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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
 and I will not reject anyone who comes to me...”

John 6:37

November 2nd, 2008 A.D.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
 (All Souls)

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"So I think that people who claim...that supporting an outspoken defender of legal abortion is somehow 'pro-life,' are not just wrong; they're betraying the witness of every person who continues the work of defending the unborn child. And I hope they know how to explain that, because someday they'll be required to."
 Archbishop Charles J. Chaput



Pastor's Corner



My dear family,

Every year our mother the Church gives us this sad and solemn day to remind us of our duty to pray for the faithful departed.

In the Old Testament we are told "It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 44-45) So have the Christian faithful always done, from the ancient Church to our own day. From the second century AD we know that the early Christians took great care to pray for the departed, especially by having the Mass offered for their souls.

It is an article of Catholic Faith (defined by the Council of Trent) that there is a Purgatory, where the faithful who die in the state of grace but still unrepentant of venial sins or still needing to do penance, are purified
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Stewardship Focus

COMING TO THE LORD AS TEMPLES

What does it mean to “come to the Lord?” Perhaps one of the best answers might be to “**Answer His call.**” That “call” comes to us in many ways. For most of us, it’s not an earth-shattering experience. More likely it is a conversion over time, a message that often takes a long time to sink in. The Bible describes the call the Hebrews had from God and their numerous failures to answer His repeated calls as they journeyed to the promised land.

Our personal journeys are often the same. We hear God’s call in the Word proclaimed at Mass or a fine homily, yet once outside the church exits, that call disappears into the noise of our lives, forgotten or misplaced as we return our focus on ourselves, **rather than answering God’s call.**

I received a message from a parish member recently who described her conversations with a wide variety of other members who felt they didn’t need to read about stewardship every week in
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before entering Heaven. (It is important to remember that everyone in Purgatory is saved, and will go to heaven.) It is also an article of faith that we the faithful on earth can help the souls in Purgatory by our prayers, especially by remembering them at Holy Mass.

The Church shows its concern on this day by the ancient custom of requesting all the pastors offer three Masses for the faithful departed. (In fact, there are only two days in the year when a priest, apart from the pastoral needs of the people, may say three Masses instead of [normal] one—today and Christmas.)

It is a great act of love to remember the departed in prayer, even as we wish to be prayed for after we leave this earth. Their names should be on our lips in our daily prayers; we should never attend Mass without mentioning them to God, and it is a most beautiful thing to have the Mass offered for them, on this day and at least annually on the anniversary on their death.

If we visit a cemetery from November 1st to November 8th to pray for the dead, we may gain a plenary indulgence for the departed, under the usual conditions (Communion, an Our Father and Apostles Creed for the intentions of the Pope, and Confession within a week before or after the visit.)

Speaking of the faithful departed, we received the sad news of the death of a great benefactor of this parish—Mr. Tony Hillerman. Mr. Hillerman—who many of you know as the author of numerous popular detective novels—did not belong to our parish. However, when he learned about us opening our new school, he gave us well over \$250,000 for the school and convent. He always asked that we keep his donations anonymous. Please remember this good man's soul in your prayers.

OK - something a little more light-hearted:

"What's the difference between a regular priest and a Monsignor?" Answer: "None, though most Monsignors forget that." And for those of you who like my purple cassock, our Lord described Monsignori thus: "They toil not, neither do they spin, yet I tell you even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these."

And yes, this Tuesday is Election Day. Vote! Vote with a conscience formed with Catholic values. Pray that the Holy Spirit guide all our fellow citizens. Remember my favorite quote from St. John of Kanty: "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

A blessed week! Msgr. Doug Raun

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Eric A & Nilesni D Armstrong

Roger T & Eileen F Dustan

Oma C Gallegos

Yolanda M Lucero

Jose & Tiffany Maestas

Michael D & Jackie Puccette

Dustin M & Francesca M Turcich

FUNERALS

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

+ *Eunice Douthett*

+ *Victoria Sequist*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Jordan Dakota Michael Carson

Anya Marie Cordova

Abril Juan Diego Peña Hernandez

Brook Lynn Sarah Maestas

Seamus Miles Paterniti

Olivia Esperanza Sanchez

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

3rd Banns: Taralyn Muniz & Chad Manges

VOTING FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry members volunteered 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 892-1511 extension 362.

Next Week's Readings

2-9 November

Sunday: 2 Mac 12:43-46/1 Thes 4:13-18/
Jn 6:37-40

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16 17/
Jn 2:13-22

Upcoming Events

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 8 & 9 NOVEMBER
8 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

Fr. D'Arco Hall, 1502 Sara Rd Se

Select from the work of local artisans and crafters.

Offering; pottery, jewelry, flower arrangements, stained & painted glass, wooden art, hand sewn articles, ceramics, Christmas items and much more.

Everyone is welcome!

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.

ANNUAL SSVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul began its drive for the needy Monday, 27 October. Please place **non-perishable items** in baskets in the church vestibules.

Note this change: Since freezer space is very limited, do not bring **frozen turkeys or other perishables** until **17-21 November**, distribution day. Please consider donating food gift cards which you can bring or mail to the parish office any time. Call the SSVdP at 892-0526 for further information.

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.

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.

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.

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

NOVEMBER LITURGICAL EVENTS

- 2nd** +All Souls Day 9:00 a.m. High Mass
- 9th** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 23rd** Feast of Christ the King
& Sacrificial Giving Sunday
- 27th** Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. Mass only
- 30th** First Sunday of Advent

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:
For recruiting my son with his family!
For helping my friend conceive a blessed child!
For friendship & fellowship of our parish members!
For providing me inner peace!
For negative test results!
For my family and your part in my life!
For my husband's conversion!

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.

You can help close these available hours!

"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: 1-15 November Barbara Montañó

Virgin II: 1-15 November Stella Manzanares

TABERNACLE FLOWERS: 1-7 November: for all living and deceased Priests from St. Thomas Aquinas Church by Altar and Rosary Society. 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.



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.

First Friday Rosary Notice

Please come to Mass on First Friday, November 7th and stay to pray the rosary with the Respect Life Committee! Pray a decade or five or all 20 as a beautiful gift to Our Lady and as a powerful plea for the end of the scourge of abortion, the protection of our troops and for holy vocations.

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

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.

The YACG will have their semi-annual retreat the week of 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.

Imagine someone running for office who did not believe in legally protecting the lives of African-Americans or Hispanics or Asians or Protestants or Catholics or Jews? We allow people to run for office who do not believe in legally protecting the life of the most innocent, the most defenseless of human beings, the unborn?

Suppose in the days of slavery, could you imagine President Lincoln saying, "Well, I've decided to leave this up to every individual slave owner. Let each individual slave owner consult with his pastor and make a decision about slavery". We abolished slavery because we knew that it was wrong.

Heard in the homily given by Msgr. Bob Gust, Archdiocese of New Orleans, EWTN Mass on 10-23-08.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER RALLY

When: Sun., Nov. 2nd 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: 625 San Mateo Blvd., Albuquerque

We thank all those who have been participating in the Albuquerque 40 DAYS FOR LIFE prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood on San Mateo Blvd.

We will close the 40 Days Prayer campaign with a prayer rally in front of PDL and Planned Parenthood at 625 San Mateo Blvd., ABQ. We will pray for the intercession of our Lord and Blessed Mother in the 4 November elections and in thanksgiving for all the babies saved by the presence of many prayer warriors at abortion facilities around our nation.

Please come and join us on 2 November For more information, call PDL at 266-4100.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS MONTHLY PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL Saturday, 8 November

You are invited to join Father Joe Vigil, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, as he celebrates Mass at 8:00 a.m. at San Ignacio Church at 1300 Walter St. NE, ABQ. We will have Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration following Mass, then a Rosary Procession to the nearby abortion mill. There will be Benediction upon our return and a social. Come to this peaceful and prayerful pro-life family event.

STAR LIFE MONTHLY MEETING

All parishioners are invited to join the St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, **5 November at 7:00 p.m.** in the St; Lucy Filippini Room next to the Parish Offices. We will discuss the election results and make future plans. The meeting will last one hour.

The people listed below are our beloved who left this life for the next during the past year. We ask that you pray for them and all the dearly departed, especially today.



Hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and Sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

1-Dec-07 Winifred Allen	15-Jan-08 John Momchin	31-Aug-08 Fredeswinda "Fredie" Pallottino
1-Jan-08 Vera Bahr	30-Oct-07 Peter Moyna	2-Feb-08 Anthony Paradiso
9-Mar-08 Leonard Baker	4-May-08 William Nazeres	18-Nov-07 Claudia Penna
14-Mar-08 Sebastian Ballistri,	31-Jul-08 Joseph Pallotino	29-Dec-07 Virginia Raybon
2-Mar-08 Crisanto Barroga	27-Sep-08 Raul Gutierrez	27-Apr-08 Angelo Reyes
31-Aug-08 Bellerby, Thomas	8-Jan-08 Iva Hartranft	28-Oct-07 Carlos Reyes
14-Apr-08 Joseph Bonadonna	30-Jun-08 Margaret Hume	28-Jan-08 Suzanne Romero
10-Nov-07 Richard C. Booker	24-Jun-08 Amy Louise Johnson	21-Mar-08 Videll Saiz
30-Sep-08 Ann Buckley	7-Jul-08 Rosie Kellogg	13-May-08 Edward Sanchez
28-Oct-07 John Budagher	31-Mar-08 William Koehler	30-Oct-07 Sanchez, Marie T.
30-Jan-08 Charles Robert Bush	31-Aug-08 Annabelle Koury	31-Jul-08 Evelyn Schnick
15-Dec-07 Katherine Carbo	13-Mar-08 Dorothy Kusak	25-Oct-08 Victoria Sequist
3-Dec-07 Flora Castro	28-Apr-08 Mary Jane Lifschultz	7-Dec-07 Paul Santiago Serna
8-Mar-08 Ologia Chavez	26-Feb-08 Anthony "Tony" Lioce	4-Aug-08 Susan Stamp
23-Aug-08 Jose M. Cisneros	3-Jun-08 Audrianna Lujan	25-Aug-08 Elizabeth Stapleton
7-Sep-08 Maria Clark	19-Sep-08 Luis Maldonado	14-Mar-08 Alfonso Tedesco
3-Jul-08 Annie Clokey	30-Apr-08 Helen Malinowski	23-Jan-08 Kelly Terry-Jimenez
5-Aug-08 Lillian Cox	6-Mar-08 Edward Marez	27-Mar-08 Elsie Torres
24-Apr-08 Michael Dinallo	13-Jul-08 David Martinez	10-Jul-08 Rumelda Trujillo
5-Jan-08 Nancy Engle	25-Apr-08 Maxine Martinez	5-Dec-07 Alberto Valdez
6-Jul-08 Gloria Esposito	17-Feb-08 Sally Martinez	1-Jul-08 Antoinette Valentine
5-Jun-08 Susan Flores	7-Jan-08 Leokadea Matejczuk	11-Jun-08 William Edward "Eddie" Vasquez, Jr
28-Jun-08 Richard Fusco	30-Oct-07 Harold S. McFeeters	7-Jan-08 Helen Ver Eecike
19-Mar-08 Antonio Gallegos Jr.	22-Jan-08 Kathryn Meegan	25-Oct-07 John Walsh
20-Nov-07 Karen Gallegos	8-Nov-07 John Millea Leonard Aaron	8-May-08 Chester Wrobel
29-Jul-08 John Ginan	7-Jun-08 Milligan	28-Oct-07 Helen Wrobel
26-Dec-07 Carmen Gonzales	31-Dec-07 Carmen Mills 4	7-Feb-08 Mary Zimmerman

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



AFTER THE 6:00 p.m. MASSES

Next Life Teen: 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**.



St. Thomas Aquinas School
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Where Faith & Knowledge Meet
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

The St. Thomas Aquinas Student Council in cooperation with **Alpha Delta Kappa** (Gamma chapter) recently held a school-wide drive to collect basic school supplies for homeless children in Albuquerque. The Council received the following letter from the chapter secretary.

Dear Mrs. Rickard and Students of St. Thomas Aquinas: We are thrilled to thank the Student Council and the students of St. Thomas Aquinas, for the generous gift of school supplies for our Albuquerque homeless children. We are overjoyed with your incredibly generous donations! The homeless children of Albuquerque will be proud to carry and use the supplies provided by you. We cannot thank you enough for the energy, effort, planning and selflessness with which your gifts have been offered. May God bless you always for setting the example!

With love & joy, Kathy Pardue, Corresponding Secretary, Alpha Delta Kappa-Gamma



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 Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy. Please drop off your items in the Religious Education Building in Room 7 (the large room).

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher
892-1511 x104
AquinasAM@yahoo.com



Mass Intentions

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 the Gros & Baca family
 † Amado, Honorate, & Juanita Bagood by the Sutherland family
 Manuel & Mary Mendoza 60th 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

Monday November 3rd, Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Terry & Mike Bird 18th Wedding Anniversary by Jane
 † Bob Wicken by Nila Baker
 † Peg Marecki by Nila Baker
- 6:00 p.m. † Andy Armijo by Catherine Flores
 † Robert Brown retired Chief Master Sergeant by Janice Waite
 † Noreen Garvey by Victoria Clark
- 7:15 a.m. † Tony Hillerman by Msgr. Raun

Tuesday November 4th, Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

- 9:00 a.m. † James Scott Denman happy birthday by the Denman family
 † Kathleen Mulhall by Jo Madden
 † Peg Marecki by Marguerite & Liz Hendren
- 6:00 p.m. † Vicente Armijo by Antonia Armijo
 Fr. Jeffrey Whorton & family for their intentions by Eileen Lujan
 † June Timblin by Jerry Miller
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS no Mass

Wednesday November 5th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Joseph & Anna Scherer by Marian & Bob Kohl
 Jane Ricci birthday
 † Clifford Ricci by wife Jane
- 6:00 p.m. † Mamie Mulhall by Jo Madden
 † Robert Clickner 3rd anniversary by Regina & family
 Terry & Kathleen Guebert 37th wedding anniversary
- 8:15 a.m. @ STAS For missionaries around the world

Thursday November 6th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Robert Ganssle
 † Flávio & Flora Montañó by Merlinda Salazar
 † Bernard McEneely by wife Patricia

- 6:00 p.m. † Vicente Armijo by Antonia Armijo
 † Manuela Luna by the Murphy family
 † Robert Trujillo 1st anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Felix Archibeque & family
- 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For an increase in rain for all of New Mexico
- Friday November 7th, Weekday
- 9:00 a.m. † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane
 God's blessing for our children, especially for Michael in the seminary by the Niemczak family
 † Souls of Wladek, Jan, Walery, Lambert & all souls in purgatory by the Niemczak family

- 6:00 p.m. † For the soul of Leokadia Matejczuk by son & family
 Ernesto Troya by Henry
 Msgr. Raun, Fr. Mansfield & Fr. DePalma by Eileen Lujan

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

Saturday November 8th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. † Jack Green by Irene Green
 Angel Gonzalez happy 15th birthday by Mom, Dad & sisters
 † John Millea by Florence
- 5:00 p.m. † Manuel Montoya by Eddie & Evelyn Vasquez
 Anthony Di Blasi 86th birthday by Marie Di Blasi
 † Richard Jones by Elaine Jones

Sunday November 9th, the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica In Rome

- 7:00 a.m. † Susan Stamp by husband Geoffrey
 Lawrence Hebel
 † Ann Gleeson by Lee & Barb Dudewicz
- 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Martin C. Darbro by Jeannette & Rex Schlicher
 † Michael Scotto by Patricia McEneely
- 11:00 a.m. † Carmela & Salvatore Lerosi by son Carlo & daughter Jenney & family
 Special intentions & healing for my family & extended family by Gros & Baca family
 To the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Evangeline Tripp
- 12:30 p.m. † Julio Streppone by wife Patricia
 † Francisco Baros by wife Helen & children Francisco & Inez Baros
 † Leo P. Ortiz by wife Patricia Ortiz
- 6:00 p.m. Donna Crank by Jeannette Schlicher
- 8:00 a.m. @ SJV For the unborn
- 11:00 a.m. † @ 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

COMING TO THE LORD AS TEMPLES

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our bulletin. The messages were “too frequent” and “too long.” Believe me, I would prefer not spending each week reviewing the Sunday readings to discern how a quote from them relates to stewardship.

But then, I consider the reality of how we as a parish “come to the Lord” through stewardship. Many of us must admit that we have not even heard, let alone responded to, that call. The mission of, the reason for these columns is not for the Church, **but for each one of us!** We all need to remember that we are here on earth to answer God’s call, because **we all want to avoid Jesus rejecting us; we all need to come to Him!**

God has calls each of us and designs each of us to seek His eternal salvation. And we do this **by serving Him.** One of the essential ways we do this is through being good stewards of His gifts. We come to the Lord **in what we do**, not what we say. We come to the Lord **in our actions as disciples** and those actions primarily constitute our lives as good stewards.

Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist are only the beginning of our coming to Christ. We next must add prayer, continuous learning about our faith, and putting all of this **into action. We disciples live in Christ when we use our gifts in His name.** Are you using His gifts of time, talent, and treasure in His name?

In just three weeks you will be asked to make a sacrificial giving commitment for 2009. Now is the time to review your commitment for 2008 and make any necessary adjustments. Now is the time to look at 2009 and discern **your response to Christ’s call.**

Now is the time to become ready to commit to returning a portion of His gift of treasure that will enable you to come to Christ. Discern now the amount that will bring you joy in giving in God’s name. **Jesus will not reject anyone who truly come to Him through being compassionate, merciful, and generous!**

Bill Mader, Communications & Development
892-15111 x115 Bill.Mader@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? Not certain 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 and approved by Archbishop Sheehan to make voting easier for you. Its goal is 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.



Third Quarter Staff Birthday Party

(left to right)

Jeannie Pinel, Fr. Jeff Whorton,
Laura Smith, Sister Alma Blume
(all pictures in color in bulletins at www.stanm.org)

Cans for Cubs

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

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! As you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please say a special prayer for those in need. **Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.**

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: PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

The writer of second Maccabees assumed that praying for the dead was an accepted practice (2 Mc 12:44-45). St. Paul also assumed that praying for the dead was unquestionably accepted. He used this practice to support the validity of the Lord's promise to raise us from the dead (1 Cor 15:29). We know from early Christian history that the Gospel writers believed too, that we should pray for the dead. The Catholic practice of praying for the dead, then, is an ancient one that unites all believers in a special way, beyond time and space. It remains a comforting practice as we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us.

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.

EXPERIENCE A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FREE!

The Marriage Encounter Board of Directors passed a motion allowing couples who wanted to, but could not afford it, the opportunity to live the Marriage Encounter weekend free. There will be a required deposit of \$50.00 to register for the weekend. At the end of the weekend (and if you complete it) your deposit will be refunded. The weekend date is Saturday and Sunday the 8&9 November.

Only 25 couples will be allowed to attend this Marriage Encounter weekend so register early. You can register by calling Scott & Patti at 899-8593 or by calling the Family Life Office at 831-8117. *You can also register on line at www.archdiocesasantafe.org. Under quick links on the left side of the page, click on workshops register & pay on line. Then complete the registration form.*

You can obtain more information about Marriage Encounter by contacting the reservation couple, the Family Life Office, or visiting the web site.

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.

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