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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:22-23

October 26th, 2008 A.D.  
 Thirtieth 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,

This Saturday is November 1st, the Feast of All Saints. Normally, it is a Holy Day of Obligation; however, as I am sure most of you are aware, in the United States, if some of the Holy Days fall on a Saturday or a Monday, we are excused from the obligation. ( But not the Immaculate Conception or Christmas. Yes, it is confusing.) Anyhow, the bottom line is this: this year there is no obligation to attend Mass on All Saints Day, November 1st.

Of course, I encourage everyone out of devotion to attend Mass on this day, when we honor the great heroes of our faith and ask their intercession on our behalf. The 6 pm Mass on Friday will be a low Mass of the vigil and the 9 am on Saturday will be a high Mass of the  
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## Stewardship Focus

### COMMANDED TO LOVE THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

"The kind of person who fulfills these two commandments experiences all commandments." Cyril of Alexandria, a 5<sup>th</sup> century Church father. Loving God and loving our neighbor is where our lives as disciples begin after the Eucharist. For the Eucharist, Christ is love!

Today's gospel quote is Christ's call to serve our fellow man. Can it be clearer than this? Most of us received Christ in the Eucharist at Mass today. Now, it is our call to live in Him as He lives in us, to follow Him as obedient and faithful servants. But what servant is faithful without serving?

God asks us to love as He loves, as Christ loved us enough to die for us! Everything He does for us is out of love. His generosity is infinite, but ours is too often minimal, nearly non-existent. After beginning our service with the Eucharist, we need to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives, to ask Him  
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feast.

This came up at Pastoral Council. We are going into the flu and cold season. This should remind us of a few things:

1. If we are really sick, we are automatically excused from Sunday Mass.
2. If our sickness is contagious, it is an act of charity to stay away from Mass.
3. If someone does not hug you or offer you their hand at the Sign of Peace, that does not necessarily mean they are unfriendly. It may be that they don't want to give you their cold!

Of course, pray unendingly for our nation as we approach our national election. May God give us wisdom!

A blessed week!  
Msgr. Doug Raun

**VOTING FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Our St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry decided to help voters **who are currently registered**, but can't easily get to the polling place. Call 892-1511 x363. One of our volunteers will contact you to make arrangements for taking you to vote.

Want to help? Leave a message at extension 362.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (FOR 2008)**

Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday morning, 9 November**, at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks **BACK** before going to bed Saturday night. If you don't, you'll be an hour **EARLY** to Mass!

**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."**

**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](mailto:Contact@stanm.org)

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

*Laurie L Christoffersen  
Nick J & Renee A. DeReu  
Joe E Engle  
Diane Y Gonzales  
Genaro & Maria de Carmen Guerrero, Sr.  
Susan K Parker  
Jason W & Amy M Podsednik  
Michael D & Jackie Puccette  
Abel A & Sandra S Soriano*

**FUNERALS**

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

+ *Mercedes Garza*  
+ *James Reddy*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass. Please call our Parish Office.  
*Hailey Elizabeth Baca*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.  
*2nd 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*  
*26 October—2 November*

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10  
/Mt 22:34-40  
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16  
Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30  
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35  
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11  
or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

## Upcoming Events

### ONE MORE NIGHT AT ACTS

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.

**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 (**28 October**) 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.

**CDA November meeting** Court St. Thomas Aquinas #2306 Tuesday, 4 November, 10:15 a.m. following the 9:00 Mass & Continental breakfast. Religious Ed #10.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

### 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 helping overcome barriers in my life!  
For helping my good friend's recovery!  
For bringing me to the Adoration Chapel!

### Perpetual Adoration Contacts

Pauline Salata: (Midnight-6 a.m.) at 892-0524

Louie & Terry Santa Maria: (6-12 p.m.) at 896-0307

e-mail: flagshipsm12659@msn.com

Paul & Anise Yarbrough: (Noon-6 p.m.) at 899-0981

e-mail: yarburro@msn.com

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 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

21/28 December-Christmas Break

### 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**.



### RIO RANCHO LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER

Join your fellow Christians at Sara & 528 today (1:30 p.m.) to show your love for life. Bring signs that say "Abortion Kills Children;" "Jesus Forgives and Heals" so those driving by can see. Isabel Herbelin 280-4445.

St. Thomas Aquinas School  
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221  
1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinasschool.org  
Where Faith & Knowledge Meet  
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

### TEAM UP WITH ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

There are many ways to support our Catholic school and one way you can help is by shopping at Smith's grocery store. This school year, Smith's will 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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

The YACG will have their semi-annual retreat the week of the 14-15 November. We will not meet the 28th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will pick up again in December. Hope to see you there! For more information, call 890-6574.

**BISHOP ASKS CATHOLIC VOTERS TO  
"SAVE OUR CHILDREN!"**

**Bishop Robert Hermann,**

**Archdiocesan Administrator, Archdiocese of St. Louis.**

**Published in the St. Louis Review 10 October 2008**

**Save our children!** More than anything else, this election is about saving our children or killing our children. This life issue is the overriding issue facing each of us in this coming election. **All other issues, including the economy, have to take second place to the issue of life!**

**Save our children!** Many people in Germany supported Hitler for economic reasons even though, as his programs advanced, he put to death millions of Jewish people. He ended up wrecking the economy together with the country of Germany. How are we different if we vote for pro-abortion candidates for office? How can we help change our political and legal situation to protect innocent children and support a culture of life?

May I suggest that you join me and many others in **praying the Rosary daily** from now until election day for the sake of life. Why not pray the family Rosary every night between now and the general election. The Rosary brought down the Iron Curtain. It can also help us turn around the culture of death to a culture of life.

Prayer is our protection. Let it also be a protection for our country. **Save our children! Pray the Rosary!**

Edited from an article at [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

Please call me, Maura Jans, at 892-3267, if you would like to know who the pro-life presidential candidate is and who the pro-death/"pro-choice" candidate is. May God bless the U.S.A. and may Catholics vote Catholic!

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](mailto:sallysowerofseeds@gmail.com), or go to: [www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque](http://www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque).



# Mass Intentions

## 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. Montañó by Leno & Amy Serrano & family
- 6:00 p.m.    † J. Frank & Gloria Trujillo by Rita Harvey  
 † Manuel Montoya by Connie Shapiro & Frances Jacquez  
 † 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

## Monday      October 27th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    † Walter Pochron by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cywinski  
     Adam, Lori & family by the Abeyta family  
 † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
- 6:00 p.m.    † Raul Gutierrez by wife Francine & children Raul Jr.,  
     Christopher, & Damian  
 † Andrea Martinez by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Montoya  
     For the adoption of Antoinette M. Rubolino Althaus  
     by Bryan & Deborah
- 7:15 a.m.    @ STAS For our Filippini Sisters, teachers, and staff

## Tuesday      October 28th, Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles

- 9:00 a.m.    † Helen Wrobel by the family  
     In thanksgiving to St. Jude by Merlinda  
     Teresa Sype by Marian Sype
- 6:00 p.m.    † John Budagher by Frances  
 † Linda Budagher by Mom
- 7:15 a.m.    @ STAS For our military personnel

## Wednesday      October 29th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    † Josephine Del Vecchio by Mr. Louis Del Vecchio  
     Francis Swinarsky for a successful surgery by his wife  
     For the deceased and living members of Marion Sype
- 6:00 p.m.    † Mike Garcia by the Casillas family  
 † John Flowers by Jerry Miller  
     For the Karl Kelly family by Elaine Jones
- 8:15 a.m.    @ STAS

## Thursday      October 30th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    CDA, Court #2306 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
     For special intentions by M. Sype  
 † Evangeline Miller by Dorothy O'Neal

- 6:00 p.m.    Josephine Di Blasi by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi  
 † Zenon Trust by Niemczak family

- 7:15 a.m.    Repose of the Soul of José N. Real  
 @ STAS      by Martin & Lorrie Sedillo

## Friday      October 31st, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.    † Wayne E. Hanson In loving memory  
     by his Wife & family  
     Peter Daniel Moyna by Kathleen Moyna  
 † Ramon Gonzales by Larry & Carol Larson

- 6:00 p.m.    For all Military Personnel

- 8:15 a.m.    @ STAS For all of our parish clergy

## Saturday      November 1st, All Saints (not a holy day of obligation)

- 9:00 a.m.    For Living & Deceased members  
     of the Altar & Rosary Society  
 † Louis Maldonado by his children  
 † Amado Bagood by the Sutherland family
- 5:00 p.m.    † Parents of Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Orłowicz  
 † Edmund Saavedra by Mary Ann Saavedra  
 † Susan Stamp by Jeoffrey

## Sunday      November 2nd, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

- 7:00 a.m.    † Cismoski & Green Family by Irene Green  
     Jeff Moyna happy birthday by Mom & Dad  
 † Kukowski family by Frank P. Kukowski
- 9:00 a.m.    For the People of the Parish by CDA, STA Court #2603  
 † Peter Kraft by Tim & Mary Davidson  
 † Gladys Mandel by her husband Stephen Mandel
- 11:00 a.m.    Special intentions & healing for my family & extended  
     family by Gros & Baca family  
 † Amado, Honorate, & Juanita Bagood  
     by the Sutherland family  
     Manuel & Mary Mendoza 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (14  
     October) by the family
- 12:30 p.m.   † Paul Trujillo by Irma Trujillo & family  
 † Julian Martinez by Mom, Dad, & family  
     All souls in purgatory by Henry
- 6:00 p.m.    † Robert J. Valencia by the family  
     For the adoption of Antoinette M. Rubolino Althaus  
     by Bryan & Deborah  
 † Deceased members of the Negri family  
     by Mr. & Mrs. Negri
- 8:00 a.m.    † @ SJV Joseph Ortiz by Leo & Patsy
- 11:00 a.m.    To our dear parents by Pat & Nora Shannon  
 @ SJV      † Richard Fusco by Loraine & Nick Augusta

### **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

### **COMMANDED TO LOVE THROUGH STEWARDSHIP**

(Stewardship Focus continued from page 1)  
how we serve our Lord in love.

The following prayer was recited before every session of this year's International Catholic Stewardship Council's annual conference. It is excellent for every steward, every true disciple of Christ. Pray this; believe this; live this. It will bring both peace and untold blessings in your life.

"Gracious God, you sent us St. Paul to preach the Gospel, inspire us in faith, and show us the way to be good stewards of Your grace. In our time together, show us how to be fervent ambassadors of Christ, Your Son.

Grant us the wisdom to recognize that through His Gift of the Eucharist there is one bread and we are one body. Give us the courage to proclaim the Good News in word and deed.

And in the spirit of St. Paul, teach us to live, no longer for ourselves, but in Christ Jesus who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Living this prayer faithfully will ensure you live in Christ's love and in the two first commandments that He taught us. Are you a true disciple of Christ ready to commit your service, your love, your time, talent, and treasure to Him?

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](mailto:Stewardship@stanm.org).

**Frassati Academy, a new concept in Catholic homeschooling**, will continue to accept applications throughout the school year. There are offerings for Elementary through High School. We offer classes every Tuesday at the Religious Education Building after the 9 a.m. Mass. For more information call Janice Martinez at 352-0698 or Chris LaLonde 891-1488.

### **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](http://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.

### **PRAYER FOR THE PRIESTHOOD**

Priesthood Sunday, 26 October, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Priests for Life invites you to join our Novena for Priests. You can say the special prayer below.

*Father, You sent your Son Jesus Christ to be our High Priest, and you gave us the gift of the priesthood To continue his saving work. Bless our priests, and give us more of them. Make them holy. Strengthen them to proclaim the Gospel of Life, and to defend the rights of all, especially the unborn. Bring us, your priests and people to the life that never ends. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Send us names of priests you want remembered in our prayer intentions, as well as your favorite priest stories. Who are the priests you want us to know about, and what are the things they have done to show the truth and compassion of Christ, the Good Shepherd? [www.priestsforlife.org/novenas](http://www.priestsforlife.org/novenas)

## 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 GREAT COMMANDMENT**

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees trying to test Jesus ask which of the 613 Judaic laws were the most important. Jesus responds by saying that the entire law and words of the prophets are based on Loving God completely and Loving Neighbor as you love yourself. This is the Great Commandment of Love. Both laws carry equal weight, both must be obeyed. Each time we give of our time, our money, our food, our clothing or our abilities, God works through us to answer our neighbor's needs. When we allow for God to work through us we grow closer to Him, loving him more deeply.

CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.

CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.

St. Pius X High School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for supporting the school's Annual Educational Fund Drive Raffle this year. With your generosity the St. Pius X raffle sale was a huge success, raising over \$142,000. This year's winner of the 2009 Pontiac Vibe was Mary Beall. Second prize of \$500 was Kevin Pflaum, and third prize of \$100 was William Saiz. Thank you for supporting Catholic education and Albuquerque's only Catholic high school!

### **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.

### **GET YOUR COPY OF THE ELECTION NOVENA**

Pray for justice, peace, and life with the **Novena for Faithful Citizenship**. Download the Podcast and join Catholics throughout the United States in prayer, beginning Tuesday, 2 September, nine weeks before the election. [www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/) podcasts for text and audio versions or send an e-mail message to [newsletter4@stanm.org](mailto:newsletter4@stanm.org). Options include:  
\* Start the Novena on any day of the week, whenever people gather, and pray on that day every week.  
\* Begin praying the Novena on 26 October, nine days before the election, and continue each consecutive day.  
\* Create any combination that works for you and your community—and feel free to pray the Novena more than once: "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thes. 5:17).

## 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