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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.” 1 Cor 3:16-17

**November 9th, 2008 A.D.**

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome  
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Stewardship is a spiritual attitude about who we are, what we have, their source, and our grateful response.*



## Pastor’s Corner



My dear family,

Today we celebrate an odd-sounding feast day: the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Why is this feast day so important that it takes the place of the normal "green" Sunday celebration?

First, a little history lesson. Back around the year 320 AD, the Pope had no building to serve as his cathedral in Rome. Therefore, the Emperor Constantine gave to the Pope a basilica. (At that time, the word "basilica" simply meant a large public hall. In time it came to mean a large, important church building. Nowadays, only the Pope can give a church the honorary title of "basilica".) The basilica the Emperor gave the Pope was built by the Laterini family, so it was called "The Lateran". When it

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## Stewardship Focus

### EVEN MORE SO NOW!

Crises often make us turn inward; we try to dig deeply **within ourselves** to find solutions. Those solutions often come up empty and we’re surprised at their failure or lack of results. Should we really be surprised? God tells us to seek solace **in Him**; we’re supposed to go **to Him** for help, **even more so now!**

As we approach Sacrificial Giving Sunday, especially in economic times like these, this is an important lesson to remember. Many charities are contracting their expectations for donations, but they are different from Christ’s Church. **His Church** doesn’t ask for our funding to meet its needs when attending to stewardship, it simply wants us to live a life that considers God’s generosity and to have us give back part of that generosity **because of our need to give; because we are grateful disciples for His many gifts!**

This is a difficult concept for us to grasp. Today’s readings, all dealing with a temple, can help us understand.  
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became the Pope's cathedral, it was dedicated to St. John—therefore the name "St. John Lateran."

And to this day it remains the Cathedral of Rome. (Not St. Peter's! St. Peter's is where the Pope now lives, and St. Peter's is much bigger than St. John's; so most of the important liturgies take place there, but St. John Lateran is still the Cathedral of Rome.) That is why its dedication is celebrated throughout the world—as the Cathedral of the Mother Church of Rome, it holds the first place of honor of all the church buildings in the world.

This feast is a day of expressing our love and loyalty to our Holy Father the Pope (it's his cathedral!); our loyalty to the Holy See of Rome, the Church founded by Sts. Peter and Paul, the Church which is the Mother and Teacher of all Catholic Christians, and it is also a day to reflect on the meaning and holiness of our own church building, the House of God, where the Lord dwells always with us in the Blessed Sacrament.

A blessed week to you all!

Msgr. Doug Raun



Do you have a copy of the latest xaltar CD? It's great! **"The best to date! Really cool! Catholic music I've been waiting for!"** These are just a few of the comments **Fr. Scott Mansfield** has received on the new CD. All proceeds benefit the **St. John Vianney Building fund**.

You can purchase the new CD at the **Parish Office** or at **Holy Family Religious Store**, 9469 Coors Blvd NW, just north of Irving. And your purchase matters! Over \$10,000 from **Blood of the Martyr (still available)** proceeds went into the SJV Building Fund, dollars that help make the building above possible.

Thanks for your support! And don't forget to stop by either location above to get your copy of *Get God*. You'll enjoy the music and help support a very worthy cause.

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

*Jose R & Librada Arana*

*Benjamin S & Dolores A Duran*

*Oma C Gallegos*

*Robert A & Theresa M Lucero*

*Jacqueline S Ramseur*

*Josephine J San Diego*

*Amore & Virginia Sanchez*

*Vannessa A Wright*

## FUNERALS

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

*Jaylyn Alicia Alire*

*Jasmine Fedelina Estrella Casados*

*Madelynn Catherine Marino*

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

**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)

## 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!**

## Next Week's Readings

9-16 November

Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## Upcoming Events

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW SUNDAY 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!

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY RELIGIOUS ITEMS SALE

Stop by the A&RS tables today at the craft show.

You'll find great gifts and the proceeds support the A&RS mission.

### ANNUAL SSVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has begun its drive for the needy. 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.

### YOUNG AT HEART

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



**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

**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 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

The following is a list of hours where we need extra help in the adoration chapel. These hours are occupied by one person at present, but we want to secure them with two. Also, if you visit the chapel, PLEASE sign in. If you don't and the sign in sheet shows nothing for a certain hour, we have no choice but to think that Jesus was left alone. Thank you!

Sunday 1, 2, & 3 a.m., 8 p.m.

Monday 4 and 6 p.m.

Tuesday 12 Noon, 1, 3, and 10 p.m.

Thursday 11 p.m.

Saturday 3, 4, & 6, and 8 p.m.

**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.

**Adoration Chapel Candles**--please call the parish office at 892-1511.

Marriage & Family Life Deacon Hill 8921511 x103  
Deacon.Hill@stanm.org



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.

#### **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES**

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:  
For keeping my family healthy!  
For my family and friends!  
For bringing me back to you and keeping my job!  
For saving the baby!  
For saving my son!  
For bringing my fiancé back to me!  
For our son-in-law Joseph's (miracle) job!

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.

Culture of Life Corner  
Maura Jans 892-3267 mcjans1@hotmail.com

Father, we pray for all those who were elected last week to public office, that God's word may guide their decisions and that they may be faithful to their primary responsibility to protect human rights, starting with the right to life itself.

#### **LEADERSHIP AND LIFE**

“We are blessed in the 21st century with crystal-clear photographs and action films of the living realities within their pregnant mothers. No one with the slightest measure of integrity or honor could fail to know what these marvelous beings manifestly, clearly, and obviously are, as they smile and wave into the world outside the womb.

In simplest terms, they are human beings with an inalienable right to live....They are not parts of their mothers, and what they are depends not at all upon the opinions of theologians of any faith. Anyone who dares to defend that they may be legitimately killed because another human being “chooses” to do so or for any other equally ridiculous reason should not be providing leadership in a civilized democracy worthy of the name.”--Cardinal Edward Egan, Archbishop of New York (Press release, August 26, 2008).

Taken from Father Frank Pavone,  
[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).  
May God bless America!



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

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



**AFTER THE 6:00 p.m. MASSES**  
**No Life Teen 7-9 November-Life Teen Fall Retreat!**  
**Next Life Teen is on 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**.



### 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas School  
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221  
1100 Hood Road [www.stthomasaquinasschool.org](http://www.stthomasaquinasschool.org)  
Where Faith & Knowledge Meet  
Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

### HarvestFest 2008

Pumpkins, goldfish and pies in the face highlighted the Autumn celebration at St. Thomas Aquinas this fall. Hundreds of students and parents displayed their school spirit, participating in one of the most anticipated events of the year. Many thanks to our parents, who kindly donated items for the cake walk and raffle. The ball toss for the prize of a goldfish was the hottest event at HarvestFest, with many parents taking home a new family pet in addition to their children! Much appreciation also for Parent Club President Mary Baca, holiday committee coordinator, Monica Yamada, and their committee volunteers for helping to make HarvestFest such a success!

Children's Religious Education  
Phone - 892-1497 [CRE@stanm.org](mailto:CRE@stanm.org)

Religious Education Classes close for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Tuesday, 25 November and resume on Tuesday, 2 December.

Children in Grades 3-8 will do their Advent Confession 2-4 December.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher  
892-1511 x104  
[AquinasAM@yahoo.com](mailto:AquinasAM@yahoo.com)

### 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.



# Mass Intentions

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

7:00 a.m.    † Susan Stamp by husband Jeffrey 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

Monday      November 10th, Saint Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the Church (Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time)

9:00 a.m.    † Peg Marecki by Marguerite & Liz Hendren  
 † Paul Muir by Valerie Gross  
 † In Memory of Maria Alvarez by Mary Alvarez

6:00 p.m.      Ana Martinez for intentions by Eileen Lujan  
 † Marge Homrich by Lois Homrich  
 For the End of Abortion & in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Jerry Miller

7:15 a.m.      @ STAS For the homeless

Tuesday      November 11th, Saint Martin of Tours, bishop

9:00 a.m.      Robert & Sandra Hoover by Mom & Dad  
 † John Pignataro by Sandy Pignataro.  
 † Juan José Carrejo 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary by Viola Carrejo

6:00 p.m.      Fr. Anthony Bolman by Eileen Lujan  
 Joseph Haynes happy birthday by Phil & Cecilia Kahle  
 Alicia Tierney & family

7:15 a.m.      @ STAS For all students

Wednesday    November 12th, Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr

9:00 a.m.    † Philip M. Groenewold by wife Jeanne  
 Lorraine Wholley by Robert Homrich  
 Paul Muir by Valerie Gros

6:00 p.m.      For all the Deacons of our parish by Eileen Lujan  
 † Fr. Edward Wawrzynski by Marie & Joe Pennington  
 † Paul Muir by Val Gros

8:15 a.m.    † @ STAS Tony Hillerman by the students at STAS

Thursday      November 13th, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

9:00 a.m.    † Camille Cywinski by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cywinski  
 † John Millea by Robert Homrich  
 † James Reddy by Leonard & Sally Horner

6:00 p.m.    † Paul Muir by Val Gros  
 † Andrew & Manuel López by Pauline López  
 † Ruben, Rose & Ruben Jr. Manzanares by Pauline Lopez

7:15 a.m.      @ STAS For our military personnel

Friday          November 14th, Weekday

9:00 a.m.    † Mr. & Mrs. Vincent & Grace Barone by daughter Lisa  
 † Gabriel Sanchez by Nila Baker  
 † James Reddy by the Ferdinand family

6:00 p.m.    † Sr. Rosalie Vigil by Pauline López  
 † Peg Marecki by Christine Perez

8:15 a.m.    † Ronie Sullivan by Henry  
 @ STAS      † Tony Hillerman by the faculty & staff at STAS

Saturday      November 15th, Weekday

9:00 a.m.    † Martha Dawson Swanson 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
                   by Ernesto & Elena Duran  
 Genevieve Konkal for Healing by Lois Homrich  
 † Jody Bannon by Judy Crowder

5:00 p.m.    † Amy Louise Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. F. Gentile  
 Dolores Pusch by her daughter Tania Prairie  
 † Susan Stamp by husband Jeffre

Sunday          November 16th, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.    † Georgia Husted by George & Sandra Burk  
 † Henry & parents Garcia by Marie Padgett  
 Lillian by the Yarborough family

9:00 a.m.      For the People of the Parish  
 † Michael Scatto by the Altar & Rosary Society  
 Leo Ortiz by Lorraine & family

11:00 a.m.    Special Intentions & Healing for My Family & Extended Family by Gros & Baca family  
 To St. Jude & St. Anthony by Evangeline Tripp  
 Monica López Birthday by Marie Padgett

12:30 p.m.    † Justin & Frankie Segura by Marie Padgett  
 † David Ward by sister Patricia Ortiz

6:00 p.m.    † Angelina Montoya by Shirley Capener  
 † Joseph Bonadonna by Grace Bonadonna  
 † Thomas Bonadonna by Grace Bonadonna

8:00 a.m.    † @ SJV William Lennon Jr. by the Watry family

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

## HEADLINE

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In the first reading, temple relates to the building Solomon constructed, the second reading our bodies, and in the gospel Christ's Body. **We are called to be temples of God**, as such **we are called to be and do more than just say** we are. We are called **to live as Christ lived and to be Christ to those around us**. It is **our actions** that make us holy, **those** make us temples, not what we say, nor simply showing up at Mass once weekly!

If we receive Christ in the Eucharist at Mass, our bodies become tabernacles (temples), **but for how long?** Do we take advantage of that great blessing and its graces **by having faith in Him** or do we retreat into ourselves as we leave Mass, (even before the celebrant)? We waste this blessing when we revert to our secular selves in our thoughts, words, and actions, leaving His grace and His Word behind us as if the Mass were not the central focus of our entire lives.

Christ calls us **to believe, to have faith and hope in Him**. That faith means realizing **all we have comes from God**, that He expects us to **return a portion to Him in responsive and responsible gratitude**. Sure, that's difficult today, more difficult than usual. We need to hope that God will continue to bless us; hope that comes from faith. The reality is that God's blessings are often related to our gratitude, how we show Him that we understand He is the source and that **we are thankful in deeds**, not just words.

Instead of turning inward, **now is the time, even more so now**, to show God how thankful we are for His blessings. Have faith in His continuing generosity when you discern your Sacrificial Giving intention for 2009. Listen to the testimony of **faith bringing great joy and blessings. Show God your commitment to Him**. And remember how committed Christ is to us every day, **even more so now!**

Bill Mader, Communications & Development  
892-15111 x115 Bill.Mader@stanm.org

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.

## Prayer to St. Gertrude the Great

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

## BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The mission: to support the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. and it's Veterans..., to advocate for America's Armed Forces...to participate in ceremonies which **honor, remember, and support our military personnel and Veterans...**to **honor those families** whose children have died in service to our country.

The Blue Star Mothers have children serving in or honorably discharged from military service. The blue star becomes gold if a service member is killed or dies while on active duty.

In 2007, the Rio Rancho chapter sent out **more than 1,000 care packages**, including two boxes to each active duty person serving overseas and to the 165 members of Rio Rancho Army National Guard unit which we adopted. For 2008 to date, we have sent out more than 600 packages, including our adopted RR National Guard personnel deployed to Guantanamo Cuba. Our last mailing of the year will be on **6 December**, scheduled to arrive by Christmas.

In August 2007 & 2008, we sponsored a **Veterans Appreciation Picnic** for Disabled Veterans of America, and members of the American Legion and VFW.

We support and participate in the Wreaths Across America project at the National cemetery in Santa Fe. On **13 December**, in synchronization with the wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery, a wreath will be placed on the grave of Fallen Heroes at National cemeteries across America.

We currently educate our members about the symptoms and treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which their children may experience as a result of their deployment to the war zones.

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"...express my gratitude for your generosity and dedication in sending our entire unit care packages..." Maj. Nathaniel "In this fast-paced world it is hard to find time for family and yourself. That is why your package means so much more to me..." S.F.C. Annabelle "... getting care packages from home...makes you realize you still got people pulling for you back there..." LCpl Omar "...thank the Blue Star Mothers for your generous contribution for the N.M. Veterans Integration Center..." F. Ortega, Operations Manager. Regarding Wounded Warrior, Daniel Tallousi: "...I just wanted to let you know ...we thank you for your contributions, your prayers and genuine concern for us. I close with a warm embrace for each and every one of you." Mary Tallousi (mother) "...you are the coolest mothers...we love the goodies, they were great..." Love, Aman. You can help by **calling Marla at 792-4552**.

## 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
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Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana Martinez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
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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).....	Rita Montano

## 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.

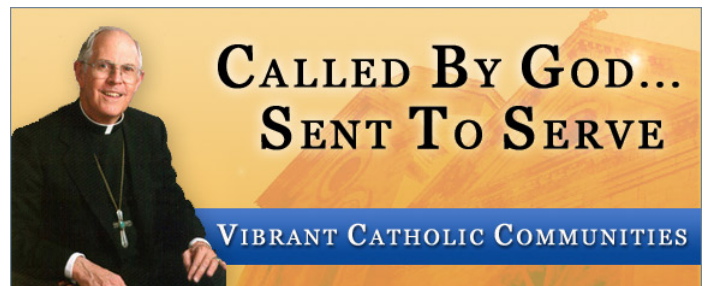
## Around the Archdiocese

### EVANGELIZATION: JESUS IN THE CHURCH

Today throughout the world we celebrate the Church, and especially Jesus, the Founder and Head of the Church. Today we celebrate the unity of the Church, her authority in Christ (Mt 16:19), and Jesus' special presence in the Church. Truly, the Lord is calling us in many ways. He is calling us to evangelize and "remember" the Church. He may be calling us to form or join a small Christian community. Be assured that each time we gather as Church our presence is necessary and vital for his mission.

**RETRouvaille, a lifeline for troubled marriages.** Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help you. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience and a series of seven follow-up sessions over a three month period. The next program runs 12-14 September. For more information or to register, please call (505) 890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230.

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



### 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:** Bill Cortez - 892-6559  
**Greeters:** Eileen Walling 891-1775  
**Home & Hospital Ministry:** Eileen Walling - 891-1775  
**Catholic Homeschoolers:** Andrea Bass - 323-9222  
**Girl Scouts:** Joyce Sypher - 896-1205  
**Holy Cross Association:** John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245  
**Knights of Columbus #6696:** William M. McCarty II - 681-0570  
**Lectors:** Maria Burns—771-2005  
**Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator:** Jeanette Mata - 250-5489  
**Natural Family Planning:** José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783  
**Nursery:** Aud Walaszek - 792-8716  
**Parish Social Committee:** Debbie Hanko - 379-0561  
**Pastoral Council:** Coleen Maddy - 404-1392  
**Pre-Cana:** Michael & Michelle Beglau 771-0756  
**Public Affairs Committee:** Felicie Truscio - 891-1304  
**Respect Life:** Maura Jans - 892-3267  
**Rosary Makers:** Jim Tauer - 896-6127 or Jane Ricci - 892-9260

**St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry:** Jacob Tafoya - 892-2322  
**Welcoming Team:** John & Mecki Kahrs - 890-6534  
**Young Adult Catholics:** Deacon Dave Little - 890-6574

## Crisis & Immediate Help

**Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center:** 266-7711  
**All Faith's Receiving Home:** 271-0329  
**Catholic Charities:** 247-9521  
**Child Abuse/Neglect:** 841-6100 or 1-800-797-3260  
**Haven House:** 896-4869 or 1-800-526-7157  
**Missing Children's Hotline:** 1-800-587-4357  
**National Runaway Switchboard:** 1-800-621-4000  
**S.A.F.E. House** 247-4219  
**Suicide Crisis Hotline:** 247-1121 or 266-7711

## Support & Other Groups

**AIDS Hotline:** 1-800-342-2437  
**Ala Teen or Al Anon:** 262-2177  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 266-1900  
**Birthright Rio Rancho:** 891-1430  
**Blue Star Mother:** 792-4552  
**Boy Scouts:** Bob Ortiz - 891-8941  
**Children, Youth & Families:** 841-4482  
**Concerned for Disabled:** 892-6467  
**Consumer Credit Counseling:** 884-6601  
**Cub Scouts:** Carol Donlin 6a@stasnm.org  
**Gamblers Anonymous:** 260-9899  
**NAMI (Mental Illness):** Betty Rivera 867-1087 or Lee Stevens 792-8871  
**NM Commission for the Blind:** 841-8844  
**Overeaters Anonymous:** 896-1359  
**St. Felix Pantry:** 891-8075 - Food & Clothing Support  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Counseling Center:** 417-2467 or 892-1511 ext. 113  
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** 892-0526  
**United Way Information & Referral Help Line:** 247-3671