

Parish Office: 1594 Sara Rd SE
 (in Panorama Plaza)
 Rio Rancho NM
 (505) 892-1511 Fax 891-3044
 Church & Mailing Address:
 1502 Sara Rd SE, Rio Rancho
 NM 87124-1848
 Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Directory & Mass Schedules page 8
www.stanm.org

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Therefore, I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” Matthew 21:43

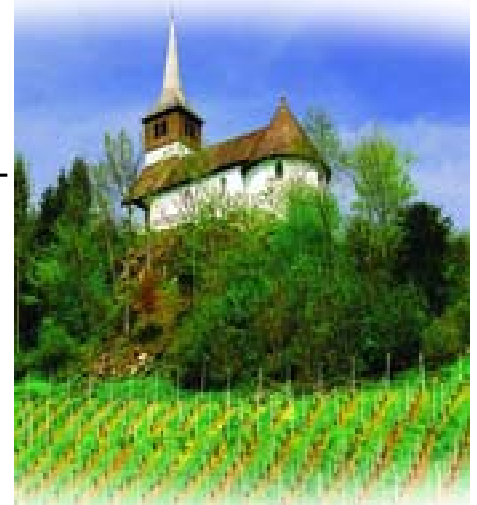
October 5th, 2008 A.D.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Table of Contents

Adult Educationpage 4
 Archdiocese Events.....page 8
 Children’s Religious Ed.....page 4
 LifeTeen Events.....page 4
 Liturgical Events.....page 3
 Mass Times & Intentions.....page 6
 Ministries Contacts.....page 9
 Parish News.....page 7
 Readings.....page 2
 Upcoming Events.....page 3
 Weddings/Banns.....page 2

We live a
 dynamic orthodoxy
 that is a spirit-filled faith-
 fulness to
 Jesus Christ
 and His Gospel
 and to
 His Catholic Church



Pastor’s Corner



My dear family,

As always, it’s nice to be back home. The theological conference on Divine Law and the Life of the Church was fascinating, as was the opportunity to visit with priests and theologians from around the world. I’ll share more with you in the weeks to come.

It’s a month away from our national elections. Pastors tremble. A form of temporary insanity seems to descend upon normally very nice people, making them both hyper-sensitive and hyper-aggressive. Everyone, take a deep breath, and remember a few things:

1. Christians are called to be good citizens. We are to pray for our country and its leaders, obey all just laws, and do our part in making our nation into a
 (continued on page 2)

Stewardship Focus

CHRIST’S CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP OUR INHERITANCE

Last Sunday’s gospel dealt with two sons who handled their stewardship responsibilities quite differently. **Father Mansfield** gave an excellent and powerful homily which addressed Christ’s call to each of us regarding our stewardship responsibilities and how we might fulfill them via the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. His primary point was **none of us is exempt** from giving a portion of our time, talent, and treasure **to their source—God!**

Fr. Scott reminded us that attending Sunday Mass **is not giving our time** in service to the Lord. It is first **obeying the 3rd Commandment** “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.” That is simply obeying what God requires us to do each week.

His Son goes further including Fr. Scott’s point to **live lives of stewardship**, a critical element of true discipleship. He used the example another of Christ’s parables in Matthew, chapter 25.
 (continued on page 7)

On the Inside

ALPHA IS HERE

You can still join: page 3

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Have you signed up for **Life**? page 5

MERCEDES MADRID

Teacher of the Year: page 4

LIFECCHAIN 2008 PRAYING FOR LIFE

An opportunity to bring light
5 October: see page 6

ALTAR & ROSARY

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR ALL

14 October: see page 3

GREETERS EVENING OF REFLECTION

14 October

MEET THE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE FORUM

12 & 19 October: see page 7

SUCCESSFULLY PARENTING KIDS

1 November: see page 7

PASTOR'S CORNER

(continued from page 1)

more virtuous people. Part of doing this in a democracy is by voting. As Catholic Christians, we seek to guide all our actions according to the teaching of the Gospel, given us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The Church does not enter into partisan politics. She does not endorse any political parties or candidates. This is why I ask that no one place political signs or distribute political literature on the premises of the parish property (which is private, not public property. The property belongs to the Church; the Church belongs to God, and God, though the Church, puts the pastor in charge of the parish. If you see political stuff on parish property, please know that someone is putting it there without my permission.)

3. The Church does, clearly and faithfully, speak out on the moral issues of the day according to the teachings of the Gospel, as held by the Church. Christ commands the Church to teach, "in season and out of season." These moral teachings of the Word of God guide us as Christians--they are how we form our conscience.

Indeed, one must consider the whole moral teaching of the church--realizing that this very teaching itself says that some moral issues are more grave than others. As two of our bishops recently wrote in the New York Times *"One must look at the whole teaching of the church on justice and peace, serving the poor and advancing the common good--beginning with a fundamental priority on protecting innocent human life from direct attack as in abortion."*

If hearing moral teachings from the pulpit upsets you, may I suggest that you reconsider what the teaching ministry of the Church is all about.

To this end, **I will be teaching a four-week adult education series during October. It is entitled "Render Unto Caesar"--Reflections upon the Role of the Church in Public Life.** It will be every Monday, starting 6 October, at 7 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall. We will use as our text the excellent book recently published by Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver *Render unto Caesar*. It is a very well written, clear explanation of the Church's role in public life. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

A blessed week!

Msgr. Doug Raun

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

TO REGISTER WITH THE PARISH, stop by or call the office (1594 Sara Rd, 892-1511) or send an e-mail to:

Contact@stanm.org

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Marty D & Annette Armijo *Jill S Baca*
Angelica D Casados *Karla M Chavez & Adrian G Cruz*
John A & Mindy Gonzales *Martin & Yvonne Louissena*
Brian G & Leanna L McKeever
William A & Katie K Metzler *Adam M Miranda*
Jeramie A Purcell *Lorenzo & Julie Realyvazquez*
Eloisa A Romero *Gerard M. & Renee L Sena*
Gilbert P & Lucy A Tafoya *Benny E & Karie N Trevino*
Paula J Vigil

FUNERALS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

John Paul Bucalo
Jayson Joseph Candelaria
Sophia Mae Clifcorn
Lauren Michele Jacquin
Jonah Marcus Marez
Theodore Timothy Summers
Colton Noel Tomingas

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

3rd Banns: Natalie Moreno & Jonathan Rey
3rd Banns: Carolyne Shipp & Michael Gresham
3rd 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.

Next Week's Readings

5-12 October 2008

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

©Liturgical Publications Inc

Upcoming Events

ALTAR & ROSARY DAY OF REFLECTION

The Altar & Rosary Society will be sponsoring a Day of Recollection on Tuesday, 14 October, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with rosary and Mass, followed by continental breakfast, and ending at 2 p.m. Our pastor, Monsignor Raun, will be the speaker, and the theme will be "Faithful Citizenship." This is open to all parishioners. If you need more information, contact Saralee Wisner at 792-5516.

ALPHA IS HERE!

Is God calling you or someone you know into the Catholic Church? Perhaps you are, or know a baptized Catholic adult who has not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation. Are you engaged or married to a Catholic, and want to know why he or she believes "all that"? Are you returning to the Church after a long absence? Or are you simply interested in learning more about the Faith you already profess and practice? Our parish is currently offering an exciting and informative adult course just for you, and you can still join it. Please call Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, for more information.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

Our pastor, Msgr. Douglas Raun, will present a special, four-week ACTS course based on Archbishop Charles J. Chaput's new book, *Render Unto Caesar*, subtitled "*Christianity and Country: A Study of the Church's Teaching*," in spiritual preparation for our country's upcoming elections. A limited supply of Archbishop Chaput's excellent book will be available for sale at the class, on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information contact Jeannette Schlicher at 892-1511 x104 or e-mail aquinasam@yahoo.com.

YOUNG AT HEART

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



CANS FOR CUBS

Our Cub Scouts are always collecting Aluminum to support their program. Bring anything aluminum, and place it, **bagged please**, in the faded blue container next to the sheds behind the RE building.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF YOUR
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CUB SCOUTS!**

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:
For straight A's in school!
For my family's health and Your protection!
For Mr. & Mrs. Gonzales' wonderfulness to my son!
For our relationship's improvement!
For each day You are with me!
For helping Matthew with his problems!
For my wonderful friends!
For loving me and never forsaking me!

"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: Kathy Girón 1-15 October

Virgin II: Yolanda Sanchez 1-15 October

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. **For Georg Gumpfinger by Karin Dreher. Adoration Chapel Candles--** please call the parish office at 892-1511. **12-18 October Melvin Kotur's 10th anniversary by wife Kay Wierzbicka**

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 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!

16 November-Are you in?

23 November-I got news for you

7 December-Hypocrites Welcome

14 December-LT Winter Olympics

PARENT LIFE NIGHTS

We invite you to share in your son's/daughter's experiences of Life Teen Nights. "How?" you wonder. We now hold **Parent Life Nights concurrent with Life Teen Nights**. We meet in the Religious Education Building following the 6 p.m. Mass in room 7. What a wonderful way for you to get to know other parents and find answers to some of the questions with which we all struggle as we grow together with our teens!

Parent Life Nights are based on **the same subjects that the teens receive Sunday evenings**. You will grow, learn, and share life with other parents, your teens, and our families. We challenge you to take this step to move forward spiritually with your teens as they and we enrich each others lives in Christ. If you would like any other information concerning this great experience, please contact **Cindy Langlois** at **892-4702** or by email at: **clanglois53@msn.com** We look forward to meeting you.

BeFrienders provide **pastoral care** to people in difficult and transitional situations, and are trained to provide a listening presence to others. They embody the caring presence of God and of the community and serve as a living reminder of God's love. If you are in need of this caring presence or know of someone in need, please **call Gloria at 891-0388**.

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

MERCEDES MADRID, TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Administrators and staff congratulate Mrs. Madrid for being chosen STAS Teacher of the Year. The kindergarten teacher has been an educator for 12 years, nine of which have been at St. Thomas Aquinas school. Mrs. Madrid holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the College of Santa Fe where she graduated Cum Laude, also earning a spot on the Presidential List.

Mrs. Madrid studied many diverse fields, holding a double minor in Biology & Combined Sciences. She is also a Licensed Practical Nurse with an Associates in Nursing. Married with two children, Mrs. Madrid's "dream job is that I should go to heaven to be with Christ and take care of all his horses....It is a great honor to be nominated by our principal Sister Anne Louise, as Teacher of the Year. I would like to express my thanks to Sr. Anne Louise for all she has done for me, but most of all for nominating me. May God Bless you Sister Anne Louise." STAS will hold a reception in Mrs. Madrid's honor. Many Congratulations!!

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

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.

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.

KEYS TO SUCCESSFULLY PARENTING KIDS 12-18
BY BETH GEHRMAN, MA, LOMFT
CHERYL GOODMAN, MA, Ed., MS LPCC

Do you ever ask yourself: What's **Normal**?
What **parenting tools** do I use to be successful?
How can we get where we want/need to go as a family and have a **healthy parent-child relationship**?
How can I encourage my child toward their **best self**?

Get valuable tips and hands-on tools from Beth and Cheryl as they share insights and wisdom gained from working with adolescents and parents in a unique home-based therapy. To register, send an e-mail message to mfl@stanm.org or call 892-1511 x362. Pre-registration is essential to ensure we have sufficient materials on-hand.



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.

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.



Have you suffered a recent loss in your family? Would a support group be of help in dealing with your loss? Do you wonder about the different stages of stages of grieving and where you are among them? Then we could provide the answer(s): **Bereavement Ministry**. For information contact Mary Davidson at 892-9886. If no response within two days, please call back.

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 for those who work in the abortion industry, and for those who have repented of committing abortions and have resolved to defend life.

WE SAVED OUR FIRST BABY!

The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign was barely hours old when we received an e-mail from Jennifer in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. She and a few others had arrived at 6:30 Wednesday morning to pray at the abortion center.

A couple arrived in the parking lot, got out of their car and walked towards the building. "Joe gave them a flyer," said Jennifer, "and she brought it into the clinic. About 10 minutes later they came out of the clinic and went to the car."

The woman argued with the man for a time, but then they got in the car and left. "This lady looked at us praying and blessed herself with the sign of the cross," Jennifer said. "We saved our first baby!"

YOUR PRAYERS ARE WORKING!

I received an excited call from the Indianapolis campaign leader. A first time 40 Days for Life volunteer was praying outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility this morning when a car leaving the center pulled over and the occupants beckoned for her to come near. The volunteer nervously approached and was told by the mother in the vehicle, "Your prayers are working. My daughter just decided to not have an abortion."

Taken from David Bereit, National Campaign Director, 40 Days for Life,

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.



SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2, 2008
Albuquerque
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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 a baby's life or a mom's or dad's soul!** For details call Project Defending Life at 266-4100, e-mail sallysowerofseeds@gmail.com, or go to: www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque.



Mass Intentions

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. @ SJV For the homeless
- 11:00 a.m. To our dear parents in their honor
 @ SJV by Nora & Pat Shannon
 ✚ Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta
 Nila Baker for her health by Pat & Nora Shannon

Monday

October 6th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Bryoncito Large 6th baptism anniversary
 by the Aragón family
 Special intentions & healing for my family &
 extended family by Gros & Baca family
- 6:00 p.m. R.R. & Rose Chavez 51st wedding anniversary
 by family
 ✚ Antonia Kopack by Joseph & Helen Ingoglia
 ✚ Stewart Sorey by Mary Fernandez
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For the unborn

Tuesday

October 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary

- 9:00 a.m. For the Benefactors of the Rosary Makers
 ✚ Deborah Korleski birthday my Mom
 ✚ Clifford Ricci by wife Jane
- 6:00 p.m. Grace Aragon 4th birthday by Mom, Dad, & Sisters
 Vivian Chávez for her health by Cuidando las Familias
 ✚ Bill Schneder by Mary Siwala
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS for our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

Wednesday

October 8th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. ✚ Philip M. Groenewold by wife Jeanne
 ✚ Bill Schneder by Mary Siwala
 ✚ Louis Maldonado by his wife
- 6:00 p.m. ✚ Bernadette Sooley by Vickie
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS For our military personnel

Thursday

October 9th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. ✚ Clete Michael Kresge by Ted & Audrey Stern
 ✚ Souls in Purgatory by Elaine Jones
 For healing & good health by the Sutherland

6:00 p.m. For vocations, especially from our parish

7:15 a.m. @ STAS

Friday

October 10th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. ✚ Jonathan Thompson by husband
 ✚ Sullivan/Chavez family by Henry Sullivan
 ✚ Luchini /Otero family by Henry Sullivan
- 6:00 p.m. Lucy & Charles Griego 49th wedding anniversary
 by family
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS For all of our parish clergy

Saturday

October 11th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. For all of our parish clergy
- 5:00 p.m. ✚ Julio Streppone by wife Patricia
 ✚ Susan Stamp by husband Jeffrey
 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Beatriz Chávez

Sunday

October 12th, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Lawrence Hebel
 ✚ Seferina Torres by her daughter Reina
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 ✚ Ellen & Dan Kistingner by Jean Keaveny
 ✚ Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family
- 11:00 a.m. For the adoption of Antoinette M. Rubolino Althaus
 by Bryan & Deborah
 Special intentions & healing for my family & extended
 family by Gros & Baca family
 Marian Kohl for her health by Patricia
- 12:30 p.m. ✚ Agnes Doyle 6th year remembrance
 by daughter Patricia with love
 ✚ Lucinda Lucero by L Torres
- 6:00 p.m. ✚ Robert & Leta Waldsmith by Jan & Rachael
 ✚ John Pedoto by Diane & Dough Taylor
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV Eugene Burger by Ruth & Raymond Jones
- 11:00 a.m. ✚ @ SJV Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta

St. Thomas Aquinas **Bereavement Support Group** meets Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini room, adjacent to the Parish office. For information contact Mary Davidson at 892-9886. If no response within two days, please call back.

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

CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.
 CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.

CHRIST'S CALL FOR STEWARDSHIP

(Stewardship Focus continued from page 1)

There the master gave different amounts of money to his servants while he went away for a while. When the master returned, he found one servant who buried the his money thus providing no return. The master's response was **"You wicked, lazy servant!"** Is that what we want God to call us when He judges us?

It seems the message is very clear! In verse 46, speaking of people who choose not to help those in need, Christ states "Amen, I say to you, what **you did not do** for one of these least ones, you did not do for me. And these will go off to eternal punishment, **but the righteous to eternal life.**"

How serious is that message? Does it leave any doubt in your mind regarding the need to care for others as good stewards of God's gifts? **What more do we need** to understand and act upon Christ's call to be good stewards?

If you missed last Sunday's message about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, read the bulletin notice on page 5. Learn about how the SSVdP **served over 500 families** this past year. However, they didn't serve others in need because there was **still a shortfall in donations!** They could have served more **if there were additional volunteers** to keep the office open!

What they need are more good stewards! **Are you giving some of your time, talent, and treasure in answer to Christ's call?** If not, or if the amount is currently small, joining the SSVdP is an excellent way to act upon His call. If your available treasure just barely meets your needs (not wants), **call them now at 892-0526** to let them know you are willing to help. Doing this will positively impact both you and those whom you help. Christ's response in Matthew 25:34, one we certainly all want to hear as good stewards, is: **"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."** **What is your inheritance?**

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL RENTAL

The Knights of Columbus Council 6696 rent their hall located at 1020 Veranda Road in Rio Rancho for a very nominal rental fee. If you are looking for a place to host family gatherings and celebrations, wedding receptions, meetings, or social gatherings, please call David @ 792-0663 for more information. Thank-you.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS MONTHLY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, 11 October, 8:00 a.m.

We invite you to join Fr. Stephen Imbarrato and Father Doug Mitchell, Pastor of San Clemente Parish in Los Lunas, as they con-celebrate Mass at San Ignacio Church, 1300 Walter St. NE, Albuquerque.

We will have Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration following Mass, then a Rosary Procession to the nearby abortion mill. There will be Benediction upon our return and brunch in the park across the street. Come to this peaceful and prayerful pro-life family event. If you have any questions, call Yolanda at 220-8891.

MEET THE CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FORUM

Sunday, 12 October, 2-4 p.m., Fr. D' Arco Hall

for the following races: U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional District 1, U.S. Congressional District 3, State Senate District 9, State Senate District 10, Speakers will take written questions from the audience. For more information, contact Felicie Truscio, 891-1304.

Sunday, 19 October will include other candidates for different offices including: State Representative District 44, State Representative District 60, County Commissioner Districts 2, 4, and 5, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and District Attorney 13th District.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

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.

The group 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
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.

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: THE GOD OF PEACE In today's second reading St. Paul urges the Philippians to keep centered on Christ. He reminds them that they will live peaceful lives, free of anxiety and worry, if they remain focused on the truths Paul has taught them. By setting their minds on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent and worthy of praise his followers will experience the God of peace. Do our minds also need to be "reset?" Let us take St. Paul's advice and "think about these things."

PASTA DINNER FOR THE SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CTR
Saturday 18 October 6-8 p.m.

Italian American Club, Sara Road, Rio Rancho
Food Served by the Pasta House of Rio Rancho
Entertainment by Bodini , The Magician
Tap Dancing By Surgite Dance Company Me and My Shadow, Bugle Boy, Good Morning... for a start
Plus: Line Dancing 50/50 Tickets: Adult \$20; Children 10 and under \$5. Call 505-877-4211 for reservations!

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 *Just-FAITH*, 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.

CARMELITE ANNUAL RETREAT

10-12 October, at the Spiritual Renewal Center on Coors (877-4211 reservations), beginning 7 p.m. Friday night through 1 p.m. Sunday. Fr. Thomas Reeves, OCD, will conduct the retreat. **All are welcome** to celebrate this retreat with the Holy Cross Secular Community in honor of St. Teresa of Jesus. For further information about the retreat, call Gloria at 891-0388.

The **Albuquerque African American Catholic Community** will celebrate Mass and Song Praise on Sunday, **26 October at 12 Noon** in the St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. We are honored to welcome Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan as our guest celebrant. We invite everyone to attend this special event. Please call Mrs. Brenda Dabney at 836-3627 for more information.

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: Jeanette Mata - 250-5489
Natural Family Planning: José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783
Nursery: Aud Walaszek - 792-8716
Parish Social Committee: Debbie Hanko - 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