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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.” Matthew 15:28

## August 17th, 2008 A.D. Twentieth 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!**



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My dear family,

Even the Pope takes a vacation! In August he always spends two weeks in northern Italy (where it is cooler!) He also has a meeting with local priests, where he shares his thoughts upon priestly ministry. I thought I would share them with you--with my commentary, of course!

Pope Benedict XVI said in response to the tensions priests experience in their ministry, that faced with very busy schedules, it is important that priests "... have the courage to limit themselves and the clarity to set their priorities," the most important one being "...the time a priest spends with the Lord and therefore having time for prayer."

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### YOU KNOW! (AND HE KNOWS!)

While looking through the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration testimonies I noticed one that was succinct, to the point, and very theological: “**You know!**” Indeed, God does know what **He has done for us and what we have done in His name.** We can’t hide from Him nor fool him. He sees our actions and He may lament some of our inactions.

The person who wrote that brief testimony after spending some time in the chapel felt and knew exactly what to say. The same observation applies to our stewardship lives. **God knows!** Your pastor usually doesn’t, nor does the staff pay much attention to specific names. With over 5,580 families, we are too busy to notice. We **do notice** trends, however!

God knows the trend in our parish is stable, **disappointingly stable!** By that I mean there is just a tiny percentage of registered families whose members participate in parish ministries. As you will read in *The People of God* this weekend, (continued on page 7)

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what is truly essential, to learn where my presence is truly needed as a priest and where I cannot delegate to anybody. And at the same time I should humbly accept that there are many things and moments that require my presence but that cannot be done because I recognize my own limitations. I think that such humility will be understood by people," the Pope said.

"And with this there is something else I should understand: how to delegate and call others to collaborate," he added. Good heavens, did the Pope hit the nail on the head. I think every priest nowadays feels this tension. There are always so many more things in the parish that the priest wants to do--and feels guilty for not doing! And sometimes people want the priest to invest his time in new things--often very praiseworthy things. Yet it is not unusual for any priest to put in a twelve to thirteen hour day. But priests are not to be "workaholics" we want them to be men of prayer and study. As the number of priests becomes fewer in relation to the growing Catholic population, this will be more and more of a challenge.

Commenting later on the loneliness that priests often experience, Benedict XVI recalled that priests are "...a true community of brothers who should sustain and help one another..." in order to avoid the danger of "...isolation in loneliness and sadness, and therefore it is important we get together regularly."

"No priest is a priest all by himself. We are a presbyterate and only in this communion with the bishop can each one carry out his service," the Pope added. Friends, this is a big part of why we are building a new rectory, which is not opulent, but which is very big. One of the terrible things that has happened since Vatican II is that priests don't get together as they should. Many bad things came from this. Delightfully, many of the priests--especially the younger ones--love to come to our rectory. Our policy is to have an open door for any brother priest, where he can come for a day, from remote and poor rural parishes, to find a bit of priestly fellowship. One of the most beautiful things that takes place in our parish is when many priests (aka "the guys") come over on Christmas and Easter night just to "collapse" after these busy days and relax with one another. To host these priests is our vocation and privilege as the largest-by far parish of the Archdiocese. Yet, as anyone who has been in the rectory knows, we really can't have more than five people (and there are three of us here already!) even to visit. And, we have only one guest room, often already occupied by a seminarian or visiting priest. Priests, not having a family of their own, should not have to go to a hotel or camp out with lay people, but rather be able to find a room with their brothers. As the Pope says, it is important that priests get together regularly, and when they do so, the Church is blessed!  
See you next Sunday at the parish picnic!

Msgr. Doug Raun

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

*Sonia A Alvarez*  
*Joseph A Baca, Sr.*  
*Raymond T & Yvonne V Clifton*  
*Brian E & Monica Z Ela*  
*Enrique & Esperanza Flores*  
*Justin D & Jamela J Franzoy*  
*Mary J Gomez*  
*Cathy M Herrera*  
*Aaron & Rebecca Kopacka*  
*Rosemary Lopez*  
*Dan & Julene Mose*  
*Tom & Lisa K Nicolai*  
*Ruben & Ginger K Ruiz*  
*Fernando & Epifania Tapia*  
*Tony & Graycencia Valdez*

**FUNERALS**

*Lillian Cox*  
*Evelyn Schnick*  
*Susan Stamp*

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Malia Kali Anne Mose*  
*Sophia Rose Quiñonez*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

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

*3rd Banns: Nicole Basciano & Christopher Hart*  
*2nd Banns: Cynthia Salinas & Noe Garcia*  
*2nd 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.

**Next Week's Readings**

**17-24 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

## Upcoming Events



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

**We need lots and lots of ice chests and water coolers!** We will gather them at Fr. D'Arco Hall the day before, next 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 also need trucks on Sunday at 9:00 at the Hall from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. to transport items from the Hall to the School.

**There will be plenty of tents for shade**, but don't forget your sunscreen! And be sure to bring chairs and blankets. See this weekend's insert for further details and a map. See you there!

### A DATE NIGHT WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN COUPLES!

You and your spouse are invited to join with other married couples for an evening of fellowship and study as we explore the teachings of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Date Night—one Saturday night a month. Starting in September—8 lessons. To register call **Cathy or Phil Casaus** at 890-3222; offered by **FAMILIA**.

### "MEN AND WORK!"

A study series for men is being offered this fall—come and learn how to build a link between your Faith, Family and Work and examine how to apply Christian values to the challenges that men face in the work environment. Meetings—once a month—Saturday 7:30-9 am.—8 lessons. To register, call **Phil Casaus** at 890-3222; offered by **FAMILIA**.

### "CREATED TO LEAD: CALLED TO ACT!"

A study series offered for women—come and uncover your vital role in bringing the Church's evangelizing mission of Christ into your home, place of work, social settings and the world. Study group meets Friday mornings, 10-11:30, twice a month, 15 lessons. Free babysitting available! To register call **Cathy Casaus** at 890-3222; offered by **FAMILIA**.

### NEW PARISH WEB SITE

We have moved the parish web site to [www.stanm.org](http://www.stanm.org). Carl Beyer is helping us develop the new site. You can find the parish directory along with the weekly bulletins, the Mass schedule, and links to e-mail the staff and clergy. Stay tuned for more!

## Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

### LITURGICAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:  
For our beautiful weekend in Glorietta!  
For my job, husband, and family!  
For the changes and new attitude in my life!  
For my new grandchild and my daughter's health!  
For my loving boyfriend!  
For great healing of my heart and in my family!

### 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](mailto:flagshipsm12659@msn.com)  
Gay Bitonel (12 Noon-6 p.m.) at 806-676-0333  
e-mail: [gbitonel@comcast.net](mailto:gbitonel@comcast.net)  
Pat & Jolyn Murphy (6 p.m.-12 Midnight) at 892-4931  
e-mail: [jpmurphrc@msn.com](mailto: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: Joanne Montoya 16-31 August**

**Virgin II: Paul & Helen Cywinski 16-31 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

24 August the parish picnic **NO LIFE TEEN.**  
31 August "Generopoly" A social night on generosity.

### ATTENTION ALL 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS NEEDING CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes begin **Monday, 8 September at 7 p.m.** Classes run every **Monday** evening from 7-8:30 p.m. Please register in the parish office or contact us. There will be a **CONFIRMATION PARENT/TEEN ORIENTATION** on **Monday, 2 September at 7 p.m.** in the church. Please attend if you plan to be confirmed this year!

### HIGH SCHOOL CCD/RELIGIOUS ED YOUTH GROUP

is now LIFE TEEN!!! (Meets **Sundays** from 7:15-8:45 p.m.). Open to all high school teens, this ministry meets on Sunday nights immediately after the 6 p.m. Mass. LIFE TEEN is an opportunity to mature in your faith, develop a solid prayer life, meet all kinds of new people, and have lots of fun doing it!

We offer Catechesis, Retreats, Camping, Games, Bible Studies, Dances and more, PLUS...A FREE DINNER each night! We kick off the year on **Sunday, 14 September at 7:15 p.m.** in Fr. D'Arco Hall, please register at the parish office or contact us.

### LIFE TEEN PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

All parents who register their teens for our Sunday evening Ministry will have a meeting on **Tuesday, 3 September at 7 p.m.** in the church. We will cover our expectations, curriculum, and any questions you may have. (NOTE: This is a DIFFERENT meeting from the Confirmation orientation.)

### 9TH-12TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENT CLASSES

(Meets on **Mondays** from 7-8:30 p.m.) This class is open to teens (9-12th grade) who still need their first sacraments (Baptism, Confession, and First Communion). This course will cover the basics of Catholic theology, spirituality, and current issues that are important to teenage lives. The class begins on **Monday, 8 September at 7 p.m.** in the Religious Education Building. Please register in the parish office or contact us.

St. Thomas Aquinas School  
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221  
1100 Hood Road [www.stthomasaquinasschool.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher  
892-1511 x104  
[AquinasAM@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 we may do more to welcome, cherish, and protect the gift of life which, like all God's gifts, is irrevocable.

### “PERSONALLY OPPOSED”

#### BISHOP ROBERT VASA (BAKER, OREGON)

“There seems to be a disconnect when someone insists that they have a personal appreciation for the Holy Father while adamantly rejecting the very things which he is teaching and upholding. Pope Benedict made reference to this during his visit. He talked about the impossibility of separating our private lives from our public lives. Consistency between what we believe and what we do is essential.

Remember the politicians of a decade or two ago who were straddling the fence on abortion. Their standard line: “I am ‘personally opposed’ to abortion but I would not impose my view on anyone.” They seemed to recognize the need to present a pro-life private life while maintaining a pro-abortion public life. Now they feel no such need.

Now even Catholic politicians, not all of them certainly, seem to have no qualms of conscience about making public declarations that they will always act, in their public life, to defend and protect, not the life of the child, but the right of the mother to kill that child, while maintaining that they are Catholics in “good standing,” not excommunicated, and communicants. There does not even seem to be any vestige of ‘personal opposition’ to abortion left. Indeed, this is not surprising. It is simply not possible to hold a so-called ‘personal opposition’ and to act, in a public or external fashion, in a way which consistently undermines that ‘personal opposition.’”

Taken from Father Frank Pavone,  
[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).



### 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



# Mass Intentions

**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 60<sup>th</sup> 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. Giamboni birthday  
by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi  
✠ Felicia Mastroiano by Carlo & Jenny Lirosi  
✠ John Ginan by Mr. & Mrs. Bart Ariola

8:00 a.m. @ SJV Lloyd Arthur Ragsdale by the Glennon family

11:00 a.m. @ SJV in thanksgiving for all parish volunteers

**Monday** August 18th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. ✠ Lourdes Guzman by Cora & Vince Samala  
Martha P. Chávez by the Abeyta family  
Earl & Elaine Yont 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
by Hilda Kotur

6:00 p.m. ✠ Alice Theresa Miller by son Jerry Miller  
✠ Mary Helen Johnston by Jerry Miller  
✠ Justin Pruitt by the Rail family

7:15 a.m. @ STAS for our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

**Tuesday** August 19th, Weekday

9:00 a.m. ✠ Minerva L. De Francesco by Son John P.  
St. Benedicta de la Santa Cruz & Rosa by L. Torres  
✠ Sean Woerter by Elizabeth del Grande

6:00 p.m. ✠ Rumalda Trujillo by Jimmy & Darlene Trujillo  
✠ Arthur Sandorsky by the Rail family

7:15 a.m. @ STAS For the Felician Sisters

**Wednesday** August 20th, Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. ✠ Karen Gallegos by Council 6696 Knights of Columbus/  
Beverly Nys  
✠ Elsie Avila 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her death by husband José  
✠ Elmer Larson anniversary of his death  
by Larry & Carol Larson

6:00 p.m. ✠ Able Lerma by Lydia  
✠ Cipriano Trujillo by Jimmy & Darlene Trujillo  
✠ Carolyn McTernan anniversary by Jim McTernan

8:15 a.m. @ STAS For missionaries around the world

**Thursday** August 21st, Saint Pius X, pope

9:00 a.m. St. Miguel Pro for all the Americas by L. Torres  
✠ Sean Woerter by Elizabeth del Grande  
Frank L. Chávez from the Abeyta family

6:00 p.m. ✠ Cipriano Trujillo by Jimmy & Darlene Trujillo  
Sacred Herat of Jesús by Jennie Jaramillo

7:15 a.m. @ STAS For all of our parish clergy

**Friday** August 22nd, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. ✠ Vernon Eberhardy by Jane  
St. Peter & St. Paul by L. Torres  
Jean Scholl

6:00 p.m. ✠ Alex Molnar by Deborah M. Kozerski  
✠ Peter Perea by Jimmy & Darlene Trujillo

8:15 a.m. @ STAS For an increase in rain for all of new Mexico

**Saturday** August 23rd, Weekday

9:00 a.m. ✠ Isabel Pedronceli by Sylvia Quiñones  
St. Lucy by Edward Archibeque  
✠ Diane Lamontia

5:00 p.m. ✠ Amy Louise Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. F. Gentile  
✠ John Giana by Grace Fanelli  
Lt. C. Steven Garcia by Lydia

**Sunday** August 24th, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. ✠ B.G. "Bud" Jenkins by his family  
Bogdan Zaryczny by children Kasia & Gilbert Ortiz  
✠ Thomas & Elizabeth McCourt by Kathy Fowler

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
Earl & Elaine Yont 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
by Mayrece St Cyr  
Siobhan McArdle by John & Mary McGrory

11:00 a.m. ✠ Helen Malinowski by friends & family  
Tom Eagan birthday by Larry & Carol Larson  
✠ Lilly Pompa by the Fritz family

12:30 p.m. St. Lucy Filippini by L. Torres

3:00 pm. Picnic Mass For all students

6:00 p.m. Sr. Rosanne Fernandez by Ken Cantwell  
Melinda Lindhart by Ken Cantwell  
Nancy Kast by Ken Cantwell

8:00 a.m. @ SJV That all our parishioners will live stewardship  
joyfully

11:00 a.m. ✠ Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta

**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)

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

**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

### YOU KNOW! (AND HE KNOWS!)

(Stewardship Focus continued from page 1)

Archbishop Sheehan asks every parish to devote one weekend each year for time and talent, just as we do in November for Sacrificial Giving.

He wants to emphasize the importance for each of us to take time to consider our devotion to Christ via stewardship, **all three pillars**. While our parish and the Archdiocese overall have made great progress in Sacrificial Giving, **we lack sufficient engagement of the faithful in ministry**. We have too few people involved or engaged with their faith through time and talent! Our facilities should be full every day and every weekend with groups meeting to serve Christ.

With nearly **10,000 adults registered** at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, there should **never** be an empty facility all week long. There should never be an empty room or building on our grounds. There should never be a moment when we turn someone down who wants to study their faith. There should never be a single child who doesn't attend religious education weekly during the school year. But every one of these, and more opportunities to serve, go unmet each day in our parish!

There are few of our ministries which can't use another member. While many barely get by in meeting the portion of the faithful and community they serve. Most could do much more, **if there were more members serving**. Most could do more **if they had greater resources**.

If you are among the few who **are engaged** as true disciples of Christ by serving in His name, **we appreciate your devotion, your time, your talent, and your treasure!** You are helping to carry a big load. You know you serve Him, and He knows too!

If you are among the group who come to Mass (on most weekends), but spend no time in serving the Lord; ask yourself "Why? Why do I **leave my faith behind me after Mass?** Why don't I **share my time and talent** with the parish or community, time and talent on loan from God?" God knows and you know why. Both you and He have the answer—**active engagement in your faith!** Knowing why is the beginning of changing your answer to God's call. You simply need to answer His call. **Begin with prayer** for how you can share your gifts, those things you do well and enjoy. Next, discern **how you can use those gifts** in His name. Then, ask God to show you how to **prioritize your time** to better serve Him. He can help you. He knows you **can serve. You know too!**

Bill Mader, Communications and Development

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor will speak at all of the Masses this weekend and will take up a collection for the support of their work among the elderly poor.

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. Please identify your check or envelope "Little Sisters".

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST MOVES!

In consideration of the Annual Parish Picnic, the Knights pancake breakfast moves to Sunday, 31 August. Come join us and the **Mission Rosary Makers' Sale** in Fr. D'Arco Hall after the 7 & 9 a.m. Masses.

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

#### OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON (MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST)

**Saturday, 6 September 12 Noon** Fr. D'Arco Hall  
Menu: Prime Rib or Chicken Piccata \$13.00/person

Tickets available until 3 September

Contact the following for tickets an/or information:  
Gerri Hoover 892-0414 Helen Cywinski 867-5680

Marie DiBlasi 892-1958 Elaine Jones 922-9758

Stella Manzanares 892-0927

### 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.

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

## 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.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: MERCY AND HEALING

In today's Gospel it would seem that Jesus is dismissive of the needs of the woman seeking healing for her daughter. On the contrary, the Gospel gives great dignity to the conversation that develops between Jesus and this woman, who was not of the Jewish faith. Even at the urging of the disciples to "send her away", Jesus marvels at her boldness and faith. She persists and God cannot resist—and her daughter is healed.

"**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.

### WINGS MINISTRY AT RISEN SAVIOR PARISH

Please join the Wings ministry on Sunday, 17 August, at 7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE. The activity will include Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by supper in the Marian Center, main entree provided; please bring a side dish or desert.

Wings welcomes persons who are physically or mentally challenged, hearing or visually impaired, and their families, friends, and caretakers.

We will have the an Archdiocesan Day of Reflection on 25 October from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Fr. Anthony Romero.

Call 821-1571 for more information.

### ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS NEEDED

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Bernalillo will hold its Annual Fiesta on Saturday, 13 September, beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m., running until 7:00 p.m. Call 867-5252 for more information. Rental fee is \$25.00 for a 12'x12' space. Bring your own shade, tables, and chairs. Space is limited. Prior payment required.

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:** Gerri - 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