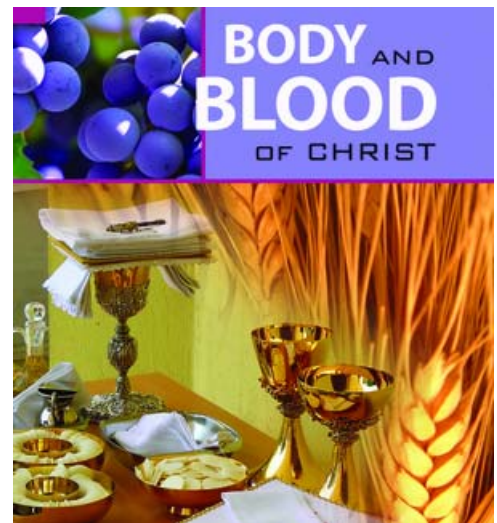
The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

May 25, 2008 A.D.
 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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,

Today we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi—the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. While belief in the Real Presence is at the heart of all Catholic worship; I have always felt that it is the special calling of our parish, with Perpetual Adoration, to exalt the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord.

Because it is Memorial Day weekend, we will not have the outdoor procession this year, but rather a short indoor procession and Benediction after the 9 a.m. High Mass.

Remember—next Saturday Deacon Jeff Whorton will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral at 10 a.m.,
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TURBO-CHARGED FAITH JOURNEY

Over the last two months we’ve covered the expectations for members of St. Thomas Aquinas parish and the Catholic faith. Those expectations come from our baptismal call to serve Christ as His representatives on earth. Those expectations can seem quite high to us, especially if we’re not meeting them currently!

We described the recent expectations series as a roadmap of our faith journey. The most difficult part of any journey is its beginning. The beginning requires overcoming inertia, the resistance to a change in motion. As I write this I’m in a big RV built on an 18 wheeler tractor chassis. It uses a 485 horsepower turbo-charged diesel engine that provides huge torque to get it moving, increase speed, or even slow it down.

Most of us have tiny engines that struggle to move us from a dead start in our faith journeys. Our turbo-charged power comes from our faith; faith in God. When we believe, truly believe in
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SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND LIFE TRANSITIONS

Are you going through, or planning to make, a transition in your life? Perhaps you are unhappy in your work, or your children have recently left home. Perhaps you want to return to work after an absence, or you are considering a call to the priesthood or religious life. Knowing what gifts God has given you to offer other people can help you to discern his will for your life—and provide you with direction when you make choices.

On Friday, 6/27/08, 7:00-9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6/28/08, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., in Fr. D’Arco Hall, our parish is sponsoring a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs to offer a program called the *Called & Gifted Workshop*. The *Workshop* is about discerning our gifts for the sake of discovering God’s will for our lives. Everyone is invited to participate. There is no charge for the *Workshop*, but a free-will offering will be gratefully
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and he will celebrate his First Mass next Sunday here at St. Thomas Aquinas at 9 a.m., with a reception following. Everyone is welcome to both events.

I have some wonderful news to share with you about a new building project in our parish.

Relatively few parishioners ever have an opportunity to visit the rectory—the house where the priests live. The existing rectory is approximately 40 years old and we are beginning to have major structural problems with the house. The house is too small for three priests and there is insufficient room for guests. The current rectory has no garage and the heating and cooling systems have reached the end of their useful lives. It does not make sense to spend anymore money to repair this already inadequate structure.

From the time I first came here thirteen years ago it was clear that we would need a new rectory, but there were more demanding projects—starting the school, and launching the mission churches Incarnation and St. John Vianney. Now that the school is almost paid off, Incarnation is an independent parish, and St. John Vianney is busy putting up its multi-purpose building, we can look to this rectory project. Over the years, we have been able to save over \$300,000 for a new rectory, mostly through special donations and unbudgeted bequests we have received. Now, the parish Finance Committee and the Archbishop have approved the project and this summer, God willing, we will begin.

The rectory will include three “suites” (bedroom, sitting room, bath and walk-in closet) for three priests, and three guest rooms, plus a living room, den, kitchen and dining room. (Oh—and a four car garage. For thirteen years I have wanted a garage!) It will be built on the site of the present rectory (the location is perfect, and we, of course, already own the land. We priests will live in a rented house during demolition and construction.) We will borrow another \$320,000 for the project, which payments will be “folded” into our existing school debt payments of \$16,000 a month.

I am so happy we can now begin this long overdue project that will serve the parish priests for many generations. We will soon become the first 6,000 family parish in the state of New Mexico (right now we are at over 5600 families), and with the continued growth of our area we have every reason to believe that St. Thomas Aquinas will be the largest parish for many years to come. This new rectory will provide for the needs of sufficient priests to well serve the people of our beautiful and growing parish for many years to come.

I am also happy to share that we have an excellent church architect, Mr. Brian Cassidy, working with us on master planning the needed improvements to our church (roof, pews, flooring, and parking lot.) We expect the final master plan toward the latter part of the year and will move ahead on this project in 2009-2010. Lots of activity in our parish!

A blessed week! Msgr. Doug Raun

We welcome our new Parishioners

*Richard M & Roberta J Kauch
Joseph A & Kelly L Mahboub
Douglass J & Etta T Shaw*

Funerals

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

Sacrament of Baptism

*Julia Marie Barela
Isaac Ryan Bitsie
Kaitlin Marie Bitsie
Elizabeth Michelle Corral
Dennis Patrick Hogan*

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

*1st Banns: Natasha L. MacPhee & Vincent John Caputo
1st Banns: Jennifer Ayers & Bryan Estvanko
1st Banns: Marie Jenifer York & Carl “Jason” Latham*

To register with your 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

25 May-1 June

Readings for the Week of May 25, 2008

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27

Upcoming Events

Deacon Jeffrey Whorton's Ordination & Mass of Thanksgiving

Deacon Jeff's Ordination Mass will be at the Cathedral in Santa Fe on Saturday, 31 May, at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited!

Father Jeff will celebrate his first Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, 1 June, followed by a reception in the Fr. D'Arco Hall. Please join us to congratulate Fr. Jeff as he begins his pastoral journey.

Knights Of Columbus Breakfast!

On Sunday, 25 May, 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!

The **Rosary Makers** will hold a sale at the KoC breakfast next Sunday. Your purchase will support the thousands they send to those around the world who can't find them locally. Contact James Tauer, 896-6127, Tauerjm@aol.com for more information.

Due to the "Men Under Construction" retreat scheduled for Saturday, 7 June, the **Altar & Rosary Society** has changed the date for its meeting & luncheon to **Saturday, May 31st**. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Armchair Aerobics

"Mild exercise" group (for men & women) meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Religious Education building from 10:00-11:15 a.m. Call Betty Larson at 891-3577 if you're interested.

Altar Server Training

We will have training on 28 June following the 9:00 a.m. mass. If you are in 6th grade and older and would like to participate in a beautiful ministry, then plan to join us for training. Contact Cindy Keaveny at 892-5649 or ckeaveny@msn.com.

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



Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

May Liturgical Events

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 taking care of my medical needs! For a safe trip to and from Las Cruces! For helping me finally accomplish a long-delayed task! For discovering my wife's cancer early!

Perpetual Adoration Contacts

Pauline Salata (12 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 (12 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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is our response to Jesus' love for us. We become a part of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration by committing to spend a quiet holy hour of prayer in His Eucharistic Presence once each week. This unites us all together giving thanks to Our Lord for all He has done and will do for us.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Committed adorers needed for the following:

Sundays 2:00 a.m.; Fridays 1:00 a.m.

Mondays 1:00, 2:00, & 4:00 a.m. urgent!

"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: **Marylou Calderone 16-31 May**

Virgin II: **Patty & Mike Dzek 16-31 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. **24-30 May 4th anniversary of Lois Daniels by Raymond Daniels and Elizabeth Flynn**
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

25 May & 1 June (**Retreat**) -No Life Teen Night
8 June: Soul Wars

15 June: NO LT- Happy Father's Day Dads!

22 June: Catholic Underground

This is a night we will invite the **WHOLE PARISH** to come worship with us.

29 June: Summer kick off party/BBQ!!

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!

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 parish office 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.

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 >>> 4

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STA Takes 2nd Place in 2008 Religion Bowl

In one of the most closely contested Religion Bowls to date, St. Thomas students faced stiff competition for 1st place, coming within one question of unseating the reigning champs, Holy Ghost School. The STA teams consists of Larry Walden, Andrew Hudson, Kelli Reagan, Alexis Santilli, Sarah Torres, Elias Limon, and Jamie van Loben Sels.

The Pelicans put the HG Eagles on notice at the outset by taking first place with the opening question. After that, it quickly became a "battle of the birds" with the outcome undecided until the very end when the champs eked out a 38-34 victory.

STA's 2nd place finish was calculated on a point system of three for 1st place, two for 2nd, and one for 3rd. In the first half of the Challenge, the Pelicans scored on every question but two! And, they missed those only because of procedural technicalities, rather than content.

Overall, it was STA's finest hour at the Religion Bowl. Cheered on by their Alternates and parents, the Pelican team's impressive speed, accuracy, attitude and knowledge of the faith set a new standard of excellence which will certainly bring home a first place trophy in the years ahead.

Much of the credit for this great finish goes to the dedication and training of Dora Sandoval and Mary Rogel. Their leadership and commitment over the years has enabled St. Thomas Aquinas to go from last place to winning third last year and now second place in 2008. Congratulations to these outstanding Catholic women whose witness brings such credit to our school, and many thanks to STA religion teacher Kenneth Cantwell for this submission.

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

Vacation Bible School Registration is full. We will still accept registrations, but you will be put on a waiting list until notified.

All First Communion Pictures are now in. Pick up your photos in the Religious Ed Office.
Registrations for the 2008-09 Religious Education year will be available in the Religious Education Office.

>>>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.

Marriage & Family Life Deacon Hill 8921511 x103
Deacon.Hill@stanm.org

Marriage Encounter Retreat

The worst enemy of a happier marriage is a contented marriage. A **Marriage Encounter** weekend can move your marriage beyond contentment.

Come and move your marriage beyond contentment by making the next Marriage Encounter weekend on June 7 & 8, 2008. It will be held at the Madonna Center of the Catholic Center complex in Albuquerque. Cost is \$100.00/couple which includes meals and overnight stay. For more information, call Scot and Patti Eliason, 899-8593 or Family Life 831-8117 in Albuquerque.

Pre-Cana couples must attend **one** introductory session on Natural Family Planning. We suggest couples attend a session 4-6 months before their wedding date. To schedule a session and for more information, please contact Rosanne Sloan at 892-2927.



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.



“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. For more information, call 352-1177 or 831-8117 in Albuquerque.

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.

Culture of Life Corner
Maura Jans 892-3267 mcjans1@hotmail.com

Father, we pray that those who say, “This is my body” to justify taking life by abortion may learn to say, “This is my body, given up for you,” as Christ did.

The Body of Christ

The Unity of the Eucharist

Imagine a person who receives Communion, accepts the Host when the priest says, “The Body of Christ,” says “Amen,” and then breaks off a piece, hands it back, and says, “Except this piece, Father!” This is what the person who rejects other people may as well do. In receiving Christ, we are to receive the whole Christ, in all His members, our brothers and sisters, whether convenient or inconvenient, wanted or unwanted, born or unborn.

The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, “Come to Me, feed on My Body, become My Body.” Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says, “Go away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way!” Abortion attacks the unity; of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion.

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

Carnation Sale Thank You Note

On behalf of the St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee I thank **Patricia** and **Larry Weaver, Felicie** and **Jim Truscio**, and **all of the lovely ladies from the Altar and Rosary Society** who worked hard to make and sell the floral bouquets for our Mother’s Day Fundraiser. Thanks also to the parishioners who bought flowers and made donations to support our pro-life cause. God bless you!

Onward, Christian Soldiers!

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants

For more information contact Yolanda at 220-8891 or
5 Helpers@Defendinglife.org.



Mass Intentions

Sunday May 25th, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna family

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
† Margarito Jaramillo birthday by Daughter Nila Rick & Penny Torretto 45th wedding anniversary

11:00 a.m. † Fr. Andrew D'Arco day of his death by Mom & Dad Paterna Ramos for her health by Annie Giannini
† Angela DeMaio by Eagan Family

12:30 p.m. For Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. End of Abortion
In thanksgiving to St. Jude by S.R.
† Amanda Chavez-Lueras by the Little Family

8:00 a.m. † @ SJV for vocations, especially from our parish

11:00 a.m. † Peggy Ward by husband Jack & family
@ SJV Maureen Watts & family by Katie Becky McKinnon by Katie & Eric

Monday May 26th, St. Philip Neri - Memorial Day (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time)

9:00 a.m. † Kristy & Earl Kieser 29th Wedding Anniversary by Jane
Lois Daniels 4th Anniversary
† by Raymond Daniels & Elizabeth Flynn
Myrna Tsinnijinne by her Spiritual Sister Barbara

6:00 p.m. **NO 6:00 PM MASS MEMORIAL DAY**

Tuesday May 27th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Samuel Tafoya, Sr. repose of his soul by Daughter Dora Segura
† Leonard Baker by Marcia Wagner
Deacon Aston Bailey happy birthday by Florence Millea

6:00 p.m. † Mary Moore by Barabe Family
† Pilar Chavez by John Chavez
Fr. Stephen Imbarrato by Yolanda & Steven Castro

Wednesday May 28th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Philomena Agnes by the Lioce Family
† Higinia Serrano by the Family
In thanksgiving to the Storm Novena by Carrie Norero

6:00 p.m. Rosary Makers by McCluskey Family
Ida Romero by Rosemarie
Alfred Romero by Rosemarie

Thursday May 29th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun anniversary by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
† Florence & Alfred Francia by Henry & Angela Pacelli
† Ramona Acosta by sister Florence Toti

6:00 p.m. † Victoria Gallegos & Juanita Martínez by Lucy & Charles Griego
† Reycita C. Jiron by Loretta Serna
† Olivier Chrzanowski by the Niemczak Family

Friday May 30th, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 a.m. Joan McNally happy birthday by Betty Larson, Tom Eagan & Anna Puglisi
† Ann Nilsen & Edith Lewis by Betty Larson Lee & Matt Moser by Hanko Family

6:00 p.m. † Joseph Tiron by Jo Tiron
† Alex Molnar by Deborah Kozerski
† Robert Chávez & Bobby Baca by Lucy & Charles Griego

Saturday May 31st, The Visitation of the Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. † Lucy McCachren by the Hoffman family
† William Gutierrez by Sylvia Quiñones
† Maxine Martinez by Altar & Rosary Society

5:00 p.m. Special intentions to the Blessed Mother by Jeff & Judy Weitzel
Sara O'Neill for her health by Florence Millea
† Joseph Bonadonna by Grace Fanelli

Sunday June 1st, Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Kukowski Family by Frank P. Kukowski
† Lawrence Hebel
For All the Souls in Purgatory

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
† Leonard Baker by Mr. & Mrs. John Naegale
† Mike Di Nallo by Joseph & Louise De Lorenzo

11:00 a.m. † Loretta Podhaski by the Doody family
† Al Garcia by the 11:00 a.m. Greeters
† Francis Soprano by Irene Muscari

12:30 p.m. † Paul Trujillo by Irma Trujillo & family

6:00 p.m. † Nancy Ariola by Bart & Anne Ariola
† Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Palladino & Mr. & Mrs. John Ariola by Bart & Anne Ariola

8:00 a.m. @ SJV

11:00 a.m. † @ SJV John Betzen by Eddie & Evelyn Vasquez
To our dear parents by Pat & Nora Shannon
† Pasquale & Nina DiVasto in memory by Patricia & Nicoletta DiVasto

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.

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

Local Catholic TV

Ch 13, Sunday Mass 7:00 a.m.

Ch 47, La Voz Católica, Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.



TURBO-CHARGED FAITH JOURNEY (continued from page 1)

Him and accept and act upon His grace, we are able to put the “pedal to the metal” and more easily get up to speed. Overcoming our “lack of faith inertia” is what we call conversion.

The interesting truth about conversion is that it’s continuous. God constantly calls us to follow Him! Regardless of our current location on our faith journeys, He calls us to do more. We simple human beings have such a narrow scope compared with our Creator. He broadens our scope through faith so we can see how we can be more like Him.

We constantly need to evaluate our positions on our faith journeys. Do we measure up to God’s expectations as members of His Catholic faith? Are we living up to the standards the Church, His Church, calls us to meet? If we loose inertia along our journey, it’s time to pray to God for strength of His conversion in our lives. We can’t go down this road on our own! If we’re stuck in a lower gear and not making progress, we need conversion to get turbo-charged!

If your faith engine needs turbo-charging, if you still have room to grow in faith, if you’re struggling to follow God’s map, pray to Him for guidance. He is the true source of your strength and He will give you the boost you need to see His calling through. Don’t go off course; don’t suffer from the inertia of lack of faith. He never gives you more than you can handle, and you need to not just coast along. He has high expectations for you and you can meet them if only you will try by believing in and following Him!

Safe Environment Workshop

We have scheduled another workshop on **Saturday, 28 June**, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in the St. Lucy Filipini room. Contact Kathy Girón at 892-1511 x107, or Kathy.Giron@stanm.org, to register. **If you are a ministry member who contacts children or adults in one-on-one circumstances, you must attend once!**

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE SECOND ANNUAL MEN’S CONFERENCE

MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION JUNE 7, 2008

Jeff Cavins, a nationally and internationally recognized public speaker will be the keynote speaker. Jeff will provide two presentations: apologetics on Mary, *The Ark of the New Covenant*; and Men’s Spirituality on the power of praise and thanksgiving. In addition to the key note, there will be a handful of breakout sessions to enrich the conference:

1. A Catholic roundtable modeled after EWTN’s Journey Home program that will profile well known Catholics with distinctly different faith journeys. Convert, Revert and Cradle experience will be shared.
2. A tract on practical apologetics for men.
3. Tracts on Men’s Spirituality provided by Fr. Benedict Grochel’s group Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.
4. A discussion of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy where God’s endless mercy is abundantly available even to the worst sinner.
5. Fr. Steve Imbarrato will have a session on Ask Fr. Steve, where he will entertain any and all questions regarding faith morals and anything Catholic.

The conference includes lunch. Ladies who still need to get their hubby a father’s day gift that this day of reflection and faith may be just what the doctor ordered.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration will be available. The Conference will be faith-filled, authentically Catholic!

The cost today is \$25. The day of the event the price will be \$30. Seating is limited so please sign up quickly.

See last Sunday’s insert for more details or go to www.drawntolight.com/muc

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND LIFE TRANSITIONS (continued from page 1)

received. **Pre-registration is required!** To pre-register or find out more, contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com.

ACTS Course Scheduled

What is ACTS? ACTS is the Adult Catholic Theology School of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Dr. Jeffrey Steenson, former bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, will present a six-week course, "Introduction to the Early Church Fathers," in Fr. D’Arco Hall, on Mondays, 6/2/08-7/7/08, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Given Dr. Steenson's doctorate in patristic studies and his ministerial experience, course participants can expect to learn more about these ancient Christian writers and their view of the Church and Sacred Scripture through his very unique perspective. A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. Recommended text: **The Fathers of the Church: An Introduction to the First Christian Teachers**, Revised Edition, by Mike Aquilina. To pre-register and to reserve a book, please contact
7 Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com.

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, Jeffrey Whorton
 Business Manager (Ext. 101).....Martin Sedillo
 Accountant (Ext. 108).....Ana Martínez
 Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....Jeannie Pinel
 Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....Liz Large
 Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....Jeannette Case Schlicher
 Ayuda Español (Ext. 360)Deacon James 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 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 - Saturday9:00 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: A Eucharistic People St. John's sixth chapter has some difficult sayings for the early followers of Jesus to understand. We who enjoy the Eucharist each Sunday forget how radical the words "the Body and Blood of Christ" were to his early followers and how challenging they remain to those who have not yet come to believe. Let us remember to pray for those who have not yet joined us at the Eucharistic table and be willing to speak of the strength we receive in the Eucharist.

Nursery Schedule Details

The nursery is open for **both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.** Masses. Space is limited; come early enough to obtain a spot. The nursery is only for children ages one through three. **Teens who need service hours:** this is a great opportunity for you to accumulate hours and perform a truly rewarding service. If you can **volunteer** to help, please contact Aud Walaszek at: 792-8716 or e-mail her at walz11@msn.com.

Nominations for Parish Finance Council

Finance Council Openings

We need you parish members to be part of discerning who should serve in this important role. This council advises the pastor and the business manager regarding stewardship of parish financial resources, assists in the development and oversight process for determining and approving the annual parish budget. They analyze financial reports, provide guidance toward sound financial decisions and assist in the development, format, and presentation of the annual financial report.

Nominees must be at least 18 years old, a confirmed and practicing Catholic, registered in the parish, and accepting the doctrine and discipline of the Catholic Church. Nominees will be invited to a discernment meeting with the Pastor and present council members on 4 June. Each nominee will present their ideas about their possible membership, and after prayer and discussion, those who feel called to serve the parish in this ministry may offer to serve the position. The candidates will decide among themselves who shall serve.

Please provide names of those you nominate for this position on the form above. Return the form to the parish office in the tithing box, in person, or in the mail no later than 30 May.

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