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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” Matthew 18:15

September 7th, 2008 A.D.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We live a
 dynamic orthodoxy
 that is a spirit-filled
 faithfulness to
 Jesus Christ
 and His Gospel
 and to
 His Catholic Church
 and its teachings.



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My dear family,

I am sure that many of you are aware of the statement Speaker Nancy Pelosi made on "Meet The Press" two weeks ago. I wish to share with you the official response of our American bishops:

"In the course of a 'Meet the Press' interview on abortion and other public issues on August 24, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi misrepresented the history and nature of the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church against abortion.

"In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, 'Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a

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LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS BY GRACE

John Thurman will present this seminar for everyone who wants to use God’s gift of talents (strengths) to the best of our abilities. By the way, that really means each and every one of us! **We all have talents on loan from God,** and He wants us, expects us to use them for our good and for those around us!

Sure, for most of us that means using them at work, at home, or in school. We all do certain things well, and those are the things we usually like to do the most. Why? Because those talents, those strengths come directly from God! We may find ways to use them better, to hone them, but **their source is God.** And miraculously, when we use them to serve Him, **we use them even better** than we ever have, and **we enjoy using them** better than we ever have!

John’s seminar is designed to help us **discern those talents**, which ones God gave us most of all, the ones which have the most potential for us. John will show us **how to use them better.** This can be

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a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.' (No. 2271)

"In the Middle Ages, uninformed and inadequate theories about embryology led some theologians to speculate that specifically human life capable of receiving an immortal soul may not exist until a few weeks into pregnancy. While in canon law these theories led to a distinction in penalties between very early and later abortions, the Church's moral teaching never justified or permitted abortion at any stage of development.

"These mistaken biological theories became obsolete over 150 years ago when scientists discovered that a new human individual comes into being from the union of sperm and egg at fertilization. In keeping with this modern understanding, the Church teaches that from the time of conception (fertilization), each member of the human species must be given the full respect due to a human person, beginning with respect for the fundamental right to life."

"In short: the Church has always taught (from the first century!) that abortion, at any time, is a grave sin. In the Middle Ages, certain theologians, not having any way to know just how long it took the man's seed to reach the woman's egg, made uneducated guesses about when a person's soul showed up. Certain people use this as a basis of saying that the Church has not always held that all intended abortions are sinful. They are wrong! None of the Fathers ever would have dreamed that this meant that it was moral to stop the progress of a new human life, whatever stage it was in. Indeed, as the great Lutheran theologian, (and martyr under the Nazis) Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) said, the whole question is a "red herring:"

"Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life. To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder."

However, there is a deeper, disturbing problem. Fr. Thomas Williams puts it very well:

"The most disturbing element of Speaker Pelosi's comments, however, was not her historical fudging, her disingenuous misrepresentation of Catholic moral teaching or her implicit adoption of cafeteria Catholicism. It was her insouciant [lighthearted unconcern or indifference] dismissal of the moral significance of abortion. She said that in the end, it didn't matter when life begins anyway. Her exact words were: 'The point is, is that it [when life begins] shouldn't have an impact on the woman's right to choose. No matter when human life begins, a mother's right trumps a baby's, and that right includes the choice to destroy the child.' This is irreconcilable not only with Catholic morality, but with the most basic natural ethics.

Pundits and liberal commentators have predictably accused the bishops of playing politics. Any objective observer knows this is not the case. If Speaker Pelosi >>>

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Vanessa Bailon Andrea Brown & Jowell Tuggay
Jose & Juana Chaidez Rebecca Cobos
Mario & Paola Cortez Maria Cortez
Margo & Monica Cruz Jessica Echevarria
Lynzee Gilbert David & Kim Gonzales
Peter & Dorothy Guido John & Ericka Hess
Dwayne Honahni & Jacqueline Johnson
Loritta Korzekwa Joe & Fatima Mendoza
Tyler & Colleen Noel Nicole Pacheco
Patrick Palzer James & Sandra Pruneski
Curtis & Cindy Quintana Paul & Lynn Velarde

FUNERALS

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

Elizabeth Stapleton

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass. Please call our Parish Office.

Nicolas Alonso Balandran

Sean Patrick Johnston, Jr.

Joshua Rodrigo Lucero

Gabriella Rosaicela Menao-Monsivais

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

3rd Banns: Veronica Lucero & Thomas Martinez

1st Banns: Erica Nieto & James Herrarte

Next Week's Readings

7-14 September

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
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>>>> didn't want a response, she should not have forced the bishops' hands. Speaker Pelosi can campaign for abortion all she likes, but to do so as an 'ardent, practicing Catholic' (her own words of self-description on "Meet The Press") is to invite a stiff correction. Americans still value truth in advertising, and know that words have meanings. 'Catholic' means pro-life."

My dear friends, please learn your Catholic morality from the Bible and the Catechism, not the Speaker of the House.

2 A blessed week, Msgr. Doug Raun

Upcoming Events

IT'S TIME TO JOIN BOY SCOUTING!

If you're a young man age 11-17 join the fun and excitement of Scouting. Scouting is one of the oldest and largest youth ministries supported by the Catholic Church. Our parish troop will hold an information night Wednesday, 10 September, 7:00 p.m. in Fr. D'Arco Hall. Bring your parents, have a fun night, and learn about Scouting's great benefits during American Scouting's 100th anniversary! For more information call Scoutmaster Bob Ortiz at 891-8941.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is starting a brand new youth ministry: **Venturing**. An amazing program for **girls and boys** ages 14 to 20, the members run this program focused on adventure, leadership, and duty to God. Venture crews seek adventure in **their interests** such as SCUBA diving, horseback riding, water sports, etc. It is flexible and geared toward their time and abilities. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, 7 September at 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education building immediately following Life Teen Mass. Contact Mike Jacobs at 962-2126 for more info.

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 a.m.—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**.

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

THE MUSIC MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING CHOIRS FOR THE 2008-2009 LITURGICAL SEASON:

- Liturgical Choir** (9 a.m. Solemn Sunday Masses) rehearses Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. in the church*
- 11 a.m. Choir** (11 a.m. Mass 1st & 3rd Sundays) rehearses before Mass at 10:30 in the choir room
- Spanish/Bilingual Choir** (12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass) rehearses the 1st Tuesday of each month in the church
- Children's Choir**-(11 a.m. Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays) rehearses Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the church
- Life Teen Choir** (6 p.m. Sunday Masses) rehearses the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month*
- Requiem Choir** (Funerals at the parish)—corporal works of mercy earned*
- *call Director first: Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

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 HOURS OPEN Committed adorers needed for the following:

Sundays 2 & 11 a.m.

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: 1-15 September Monica Pineda

Virgin II: 1-15 September Ruby Ortega

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. **30 August-5 September for Larry Ortiz by Mom, Dad & family.**

ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES -please call the parish office at 892-1511. **31 August-6 September for Thomas & Joseph Bonadonna by Agatina Bonadonna.**

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097
Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



AFTER THE 6:00 p.m. MASSES

Next Life Teen is on 14 September! Wii love Jesus!

21 September-Common Thread

28 September-Give it Away Now!

5 October-Permanent Marker

12 October-The Swing Thing

19 October-Freeze

26 October-The Occult

2 November-All roads lead to...

7-9 November-Life Teen Fall Retreat!

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.

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

Parent Life (parents of Life Teen participants) will meet on 14 September after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the Religious Education building.

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
Where Faith & Knowledge Meet
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

CAN YOU HELP?

Dear Parishioners, You have the opportunity to help St. Thomas Aquinas School in its mission of empowering each other as educated Catholics to build the kingdom of God today and forever. Here's how. A number of families are facing financial difficulties this year. St. Thomas Aquinas School has a tuition scholarship fund to assist families in need, but because of the large demand on its resources, we are seeking donors to build up the fund. Donations are tax deductible and any amount given is gratefully appreciated. If you can help in this manner, please contact Lorri Sedillo at 892-3221, ext. 34, for more information, or just send your donation to St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Make checks payable to the school. God bless you for your generosity, Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, MPF, Principal

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

Classes for Children's Religious Education began 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, just north of the church; some classes are already filled.

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

ADULT CATECHESIS

A series of seven, two-week short-courses for adults will begin on Sunday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room, located in Panorama Plaza (1594 Sara Road, SE), Suite J. Various topics will include Scripture and Tradition, sacraments, our Lord's Mother, Christian discipleship, as well as others. Study materials will be provided, for which a small donation is appreciated. BYOB! To pre-register, please contact Fred, 980-9950.

ADVENTURES IN ACTS!

Two new groups of The Great Adventure Bible Study, "Adventures in Acts," are forming. Thursdays, 9/4/08-2/5/09, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fridays, 10/10/08-3/27/09, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Both groups will meet in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room, Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J. Having already participated in The Great Adventure Bible Timeline study is helpful, but not required. There is a \$25 charge for the Acts study kit, and couples should be able to share one. Great Adventure Bible studies require the use of both a Catholic version of the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so bring both! Please contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com to pre-register and order your kit.

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.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

In an effort to give practical help to married and engaged couples to live out the teaching of the Church, which prohibits the use of the Pill, IUD, contraceptives and sterilization, a course on Natural Family Planning will start 14 Sep at 2:00 p.m. We will meet in the library at St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho. For more information and registration call Elvira at 892-5783 or Rosanne at 892-2927.

“LIVING IN YOUR STRENGTHS BY GRACE” 13 SEPTEMBER 8:30 a.m. – NOON FR. D’ARCO HALL

Do you tend to jump right into the problem solving mode or step back and think about how to solve it? Do you tend to readily accept new people and information or take a more reserved approach? How do you handle change? Do you tend to be a rule enforcer or a rule bender?

John Thurman, a licensed professional counselor, returns to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish to present a seminar designed to help people identify personal strengths and develop practical strategies to live a strength-based life. Each participant will receive a personalized 28-page report that will give new and fresh insight into their core strengths. Use this knowledge to improve your life outside the Church and within ministry!

Please e-mail Deacon.Hill@stanm.org or call 892-1511 x362 to RSVP to ensure we have sufficient seating and refreshments!

Young Adults Catholic Group Deacon Little 890-6574 Deacon.Dave@stanm.org

Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. We meet each month at my house. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

Our next meeting is 12 September 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, call 890-6574.

Father, we pray for our parish, that we continue to actively invite men and women in our midst to share their gifts and energy with the Church as they each discern their vocation, especially for pro-life work.

COME TO THE CHURCH

“On what reasonable grounds and with what imaginable right can anyone suggest that any human life since that time of Abram, is less precious or valuable than that of Isaac? Or has less potential in the plan of our Creator? What a savage, unconscionable, heinous act it would have been to have put this special gift of God, Isaac, to death in his mother’s womb. And to how many potential Isaacs has that happened and is still happening...The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society, committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which the founders staked their claims to independence...No one has to have an abortion. To all those in crisis pregnancies, I pledge our support and our financial help. Come to the Catholic Church. Let us walk with you through your time of trouble. Let us help you affirm life. Abortion need not be an answer.”

Archbishop Edwin O’Brien Maryland March for Life
St. Mary’s, Annapolis, 13 March 2008
**In Albuquerque, Project Defending Life at 266-4100
or Birthright of Rio Rancho at 891-1430**

LOVE IN ACTION

The love that Paul describes in the second reading is what infuses the pro-life movement and motivates its participants. Defending the unborn is simply an application of “love your neighbor.” Pro-life advocacy, therefore, does not have to be seen as ideologically or politically motivated. It is simply love in action, and love that inspires not only the work of the pregnancy centers and the post abortion healing ministries, but also the legislative efforts, the political efforts, the daily rosaries, the prayer vigils, the protests, and every other form of pro-life activity.

Father Frank Pavone, www.priestsforlife.org.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

THE HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS MONTHLY MASS AND PROCESSION WITH

Father Stephen Imbarrato Saturday, 13 September
San Ignacio Church, 1300 Walter St NE
Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. Followed by Exposition
Procession to nearby abortion mill & Benediction
Brunch in the park to follow

Call Yolanda at 220-8891 for more information



Mass Intentions

Sunday September 7th, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
 † Luis Flecha by Elisa Flecha
 Holy Souls in Purgatory by Kathy Fowler
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 CDA, STA Court #2603
 Evelyn Schnick by Felician Sisters Ladies Auxiliary
- 11:00 a.m. † Helen Malinowski by friends & family
 Maryann Sanchez by Linda Harms
 End of Abortion
- 12:30 p.m. † Paul Trujillo by Irma Trujillo & family
 † Frank Torres by L. Torres
 † Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family
- 6:00 p.m. † Leokadia Matejezuk
 by son, daughter in law & granddaughters
 End of Abortion
- 8:00 a.m. † Rosita B. Montoya by Pete & Maria Montoya
 † Ramon Cordova by Pete & Maria Montoya
- 11:00 a.m. † Richard Fusco by Virginia & Arthur Fusco

Monday † September 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00 a.m. † Jack Green by Irene Green
 Happy birthday to the Blessed Mother & St. Joseph
 by L. Torres
 Christopher Ryan & family
- 6:00 p.m. † Ann Stubblefield anniversary of her death & deceased
 members of her family by Helen Ross
 † John Schuler by Julianna Cornett
 † Helen & Larry Pfaff by Julianna Cornett
- 7:15 a.m. that all our parishioners will live stewardship joyfully

Tuesday September 9th, Saint Peter Claver, priest

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Jean Jugan in thanksgiving
 by L. Torres
 † Lola Connell
 Earl & Elaine Yont happy 60th wedding anniversary by
 Stella Manzanares
- 6:00 p.m. All members, spouses & children of SSVdP
 by the Society
 † Charles Cornett by Julianna Cornett
 Raymond M. Tanguay for his health
 by Rex & Jeannette Schlicher
- 7:15 a.m. For our Filippini Sisters

Wednesday September 10th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Philip M. Groenewold by wife Jeanne
 Karen Roeckel by the Gill Family
 † Bernice Pochron by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cywinski
- 6:00 p.m. Cheryl & Marvin Matchers 1st anniversary
 by the Aragón family
 Ashtin Torres baptism anniversary by the Aragón family
- 8:15 a.m. For the Felician Sisters

Thursday September 11th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † José Ramon Armijo by the Bratt family
 † Clifford Ricci by wife Jane
 In thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague
 by the Dunman family

- 6:00 p.m. Danna Henn birthday by the Aragón family
 † Clete Michael Kresge by Ted & Audrey Stern

- 7:15 a.m. For an increase in rain for all of new Mexico

Friday September 12th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Lucille Murray by Bob & Gerri Hoover
 Earl & Elaine Yont 60th wedding anniversary
 by Anna Andreassen
 Earl & Elaine Yont 60th wedding anniversary
 by Betty Larson
- 6:00 p.m. † Mae Mumhrey by Flossie Mitchell
- 8:15 a.m. For all of our parish clergy
- Saturday September 13th, Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and
 doctor of the Church
- 9:00 a.m. † Thomas John Hoover 13th anniversary
 by Bob & Gerri Hoover
 † Margarito Jaramillo 7th anniversary by daughter Nila
 † Sam D. Cata for his health by the family
- 5:00 p.m. † James Doyle Johnson by Jim & Lita Johnson
 † Isaiah Gurulé by Sanchez family
 † Vera Zakoor by the Rail family

Sunday September 14th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Lawrence Hebel
 † Mr. & Mrs. Charles Middleton by the family
 † Msgr. Fred Stadtmueller by Ernest & Elena Duran
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family
 Earl & Elaine Yont happy 60th wedding anniversary
 by Pat & Bette D'Arco
- 11:00 a.m. † Helen Malinowski by friends & family
 † Elizabeth McMullen by Betty & Tom Larson
 † Thomas Egan by Betty & Tom Larson
- 12:30 p.m. Ven. Matt Talbot in thanksgiving by L. Torres
 † Catherine & Al Fanelli by Camille Fanelli
- 6:00 p.m. Earl & Elaine Yont happy 60th wedding anniversary
 by Bill & Maria Cortez
- 8:00 a.m. Stefani P. Harrington happy 18th birthday
 by parents & brother
- 11:00 a.m. † Ted Garcia by his family

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

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS BY GRACE

(Stewardship Focus continued from page 1)

a very enlightening moment, something that may have been in the back of our minds, but with help, we can bring them forward and really work on using them better. And in knowing our talents, learning how to use them better, we can **turn them into strengths, strengths for serving God.**

Why does the Church ask us to use our strengths in God's service? Doug Taylor put it well: "We are made in the image and likeness of God, and as St. John tells us, God is Love. We experience the joy and love of God when we get in touch with God's image, that is, to love. Love is giving of oneself without counting the cost or expecting a return. Thus, we experience joy in giving of ourselves. Sometimes we need help to learn how we can use our gifts and talents to love others in the service of God. Furthermore, it is only through love and giving that we become fully human, fulfilling the role God created us to be. And this is the road to happiness, joy, and being content."

We would need to ask the overwhelming majority of parishioners that question, since so few do! If you are one who currently doesn't offer your **time and talent for God in ministry**, or perhaps you're wondering how you could help, or how you could **better use your strengths on the job, at home, or in school?** Regardless of the reason, this seminar is for you, for anyone looking to learn about their strengths and how to use them better.

Don't miss this opportunity to answer **Archbishop Sheehan's call to discern our gifts** and how to use them (*People of God*, August 2008). We must **receive God's gifts gratefully and return their benefit with increase.** Better use of our strengths is one excellent way to live that stewardship call. **Will you answer Him, learn from Him, and become not just stronger in faith, but stronger in your talents?**

HEALING SERVICE 14 SEPTEMBER 7:30 P.M.

We will hold this semi-annual service next Sunday after the Life Teen Mass, for anyone in need of healing.

MONSIGNOR'S TALKS ON ST. PAUL DVDS

Monsignor Douglas A. Raun's ACTS series: *St. Paul: His Life, Times and Writings*, is now available on DVD. The album set of 5 DVDs (2+ hours each) is available for only \$25.00. All profits will go to producing additional albums for Prison Ministry, shut-ins, evangelization, etc. Call the Parish Office 892-1511 or Rick Torretto 994-2038 to place your order. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas.

BISHOPS ASK CATHOLICS TO PRAY ELECTION NOVENA

Pray for justice, peace, and life with the **Novena for Faithful Citizenship.** Download the Podcast and join Catholics throughout the United States in prayer, beginning Tuesday, September 2, nine weeks before the election. www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/ podcasts for text and audio versions. Options include:

- * Start on September 2 and pray for nine consecutive Tuesdays, up until the general election.
- * Start the Novena on any day of the week, whenever people gather, and pray on that day every week.
- * Begin praying the Novena on October 26, nine days before the election, and continue each consecutive day.
- * Create any combination that works for you and your community—and feel free to pray the Novena more than once: "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thes. 5:17).

FELICIAN SISTERS SPAGETTI DINNER

The Felician Sisters Auxiliary will offer a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Friday, 12 September from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Italian American Club on Sara Road, east of S.R. 528. Donations are \$10/adult and \$4/child under 10 years. Contact Fanny Viverito at 892-8325 for further information.

HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Frassati Academy, a unique concept in Catholic homeschooling, is continuing to take applications for grades 2-12. For details e-mail Janice Martinez @ Janice@frassatiacademy.org or call 352-0698. Classes begin Tuesday, 2 September.

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/>

NEW PARISH WEB SITE www.stanm.org

We have moved the parish web site thanks to Carl Beyer who is helping us develop it. 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!

We will post late breaking news there which arrives after the bulletin goes to the printer or can't wait for the bulletin. Check the site or get on the e-letter list by sending a message to Bill.Mader@stanm.org.

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 Martinez
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. (Life Teen)
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.
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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: PRAYER POWER

Today's Gospel reading speaks to the power and strength that is granted when we pray together. As Catholics we experience this in our everyday devotions and most powerfully in the Mass. Is there someone in your life who hasn't been to Mass for a long time? Someone whose "prayer power" is missing when we gather together? Why not invite them next week?

The Catholic Foundation will award \$350,000 in grants to parishes, Catholic Schools, or ministries within the Archdiocese on Friday, 10 October, at the Sandia Resort & Convention Center. Archbishop Michael Sheehan will present the awards on behalf of the Foundation at a luncheon that begins at 11:30 a.m. Seven Catholic school teachers will receive the 2008 Catholic Award for Teachers. Call 872-20901 for tickets (\$24 each) prior to 1 October. Good works deserve recognition!

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.

PRE-CANA EN ESPAÑOL

A los Comprometidos: Los invitamos a participar en un programa que va dar la oportunidad de ser mas ricos in su relación. Es "Pre-Cana en Español" que se celebrará en el Centro Católico 4000 St. Joseph PL NW Albuquerque, NM 87120. Fecha: 18 de Octubre, 2008. Para mas información y registración, llamen a Celia Marquez 505 873-1339 o Family Life 505 831-8117

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
BeFriender: 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: Rhonda Neel - 899-3817
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