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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Again the kingdom of heaven is like a MERCHANT SEARCHING for fine pearls. When he finds a PEARL of great price, he goes and SELLS ALL that he has and BUYS it. Matthew 13:45-46

July 27th, 2008 A.D.
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



My dear family in the Lord,
 I have tidings of great joy. As we all know, this is the year of St. Paul. Our Holy Father, the Pope, has allowed each bishop to appoint special churches in each diocese to be pilgrimage churches where, during the year of St. Paul, a Plenary Indulgence may be gained each day during the Holy Year. I am happy to announce that **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A PILGRIMAGE CHURCH FOR THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL.** (The other churches are the Cathedral, Annunciation in Albuquerque, and Sts. Peter and Paul in Estancia.)

The conditions for the Plenary Indulgence are:

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Stewardship Focus

WHERE AM I GOING?

Do we ask ourselves that question when get ready to go to Mass? By the appearance of many, especially during the summer, the answer in too many cases must be “No.” A letter addressed to everyone in the 6 July Pastor’s Corner from Archbishop Sheehan reminds us to: “...*dress in a manner that shows respect to Our Lord, especially when they come forward to receive the Eucharist.*”

We choose to show respect by selecting appropriate clothing for Mass. Going to the park, or the beach is not the same as going to Mass! Wearing “... *clothing that is too tight, too short, too low cut, etc.*” is not respectful of Our Lord’s Presence in the Eucharist! **Our appearance matters!** It delivers a message about how we respect Our Lord’s Real Presence at Mass, just as our attentive, quiet participation in the celebration of the Mass demonstrates the care we have for Him and those around us. If we’re parents, what message do we want our children to receive about where they are? (continued on page 7)

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Committed adorers needed for
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1. Confession (within a week either side of the visit to the church)
2. Reception of Holy Communion
3. Prayers for the intentions of the Pope (traditionally the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Apostles Creed)
4. A spirit of total detachment of any inclination to sin
A desire to join spiritually in the jubilee celebration in honor of St. Paul

Lacking any of these conditions, the indulgence is partial.

The following feast days are to be kept with special solemnity in 2009:

1. The Conversion of St. Paul—25 January
2. Shipwreck of St. Paul—10 February
3. Divine Mercy Sunday—19 April
4. The Sacred Heart of Jesus—19 June
5. Sts. Peter & Paul (the end of the year of St. Paul)—29 June

To review the Church's teaching on indulgences, see #1417 in the Catechism.

This is a great blessing to our parish to be so honored; we wish to take advantage of these blessings, and draw closer to Our Lord through the teachings and example of St. Paul.

I would love to put up a statue of St. Paul in the church as a commemoration of this event. (I would also like to put up a statue of St. Peter to go with it, but we will deal with that later!) Such a statue will probably cost about \$6,000. Any donors?

Congratulations to the newest religious from our parish: **Sister Maria Faustina Large, O.L.** The daughter of our devoted parishioners Liz and Larry Large, Sister Maria professed her final vows this past Friday. See her picture on page 7. We are so blessed once more!

A blessed week, Msgr. Doug Raun

HEALTH SCREENINGS TO HELP YOU AND THOSE UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

Cathedral Health Services will provide a series of seven tests at our parish on Monday and Tuesday, 11 & 12 August. As a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives, Cathedral provides low cost services to those who can afford them. From these fees, they also bring detection and prevention to those who can't afford them.

The screenings include heart, stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, thyroid, and bone density. Call 800-770-0240 for your appointment (required)! Watch next weekend's bulletin for an insert with all the details. Please set aside 11/12 August to help yourself and others live better and longer!

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Johanna A Arias

Isaac & Angie P Barreras

Angela T Holloway

Edwin P & Kelly Ann Linson

Gabriel M & Ashley Y Perry

Ernest Rubi

Dennis & Mary Spinola

FUNERALS

David M. Martinez

Rumalda Trujillo

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Antoinette Miah Esquibel

Nathaniel Gutierrez

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

3rd Banns: Jennifer Elicia Waid & Mark G Gonzales

3rd Banns: Jenny Gibson & James Janke

2nd Banns: Genise Celeste Baca & Damien R Mirabal

LifeTalk Radio Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

LifeTalk is a weekly radio show on KTBL Albuquerque, 1050 AM, presented by **Project Defending Life**. The program deals with all life issues, but focuses on those issues which adversely affect life in today's secular culture, such as abortion. There is a guest segment, a teen segment, and one with Father Stephen Imbarrato each week. We encourage call-ins! Anyone who wishes to be a guest or has a suggestion for guests, should call Fr. Imbarrato at 505-447-1717.

"Respecting every stage of Life as Unique, Precious, and Unrepeatable."

Next Week's Readings

27 July—3 August

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2008

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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Upcoming Events



PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC 24 AUGUST 3:00 p.m. VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP 2/3 AUGUST

If you would like to help; we need **150 volunteers** to pull this off; please sign up next weekend (2nd and 3rd) after Mass or contact Debbie Hanko at 254-4385, 379-0561, or Picnic@stanm.org.

We need you to work the tables at one of the Masses next weekend. Can you help? You'll just need to stay behind an extra 15 minutes to get people's names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. This works out really well for getting volunteers. We hope **you will help** out next weekend, especially if you can't attend the picnic!

Our next **planning meeting** will be **Wednesday, 13 August**, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Lucy Filippini room. **Each ministry should have a representative attend!**

ACTS IS HERE!

Our pastor, Msgr. Douglas Raun, will present this course as the Church begins its Year of St. Paul, "Introduction to St. Paul: Life, Thought, and Writings."

It runs Mondays 7/21/08- 8/25/08, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall. (There will be no class Monday, 8/18/08.) BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible)! There is no other text. If you have questions, please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com.

St Thomas Aquinas parish is in need of **volunteers to drive the church bus** to pick up parish members on one Sunday each month from the nursing home and other locations. This ministry requires a **current CDL and health card**. If qualified and interested, please call **Dn. Frank Smith** at the parish office, 892-1511, ext. 112.

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Here are some beautiful blessings posted in our Daily Blessings Received Book for the Chapel: Thank-you: For helping our son with his problem! For helping us with our jobs! For restoring my health! For healing my friend Ann of cancer!

ATTENTION 12 - 6 P.M. ADORERS

Please coordinate substitutions with each other. Anise is out-of-town for the next couple of months.

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

Gay Bitonel (12 Noon-6 p.m.) at 806-676- 0333
e-mail: gbitonel@comcast.net

Pat & Jolyn Murphy (6 p.m.-12 Midnight) at 892-4931
e-mail: jpmurphrc@msn.com

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 HOURS OPEN

Committed adorers needed for the following:

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

Sundays 1&3 a.m., 3 p.m.

Tuesdays 3 p.m.;

Thursdays 2 p.m.; Wednesdays noon;

Fridays 1&5 a.m.; Saturdays 4 p.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 Gerri Hoover 892-0414

Virgin I: Nicole Herbelin 1-15 August

Virgin II: Chris Alexander 1-5 August

TABERNACLE FLOWERS Please contact Betty Larson at 891-3577 or Elaine Jones at 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.

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
27 July: Torn Apart

PARENT LIFE NIGHTS

We invite you to share in your son's/daughter's experiences of Life Teen Nights. "How?" you wonder. We now hold **Parent Life Nights concurrent with Life Teen Nights**. We meet in the Religious Education Building following the 6 p.m. Mass in room 7. What a wonderful way for you to get to know other parents and find answers to some of the questions with which we all struggle as we grow together with our teens!

Parent Life Nights are based on **the same subjects that the teens receive Sunday evenings**. You will grow, learn, and share life with other parents, your teens, and our families. We challenge you to take this step to move forward spiritually with your teens as they and we enrich each others lives in Christ. If you would like any other information concerning this great experience, please contact **Cindy Langlois at 892-4702** or by email at: **clanglois53@msn.com** We look forward to meeting you.

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 1 August, 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

ACTS IS HERE

What is ACTS? ACTS is our Adult Catholic Theology School. Our pastor, Msgr. Douglas Raun, presents this course as the Church begins its Year of St. Paul, "Introduction to St. Paul: Life, Thought, and Writings."

It runs Mondays 7/21/08- 8/25/08, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall. (There will be no class Monday, 8/18/08.) BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible)! There is no other text. If you have questions, please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com.

St. Thomas Aquinas School
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221
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Where Faith & Knowledge Meet
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

St. Thomas Aquinas School begins the 2008-09 school year on 7 August. With more than 400 students and almost 50 staff and faculty members, STA has continued to grow since its foundation six years ago. There are limited openings available in some grades. For more information about the school, please call 892-3221, ext. 51 or visit www.stasnm.org.

Parish members who are interested in supporting STA families through financial donations for tuition assistance, please contact our principal, Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, MPF.

You can also support the school by shopping at Smith's Grocery Stores and by saving UPC labels from Campbell Soup products, and Box Tops for Education products. Drop off Labels and Box Tops at the parish or school offices. For a list of Box Tops for Education products, visit boxtops4education.com. For more information about these programs, please contact the school office at 892-3221.

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

Vacation Bible School 2008 was a tremendous success thanks to Chris La Londe and Kellie Nichelson our faithful leaders. We were also blessed with a group of tremendous parent assistants who deserve special mention: Dinah Sandusky, Cindy Langlois, Jeff Reed, Lee Ann Savela, Dawn Nava, Cyndee De Blasie, Jennifer Herrera, Ken Cantwell, Dora Montoya, Melinda Leonhardt, Veronica Rolon, Christine Reed, Andrea Bass, Mary Davidson, Julie Bernardoni, Melissa De Pasquale, Annette C de Baca.

Of course, the many other parents and teens who worked evenings, set up, clean up and during the week deserve special kudos. If we forgot to mention anyone, know that God did not forget you. Thank you all and many blessings on you and your family!

HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Frassati Academy is a new concept in homeschooling, offering instruction, guidance and counseling for elementary through high school students. Join Chris LaLonde, Janice Martinez and Celeste Cuellar for a free ice cream social on 29 July or 14 August, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Haynes Park. For more information call

4 Chris at 891-1488 or Janice at 352-0698.

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.



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.



“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.

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.

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. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

Our next meeting is 8 August at 7 p.m. We will continue our topic on Apologetics with a talk and then discussion. It usually goes for an hour, but may go longer due to the discussions. For more information they can call 890-6574.

Father, we pray that our leaders in government will have the wisdom of Solomon to distinguish right from wrong. Grant that they may see that the greatest treasure is human life itself and may work to protect that gift and not allow its destruction.

THE FIRST HUMAN RIGHT

Cardinal Renato Martino, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said the following in an interview conducted for Priests for Life in May, 2004: “The Holy Father speaks of the protection of life as the fundamental realization and respect for human rights. Without that realization, without that respect for the right to life, no other discussion of human rights can continue; it must be based upon the foundation of human dignity and the right to life.”

Today’s readings make it clear that no believer can claim that what is right or wrong for the human family cannot be known with certainty. Part of the “good news” is that we can indeed know the difference between right and wrong, and have the strength to carry it out. Among the goods we need to preserve, the **“pearl of great price” is life itself**, the foundation and condition of every other right and good that we possess.

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

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY, 1 August

Please join us to save unborn children from death as we pray 20 decades of the rosary. We **all** need to join this prayer crusade to pray for God’s mercy to save the unborn from abortion and for the protection of our troops. There are two sessions:

**NOON – 20 DECADES OF THE ROSARY AND
AFTER THE 6:00 p.m. MASS**

P.S. Thank you to **Fr. Scott Mansfield** for announcing our 4th of July First Friday Rosary and the more than 30 parishioners who stayed and prayed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Independence Day! We are back to the original schedule this month.

PDL RUMMAGE SALE

Project Defending Life will have a Rummage Sale Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, 27-28 September from 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at the PDL offices 625 San Mateo Blvd NE, Albuquerque. If you would like to donate items for the sale, you may drop them off at the PDL offices Monday thru Friday 9 a.m.—2 p.m. For pick, or if you would like to help with the sale, call Yolanda at 220-8891.



Mass Intentions

Sunday July 27th, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna Family
- † Ruth D. Tommaso by Jean Keaveny
- † Jerry Dianna by Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Fitzgerald

- 9:00 a.m. For end of abortion
- † James Watson by Catherine Goad
- Michael Scotto by Cathy Goad

- 11:00 a.m. † Helen Malinowski by Edward Malinowski
- Dora Sandoval happy anniversary by James Sandoval
- Fred J., Emma Mae, Mary Jane Sánchez

- 12:30 p.m. † Mark Dominguez by Mother & Father
- Elouise Goodey by Gloria Richard
- Shaene Targeson by Gloria Richard

- 6:00 p.m. † Annabel Sieffert by Morales Family

- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For our military personnel

- 11:00 a.m. † Peggy Ward by John Ward and family
- @ SJV † Richard Fusco, Sr. by Madrid family
- Special Intention by Madrid family

Monday July 28th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Maria Alvarez in loving memory by beloved
- Mom, Grandmother & Great Grandmother
- In thanksgiving for favors received by S.R.
- † Paul R. Onuska by Eileen & sons Paul, Chris, David

- 6:00 p.m. † Evelyn Sei Sanich by Frank Sanich

Tuesday July 29th, Weekday, St. Martha

- 9:00 a.m. † Bernard McEneely by Patricia McEneely
- † Grace & Hector O'Rourke by daughter Eileen Murphy
- † Antonio Villanueva by Renee López

- 6:00 p.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by Kathleen Moyna
- † Pope John Paul II by Kathleen Moyna
- Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan by Kathleen Moyna

Wednesday July 30th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Paul & Helen Cywinski 59th Wedding Anniversary
- † Richard R. Murphy by wife Eileen

- 6:00 p.m. For the unborn

Thursday July 31st, Weekday, St. Ignatius of Loyola

- 9:00 a.m. Walter Klevesahl get well by Sylvia Quiñones

- 6:00 p.m. Paul Louis Schlicher Baptism Anniversary
- by Rex & Jeannette Schlicher & Maura Jans

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.

Friday August 1st, Weekday, St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church, First Friday

- 9:00 a.m. † Sophie & Stanley Czachor by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cywinski
- † Emilio Cordova by Cecilia Cordova
- CDA, STA Court #2306

- 6:00 p.m. For all of our parish clergy

Saturday August 2nd, Weekday, First Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased members
- of Altar & Rosary Society
- Bryoncito Large 6th birthday by the Aragon family
- † Rosie Kellogg by the Siano family

- 5:00 p.m. † Parents of Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz
- † Amy Louise Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. F. Gentile

Sunday August 3rd, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Lawrence Hebel
- Justin & Kelly Mercer 6th wedding anniversary
- by the Aragon family
- † Wilma Savage by The Altar & Rosary Society

- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
- Frances Jeske happy birthday by Lorraine Ortiz

- 11:00 a.m. † Helen Malinowski by friends & relatives
- † Hazel Genoa by the Mark & Chris LaLonde & family
- † Eddie Vasquez by Pat Doody, Dave & Chrissy

- 12:30 p.m. † Paul Trujillo by Irma Trujillo & family
- † Antonia Lozano by Alfred Quiroz

- 6:00 p.m. † Christopher Bolange by Joanna Dunn
- † Eddie Vasquez Jr. by the Bishop family

- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For vocations, especially from our parish

- 11:00 a.m. To our dear parents by Pat & Nora Shannon
- @ SJV Special Intention by the Madrid family
- For Jude Duran & family by the Madrid family

The 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.



ONGOING WEEKLY MEETINGS **(Religious Education Building)**

- Al-Anon: Thursdays, Noon, rm. 6
- Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104
- Blue Army: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.;
- Kathy-898-5591, Joann-899-9647
- (Call Kathy or Joann with your prayer petitions.)
- Rosary Makers: Fridays, 10 a.m., rm. 6 896-6127
- (Father D'Arco Hall)**
- Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Thursdays, 7 p.m.
- (Church)**
- Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
- Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS (continued from page 1)

If we go to the church and don't realize that we are going to Mass, we have missed the point. Going to Mass is not a social event! If we don't contemplate that **Mass is the sacrifice of Our Lord and Savior**, then we don't know where we are going! If we choose to **wear inappropriate clothing, disregard those around us by talking and laughing during Mass, don't take our disruptive children to the Cry Room,** we have chosen to disrespect Christ who is there in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, as well as the other members of the congregation around us!

What does this have to do with stewardship? Our lives in Christ begin with our belief in Him and His Real Presence. If we don't believe in Him, in His Real Presence, how we dress, how we act, how we live don't really matter! Who cares about returning some of our time, talent, and treasure to Him through His Church when we don't believe, when we dress or act inappropriately at Mass?

Our faith journey must begin somewhere. It most appropriately begins at Mass where we must believe in Christ and His Real Presence because the rest of our lives flow from that celebration!

Do you know where you are going? Do you believe in **who is there?** Are you prepared to respectfully be in **His Real Presence and to receive Him?** Are you prepared to respect Jesus and those who come to Mass to worship Him and receive Him? Our appearance and our behavior send a message to Him and those around us. **What is your message?**

Instead of rushing off at the last minute each Sunday, take some time to ask yourself **where you are going** when you prepare to **dress for** and consider how you **should act** at Mass. Take time to **consider what Mass is about** and in **whose Real Presence you will be**. Contemplate where you are going. It truly is Christ who is present in the Eucharist! And help your children to do the same. It can change the Mass for you!

If you have comments pertinent to any *Stewardship Focus* column, please feel free to send an e-mail message to Stewardship@stanm.org or send it to the parish office attention: Stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY THOUGHT

"For everything is from you, and we only give you what we already have received from you."

(I Chronicles 29:14-16)



LIZ, SISTER MARIA FAUSTINA, AND LARRY LARGE

The newest religious from our parish. Please pray for her, for all our young men and women studying to become priests or religious, and for more vocations from our parish. Your attendance at the Perpetual Adoration Chapel makes a real difference!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY'S FIRST ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION & DINNER

Due to various circumstances, this event is postponed until the hall (currently under construction) is completed. The expected date is in late November.

If you have questions about tickets you have purchased, call Joanna Dunn at 897-2169 or Loretta Tafuro at 891-9234.

ANNUAL ST. BERNADETTE GOLF TOURNAMENT



The second annual Shrine of St. Bernadette Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, 9 August. The tournament is open to all, regardless of skill level, parishioner or not. **Now** is the time to get your entry in. There will be fun, door prizes, give-aways, fun, fellowship, and food. And oh, did I mention fun? We are still looking for businesses and individuals who would like to be sponsors or prize donors. Entry forms are available in the parish office or from Gerry Quinlan, 296-1852. Contact Gerry if you can help or for more information.

Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
Vicar (Ext. 116).....	Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Whorton
.....	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 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
Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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
Web Site.....	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

A GREAT TREASURE INDEED “The kingdom of heaven is like...” With these words, Jesus challenges his followers to imagine their best dreams and to believe that they are happening—the Kingdom of Heaven is their best dreams come true. God, so long separated from them, now dwells among them. With His presence comes a new hope for all people, a Kingdom where God and His love reign supreme. It is a Kingdom whose promise we are to work to fulfill—a great treasure indeed.

Estancia Valley Catholic Parish **2ND ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY DAY OF REFLECTION**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
215 Girard Ave., Moriarty, NM 87035

Saturday, 9 August

Conference 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Confessions 4-5 p.m.

Mass at 5:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S GRIEF SESSIONS

Children are often the forgotten mourners when someone in a family dies. Sometimes, a young person's unresolved grief can affect his/her future relationships in a negative way. For this reason, a Children's Grief Program will be held for children ages 6-12 and their parents or guardians at Prince of Peace located at 12500 Carmel Ave. NE in Albuquerque.

Dates: Nine Mondays, starting 8 September.

All participants must attend the all eight sessions.

Time: 6:00 to 7: 15 p.m. Refreshments at 5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$ 35.00/family for all nine sessions. (Children must be accompanied by an adult) To register, call the Family Life office at 831-8117. Space is limited.

RETRouvaille, a lifeline for troubled marriages. Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help you. Retrouvaille consists of a week-end experience and a series of seven follow-up sessions over a three month period. The next program runs 12-14 September. For more information or to register, please call (505) 890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230.

CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.

8 CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.

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: William M. McCarty II - 681-0570
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

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): Betty Rivera 867-1087 or Lee Stevens 792-8871
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