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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

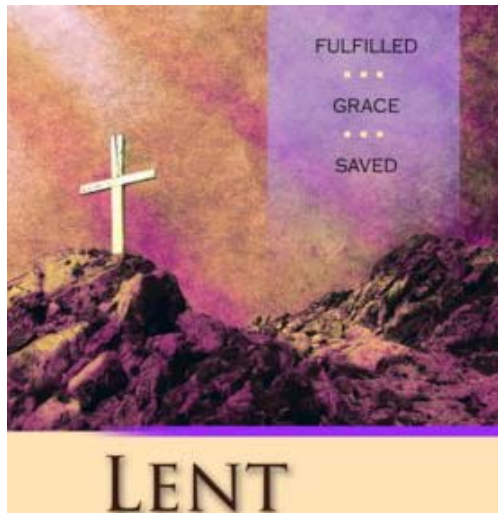
## MARCH 22, 2009

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

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We live a  
 dynamic orthodoxy  
 that is a spirit-filled  
 faithfulness to  
 Jesus Christ  
 and His Gospel  
 and to  
 His Catholic Church  
 and its teachings.



#### Pastor's Corner

#### On the Inside

My dear family,



It is already the Forth Sunday of Lent, which the Church calls Latare (Rejoice!) Sunday, for the sacred fast is already half-way over. For that reason the somber purple vestments give way to the rose-colored vestments on this Sunday.

Perhaps our Lent has not been as good as we had wished. Well, half a Lent is better than none! Let's renew our Lenten penances for these final three weeks.

As I write these words, I'm giving the Lenten Mission at St. Anne's in Santa Fe. We had a good response on Sunday, and I'm hoping for lots of people -and confessions-during the week.

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This week our Monday night Soup and Scripture is about St. Gianna Molla - the great pro-life saint of the 20th Century. 6:30 pm in the parish hall!

Yes, the new rectory is going up! Stop by and take a look. I can't wait until it's finished!

This Wednesday is March 25 - nine months before Christmas. It is the great feast of the Annunciation: the day that God became man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although not a holy day of obligation, it is a beautiful day to attend Mass in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

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#### WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

We're glad you joined us today!  
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Also, Annunciation Parish in Albuquerque (my home parish) celebrates its fiftieth anniversary that day.

Have you made your Lenten Confession yet? Here is an excellent little teaching by Fr. Z on the subject: Jesus Christ, God and Savior, gave us the Sacrament of Penance, of Reconciliation.

\*This is the ordinary means by which He desires us to seek forgiveness for our actual, post-baptismal sins.

\*There is no sin that any limited little mortal can commit which is so bad that God cannot forgive it.

\*Christ gave His own power to forgive sins to the Church He established, the Catholic Church.

\*Priests exercise this ministry in the Church, acting by virtue of their ordination, as "another Christ".

\*When you confess your sins to a priest and he gives you absolution, your sins are taken away... not merely covered over or set aside. They are no more. You may remember them in sorrow, but they no longer harm your relationship with God.

\*Mortal sins break your saving friendship with God. Mortal sin places you at risk of eternal separation from God and the happiness of heaven... forever.

\*Confession and absolution repairs that rupture and returns you to a state of friendship with God.

\*Awareness of mortal sin should drive you to a confessional.

\*In our weakness we will sometimes put off going to confession. Perhaps fear or embarrassment keeps us away. Time slips by. Days become weeks become months become years.

\*Then you die and go to your judgment.

\*So ... maybe the priest is not friendly or the confession schedule is a little narrow.... so what? A better confessor is some distance away... so? It is a little hard... not convenient... too much to do.... And?

\*What is a moment of embarrassment, what is an interruption of your oh-so-important routine compared to the eternity of heaven or of hell?

\*You do not know the moment when your reckoning will come, friends.

\*Have you fallen into the trap, willingly or innocently, of going to "general absolution" without making a confession of your sins in the proper way?

\*The Sacrament of Penance heals your soul, strengthens you against sin, and – simply on the basic level of peace of mind – works wonders.

\*I will never forget one somewhat slow afternoon in a confessional... just a bit bored... I heard someone get in and slid open the window. "Bless me Father, I have sinned. It has been sixty years since my last confession...."

\*When we were finished he wept and said "I'm free."

Our question:

**When was the last time you went to confession?**

A blessed Lenten week!  
Msgr. Raun

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

*Joanna Rodriguez, Aurelio & Maria Romero, Hilary Carrasco, Darlene Sedillo & Daniel Chavez, James & Patricia Wood, Robert & Mary Guerin, Francisco Ledesma & Hilda Mendez, Roger & Ann Maidman, Peter & Annette Sclafani, Phyllis Garcia, Felipe Martinez, Jennifer Subia, Terry & Kathleen Guebert, Nick & Stephanie Chavez, Adrian Chavez, Mary Jozwiak, Dennis & Rachel Chavez, Brian Holdgrafer & Monique Jozwiak, Gerald & Bertha Sandoval, Jacobo & Maria Vergara, Leonard & Arlene Garcia, Gerald & Marie Rice, Jessica Vigil, Andrew & Erica Chavez, Richard & Karen Breeding, Sean Breeding, Joanna Arias & Joseph Cordero, Jennifer Salazar, Travis & Cortny Stark*

## FUNERALS

*Don Gallegos*

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Collin Daniel Joyner*

*Hailey Lauryn Gabriella Sainz*

*Tristan James Stark*

Every Sunday after 12:30 Mass.

Please call our Parish Office.

## At St. John Vianney Mission

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

## SOUP & SCRIPTURE

Our pastor, Msgr. Douglas Raun, will present this year's Soup & Scripture topic, "Lent and the Saints," on **Mondays, 3/23/09-4/6/09, 6:30-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall.**

## Next Week's Readings

22 March - 29 March

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38 (Annunciation)

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

## Upcoming Events

### The Mission Rosary Makers

The rosary sales and your generous donations provide us enough funds for beads or postage, but not both. We are working on a program whereby families or parish groups would pay postage for missions that they would adopt as their own. We greatly appreciate your constant and continued support.

We will be having a **religious article and rosary sale** on **TODAY after 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COME ON COME ALL

To a **delicious breakfast** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Fr. D'Arco Hall after the **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses TODAY.** Pancakes, sausage or sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice and other goodies.

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Religious articles, Holy Communion, Confirmation gifts will be on sale **TODAY** after the **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. masses.**

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming an altar server, we will be have a training on Saturday, April 4th. You must be 6th grade or older. The meeting will be from 10:00 am until 12:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Keaveny at 892-5649. Hope to see you there.



### Lenten Fish Dinner

Why Cook?

**We** Will Save **You** the Hassle!

Let **Us** Prepare a Very Reasonably Priced

Fish Dinner for **YOU!**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009**

**4:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

In Fr. D'Arco Hall

**A delicious baked Tilapia fillet  
in a Lemon-Butter-Herb Sauce,  
Cut green beans, corn, French fries,  
Coleslaw, dinner roll, butter,  
Coffee or tea**

A variety of cold soft drinks can be purchased for only \$0.50 per can

**Dine in with us or TAKE it home.**

**Donation: ONLY \$6.00 per person.**

**For tickets information contact:**

Roy Jessee @ 892-3995

**Tickets will be available at the door.**

Sponsored by: Eugene Teatum Council 6696  
Rio Rancho, NM

## Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Please consider** joining us this Lent by taking a holy hour of adoration, either one that is convenient for you or one of the hours listed below which we need to fill in order to have two people present for each hour. Your Lenten season will never be the same as you experience a closeness with God you never thought possible.

**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.**

**Wednesday 12 noon**

**Thursday 2 a.m. and 11 p.m.**

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

Please call the contacts listed for further information.

### 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 or e-mail: jpmurphrc@msn.com

**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:** March 15-30 *Joanna Lovato*

**Virgin II:** March 15-30 *Bob & Gerry Hoover*

**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.

**Adoration Chapel Candles:** Please call the Parish office at 892-1511.

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

For sparing my son's life.

For financial blessings.

For forgiving me once again.

For keeping my brother safe and alive.

For helping my husband find a job.

For my being able to redirect after a tragic loss.

For all caregivers.



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

**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.

### **Bereavement Support Group**

St. Thomas Aquinas Bereavement Support Group meets **Mondays at 5:00 p.m.** in the **St. Lucy Filipino room**, adjacent to the Parish office. For information contact Mary Davidson at 892-9886. If no response within two days, please call back.



### **Natural Family Planning**

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods **REALLY** do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. Course starts March 29, 2:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Road, Rio Rancho. For more information and registration call Elvira at 892-5783 or Rosanne at 892-2927.

### **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. For more information or to register, please call (505) 890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230.

Children's Religious Education  
Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

There are **no** Religious Ed. **Classes** the week of **March 22nd**, Spring Break. There are **no classes** also on **Sun. March 29.**

Director of Catholic Social Concerns  
Deacon.Smith@stanm.org

### **Culture of Life Corner**

" We will never have but a fraction of the resources that pro-abortionists have available to them, but we don't need that much. What we need is a commitment from pro-lifers. It requires an exorbitant amount of: Love for unborn children. Your love for them is indescribable, indefatigable, and inexhaustible... the battle to save the Littlest Americans has just begun." ( Jackie Ragan, NRLC's Director of State Development). We cannot waste a moment of this Lent. Every day, by our attendance at Mass: " May we come to share in the Divinity of Christ, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." These are not mere words. "Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer You with humble and contrite hearts." ( from the Mass at preparation of the altar and gifts). We pray, work and sacrifice for the goal: the end of abortion!

Submitted by Charles Griego



### **BeFriender Ministry**

Sixty people feel the impact of every soldier who is deployed to and returns from a war zone. For soldiers themselves, routine activities seem meaningless after the experience of combat. No one comes back unaffected according to Mike Colson of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington. Nor are their families, friends, and co-workers unaffected. It's a time of significant transition for everyone. If you are a soldier or a family member, friend, or co-worker of a soldier and are experiencing difficulty with or concerns about the transition, you can request a BeFriender. BeFrienders provide a listening presence that is respectful and nonjudgmental. They can be with you on the journey of reintegration. To request a BeFriender or to find out more about BeFriender Ministry, call Gloria at 891-0388.



The St. Thomas Aquinas **Elizabeth Ministry** has begun it's **Spring Semester meetings** at **9:30am in Fr. Fr. D'Arco Hall.**

Our study will be Praying with John Paul II and day-care is available. All women are welcome. Please call Rhonda Neel at 899-3817 for more information.

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



### March

22 No Life Teen- Spring Break  
23 No Confirmation  
29 Freed

### Life Teen Camp Tepeyac

Dates: **July 19-24**

Price: **\$450**

Location: **Prescott AZ**

For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at 896-8097.

### PARENT LIFE

#### March

29th Freed

Parent Life meets on Sunday evenings at 7:30 in the Religious Ed building. For more information contact Cindy Langlois at 892-4702

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

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.

Our next meeting is **March 27th, at 7:00 p.m.**. Hope to see you there! For more information, call 890-6574.

### Catholic Singles Archdiocese of Santa Fe

**Date: Saturday, March 28th 1:00 p.m.**

**Event:** Catholic Singles Lenten Retreat (ending with Mass)

**Contact:** Please R.S.V.P to Family Life In Albuquerque 831-8117

**Location:** Catholic Center, Sandia Room, 4000 St. Joseph's Place, NW, Albuquerque, NM.

**Description:** Lenten Reflection presented by Fr. Michael De Palma

**Sponsored by:** Archdiocese of Santa Fe, \$10.00 per person. (Includes supper.)

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

### FOR RCIA & ALPHA

Please call **Jeannette** at 892-1511, x104, for more information.

### NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FORMING!

Two new, ten-week Great Adventure Bible study groups are now forming. Both examine the biblical book of Revelation. Each group is limited to 17 participants. **Each person will need a Catholic Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). Optional study kits will cost \$15.**

**Tuesdays, 4/14-6/17, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., in the parish office meeting room** (Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, **Suites F/G**). Please contact Marguerite Gallegos, 892-1558, to register and reserve your kit.

**Fridays, 4/17-6/19, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room** (Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, **Suite J**). Please contact Jeannette Schlicher, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to register and reserve your kit



### The Shroud of Turin presentations:

For the first time in New Mexico, Dr. & Mrs. John Jackson from the Shroud of Turin Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado, will present an all-day seminar on the Shroud on **Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Fr. D'Arco Hall**. Dr. Jackson led the Shroud of Turin Research Project (STRUP), in 1978 that examined the Shroud firsthand, and concluded that stains on the linen are indeed blood and the body image is "chemically a form of degraded cellulose."

**Presentations begin at 10:00 a.m.** and continue all day with breaks for lunch and supper. No registration is necessary. However, if you wish to order a lunch packet, you must call and reserve one. A free-will "Love Offering" would be appreciated. For information and lunch reservations, please call the parish office at 505-892-1511, or Rick Torretto at 505-994-2038.



**Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR,  
will speak at  
St. Thomas Aquinas**

in Rio Rancho on

**Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 7:30 pm.**

He will speak on "**Living the Way of the Cross.**"

Fr. Andrew is a member of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and has been active in teaching, preaching retreats and parish missions. He has produced several TV series for EWTN. Fr. Andrew also serves as a Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Canonization for Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. This is a free-will offering event. Donations will benefit the CFR Albuquerque building campaign. For information call 505-764-3034.

**St. John Vianney  
Mission Church**

**New Mass Schedule**

Saturday (Sunday Obligation) **4:00 p.m.**

Sunday **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

Saturday Confession **3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

Sunday Religious Education **11:15 a.m.**

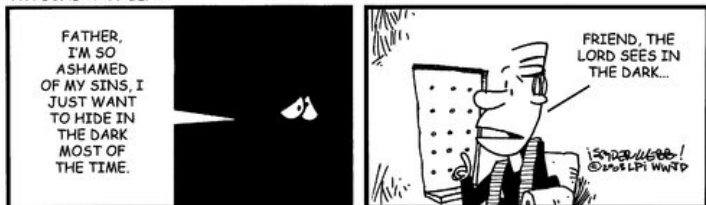
**Sacrament of Baptism**

2nd & 4th Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**1000 26th Ave N.E., Rio Rancho**



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

**STAS STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR  
ATHLETICISM AND BEAUTY ON ICE**

In a sport known for its grace and agility, a STAS student is skating circles around her competition. 11 year old Paige Macarenas spends between 5-15 hours a week on the ice. During the past six years she's competed in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Texas, achieving her current level of pre-juvenile freeskate and juvenile moves. There are many categories in skating, such as compulsory, freeskate, spins and jumps, each has its own level of proficiency. In order to advance to the next level, Paige has been able to master particular skills. Says mother Darcy Mascarenas, "Paige loves skating because it is challenging, she has tons of fun with her friends, and loves her coaches." Paige skates in an average of 4 competitions each year, plus shows at her skating club which include group numbers, duets and solos.



"Short term goals are to place well at all the competitions this upcoming season and to pass the next two test levels she is working on," according to Mrs. Mascarenas. "Long term goals are to go as far in the sport as she can." Paige is under the tutelage of Megan and Mandy Edwards and The Santa Ana Star Center. Paige's mom teaches 4th grade at St. Thomas Aquinas School.

St Thomas Aquinas Roman **Catholic Homeschoolers (STRCH)** meets for field trips, playgroups and First Friday Mass and Fellowship. Please join us at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/STRCH-RRNM> for our full calendar of events or contact Andrea Bass at 323-9222 LactationRN@yahoo.com.

**Frassati Academy**, a new concept in Catholic homeschooling, will continue to accept applications throughout the school year. 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.

‘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!

## Parish Directory

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Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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Administrative Asst (892-1497).....	Laura Smith
Sacristan.....	Anne McCluskey
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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

1000 26th Ave N.E., Rio Rancho

### Mass Times

Saturday.....	4:00 p.m.
Saturday Confessions.....	3:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
Sunday.....	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Religious Education.....	11:15 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

### Upcoming Retreat @ Pecos Benedictine Monastery April 3 - 5

#### “Restoration of the Soul: An Introduction to Art and Spirituality”

Presented by Madeline Rugh Ph.D

Madeline has been teaching for over 30 years. She has developed numerous programs in the U.S. and Canada interfacing art, inter-spirituality and ecology. While teaching at St Gregory’s University in Oklahoma, Dr. Rugh co-developed the “Art at the Abbey” program to assist people in learning about art as a contemplative practice.

This retreat will introduce participants to the forgotten language of the soul: art, symbol and ceremony. Using a variety of art media, participants will examine issues surrounding the meaning and experience of “soul” from a cross-cultural perspective. Please join us for a joyful experience of “making” where we will discover, renew and celebrate the depths of being called “soul.” No previous art experience required.

### BREAD OF LIFE YOUTH RETREAT

APRIL 3-5

#### by FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

San Felipe de Neri Church in Albuquerque. Please call the Parish Office for further information 243-4628.

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

From **February 25th through April 5th**, our community will be uniting with more than 125 communities for a simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the nationwide 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers across the country are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in America. Archbishop Michael Sheehan, along with many other prominent national leaders, has endorsed the 40 Days For Life campaign in Albuquerque. In Albuquerque the 40 Days for Life campaign will be made up of two key components:

**Peaceful Vigil:** standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the local Planned Parenthood at 719 San Mateo NE between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm.

**Prayer and Fasting:** inviting people of faith throughout our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. In order to maintain a constant vigil we are asking our parishes, churches and organizations to be assigned specific days that their people will silently pray and witness outside the abortuary from 7 am to 7 pm., 7 days a week during the 40 days of the prayer campaign. **We are asking St. Thomas Aquinas parish to fill the following Saturday: April 4th.** To learn more about the plans for the nationwide effort, you can visit online: [www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque](http://www.40daysforlife.com/albuquerque) To learn more about the local Albuquerque campaign you can also call Project Defending Life at (505) 266-4100. I look forward to talking with you.

## 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:** NA  
**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:** Felicie Truscio 891-1304  
**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