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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“They ALL ate and were SATISFIED, and they picked up the FRAGMENTS leftover twelve wicker baskets - FULL.”  
 Matthew 14:20

## August 3rd, 2008 A.D.

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Stewards** know they cannot do all things, but they **can do** what their **spiritual gifts** (talents) lead them to do.

**What gifts will you offer to your parish, your neighborhood, the Archdiocese ministries? The Church needs all of us to continue Christ’s mission!**



## Pastor’s Corner      Stewardship Focus      On the Inside



My dear family,

I am happy to announce that this year, His Excellency the Archbishop is bestowing the St. Francis Award upon our parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Gerri Hoover. We all know the work that Gerri has done with the Blue Army, promoting devotion to our Blessed Mother, and Bob's work in helping bereaved families with hospitality at the time of funerals, in addition to many other ministries they are involved with. The Archbishop will present the award on 3 October at the Cathedral in Santa Fe. Congratulations, Bob & Gerri!

We are happy that our pilgrims have made it back safe and sound from Australia. I know that once they get over  
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### SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC MEN

Maybe you were one of the close to 300 men who attended the 2nd Annual Men Under Construction Conference on June 7th at St. Thomas Aquinas. Have you wondered about the group that organized and planned the event? Or maybe you would like to be in a group that will support you and mentor you in your quest to be a good Catholic man in today's secular world? Maybe you would like to learn more about your faith in an atmosphere of good Catholic fellowship among ordinary guys who are trying to be better men in their families, work place and out in the secular world?.

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider coming to the **7 August** meeting of St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office We will begin our 24 week study of the "Great Adventure Bible Study" by Jeff Cavins, our featured speaker at the 7 June *Men Under Construction* conference. This study, being  
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### ARCHBISHOP’S LETTER ON RECONCILIATION

Read at last weekend’s Masses; available via e-mail; write to Contact@stanm.org.

### NEW ACTS COURSE RUNNING

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**HEALTH SCREENINGS TO HELP YOU**  
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### CHURCH BUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You could bring someone to Mass who can’t get there on their own? For details: see page 2

### PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC 24 AUGUST 3:00 p.m.

**PLANNING MEETING 13 AUG 7 p.m.**  
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### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Committed adorers needed for Mondays 1:00, 2:00, & 4:00 a.m.**  
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**PASTOR'S CORNER**  
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their jet lag they will have many beautiful stories of faith to share with us from World Youth Day.

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School starts this week! God bless our students and staff at our parish school, of which we are so proud!

A blessed week,

Msgr. Doug Raun

**CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP OPENINGS**  
**(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

used by Christians throughout North America, takes us through the 14 historical books of the Bible and gives a perspective of the historical placement of the events in the Old and New Testaments, and the other books of the Bible. Other important historical events not described in the Bible are also put in a "timeline" so students can get a better understanding of the context of all the important aspects of early Christian history.

If you are interested or just curious, just show up. There will be no pressure or obligation - come and see! If you need more information call Steve at 899-3817, Brad at 890-3151, or John at 897-4502.

Participation in this group is a great way to begin or continue your journey as Christ's disciple through being a good steward. Give it a try and see how much you can gain from the journey!

**Feast of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass Schedule**

Thursday, 14 Aug Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m. @ St. Thomas  
Friday, 15 Aug @ St. Thomas Aquinas:  
6:30 and 9 a.m., 12:10, 6:00, and 7:30 p.m.  
St. John Vianney: 7:00 p.m.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**

Applications are now being accepted for the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Arts and Crafts show to be held in the D'Arco Hall Saturday and Sunday, 8 & 9 November at 1502 Sara Rd., Rio Rancho. Spaces are now available. To reserve your space call Elaine Yont at 896-2400 for more information. Thank You.

**TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH**, stop by or call the office (1594 Sara Rd, 892-1511) or send an e-mail to: [Contact@stanm.org](mailto:Contact@stanm.org)

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

*David N & Toni S Barbour*  
*Eva Gonzales & Ignacio E Marquez*  
*Carla A Gonzales & Paul C Wood*  
*Absalon & Digna Gutierrez*  
*Lisa C Herraarte*  
*Ian T & Amy R Hurley*  
*X.T. & Christine James*  
*David C. Lovato*  
*Christine A Lovato*  
*Carlos & Yvette M Ponce*  
*Mary A Potzer*  
*Michael A & Jacqueline E Rodriguez*  
*Maida Ward*

**FUNERALS**

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Degan Selier Abraham Baca*  
*Prestyn Noah Augustine Baca*  
*Santiago Lorenzo Montiel*  
*Thalia Beatriz Montiel*  
*Manuel Ramon Sierra-Romero*  
*Lamel Ambrose Thompson*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.  
*3rd Banns: Genise Celeste Baca & Damien R. Mirabal*  
*3rd Banns: Janice Gallegos & Marcus McCord*  
*1st Banns: Marcellina Etcitty & Michael Orona*  
*1st Banns: Nicole Basciano & Christopher Hart*

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

*Next Week's Readings*  
*3-10 August*

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21  
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36  
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or  
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9  
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt  
14:22-33

## Upcoming Events



### PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC 24 AUGUST 3:00 p.m. PLANNING MEETING 13 AUGUST

If you would like to help; we need **150 volunteers** to pull this off. Did you miss signing up this weekend? Contact Debbie Hanko at 254-4385, 379-0561, or Picnic@stanm.org to let her know how you can help!

We also need lots and lots of coolers. We will gather them at Fr. D'Arco Hall the day before, Saturday, 23 August, from Noon until 3:00. Be sure to put your name on the cooler and cover! Bring one to the picnic if you can't make it Saturday.

We will need people with trucks to help move items from the Hall to the School on Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and Sunday from Noon on. Please all or write as shown above!

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!**

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA AUGUST MEETING

**Tuesday, 5 August**—10:15 a.m. following the 9:00 a.m. Mass & Continental breakfast. Informational meeting for the Garage Sale, Parish Picnic & CDA Retreat/Workshop.

### GARAGE SALE

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 22 & 23 AUGUST  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Fr. D'Arco Hall, St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
1502 Sara Road, Rio Rancho, NM  
Sponsored by CDA Court St. Thomas Aquinas #2306  
for our Charitable Projects

Now is the time to clean your house from top to bottom.  
All donations are appreciated.

**Only Drop-off Place & Times ~ Fr. D'Arco Hall**  
**Thursday, 21 August--9:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, 22 August--9:00 a.m.--12:00 Noon**

Thank You for Your Support

For Information: Mary (896-0256) or Flossie (892-8932)

### YOUNG AT HEART

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



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## Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

### LITURGICAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST

14 Aug, 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Assumption

15 Aug, Extra Mass for Feast of the Assumption, pg 2

24 Aug, 3:00 p.m. Mass preceding the Annual Picnic

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Here are some beautiful blessings posted in our Daily Blessings Received Book for the Chapel: Thank-you: For a wonderful day and for such wonderful people in my life!

For returning my son to the Church!

For a beautiful, healthy baby!

### 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

3 August "Massive" A night on the Mass.  
10 Sunday August "Coming Attractions" a night on the after life- Heaven, Hell, & Purgatory.  
17 August "Go Fish" A night in discipleship.  
24 August the parish picnic NO LIFE TEEN  
31 August "Generopoly" A social night on generosity.

### 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.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher  
892-1511 x104  
AquinasAM@yahoo.com

### NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP FORMING

A new, home-based, parish-sponsored Great Adventure Bible Study is forming. It will meet one weekday afternoon or evening--whichever is more convenient to prospective group members--every other week. Please contact Bobbie, 892-8680, for more information.

**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 5 September, followed by fellowship in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Call Andrea Bass at 323-9222 for more information or you can join our group online!

St. Thomas Aquinas School  
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221  
1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinasschool.org  
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, please call 892-3221, ext. 51 or visit [www.stthomasaquinasschool.org](http://www.stthomasaquinasschool.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](http://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

Initial Meetings for all parents will be held on Wednesday, 27 August or Friday 29 August in Father D'Arco Hall from 7-8 p.m. You will receive information about EDGE (for 7th & 8th grade students), class room assignments, and other pertinent information.

Classes for Children's Religious Education begin on Tuesday, 2 September, Wednesday, 3 September, Thursday, 4 September, and Sunday, 17 September. If you have not registered yet, please do so now at the Religious Education building; some classes are already filled.

### 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 14 August, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Haynes Park. For more information call Chris at 891-

4 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 for all who have had abortions, that St. Paul's message that nothing can separate us from Christ's love will give them strength to seek reconciliation in the Church.

### A POST-ABORTION TESTIMONY

Following is an excerpt from one of the many post-abortion testimonies that can be found at

[www.priestsforlife.org/testimonies](http://www.priestsforlife.org/testimonies)

“I decided to abort my third child...No thought was given whatsoever to the humanity of the unborn child...It seemed to me that no one ever suggested that a fetus was anything other than a blob of tissue awaiting some indefinable time at which to become human. Now that I think back on it, it seems as though we had some kind of power to confer humanity...God's Word...eventually convinced me of the fact that an unborn child is just that, an unborn child, and not a blob of tissue...God's love and forgiveness have healed the wound, but I will always carry the scar. I have become a staunch advocate for the unborn in both word and deed.”

### THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST

The Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary is The Transfiguration.

Christ is transformed on the mountain, and the disciples see His glory. May the eyes of all people be transformed, that they may see each and every human life as a reflection of the glory of God Himself.

**IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND – PRAYERS TO END ABORTION**  
by Fr. Frank Pavone

### \*STAR\* LIFE MEETING NOTICE FOR 8-6-08

Would you like to take part in saving the lives of the unborn and stopping abortion in our country?

You are invited to come to the St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, August 6<sup>th</sup> in the St. Lucy Filippini Room next to the Parish Offices. We will discuss our plans for the upcoming elections, 40 Days for Life 2008, Life Chain 2008 and see a pro-life video. The meeting will last one hour.

**And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40**

### PDL RUMMAGE SALE

Project Defending Life will have a Rummage Sale Fund-raiser 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      August 3rd, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m.      Lawrence Hebel  
Justin & Kelly Mercer 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
✠ Antonio & Manuel Rivera by Frances Rivera
- 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  
✠ Rosie Cuevas Kellogg  
by Victoria Clark & Diane Krause
- 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

## Monday      August 4th, St. John Mary Vianney

- 9:00 a.m.      Abram & Edwina Apodaca & family special intentions  
by Nila Baker  
In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart by Jeannie Gonzales  
Fr. Mark Granito by Frances & Barbara Rivera
- 6:00 p.m.    ✠ Bud Biggs by Kuchar family  
✠ Kate Cutrone by Lucci family

## Tuesday      August 5th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    ✠ Robert Wisner by Bob & Saralee Wisner  
✠ Leo Lambert by wife Josephine  
✠ Kate Cutrone by Lucci family

- 6:00 p.m.      Special intentions by Juanita Schlicher  
Janet Cappuccio by Friends

## Wednesday      August 6th, The Feast of The Transfiguration

- 9:00 a.m.    ✠ Bruce Franco Sr. happy birthday by wife & family  
✠ Philip M. Groenewold by wife Jeanne  
✠ Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family

- 6:00 p.m.    ✠ Carmen Sandoval 20 years anniversary  
by Rudy Sandoval  
✠ Clementine Germain by Darly Barkley

## Thursday      August 7th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    ✠ Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family  
Special intentions by Juanita Schlicher

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

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 8th, St. Dominic

- 9:00 a.m.    ✠ Evelyn Sei Sanich by Frank Sanich  
✠ Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family

- 6:00 p.m.      For an increase in rain for all of new Mexico

## Saturday      August 9th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    ✠ Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family  
Josephine Beebe for her health  
by Jeannette & Rex Schlicher

- 5:00 p.m.    ✠ Julia Streppone by wife Patricia  
✠ James Doyle Johnson by Jim & Lita Johnson  
✠ Marge Krzyzanowski by Dave & Donna Smith

## Sunday      August 10th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m.    ✠ Audrey & Bob Pesko by the Pesko family  
Gail Bauchman by the Pesko family

- 9:00 a.m.      For the People of the Parish  
Arthur & Luz Moreno by Mary Haddow  
Leo & Lorraine Ortiz by Mary Haddow

- 11:00 a.m.   ✠ Helen Malinowski by friends & family  
✠ Gloria Esposito by SSVdP  
✠ Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family

- 12:30 p.m.   ✠ Rosie Cuevas Kellogg by Victoria Clark & Diane Krause

- 6:00 p.m.    ✠ Melanie Ward by parents, sister & brother

- 8:00 a.m.      @ SJV in thanksgiving for all parish volunteers

- 11:00 a.m.    @ SJV For our Filippini Sisters

**TV Mass**  
**Channel 13 KRQE**  
**Sundays 7:00 a.m.**

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 THE OTHER 90 PERCENT

That number comes from subtracting 10% (the biblical direction for sacrificial giving) from 100%. And **the 100%--all of that comes from God!** Yes, we have a job, or retirement income, or we own a business, or we won the lottery. **But without God,** we would have none of that! God gives us the time and talent to earn that income (except for the lottery). He truly is the source of all we have!

If we are so self-absorbed that we believe all our time, talent, and treasure is ours, we should think again! We are just the caretakers (stewards) of those gifts. We may work hard to earn a living, but God is the true source and He loans everything we “earn” to us, expecting us to use it in His name, to do good for Him and His people.

This is a very simple concept, but apparently a difficult one to accept, and even more difficult to follow. Gallup data show that among Christian denominations, Catholics are at the bottom for generosity! Yes, we have a number of people who are generous with all three stewardship pillars. But they are in a small minority.

When we go to lunch and spend around \$7.00, then add a \$1.50 tip, how does that compare with what we put in the tithing box every Sunday? Only 46.2% of registered parishioners have donated **anything** to the parish this calendar year. Of them,

Where do you spend your 90%? Is it for things that help make you and those around you better disciples? Do you try to spend some of it with our weekly bulletin advertisers? Do you spend beyond your income so that a good portion goes toward interest payments on “wants,” rather than “needs” instead of waiting until you have the cash?

Remember who is the source of your gifts and remember to honor Him with 100% of your efforts and treasure. Prudent spending of our time and treasure is an important way to honor our Father in heaven. He will be eternally (literally) thankful for using His gifts wisely as a good stewards!

Bill Mader, Communications and Development  
Bill.Mader@stanm.org 892-1511 x115

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

## CDL HELP WANTED!

Have you spotted the recent focus on time and talent under Stewardship Focus recently? We hope so!

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 **Dr. Frank Smith** at the parish office, 892-1511, ext. 112.

This is a great way, if you're qualified, to do something great for the parish and wonderful for people who have not other way to get to Mass! You would have to give some time one Sunday each month, about three hours. But the reward you receive from helping people truly in need can't be measured. Please give Deacon Frank a call today!

## STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY THOUGHT

Stewards use their unique gifts to build up the Church. This leads people to share the mission of the Church: proclaiming, teaching, serving, and sanctifying.

## 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 Tauro at 891-9234.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will speak at all of the Masses on 16/17 August and will take up a collection for the support of their work among the elderly poor. The Little Sisters run the Center for the Aging in Gallup on 1900 Mark Ave.

For over 23 years, Little Sisters have cared for the needy elderly, providing a home, nursing care, and above all, love and respect, which is so important.

To maintain their home, the Sisters go out daily to solicit for the needs of the aged. They will appreciate any help you may be able to give them. God bless you and your families!

## 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
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Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
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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
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Administrative Asst (892-1497).....	Laura Smith
Sacristan.....	Anne McCluskey
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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

### EVANGELIZATION: NEVER SEPARATED

Today's reading from St. Paul to the church in Rome assures us of God enduring love—one that no one and nothing can remove from our lives. St. Paul endured many moments of hardship and pain in his ministry. Yet he could say with great certainty that God is always present, always loving, always good. May we pray this day for the "blessed assurance" of St. Paul.

"**YOU WHO?**" a City-Wide conference, presented by Deacon Byron Wicker, author, educator, and speaker. There is no charge. Presentation dates are Thursday evenings, 21 August through 25 September, in the Shrine of St. Bernadette Church, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Topics are: Who Are You?; Using Who You Are; What is religion?; Catholic Identity; Jesus: the Bread of Life; and John 17. Anyone of any religion is urged to attend. Bring your Bible, note pad, and a pen or pencil. Location: 11401 Indian School Road, NE (three blocks west from Juan Tabo on Indian School Rd.). For further information, please call Deacon Byron Wicker at the parish office at 298-7557, ext. 23.

The **Albuquerque African American Catholic** Community will celebrate Mass and Song Praise on Sunday, **31 August**, at 12 Noon, in St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph Dr. NW, 87120. We are honored to welcome **Deacon Arthur L. Miller**, Director, Archdiocese of Hartford, CT, Office for Black Catholic Ministries, as our guest homilist. All are invited to attend this special event. Please call 836-3627 or 831-8167 for more information.

### 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.

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:** Jacob Tafoya - 892-2322  
**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