

PASTOR'S CORNER

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sibilities as voters, the choices we make in an election **very much matter!** If we choose not to vote, and if we do vote and don't choose the candidate who best (not necessary completely) reflects our faith, we have in fact disobeyed God by not living up to our spiritual duties!

Render Unto Caesar's subtitle is *Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life* is an excellent synopsis of Archbishop Chanut's book and Monsignor Raun's course. Each helps guide us in this very close and very important election. This election will likely impact another four to five Supreme Court appointees over the next eight years. Our call as faithful candidates is to impact the choice of those appointees as much as possible **in favor of the right to life.**

New Mexico, along with Colorado and Nevada, is a key battleground state in the Presidential race. Our state's five electoral votes can hang in the balance with just a very small number of votes. **Every single one of the Catholic vote is critical in just that race.**

Our attending this course, our reading this book are two ways to make the most educated vote we can. Yes, both will take away some of our valuable time. But without our and others votes, if the election goes in the wrong direction, **more lives will likely be lost** over the already incredible 50 million plus since Roe v. Wade.

Ask yourself, "What will I answer on the Judgment Day when our just God asks me how I voted in the 2008 election?" Did I **take that election seriously?** Did I **take the time** to really learn about how I serve God through my participation in political life?

If you missed last Monday's class, we will have a DVD you can purchase for just \$5.00 so you won't miss anything. While reading the book is both enlightening and interesting, Monsignor Raun brings even great depth to our understanding of Catholics in political life. Don't miss this opportunity to be an even more faithful disciple.

(for Monsignor Raun by Bill Mader)

Deacon Leroy and Lucy Sanchez wish to thank all the members of St. Thomas Aquinas parish for their support, condolences, prayers, and kind words at the loss of **their grandson Jason Sanchez.**

**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

Martina Y Angel

Mike & Yvonne Arrellanes

Davis A & Melanie L Batts

Michael A & Leslie M Gallegos

Joseph A Garcia

Patricia A Harris-Pascale

Adam M Miranda

Rudy A & Monica C Sanchez

William L Schaeffer

Troy & Maria Vargovich

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.

Alicia Desiree Martinez

Kyler Andrew Padilla

Hailey Marie Peters

Kaden Matthew Velasquez

Makayla Grace Velasquez

Dallas Florine Williams

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

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

12-19 October 2008

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Then he said to his servants, “The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whoever you find.” Matthew 22:8-9

October 12th, 2008 A.D.

Twenty-Eighth 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



Pastor’s Corner

3 WEEKS LEFT!

No, the end of world isn’t coming in three weeks, but it might seem that way if we watch the political ads on TV! There are, however, just three classes left in **Monsignor Raun’s** series covering **Archbishop Charles J. Chaput’s** book *Render Unto Caesar*.

We have plenty of copies of the book as well as more room in **Fr. D’Arco Hall** for the next three **Mondays from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m.** There is a seat and there is a book for you! “And why should I attend this course and read this book?” You might ask.

As Christ’s disciples, we have a duty to live our faith every day and in every way, including our duties as citizens of our community, state, and country. As Catholic Christians, we cannot separate our faith, the Word fed to us each Sunday in the readings and gospel, from the rest of our lives. As Archbishop Chaput wrote: “Every Christian life, and every choice in every Christian life, *matters*.” Thus, our duties as citizens, our respon-
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Stewardship Focus

MORE OF GOD’S FRUIT

In Matthew’s chapter 21, Christ makes His way into Jerusalem on what we now call Palm Sunday. Even though He is approaching the end of His earthly ministry, He continues to call the chief priests and elders toward truly living their faith. Yet, **they ignore His teachings**, ignore His calling, and instead choose to rid themselves of what could bring them eternal salvation.

We often do the same, especially when it comes to living stewardship! The U.S. Bishops did an excellent job of teaching us about **our obligation, not choice**, of being good stewards as true disciples of Christ in their pastoral letter *Stewardship A Disciple’s Call*.

“Christian stewards are generous out of love as well as duty. They dare not fail in charity and what it entails...” “If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?” (1 Jn 3:17).

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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.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

Our pastor, Msgr. Douglas Raun, will present a special, four-week ACTS course starting Monday, 6 October at 7:00 p.m., 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.

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.

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.

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 the beautiful great granddaughter you gave us!
 For another year with Dad!
 For the purchase of our new home!
 For the courage and strength to confess my sins!
 For helping me choose the right path!
 For helping my Mom recover from her heart attack!
 For everyone in my life!
 For the blessings you bestow upon our country!

"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 your 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 Gumplinger 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 1 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-Life Teen 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**.



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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

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 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 that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish members to sign up for the 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign.

IT'S JUST A SIGN:
"ABORTION. THE ULTIMATE CHILD ABUSE"
"TAKE MY HAND, NOT MY LIFE"

On September 16th, a sidewalk counselor, Frances Gomez, was praying outside of the Planned Parenthood at 619 San Mateo NE in Albuquerque. She held a sign saying, "Abortion, the Ultimate Child Abuse" with a picture of a baby's face on it. A young woman, perhaps 20 years old, was on her way into the abortion mill when she stopped to look at Frances' sign. Frances prayed for her and for her unborn child, holding the sign higher as the young woman paused for several seconds still staring.

The young woman went into the abortion mill and came back out a short while later. Again, she looked at Frances' sign. Frances turned her sign around to reveal the other side, which said "Take My Hand, Not My Life." The young woman looked at the sign, pumped her fist in the air, and said "Yes" before getting in her car and leaving. Though no words were exchanged, Frances' prayerful presence and a simple sign seem to have been used by God to save this young woman's child, and to save the young woman herself from the trauma and grief of an abortion. We humbly praise God for the opportunity to serve Him through Project Defending Life's ministries

TAKEN FROM PROJECT DEFENDING LIFE EMAIL MESSAGE DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 2008.
WWW.DEFENDINGLIFE.ORG

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 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 y Jan & Rachael
✠ John Pedoto by Diane & Dough Taylor
✠ Lois Bouillon by Marilyn Policastro & the Starks
- 8:00 a.m. ✠ @ SJV Eugene Burger by Ruth & Raymond Jones
- 11:00 a.m. ✠ @ SJV Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta

Monday October 13th, Weekday (Columbus Day)

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ Melvin Kotur by wife & children
In thanksgiving to God
✠ Maria Zamora by the family
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ Jake Gallegos Jr. by Bill & Maria Cortez
✠ Lucinda J. Bautisata by Gatchel family
✠ Jacob Ortiz Jobel by Gatchel family
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS for our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

Tuesday October 14th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Grace Sutherland for healing & good health
✠ Evelyn Rebello by Nila Baker
In thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague
by the Denman family
- 6:00 p.m. ✠ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For our military personnel

Wednesday October 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ John Porter by Bob & Gerri Hoover
Rex Louis Schlicher baptism anniversary
by Jeannette Schlicher
In thanksgiving to St. Rita by the Denman family

6:00 p.m. For the unborn

8:15 a.m. @ STAS For all students

Thursday October 16th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ Phillip Hunter by family
✠ James Collins by Kathleen Moyna

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

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

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

Friday October 17th, Weekday St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

- 9:00 a.m. ✠ Florence Rigano by Mrs. Sherley De Thomas
Dawna & Kevin Henn anniversary by the Aragon family
✠ Michael Floyd Moyna by Kathleen Moyna

6:00 p.m. ✠ Alex Molnar by Deborah M. Kozerski

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

Saturday October 18th, Weekday St. Luke, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Louise Quintana & family by Ruby Ortega

5:00 p.m. ✠ James Doyle Johnson by Jim & Lita Johnson

✠ Vincent Jankowski by Elaine Jans

✠ Odelia M. Chávez by the Rail family

Sunday October 19th, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday

7:00 a.m. ✠ Susan Stamp by Jeoffrey

✠ Jaime Cordova by Joanne & Unale

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

✠ Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family

✠ Robert Dubay 3rd anniversary by the Aragon family

11:00 a.m. Special intentions & healing for my family & extended
family by Gros & Baca family

12:30 p.m. ✠ Frank Torres from L. Torres

6:00 p.m. ✠ Lois Bouillon by Marilyn Policastro & the Starks

8:00 a.m. @ SJV in thanksgiving for all parish volunteers

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

@ SJV In thanksgiving to St. Therese of the Little Flower
by Mary Belle

ARMCHAIR AEROBICS

“Mild exercise” group (for men & women) meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Religious Education building from 10:00-11:15 a.m. Call Betty Larson at 891-3577 if you’re interested.

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.

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

MORE OF GOD'S FRUIT

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live up to a certain standard, **a standard of love and its associated generosity.** When we imitate Him, we must be generous with our gifts. While challenging and often difficult, it is also joyful. "I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction" (2 Cor 7:4). Yet, **we still want** to avoid Christ's generous example, avoid His love for our fellow man. No wonder the need far exceeds the necessary resources!

Have you considered **your generosity** in light of Christ's call? **Have you the courage** to pray for Christ's guidance in your generosity? **Are you ready to commit** a portion of your treasure (fruit) in His service through your parish and archdiocese? If Christ walked up to you today and asked you to help Him serve the needy, would you answer "Yes Lord." Or are you satisfied with the status quo of little or no generosity?

The majority, **the overwhelming majority** of our parish members avoid answering "yes" which is the same thing as "no." Their harvest is for themselves. Generosity is not at the top of their list of things to do. If you are among them, stop now. Decide to answer "Yes!" to Christ's call to be a good steward, to be a true disciple. He and His needy require your help today. **Now is the time** to become one of those who will produce fruit for God's kingdom. and circumstances. Still, the fundamental pattern in every case is simple and changeless: "Serve one another through love . . . bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 5:13, 6:2). Tomorrow may be late!

Today the parish will give 10% of the weekend's donations for **World Missions.** This is another stewardship opportunity. **You can donate additionally** by placing an **envelope in the tithing box marked "World Missions."** Every dollar helps!

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.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

3RD ANNUAL GOLDEN AUTUMN BALL
SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER 6:00 p.m.—MIDNIGHT
DINNER & DANCING PLUS SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS
HONORED GUEST MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP SHEEHAN
CHAMISA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
500 COUNTRY CLUB DR SE, RIO RANCHO
TICKETS \$250/PERSON

For reservations call 771-8331. We accept checks, cash, credit cards and have a ticket layaway plan! Deadline for reservations is Monday, 13 October.

All proceeds benefit the Church of the Incarnation Building Fund.

MEET THE CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FORUM

2-4 p.m., **FR. D' ARCO HALL**

SUNDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 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.

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

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
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Vicar (Ext. 116).....	Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Whorton
.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
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Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	Extension 359
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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.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT NATIVITY PARISH
Scheduled for 7-9 November, all married and engaged couples are invited to attend. For more information or registration, please call Paul and Rosemary Mora at 897-4189 or Rick and JoAnn Wright at 892-2419.

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 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