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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

"...Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went." Matthew 21:28-29

September 28th, 2008 A.D.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is to seek the greater honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls by sanctifying, teaching, and shepherding the faithful through dynamic orthodoxy.



Marriage & Family Stewardship Focus On the Inside

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE—GOD'S GIFT!

Once the wedding is over, perhaps kids arrive, and we are years down the road, marriage, like the rest of life, can become routine. **Is something missing?** Yes, God! Googling "the joy of marriage" comes up with eight out of ten pages referencing God! October's Celebrate Marriage Retreat will **have God as its central core** for keeping your relationship fresh, viable, and successful. And there is more!

Discover a tool for learning how each of you feels daily about your love for each other. Hear testimonies from couples who use different approaches to keeping their marriages healthy. Share experiences with other couples while learning that we all face similar challenges in marriage and that we can solve them with God's grace. Find even greater joy than on your wedding day!

Register now for Celebrate Marriage (page 2). You'll be glad you did! If you have attended previously, you're still welcome. And think about inviting some friends or relatives!

GOD'S FRUITS, NOT JUST OURS

In today's gospel, Christ explains that we will receive God's fruits **if we follow His rules**, rather than our own desires. The Author of our lives, our Creator, He knows what will make us happiest, so why don't we follow Him? In our fallen nature, we often think our selfish way is better. If we can only get past ourselves, we can live the fullness of life and joy God intended for us.

In next Sunday's gospel reading Jesus tells the chief priests and the elders "...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and **given to a people that will produce its fruit.**" Mt. 21:43 He lets them (and us) know that to enter His kingdom, we must produce fruit for Him.

To answer the call to produce fruit for Him, we must simply use **what He gave each of us: time, talent, and treasure**, in His name to answer His call, to live life His way. Our way is self-centered, focused on ourselves, and not on Him. Our way is for our own
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MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will host our Fall Celebrate Marriage Retreat Friday, 17 October, 6:30–9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 18 October, 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Take some time for the two of you as a couple or give it as a gift. Suggested donation is \$25.00 per couple, Childcare is provided **free** on Saturday!

Included in this event are professional videos, personal testimonies, games, prizes, great food, fellowship, romance, and much, much more. Come join us! Reserve your spot or get more information by calling Marya or Christian 228-9906 or 899-0873; you may leave a message.

You are invited to join **Fr. Stephen Imbarrato** at the St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life ***STAR Life*** Committee Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, 1 October at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini Room.

Please come to the monthly **First Friday Rosary for the protection of the unborn and our soldiers.** We will pray after the 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses. Come to Mass on Friday, 3 October and stay to pray with us!

MONSIGNOR RAUN'S TALKS ON 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.

RCIA BIBLE STUDY

Adults *currently* preparing to receive sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or First Communion) are strongly encouraged to participate in a special Bible study, **A Quick Journey Through the Bible**, which will meet on Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., 10/14/08-12/16/08, in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room (Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J). Participants must have already completed THE ALPHA COURSE or its equivalent, and plan to join the RCIA class beginning in January. THIS SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY IS **ONLY** OPEN TO ADULTS *CURRENTLY* INVOLVED IN THE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROCESS. Please contact Jeannette immediately at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com to reserve your study kit.

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

Melinda A Archuleta Ken & Elizabeth S Dasrath
Jonathan C. Estrada & Nadine Tafoya
Joe & Gigi M Gallardo Kim A Hartnett
Anthony D & Jennah M Keffler Charles & Janae Kraft
Andrea M Lujan Jeremy Q Martinez
Antonette Mascarenas-Wells
Lorenzo A & Angel M Ortega Oliver T Sanderville
Kristen E Trujillo & Anthony I Chavez
Jonathan L & Ashley Williams

FUNERALS

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

Luis Maldonado

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Quintenn Samuel McKinley

Vincent Dominic Serrano

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

2nd Banns: Natalie Moreno & Jonathan Rey

2nd Banns: Carolyne Shipp & Michael Gresham

2nd Banns: Sarah McIntyre & David Crawford

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we pray the Rosary for our Military and for our country. Also, if you know of someone who is serving in the military anywhere, you can call the Blue Star Mothers at 792-4552 and they will send them a care package for the holidays.

They need packing peanuts and 1 pound coffee "cans" to mail your donation. Please call 792-4552 if you have these cans or other items to donate for the packages. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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

Next Week's Readings

28 September—5 October 2008

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

HAVE A BURRITO FOR CUB SCOUTS

Next Sunday after the 7, 9, & 11 a.m. Masses, our Cub Scouts will hold their famous Burrito breakfast in Father D'Arco Hall. Come have a burrito, with some juice and coffee, and support your Cub Scout program.

DE COLORES! Christ is counting on us and we count on His grace. Come share your 4th day at the **ULTREYA** in your area, St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Rio Rancho. These will be held the 4th Tuesday of every month in the church at 7:00 PM. For more information call Jonathan Baca, 238-1020, Juliana Jaramillo, 980-1259, or Camille Romero Melton at 263-6927.

ALPHA IS COMING!

What is Alpha? "Alpha for Catholics" is an 18-week course in basic Catholic/Christian teaching. Participants share a meal, listen to a talk usually presented by one of our own parish clergy, and then discuss the current topic. Some of the topics are, "Who is Jesus?" "Why and How Do I Read the Bible?" and "Who Needs the Catholic Church?"

Who can attend? All adults, whether Catholic or not, may participate in our Alpha Course. For people wishing to receive sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) in the Catholic Church, Alpha serves as the first phase of their preparation to receive any or all of those sacraments in our parish. Active Catholics needing a "recharge," or Catholics returning to the Church after an extended absence, will also find a welcome in this Course. Non-Catholic spouses and fiancé(e)s wishing to learn more about their loved ones' faith may also take the Course. Couples are especially encouraged to attend together, and will find that their Alpha experience strengthens their relationships. Again, any adult may come!

Will there be childcare? Yes, we do plan to provide childcare. Infants under one year old remain with their parents, however.

What does the Course cost? Attendance in "Alpha for Catholics" is free of charge, and we will provide you all necessary materials. Participants' donations to offset the cost of food are gratefully accepted whenever personal finances allow, however!

When does the next Alpha Course begin? Our next Alpha session will begin in Fr. D'Arco Hall **this Tuesday, 9/30/08, at 6:00 p.m.**, and will continue to meet on Tuesday nights. In addition, there will be two special events offered to participants: a Saturday retreat and a day of reflection on a later Saturday.

How do I register for the upcoming Alpha? Contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or send a message to AquinasAM@yahoo.com, for more information.

14 October 7:00 p.m. Greeters' Evening of Reflection

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:
 For the wonderful and holy priests you have given us!
 For your grace during my daughter's mastectomy!
 For keeping our sons safe on their return to college!
 For hearing my prayers and answering them!
 For helping my grandson's kidney disease!
 For helping my marriage preparation!
 For helping my son repay his debts!
 Thank-you St. Jude for answering our pray!

"The Eucharist is the point where God and the soul meet - God with all His graces, the soul with all its wants." Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
Come meet God in Eucharistic Adoration!

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 1, 2 & 3 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: 16-30 September Jess & Josephine Ybarra

Virgin II: 16-30 September Tina Santori

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. **20-26 September In memory of Judith Renna by her family. Adoration Chapel Candles--**please call the parish office at 892-1511. **22-28 Sep. For Anthony and Marie DiBlasi on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. 29 Sep—2 Oct in thanksgiving.**

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 28 September-Give it Away Now!
5 October-Permanent Marker
12 October-The Swing Thing
19 October-Freeze

ATTENTION ALL 11TH AND 12TH GRADERS NEEDING CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes began **Monday, 8 September at 7 p.m.** Classes run every **Monday** evening from 7-8:30 p.m. 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! Please register at the parish office or contact us.

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 began on **Monday, 8 September at 7 p.m.** in the Religious Education Building. Please register in the parish office or contact us.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS THANK-YOU!

We wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to everyone for making our **garage sale** a success with your generous donations and purchases. Your support, time, talent, and treasure year round, for our fund raisers, helps us with our charitable projects in our parish, city, state, and nation. This year, **Big Brothers and Big Sisters** received all the unsold items for their needs. God Bless you and thank you for your generosity and support!

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

TEAM UP WITH ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

There are many ways to support our Catholic school and one way you can help is by shopping at Smith's grocery store. This school year, Smith's will donate \$1,000,000 to local participating schools!

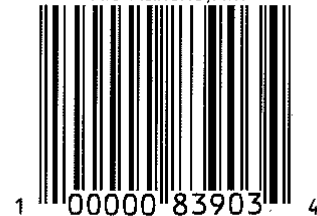
When you enroll in the Smith's Earn & Learn program and use your Fresh Values card each time you shop, St. Thomas Aquinas School benefits. Smith's will donate a percentage of sales to St. Thomas Aquinas School at the end of the school year. To enroll you'll need your Fresh Values card and an enrollment barcode.

You can print out a copy of the enrollment barcode by clicking on the Team Up link at this web address: https://www.edline.net/pages/StThomasAquinas_School.

Once you log on, look under **Contents** and click on **Team Up with STAS**. Or you can call the school office at 892-3221 and request a copy.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

Rio Rancho, NM



Enrollment Barcode

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

The First Communion Parent Meeting is on Sunday, 28 September, 2-3 p.m. in Fr. D'Arco Hall.

Please note that there are no Religious Ed Classes on Wednesday, 8 October and Thursday, 9 October.

Parents who missed the First Confession Meeting can pick up the information in the Religious Education Building during regular class times.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COUNSELING CENTER offers individual, couple, and family counseling with after-

noon 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, contact Rosanne Sloan at 892-2927.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at St. Thomas Aquinas, I want to thank all of you for your generous donations and prayers during this past year. Your financial help allowed us to help many needy families in Rio Rancho. The yearly financial statement indicate how your generosity was administered. We invite any of you who might be interested in joining our ministry to attend our next monthly meeting on Thursday, 2 October, at 7:00 p. m. Please call our office at 892-0526 if you have any questions.

Sincerely in Christ

Financial Statement	
Rose Chavez	Balance September 2007 \$5,670.72
Treasurer	Cash Receipts \$137,923.39
	Disbursements <u>\$143,289.22</u>
	\$304.89

Your generosity helped 500 families!

While these amounts seem like very large numbers, the needs remain far greater than the generous resources you provide! If you have yet to donate, please consider doing so. If you are a current member (All donors are!), please pray about increasing your participation. We are very careful stewards of your funding and promise to remain so, as we meet the needs of so many people during these difficult economic times.

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 meet each month at my house. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

For the month of October we will be exploring the upcoming elections. A look at the candidates running for national office and their platforms. We will discuss how we as faithful Catholics should consider voting this election year. The dates are 10 and 24 October. Hope to see you there!

Father, we pray that people who regret their abortions will speak up in support of pro-life political candidates to their fellow Catholics, especially those still supporting pro-death/“choice” political candidates.

PRO-LIFE CONVERSIONS

People, indeed, can convert. God himself asks us to believe that through today’s readings. The son who first said no can later say yes (Gospel); the wicked one can turn from his wickedness and still find life (First reading). This proves true in the pro-life effort; in fact, the flow of conversions is in the direction of life, not death. Norma McCorvey, the former “**Jane Roe**” and plaintiff (and winner) of the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, **is now a pro-life Catholic who works full-time to end abortion.**

But even more common is the testimony “**I Regret My Abortion**” from the women of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, the largest mobilization in history of those who have had abortions and now speak out against it. “**I Regret Lost Fatherhood**” is the message that the men of the campaign offer, as they grieve the children they lost to abortion. **The Church is called by today’s readings to welcome these individuals back, and to learn from their experience.**

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

P.S. Please say the prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel, for the conversion of the abortionists, especially on the Feast Day of the Archangels, September 29th!

This fall, from now through 2 November, our community will be one of more than 170 cities in 45 states joining together for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history—the 40 Days for Life campaign.



40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of: 40 days of prayer and fasting; 40 days of peaceful vigil; 40 days of public witness. **We need you to peacefully pray for an hour or more (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) in front of Planned Parenthood. This has saved babies lives and you could save one or more too!** For details e-mail sallysowerofseeds@gmail.com, call Project Defending Life at 266-4100 , go to:

www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque.



Mass Intentions

Sunday September 28th, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth McCrudden by Mr. & Mrs. Eckel
Dan & Lupita Flores by Marcus & Janice
Trinny & Tonie Chavez by Marcus & Jance
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
✠ Bruce Pochron by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cywinski
✠ Karolina GŁód by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cysinski
- 11:00 a.m. ✠ Rose Dezio by family
✠ Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family
Jim Truscio in thanksgiving by the STA Altar & Rosary Society
- 12:30 p.m. ✠ Leo P. Ortiz by Patricia Ortiz
✠ Steven Ward by Patricia Ortiz
✠ Senaida U. López
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Wm. Frank Brewer by Jan & Rachael
✠ Jason Sanchez by Steve Woodbury
✠ Keith Peyton by the family
- 8:00 a.m. @ STAS For missionaries around the world
- 11:00 a.m. ✠ Aurora Jessee repose of her soul by the family
✠ Annabelle Koury by Pat & Nora Shannon
John Young for his health by Pat & Nora Shannon

Monday September 29th, Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels

- 9:00 a.m. Raymond & Beverly Lara by Mike & Carrie Norero
Special intentions & healing for my family & extended family by Gros & Baca family
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Mike Garcia by the Casillas family
✠ Fr. Wolf, O'Shea & Gallegos by Ed & Clare Hanson
Lois Homrich for her health by Pauline López
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For the homeless

Tuesday September 30th, Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ John E. De Francesco by John P.
Michelle & Jim Leahy by the Aragon family
Special Intentions by Carrie Norero
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Vicente Armijo by Antonia Armijo
Living & deceased family & friends of
Ed & Clare Hanson
✠ Elizabeth Stapleton by Mr. & Mrs. Krueger
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For the unborn

Wednesday October 1st, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. CDA, STA Court #2306
✠ Joseph & Anne Scherer by Marian & Bob Kohl
Anthony & Marie Di Blasi's 25th wedding anniversary
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Vicente Armijo by Antonia Armijo
Living & deceased family & friends of
Ed & Clare Hanson
✠ Elizabeth Stapleton by Mr. & Mrs. Krueger
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS for our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

Thursday October 2nd, The Guardian Angels

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ Clete Michael Kresge by Ted & Audrey Stern
✠ Keith Peyton by the family

- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Harold Gallegos 8th Anniversary by Terry Gallegos
✠ Paul Trujillo by Irma Trujillo & family
✠ Paul Trujillo by Lydia Lerman & family

7:15 a.m. @ STAS for our military personnel

Friday October 3rd, Weekday, First Friday

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ Henry Carrillo by Cecilia
God's blessing for our children, especially for Michael in the Seminary by the Niemczak family
✠ Souls of Wladek, Jan, Walery, Lambert & all souls in purgatory by the Niemczak family
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ John Fidel by Bill & Maria Cortez
✠ Mildred Kopp by Ed & Clare Hanson

8:15 a.m. @ STAS

Saturday October 4th, Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

- 9:00 a.m. For the living & deceased members of the Altar & Rosary & Society
Marie Rossi by Bob Rice
- 5:00 p.m. ✠ Parents of Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz
✠ Amy Louise Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. F. Gentile
✠ Susan Stamp by husband Jeoffrey

Sunday October 5th, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. ✠ Kukowski family by Frank P. Kukowski
✠ Lena O'Leary by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Moyna
For the adoption of Antoinette M. Rubolino Althaus by Bryan & Deborah
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
CDA, STA Court #2603
✠ Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family
- 11:00 a.m. ✠ Krystle Savilla by all of your friends at Abundant Living
Joseph & Barbara Rich by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
Virginia Gurulé by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
- 12:30 p.m. ✠ Soledad Ruiz 3rd anniversary by the Gonzales family
St Paul & St. Peter by L. Torres
✠ Corina Estrada by her daughter Josephine
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Ernie Trujillo birthday by Jan & Rachael
- 8:00 a.m. that all our parishioners will live stewardship joyfully
- 11:00 a.m. To our dear parents in their honor
by Nora & Pat Shannon
✠ Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta
Nila Baker for her health by Pat & Nora Shannon

LifeChain 2008 will be held on **Respect Life Sunday, 5 October**. Where: In front of the Project Defending Life's **Holy Innocents Chapel** stretching north past Planned Parenthood, 625 San Mateo NE (corner of Marquette) 266-4100. **Time:** 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m. Life Chain will end at 1:00; plenty of time to make it to the Rosary Rally at Isotopes Park at 2:00.

LifeChain is a perfect family opportunity give witness to life, stand against abortion, visit the Holy Innocents Chapel, take part in the 40 Days For Life Event and still make it to the Rosary Rally in one afternoon!

God bless you and all you do.

Love in Christ, Fr. Stephen Imbarrato

GOD'S FRUITS, NOT JUST OURS

(Stewardship Focus continued from page 1)
benefit first, and not our generosity to others in His name. Our way seeks to maximize all we do for ourselves, leaving little, if any, "left over" for God and for His people in need. His way is putting Him first!

The first son disobeyed his father, then repented, and did as asked. The second son told his father he would do as asked, and then went on to ignore his father's command. **We too have a choice** about answering Christ's call to live in His name. We too can choose to ignore that call and focus on ourselves, rather than Christ.

If we remain selfish, disobedient, and seek the fruits of **our efforts for only ourselves**, even only for our families alone, then **we have not answered Christ's call** to be His disciples. Matthew's chapter 21 is rather explicit about the need to obey God in all we do. And part of that obedience, as true disciples, is to be good stewards of God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure, to **return some of the fruits** that God provides.

Our blessings, **our fruits**, are not just ours alone! God means for us to share them with others in need. Throughout the Bible we find examples of people offering a share of their fruits to God. We want the Church to do good works, but don't recognize that **we are the Church**, we are the rubber on the road!

Do you offer any of "your" fruits to Him through practicing good stewardship? Do you recognize all your fruits are from God and that He only asks for a share of them, offered in His name, for the good of others? Do you choose **to listen to His call and to obey His commands?** We must all answer "Yes." to His call for returning a portion of His fruits if we are to attain His final fruit, our eternal salvation.



BeFrienders training is an excellent opportunity for members of other ministries to learn how to become more effective listeners for their own ministries. This training is **not** only for BeFrienders and has been successfully accessed by members of the other ministries. We welcome all

ministries to come and learn how to be silent and listen - "Lord, your servant is listening."

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 them emotional and spiritual support.

A new training class will run five Sundays: 5, 12, 19 October and 2, & 9 November, 1:30-4:30 p.m. If you are interested in this training or the ministry, please call Gloria at 891-0388 or write to BeFrienders@stanm.org.



Do you have a copy of the latest xaltar CD? It's great! **"The best to date! Really cool! Catholic music I've been waiting for!"** These are just a few of the comments **Fr. Scott Mansfield** has received on the new CD. All proceeds benefit the **St. John Vianney Building fund**.

You can purchase the new CD at the **Parish Office** or at **Holy Family Religious Store**, 9469 Coors Blvd NW, just north of Irving. And your purchase matters! Over \$10,000 from **Blood of the Martyr (still available)** proceeds went into the SJV Building Fund, dollars that help make the building above possible.

Thanks for your support! And don't forget to stop by either location above to get your copy of *Get God*. You'll enjoy the music and help support a very worthy cause.



Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher
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ADVENTURES IN ACTS!

A new group of the 20-session Great Adventure Bible Study, "Adventures in Acts," is forming:

Fridays, 10/10/08-3/27/09, 7:00—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.

Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
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Vicar (Ext. 116).....	Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Whorton
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Marriage & Family Life (Ext. 103).....	Deacon Ken Hill, Director
Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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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.

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: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? In today's Gospel, Jesus invites his followers to examine our deeds and our attitudes. Are we pious and careful in our religious practice and yet fail to be loving and accepting in our attitude to others? The Pharisees had become like that through years of perfect practice. Jesus' warns us that though we may live by the letter of the law we must be careful to never lose sight of the heart of the law. And the heart of the law is like the His heart: charitable, merciful, and forgiving.

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!

JustFAITH

Interested in deepening your understanding of Catholic Social Teaching? Want to know more about what the Gospel says about justice, poverty, charity and prayer? Are you hungering to follow in Jesus' footsteps in serving those in most need? We have just the thing for you! The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is beginning *JustFAITH*, an in-depth adult formation process to introduce and deepen Catholics' engagement in the social mission of the church. Groups are forming now for start in September and October. Call the Social Justice Office for more info, 831-8167.

39TH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY ISOTOPES STADIUM, 5 OCTOBER 2:00 P.M. ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL J. SHEEHAN, CELEBRANT MONSIGNOR DOUGLAS RAUN, HOMILIST

Join thousands of others in this huge devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Bring your own Rosary, or take one on your way into the stadium. There will be a Mass, the Mysteries of the Rosary, a Living Rosary, and the Annual Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Don't miss this beautiful event!

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
Girl Scouts: Joyce Sypher - 896-1205
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 Hanco - 379-0561
Pastoral Council: Coleen Maddy - 404-1392
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