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“He said to them, ‘Whose image is this and whose inscription?’ ‘They replied, “Caesar’s.” ^{L3} At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” ”

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“The most powerful ‘political’ act Catholics can make is to love Jesus Christ, believe in His Church, and *live her teachings*: not just in word, but in all of their choices, decisions, and actions—public and private.”
Render Unto Caesar
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput



Pastor’s Corner



My dear family,

Remember our second Candidate’s Forum, today (Sunday) in the Parish Hall at 2:00 pm! I wish to give many thanks to our Public Affairs Committee for arranging these debates – much time and effort go into them.

Friends, it is clear to me that we are living in critical times: there seems to be a convergence of economic, political, and social instability. Other priests – far more learned and holy than I am – feel the same thing. This can create fear, panic, and despair, which are the breeding grounds of the Evil One.

Every day is a time of spiritual warfare: at every moment we are soldiers of Jesus Christ, fighting those “principalities and powers” that take
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Stewardship Focus

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

Today’s gospel quote could not be more timely considering the current election turmoil and the corresponding effort to get Catholics to vote in accordance with the Church’s teachings. This column’s headline comes from the American Standard Version of the Bible as well as **Archbishop Charles J. Chaput’s** book from which **Monsignor Raun is teaching** for two more Monday nights for our formation regarding voting.

One might wonder what this topic has to do with stewardship. Simply put, voting is directly related to stewardship in that the election results can play a huge role in people’s lives, the same people we are called to serve in God’s name through our stewardship. It also gives us the opportunity to be lay witnesses for our Catholic values.

The broader meaning of today’s gospel is about owing God our whole selves. We are created in His image to love, honor, and serve Him in all we do.
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advantage of world events to turn people away from God. I am no believer in "conspiracy theories" or secret plots, but I also know that spiritual warfare has times of greater intensity.

This is all happening during the month of the Holy Rosary. Say the Rosary every day with great fervor. Pray to St. Michael often. As much as you can, attend daily Mass and visit the Blessed Sacrament. Most of all, stay in the state of grace and keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Christ. This is how we have that "peace that surpasses all understanding" and help the world by the great power of intercessory prayer. Our Lord's final victory is certain. Therefore, have great hope, and be of good cheer.

A blessed week!
Msgr. Doug Raun

LifeTalk Radio Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

LifeTalk is a weekly radio show on KTBL Albuquerque, 1050 AM, presented by **Project Defending Life**. The program deals with all life issues, but focuses on those issues which adversely affect life in today's secular culture, such as abortion. There is a guest segment, a teen segment, and one with Father Stephen Imbarrato each week. We encourage call-ins! Anyone who wishes to be a guest or has a suggestion for guests, should call Fr. Imbarrato at 505-447-1717.

"Respecting every stage of Life as Unique, Precious, and Unrepeatable."

Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan from Heaven

If you are concerned about the war in Iraq, the Pro-Life movement, or the upcoming presidential election, join the Army that can ensure change for our future—the Blue Army! During our weekly meetings, we pray the Rosary and other prayers for our community's well being.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please join the Plan by praying the Rosary for peace in the world at your home. We will also pray for intentions you send to us. Help make a difference and join us in prayer! Contact JoAnn Montoya, 899-9647, or Katy Eby, 898-5591.

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

*Amanda L Arrellano
Brian D & Adrienne H Bachtel
Greg Goodman
Melissa K Halpern
Joe & Denette Herrera
Jennifer L Houlihan
Berta Paiz*

FUNERALS

Please call our Parish Office as soon as possible in order to coordinate liturgical services.
+ Rita Jean "Peg" Marecki
+ Sam Paterniti

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass. Please call our Parish Office.
*Emma AnnMarie Bachtel
Tomás Garcia
Margaux Alexis Ortiz*

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.
1st Banns: Taralyn Muniz & Chad Manges

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

19-26 October 2008

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10
/Mt 22:34-40

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Upcoming Events

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. Videos of previous classes available, \$5.00/class.

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.

MEET THE CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FORUM 2-4 p.m., FR. D' ARCO HALL

TODAY—SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER will include 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.

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.

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.

ST. FELIX PANTRY BOUTIQUE 26 OCTOBER FR. D'ARCO HALL

Looking for something special for the upcoming holidays? Come to the lovely boutique next Sunday morning after the 7, 9, 11, and 12:30 Masses. Your purchases help the Pantry feed our hungry neighbors!

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

NOVEMBER LITURGICAL EVENTS

- 1st** +All Saints Day 9:00 a.m. High Mass (not HDOA)
- 2nd** +All Souls Day 9:00 a.m. High Mass
- 9th** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 22nd** Feast of Christ the King
& Sacrificial Giving Sunday
- 27th** Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. Mass only
- 30th** First Sunday of Advent

"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 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:
For bringing me closer to you through Bible study!
For saving my marriage and family!
For bringing my son safely home from Iraq!

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: Les & Jenny Reynolds 16-31 October
Virgin II: Chris Alexander 16-31 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 George Gumplinger by Karin Dreher. Adoration Chapel Candles--**
3 please call the parish office at 892-1511.

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



AFTER THE 6:00 p.m. MASSES
Next Life Teen is on 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**.



St. Thomas Aquinas School
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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 be donating \$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 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.

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.

We are again collecting non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy. Please drop off your items in the Religious Education Building in Room 7 (the large room).

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
1 NOVEMBER 8:30 a.m.—NOON

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 or for e-mail go to www.trburnscounselor.mysite.com.



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.

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 next date is 24 October. Hope to see you there! For more information, call 890-6574.

THE LORD OF LIFE

The first reading emphasizes the fact that the Lord alone is God; there is no other. In a culture of death, that is precisely the truth that is denied. The battle between pro-life and pro-choice is really about the dominion of God. Is He Lord over human life or not? Abortion advocates more and more openly admit that abortion kills a child, but claim to have that right anyway. That is why John Paul II could write, "Life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (Evangelium Vitae, 9).

Dr. James McMahan was an abortionist in Southern California and performed partial-birth abortions. When asked by the American Medical Association news how he justified doing it, he admitted that the baby was a child, but then said there was a more important question, "Who owns the child? It's got to be the mother," he explained.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR, TAXES
RENDER UNTO GOD, HUMAN LIFE

In the Gospel's familiar account of Jesus' answer about taxes, Jesus says that the coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image. What, then, belongs to God? That which bears his image, namely, human life itself, including that of Caesar! Jesus teaches here the hierarchy of Divine and human authority. Christians must be good citizens; but citizens and their governing authorities alike must obey God, acknowledging his dominion over human life, and protecting it.

Taken from Fr. Pavone's www.priestsforlife.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 19th, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. † Susan Stamp by Jeffroy
 † 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

Monday October 20th, St. Paul of the Cross

- 9:00 a.m. † Karen Gallegos by Council 6696 Knights of Columbus/
 Beverly Nys
 † Agnes Quatrochi
 † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
- 6:00 p.m. † Robert Gallegos by Terry Gallegos
 † For the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Efren Rodriguez
 by Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Rodriguez
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

Tuesday October 21st, Weekday Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. † Alfonso Tedesco by wife Lucille
 † Tomasita De Blassi by the prayer group
 † Peg Marecki by Mayrece St. Cyr
- 6:00 p.m. † Myron & Eleanor Sanchez by Ron Sanchez
 † Luand Brandon Fullan by Ed & Clare Hanson
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For our military personnel

Wednesday October 22nd, Weekday Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
 † Bob Michael by Anita Michael
 † Peg Marecki by Marilyn Policastro
- 6:00 p.m. † Peg Marecki by Ed & Clare Hanson
- 8:15 a.m. Repose of the soul of Julia Cesar Zaragoza
@ STAS † by Sr. Anne Louise, Staff & Students at STAS

Thursday October 23rd, St. John of Capistrano

- 9:00 a.m. † Ed Borzick by Iren Green
 † Agnes Telles by Jeannie Pinel
 † Bob Michael by Anita Michael

SAVE THE HYMNALS & KNEELERS!

Our dear cleaning lady, Ana Sorensen, came to me recently to ask if I would remind people not to put their **gum on the new hymnals, or the pews, or on the carpeting.** Yes, everyone of those happens every weekend! And what is with people who allow the kneelers to drop to the floor or back in their resting position? Please take care of our church and its furnishing! You paid for them!

- 6:00 p.m. † Mary Antos by the Reynolds family
 Aubrey Savela baptism anniversary celebration
 by Godmother & Godfather

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

Friday October 24th, St. Anthony Mary Claret

- 9:00 a.m. Daniel, Larissa & family by the Abeyta family
 † Santiago Telles by Jeannie Pinel
 † Bob Michael by Anita Michael
- 6:00 p.m. For all Military Personnel
- 8:15 a.m. Repose of the soul of Cripina Campbell
@ STAS † by Sr. Anne Louise, Staff & Students at STAS

Saturday October 25th, Weekday Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Juan Aragon birthday by the Aragon family
 † Pilar Chávez by John Chávez
- 5:00 p.m. † Edmund Saavedra by Mary Ann Saavedra
 † Amy Louise Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. F. Gentile
 † Susan Stamp by husband Jeffroy

Sunday October 26th, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna family
 † Sr. Geraldine Collins by the Moyna family
 † Pierre M. Thomas
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Susan Stamp by Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Korb Jr. & family
 † Joseph & Anna Ventura
 by Carlo & Jenny LiRosi & family
- 11:00 a.m. Special intentions & healing for my family & extended family by Gros & Baca family
 † Antonio & Felice Rodriguez & family members
 by Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Rodriguez
- 12:30 p.m. † Socorro Marrufo por Lupe Rivera
 For Charles & Lucy Griego for blessing in their marriage
 by friends
 † Gilberto F. Montaña by Leno & Amy Serrano & family
- 6:00 p.m. † J. Frank & Gloria Trujillo by Rita Harvey
 † Manuel Montoya by Connie Shapiro & Frances Jacques
 † Peter Guido by the Benavides & Muñoz family
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For the upcoming elections
- 11:00 a.m. Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta
@ SJV † Peggy Ward by Jack Ward & family
 †

ONGOING WEEKLY MEETINGS (Religious Education Building)

- Al-Anon: Thursdays, Noon, rm. 6
Bible Study: Jeannette, 892-1511 x104
Blue Army: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.;
Kathy-898-5591, Joann-899-9647
(Call Kathy or Joann with your prayer petitions.)
Rosary Makers: Fridays, 10 a.m., rm. 6 896-6127
(Father D'Arco Hall)
Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Thursdays, 7 p.m.
(Church)
Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

(Stewardship Focus continued from page 1)

We must always remember that it is for Him that we live 24/7, not just one hour on Sundays! And from that concept we have guidelines for our behavior in all aspects of our lives, even regarding our civic responsibility to vote!

We can't just vote for someone because of party loyalty, or how a 30 second TV spot touches us, or some distorted media report, and worst of all, the lies perpetuated in the latest e-mail messages. While chasing the truth seems daunting and many give up that chase, there are excellent sources of truth available to us.

One of the best sources is a local effort by Catholics for Catholics: www.catholicsvotecatholic.com. There you will find links to voters' guides, links to writings by well-know authors who explain why and how to vote with properly formed consciences, and even means to ask questions about the election! "We have a moral obligation to vote and to vote based on principle. Our U.S. bishops rightly 'urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest.' (U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, no. 34)"

If registered, you still have time left to make an effort to vote as a Catholic who strives to obey God and the Church's teachings, to live up to your role as a disciple of Christ, but you must take action! Go to the above web site; review the bulletin insert from last weekend, step up to your responsibilities as a true disciple. Doing so in this battleground state of New Mexico could well make the difference between electing a pro-life candidate or one who leans in the culture of death direction. Lives literally hang in the balance!

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

VOTE, BUT VOTE IN LINE WITH YOUR FAITH!

Still confused about this year's election? Don't know what your duties as a Catholic citizen are regarding voting? Do you want to have a clear conscience about playing your part in politics as a disciple of Christ?

You can clear all of your confusion up quickly and easily by going to www.catholicsvotecatholic.com. This is a web site created to bring truth to the process, to make voting easier for you with the goal of promoting the Church's values during a critical time in our nation's history.

Don't waste any more time on empty and false political advertisements. **Go for the truth and make your vote count for Christ!**

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.

NEW ADULT MINISTRIES ONLINE GROUP

Interested in what is happening in Adult Ministries? Visit our Adult Ministries Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AquinasAM/>, and, if you like what you see, please join. There is information about activities, classes, and meetings, as well as discussion on various topics.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

ADVENTURES IN ACTS!

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

Fridays, 10/10/08-3/27/09, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Meeting in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room, Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J, new members are still welcome! 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, AquinasAM@yahoo.com, or 892-1511, x104, to pre-register and order your kit.

Parish Directory

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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
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Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana Martinez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....	Jeannette Case Schlicher
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Around the Archdiocese

EVANGELIZATION: STEADFAST IN FAITH

In today's second reading St. Paul gives thanks for the steadfast faith the Thessalonians showed in a difficult pagan world. Unlike the world of the Thessalonians, there are many Christians in today's society. Most of us do not live in fear that we will be physically persecuted for our beliefs. However, we do live in a society marked by secularism that can prove a challenge to our religious faith. Are we steadfast in our faith when confronted by those people and events that would question our beliefs? Do we respond in love even when it is difficult?

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

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.



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.

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