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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“After they got into the boat, the wind died down.
 Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,
 ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’” Matthew 14:32-33

August 10th, 2008 A.D. Nineteenth 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,

This Friday is August 15th, the feast of the **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Yes, that means that we must attend Mass that day.** (Now, now...it’s been a long time since we had a Holy Day of Obligation.) Please see the Mass schedule on page 2.

The Assumption is the oldest and most important feast of our Blessed Mother, celebrating the day when her earthly life came to a close, and she was taken, body and soul, to heaven. There she was forever united with her Divine Son and crowned with the glory that befits the faithful Handmaid and Mother of the Lord. With motherly love she
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OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS
 I found an interesting article in a newsletter about parish bulletins and stewardship recently. It suggested parishes should do their best to promote bulletin advertisers. After all, our advertisers return some of their financial blessings in the form of bulletin advertising revenue to our printer. That revenue brings this bulletin to you free of charge!

I occasionally have the opportunity to thank one or more of them in person. And I always mention their ad when I use their services or purchase their products. I encourage you to do the same! When you need a product or service, **check the bulletin back cover first**; don’t forget the inside!

When you visit one of our advertisers, **be sure to mention that you saw their ad in this bulletin.** That recognition goes a long way toward letting an advertiser know their money is being well spent.
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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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intercedes for us, the brothers and sisters of her Son—thus, her spiritual children.

Let us make every effort to honor our Blessed Mother by attending Mass and keeping this beautiful feast in her memory.

There are other beautiful feasts this week. Monday, 11 August, is the feast of St. Lawrence the Deacon, the secondary patron of the city of Rome, whose martyrdom was the catalyst for the conversion of the Eternal City. And Thursday is the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the great 20th century martyr who died in the Nazi concentration camp in place of another condemned prisoner. Pope John Paul II declared him the "The Patron Saint of Our Difficult Century." We have his statue in the back of the church in honor of all the martyrs of the 20th century. (It is an amazing fact that more people died for their faith in Christ in the 20th century than in all the other 19 centuries of Christian history put together! It is we who live in the age of the martyrs.)

Well, this week is moving day for the priests! The plans for the new rectory have been finished, and submitted to the city for approval and to the contractors for bids. Now the next step is to remove the asbestos from the old rectory. Not having a wish to die from cancer, that means it's time to move. We have found a house for Frs. Mansfield and De Palma to move to, and I'm going to go to a small apartment "down the hill." All of us will be only five minutes away from the church, and will be fully available for pastoral service. Our hope is that the building of the new rectory will be completed in ten months, and then everything will be back to normal. But next week, we will have a few confusing days.

A blessed week, Msgr. Doug Raun

**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.

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

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

*Dolores B Pacheco
Jessica L Robertson
Patrick & Alicia Smith
Tony & Graycenia Valdez
Vincent R & Angela M Valdez*

FUNERALS

*John Ginan
Joseph Pallottino*

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Cayden Robert Anthony Harvey
Alexis Marie Jordan
Aiden Martin Shipman
Gabiella Marisa Tellez
Christiano Roberto Joseph Yepes*

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.
*3rd Banns: Marcellina Etcitty & Michael Orona
2nd Banns: Nicole Basciano & Christopher Hart
1st Banns: Cynthia Salinas & Noe Garcia
1st Banns: Crystal Cordova & Anthony Silva*

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.

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

*Next Week's Readings
10-17 August*

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
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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 Fr. D'Arco Hall to the School on Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and Sunday from Noon on. Please call 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!**

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 2nd & 4th Thursday, Fr. D'Arco Hall (2nd Thursday) – Bingo 1:00 p.m.
Questions? Call Earl 896-2400



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Liturgical News

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LITURGICAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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

15 Aug, Masses for Feast of the Assumption, page 2.

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

For relieving my stress at work!

For peace of mind & deeper respect for your suffering!

For bringing me safely home!

For leading my daughter to stop drinking!

For my good health and of my children/grandchildren!

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:

Sundays 1, 2, & 11 a.m.; Wednesdays 12 Noon

Thursdays 2 a.m. (Urgent!)

Fridays 1 a.m.

Thanks to all who have cut this list way down!

“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

10 Sunday August "Coming Attractions" a night on the after-life, Heaven, Hell, and 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 on-line:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM/>

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, STAS 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

Parish members who are interested in supporting STAS 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 products, visit www.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 facts.

Classes for Children's Religious Education begin on Tuesday, 2 September, Wednesday, 3 September, Thursday, 4 September, and Sunday, 7 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 891-1488 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 22 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 all who are pregnant and feel they cannot carry their child will find new strength from the presence of Christ who says, “Do not be afraid.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI AT WORLD YOUTH DAY, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (JULY 17, 2008)

“Do we recognize that the innate dignity of every individual rests on his or her deepest identity—as image of the Creator—and therefore that human rights are universal, based on the natural law, and not something dependent upon negotiation or patronage, let alone compromise? And so we are led to reflect on what place the poor and the elderly, immigrants and the voiceless, have in our societies. How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space—the womb—has become a place of unutterable violence. My dear friends, God’s creation is one and it is good. The concerns for non-violence, sustainable development, justice and peace, and care for our environment are of vital importance for humanity. They cannot, however, be understood apart from a profound reflection upon the innate dignity of every human life from conception to natural death: a dignity conferred by God Himself and thus inviolable.”

THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY THE ASSUMPTION

FEAST DAY, FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST

The Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Mother and child are united. The Assumption reminds us that they belong together. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers. We pray that people will be touched by the pro-life question, “Why can’t we love them both?”

In the Palm of His Hand – Prayers to End Abortion

By Father Frank Pavone www.priestsforlife.org

HELPERS MASS AND PROCESSION: Saturday, 16 August, at San Ignacio Church, 1300 Walter Ave (off Mountain west of I-25). Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Exposition and prayerful Rosary procession to local abortion mill. Return to Church for Benediction and Social. Ends approximately 11:00 a.m. For more information, call 266-4100 or 220-8891.

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-up or if you would like to help with the sale, call Yolanda at 220-8891.



Mass Intentions

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
Bogdan Zaryczny by children Kasia & Gilbert Ortiz
- 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

Monday August 11th, St. Clare of Assisi

- 9:00 a.m. † John Pignataro by Sandy Pignataro
† Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family
† Anna Pietrzak by Anna & Stanley Pietrzak
- 6:00 p.m. For the full & speedy recovery of Ching-Ling Rivera
by the Dytiapco's
San Lorenzo by L. Torres
† Natale Congon by wife Olive
- 7:15 a.m. † @ STAS Narcisa Miranda by Sr. Anne Louise Abascal

Tuesday August 12th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family
St. Thomas Aquinas for Pope Benedict XVI by L. Torres
Bob & Gerri Hoover happy anniversary
by Stella Manzanares
- 6:00 p.m. For the intercession of Philomena for the health of
Cherish Franco by the Abeyta family
- 7:15 a.m. † @ STAS Narcisa Miranda by Sr. Anne Louise Abascal

Wednesday August 13th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Pablo Montañez by the Denman family
† Marie Pangaro by daughter Patricia
† Nick Cruz by Nick Fasciani
- 6:00 p.m. † Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family
Earl & Elaine Yont 60th wedding anniversary
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS For our Filippini Sisters

Thursday August 14th, St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

- 9:00 a.m. † José Luis Montañez by the Denman family
† Marie Abeyta-Homan by the Serna family
† Anna Pietrzak by Anna & Stanley Pietrzak
- 6:00 p.m. Earl & Elaine Yont 60th wedding anniversary
- 7:15 a.m. † @ STAS Narcisa Miranda by Sr. Anne Louise Abascal

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 15th, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 a.m. For the unborn
- 9:00 a.m. † Jack Green by Irene Green
For the benefactors of the Rosary Makers
Teofilio Martinez
- 12:10 p.m. † Anna Pietrzak by Anna & Stanley Pietrzak
- 6:00 p.m. † Willa Horn by Judy & Bill Mader
† Emma Esparza by George & Martha Tetreault
† Eddie Vasquez Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yonker
- 7:30 p.m. † Emilio Córdova by Cecilia Córdova & family
- 8:15 a.m. @ **STAS School Closed**
- 7:00 p.m. @ SJV For the homeless

Saturday August 16th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Earl & Elaine Yont 60th wedding anniversary
by Sandy Pignataro
Betty Larson happy birthday from Audrey Ariangeo
Tom Eagan happy birthday from Audrey Ariangeo
- 5:00 p.m. † James Doyle Johnson by Jim & Lita Johnson
† Thomas Homrich by Lois Homrich
† Robert Homrich Sr. by Lois Homrich

Sunday August 17th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Bogdan Zaryczny by children Kasia & Gilbert Ortiz
† John Ginan by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Fitzgerald
Dr. Kent Hanson by Jaime Sirgany & Frances Jacob
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
Earl & Elaine Yont happy 60th wedding anniversary
by Patricia
† Antonio & Manuel Rivera by Frances Rivera
- 11:00 a.m. † Helen Malinowski by friends & family
Paul & Helen Cywinski happy anniversary
by Stella Manzanares
Betty Larson happy birthday by Larry & Carol Larson
- 12:30 p.m. † Bertha Aguirre by the Berford family
In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary by L. Torres
For the Abeyta family
- 6:00 p.m. Joseph A. Giamboi birthday
by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
† Felicia Mastriano by Carlo & Jenny Lirosi
† John Ginan by Mr. & Mrs. Bart Ariola
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For the Felician Sisters
- 11:00 a.m. @ SJV in thanksgiving for all parish volunteers

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 ARE WE LISTENING?

“*Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening.*” 1 Samuel 3:10 How often do we hear, but not actually take the time to **listen**? There’s a big difference between the two! **Is this one of the reasons we have so much trouble committing to living lives of stewardship?**

Every year, we are called to make our intentions known regarding Sacrificial Giving (treasure). We frequently read of the need to serve God with our time and talent. And yet, **so few respond!** It doesn’t help to tell Our Lord that we are listening when we ignore what He tells us if **we** don’t like the message.

Archbishop just Sheehan called for each parish to devote one weekend focused on time and talent, to pray for God’s message regarding our spiritual gifts. We have frequent messages in this bulletin about the need of volunteers and the joy others derive from giving their gifts of talent and time in His service. **But have we heard these calls? Have we responded to the message?**

A frequent response is “Who is really sending this message?” We probably didn’t receive it in a dream from God like Samuel did above. God didn’t send us an e-mail or letter. He didn’t leave a message in our voicemail. **Or did He?**

From where do we think the source of all this information and pleading about living stewardship comes? Can we see the Holy Spirit working in these many messages on living stewardship? **Too often not!** For if we **did** see God as their originator, wouldn’t **more of us** respond, and wouldn’t **we all** heed them more seriously, devoting additional (or some) time to serving the Church, serving our family, friends, and neighbors in God’s name? Probably!

But instead, we seem to say “It’s not God calling; it’s some bishop or priest or lay person. Who are **they** to expect me to give up some of **my** time for the Church?” Just consider how God speaks to His children. How about the Bible (written by men, inspired by God)? Consider how a celebrant develops his sermon over the course of the week. Can you see the Holy Spirit’s involvement? Consider that your humble column’s author doesn’t really come up with these ideas on his own! (In fact, this idea began with a ministry coordinator’s bulletin notice! See page 7.)

You are called each week to give up a portion, **just a portion**, of God’s gifts. Do you hear, read, or heed His call? How do **you** respond? How should **God respond** to your call for help, if you ignore His? Are you listening? It is time for you to respond as Samuel did: “Here I am. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” **If not now, when will you listen? Will it be too late?**

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

“Lord, your servant is listening.” How can you fulfill this biblical verse? Come and find out about the BeFriender Ministry. It is about listening while doing God’s work as ministers of STA.



A Listening Presence

BeFrienders 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.

A new training class will run five Sundays: 28 September and 5-26 October, 1:30-4:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call Gloria at 891-0388 or write to BeFrienders@stanm.org.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKLY THOUGHT

It is only the hand that is **open to give** that is **open to receive**. God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO BENEFIT THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will speak at all of the Masses next weekend 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!

You may submit an additional donation to the parish office via the tithing box, in-person, or via the mail.
7 Please identify your check or envelope “Little Sisters”.

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
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Ayuda Español (Ext. 360).....	Deacon James Baca
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Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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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.stanm.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: DO NOT BE AFRAID

The Gospel records the extraordinary event of Jesus coming to the disciples walking on the water. The little boat they were in was tossed about, in danger of sinking and they feared for their lives. We can learn much from this story—when we are “tossed about” through hardship and “rough seas”, moments when we feel our safety is in danger. Then, we too can call out “Lord save us” and he will. Jesus invites us to take courage and not be afraid.

"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 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.

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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