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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## November 29, 2009

### First Sunday of Advent

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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

My dear family,



The First Sunday of Advent – the start of the Year of Grace (i.e. the Church Year) 2010. Let us now turn our hearts to Bethlehem, and begin to prepare spiritually for our Blessed Savior's Birth!

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Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, I am writing this on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Last Sunday I told you that we needed at least 550 turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets, and that only 33 had been donated so far. As of today, we have 560 turkeys, and they are still pouring in. Also, seven people gave \$500 each, and many people gave smaller donations, to buy food for the needy. One boy in the third grade catechism class came in with \$4 – he said it was all he had, and he hoped it was enough to buy a turkey.(Our Lord was probably most pleased with that donation!)

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In short, you people are wonderful. You always come through. I am so proud of you, and I am so proud to be the pastor of this parish.

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The Christmas Novena starts December 16<sup>th</sup>. Nine Masses, and nine Vespers and Benedictions, will be offered for the intentions of the novena. If you would like the Novena offered for someone, living or deceased, the request envelopes can be found at the doors of the church. With the envelope is a beautiful Christmas card you can send the person, letting them know that the novena is being offered for them. What a beautiful, and spiritual, Christmas gift to give!

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Also at the doors of the church are the 2010 church calendars. Make sure to take one to keep at home. Many thanks to our sponsors, who allow us to give this calendar free of charge.

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#### WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Let us Pray for our priests in the Archdiocese

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**– Rev. John Carney, Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Los Alamos

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**– Rev. Ron Carrillo SF, Parochial Vicar, Holy Family, Chimayo

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**– Rev. Johnny Lee Chavez, Pastor, Queen of Heaven, Albuquerque

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**– Rev. Carlos Chavez, Pastor, Sacred Heart, Clovis

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**–Rev. Patrick J. Chavez, Pastor, San Juan Nepomuceno, El Rito

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**–Rev. Vincent Chavez, Pastor, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Albuquerque

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**– Rev. Michaelangelo Cimino, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Assumption, Albuquerque

Also remember to pray for the priests who have died.

This Friday, December 4, the St. Thomas Aquinas Christmas Pageant will be in the church at 7 pm. Even if you don't have kids in the school, please come. Not only is it beautifully done, and the perfect way to get into the "Christmas spirit", it really shows the difference in sending children to a Catholic school, where they are taught the real meaning of Christmas, together with all of the truths and morals of our holy faith.

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A gentle reminder – have you returned your stewardship intention card for 2010 to the parish yet? If I don't get it by December 15<sup>th</sup>, I'll have to send you a reminder – please save the parish a stamp!

A blessed Advent week!

Msgr. Doug Raun

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and returned to you, O Lord.

Lord give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things. I ask You for a special blessing and for light, O Jesus, for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime.



**FIRST THURSDAY INDULGENCE FOR THE YEAR OF PRIESTS**

All of the faithful who attend Mass on the first Thursday of the month (which is the day dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest) and who offer up any prayers and whatever good works they do on that day to Jesus Christ for the sanctification of priests, are granted a **PLENERY INDULGENCE**, on the usual conditions of confession (within seven days before or after), communion, and prayers for the Pope.

On every day of the Year Of Priests, the faithful may gain a partial indulgence if the recite five times the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the sanctification of priests.



**"Theology of the Priesthood"  
DVD Albums Now Available**

The six talks on the "Theology of the Priesthood"(over 12 hours of teachings) given by Msgr. Raun are now available in DVD album form for \$30.00. Call the office to place your order. These will make excellent Christmas gifts for priests, seminarians, and laity. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



**FUNERALS**

*Mary Anne Glowka  
Henry W. Sanchez  
Mabel Rendon  
George Bartlett  
Juan Manuel Avalos*

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

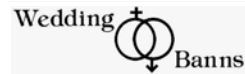
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Sullivan James Crinion  
Nakeesha Noel Donaldson  
Gabriel Cristopher Olivares*



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

At St. John Vianney Mission  
*Amirah Denise LaFaye Lawton-Brown*  
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass



**1st Banns  
Samantha Gardner & Ben Schaff**

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

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**December 7th, Monday,** Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6 p.m.  
**December 8th, Tuesday,** Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass Times 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m.—Solemn, 7:30 p.m.  
**December 12th, Saturday,** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—6:00 a.m. "Mananitas" Bilingual Mass Liturgy.

*Next Week's Readings*

*November 29th - December 6th*

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**CUB SCOUTS**

**Cub Scout Burrito Breakfast**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish - D'Arco Hall  
**Sunday, December 6th**  
**8:00 am till 12 noon**  
**COME JOIN US!!!**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

"The Altar & Rosary Society will be hosting a bake sale, boutique, & religious article sale on Sunday, December 6th, in conjunction with the Cub Scout's burrito breakfast after the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses. We would also like to thank you for your support during the past year, and look forward to serving you again in 2010...a blessed Christmas & New Year to all of you!"

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We will also will be selling prints of a beautiful reproduction painting done by Deacon Tom Burns of STA. The 8x10 prints of "La Madonna Nina" (aka "The Madonna of the Streets") will be sold for \$5 each. You can also call Saralee at 792-5516 to reserve your print.

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The S.T.A. Altar and Rosary Society will be holding its **Annual Membership Drive during the month of December.** Membership is open to any woman parishioner who is at least 18-years-old and who practices her Catholic faith according to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church. For a membership application or for more information, please call Saralee at 792-5516 or Lorraine at 792-0663.

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We will be sponsoring the **annual TOYS FOR TOTS collection again this year.** Please bring your new, unwrapped, toys to Fr. D'Arco Hall on Friday morning, December 4th, and Saturday morning, December 5th, until noon. If you have any questions, contact Saralee Wisner @ 792-5516.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Again, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our appreciation to everyone for their generosity during the Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution. More about this next week. And as we begin Advent we are called to "await" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul, please call the office at 892-0526

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 1974 WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES EVERY DAY FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AND WEEKENDS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. IN THE YARD AREA IN FRONT OF THE LIFE TEEN HOUSE. BEST PRICES IN THE AREA.**

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

**ADORATION**

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." -Pope Benedict XVI.

"Loving Lord, how many times have I not welcomed your Son when he came to me? Forgive me, and in your mercy make me attentive to every knock of your truth and love on the door of my heart, in what the Church teaches, in the Eucharist, and in my conscience." (taken from the Magnificat Advent Companion)

May this Advent season bring you joy and comfort, happiness, peace, and a closer walk with our Lord. Please consider this most blessed time of the year as a knock at the door of your heart to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please call the coordinators listed for more information.

**We need adorers for these hours: Monday noon Friday 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Saturday 4:00 p.m.**

**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: Dale & Jim Koury,**

**Virgin II: Kathy Giron, December 1st—15th.**

**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:**

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES**



**Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:**

- For** all blessings.
- For** your love and compassion.
- For** getting me through each day.
- For** dying on the cross for my sins.
- For** comforting me when I feel alone.
- For** giving me a second chance in life.
- For** a successful surgery for my sister.

### BeFriender Ministry

Suffering from a recent or past Loss, Hurt, or would just like someone to stop in and keep you company for a little while. We are confidential listeners commissioned by the Parish to be Your BeFriender. **HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL** See our brochures on the literature racks at church entrances or call Gloria at 891-0388.



### Bereavement Support Group

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.

**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.

### Culture of Life Corner

In January, we mentioned that the pro-abortion agenda would be pushed piece by piece as noted by NRL-NEWS. You have seen it happen in the Health Care Debate. It is important to follow our Catholic Faith and support the teachings of our Church. If you are still in the dark about what is to be followed, turn toward Respect Life in the parish, Project Defending Life in Albuquerque, and EWTN. Sometimes you have to just turn the right button.. It's easier than you think. Make the end of the Church Year fruitful with a commitment. Place the dignity that God gave to humanity above all other creatures or creation itself. Keep in mind the words of Pope John Paul II: "The human body in itself has its inalienable dignity"

(Theology of the Body)." Then work like you never did before to defend life! Submitted by Charles Griego

### ONGOING WEEKLY MEETINGS (Religious Education Building)

**Blue Army:** **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.;** Kathy-898-5591, Joann-899-9647. (Call Kathy or Joann with your prayer petitions.)

**Prayer for Vocations/Chaplet of Divine Mercy:**

**Wednesdays, after 9 a.m. Mass**

**Al-Anon:** **Thursdays, Noon, rm. 6**

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting:**

**Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. (St. Lucy Filippini Room)**

**St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry**

**Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office**

**Rosary Makers:** **Fridays, 10:00 a.m.,** rm. 6, Religious Ed. Bldg., 896-6127

**Bible Study:** Jeannette, 892-1511 x104

**7 STEPS TO BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE**  
How to eliminate and avoid consumer debt by looking at God's plan for us. This faith based study will strengthen your marriage and family life.

Orientation Class necessary for these classes.

**Six Sessions - Thursdays,**  
**November 5th thru December 17th**  
**in Religious Education Bldg., Room 3,**  
**from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

For more information see the bulletin or contact Mike and Michelle Beglau at 270-6137 or 771-0756.

### S.T.A. GIRLS CHALLENGE

Challenge is a club for girls in virtue and practicing their Catholic Faith. A place to learn about themselves and to make a positive impact for family, friends and the world. **Friday meetings from 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.** Contact Cathy Casaus at 321-3236 for further information.

### ELIZABETH MINISTRY

**Elizabeth Ministry** is an outreach for women to be affirmed, encouraged, and assisted during their child-bearing years.

**Fall session. - It's not to late to join us.**

**12 Thursdays, thru December 17th**  
**from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Fr. D'Arco Hall.**

**For more information contact**

**Rhonda Neel 899-3817**

### BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright Rio Rancho is seeking volunteers to help with everything from counseling pregnant women to answering the phone to sorting clothes. Counseling experience is not a requirement, but a willing heart is! **We especially need help during weekdays including Tuesdays 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 – 4 p.m. and Fridays 10 – 2 p.m.** Please contact Debbie Schaff at (505) 331-3132, birthrightofrr@aol.com; or drop in at 2704 Southern Blvd. Birthright Rio Rancho is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting women with unplanned pregnancies.

### RESPECT LIFE

**First Friday, December 4**

Join us to pray for an end to abortion after the 9:00 a.m. mass. We pray 20 decades of the rosary. Come for all or as many as you can. Help save our children.

**If you would like something to be considered for the bulletin you can email me at Jeannie.Pinel@stanm.org**

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



### CONFIRMATION!!!

#### Life Teen

November 29<sup>th</sup>-No Life Teen

December 6<sup>th</sup>-Catholics © Sex- Human Sexuality

December 13<sup>th</sup>-Christmas Luau

#### Confirmation

Confirmation classes are scheduled for every Monday at 7pm during the month of November.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 WILL BE IN MADRID SPAIN!!

Are you a young adult who is interested in coming to WYD in 2011? We will be going on an 18 day pilgrimage in August 2011. We will travel to France, Portugal and Spain. If you missed the meeting and are interested in coming please contact us at 896-8097. We still have spots available. Please note that you must be over the age of 18 by August 2011 (unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian) to attend. No exceptions.

Young Adults Catholic Group Deacon Little

890-6574 Deacon.Dave@stanm.org

Meets the **2nd and 4th Fridays** of the month. We meet each month at **my house**. We appreciate RSVPs so we know how much food to prepare.

For more information, call 890-6574.

The Young Adult Group We **will meet again December 11th**, and then **not** again until **January 8, 2010**. If you could please put this in the bulletin that would be wonderful.

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

There are **no RE classes due to the Thanksgiving Holiday on Nov. 29.**

**Children in Grades 3-8 will do their Advent Confessions on Dec. 1, 2, and 3** during class time.

**There are no classes on Tues. Dec. 8, the Holy Day**, so that you can **get your children to Mass.**

**Arts and Crafts Show St. John Vianney**

**Saturday, December 5th 8:00 am.-1:00 p.m.**

There will be a variety of over 60 crafters! TWO door prizes will be given out every 30 MINUTES!  
For Booth information call 261-1488 or 999-6132  
(Booth rates are \$15- \$20)

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

### **NEW ACTS COURSE SCHEDULED!**

**What is ACTS?** ACTS is our parish's Adult Catholic Theology School. Msgr. Douglas Raun, our pastor, will present a special, **six-week course, "Introduction to Church History," Mondays, 11/9/09-12/14/09, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall.** There is **no charge** for the course, but a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. **A limited supply of the text, A Short History of the Catholic Church, by José Orlandis, will be available for purchase at \$13.50 each.**(incorrectly noted as \$9.00 in previous bulletins)".

### **ADULT STUDY GROUPS**

Four new adult study groups are forming, all of which will meet on **Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m.— 9:30 p.m.** in the **Religious Ed Building. In progress.**

- **Great Adventure Bible Studies:**
  - ◇ **A Quick Journey through the Bible** (8 weeks)
  - ◇ **Matthew** (24 weeks)
  - ◇ **First Corinthians** (11 weeks)

If you are new to Bible Study, it is recommended that you take **A Quick Journey** or the full-blown **24-week Timeline** (to be offered later) as your foundational study.

Please contact Jeannette, 892-1511 x104,  
or AquinasAM@yahoo.com

### **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. John Vianney Raffle**

**Outdoor "Sun Star" Décor**

**November 29th During our Pot Luck**

**\$1.00 Tickets on Sale after all masses**

All Proceeds benefit St. John Vianney Mission

Must be present to win

Please call Loretta Tafuro @ 891-9234 if you're interested in help selling Raffle Tickets for weekend

**"DO YOU NEED A PLACE FOR A RECEPTION,  
A BIRTHDAY, OR FOR A MEETING?"**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN RIO RANCHO RENT  
THEIR HALL FOR A NOMINAL FEE. PLEASE CALL  
MARTY CANTU AT 896-5599 FOR MORE INFO. "**



# Mass Intentions

**Monday**      November 30th St. Andrew

9:00 a.m.    † Andres Ulibarri by Phillis Vigil  
Special Intentions for Bev & Bob Nys  
by Richard & Ofelia Muenzer  
Tom Sullivan by Henry

6:00 p.m.    † Felix Joseph Chávez by Lorraine Torres  
Gods blessing for Tom, Mary & their family  
by Niemczak family  
Gloria Fletter by Ed & Clare Hanson

7:15 a.m.    For all those without shelter  
STAS

**Tuesday**      December 1st, 1st Week of Advent

9:00 a.m.    † Frank Sanich by Charles Sanich  
† Guiana Coon by Henry  
Stanislaws Dzierzawiec by Stanley & Anna Pietrzak

6:00 p.m.    † Vicente L. Armijo by daughter Antonia Armijo  
† Devin Downs by Nannette Downs  
All Souls by Nathalie Randall

7:15 a.m.    Ruth Murphy by Sr. Anne Louis, staff & students  
at STAS

**Wednesday**      December 2nd, 1st Week of Advent

9:00 a.m.    † Alfred Kohl by Marian & Bob Kohl  
† Arnold Cismoski by Irene Green  
Living & deceased members of the Jaramillo family  
by Nila Baker

6:00 p.m.    Devin Downs by Nannette Downs  
† Maria Alvarez by Mary Alvarez  
† George Bartlett by Ed & Clare

8:15 a.m.    STAS  
For those who are alone.

**Thursday**      December 3rd, St. Frances Xavier

9:00 a.m.    Robert & Dorothy Melanson 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
† Clifford Ricci by wife  
Gods blessing for our children & grandchildren  
specially for Michael the Seminarian  
by the Niemczak family

6:00 p.m.    John Onderko Jr. by Margaret  
† Flora Castro 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary by Yolanda & family  
Family of George Brtlett by Ed & Clare

7:15 a.m.    STAS      For all those who have difficulty in school.

**Friday**      December 4th, First Friday

9:00 a.m.    Living & deceased members of the Silva family  
by Nila Baker  
Gods blessing for Lambert family his love & peace  
by the Niemczak fam.  
Holy Souls by Henry

6:00 p.m.    † Leslie & Johanna Thompson by Frances Supik  
Special Intentions for the Abeyta family  
by the Abeyta family  
† Juan Manuel Avalos by the Russick family

8:15 a.m.    STAS      For those in the hospital

**Saturday**      December 5th, First Saturday

9:00 a.m.    For the living & deceased members  
of the Altar & Rosary Society  
† Tony Manuelli by Geraldine Ryan  
† Pelta Baca-Lucero by the Altar & Rosary Society

5:00 p.m.    † Parents of Mr. & Mrs. Orlowicz by Mr. & Mrs. Orlowicz  
God's Blessing for Milo Hurst & Ranoli  
by the Niemczak family  
God's Blessing for Adrian Fuss Mink & his family  
by the Niemczak family

4:00 p.m.    Peace in the world.  
@SJV

**Sunday**      December 6th, Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m.    Lawrence Hebel  
† Susan Stamp by Geoffrey  
† Jamie R. Cordova by JoAnn Unale

9:00 a.m.    For the People of the Parish  
CDA, STA Court #2306  
† Bertha Schultz by Ed & Kathy Kral

11:00 a.m.    † Patricia Dowling by John Dowling  
Walter & Marjorie Podraza for helath by Betty Larson  
† Vidal Trujillo Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Felix Archibeque

12:30 p.m.    Holy souls in purgatory by Elena Chávez  
† Paul Trujillo by Irma & family  
† Dolores Treviso by the Society of SVdP

6:00 p.m.    † In memory of Leowadia & Wieseaw Matejczuk  
by Stan & Iwona  
† Jack Lopasio by the Denman family  
† Robert & Leta Waldsmith by Jan & Rachael

8:00 a.m.    For the Parish  
@ SJV

10:00 a.m.    † For those still seeking employment  
@ SJV

## **"PRO LIFE ROSARY"**

Come pray with us for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, the pre-born. **sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood office in the NW corner of the Target mini mall West of Hwy 528.** We always pray the last **Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

## **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS**

Everyone Welcome!

Come and share the love of the Father, by acclaiming the Lordship of Jesus the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Praise and Worship - Teachings*

*Intercessory Prayer*

*Fellowship*

**Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Lucy Filippini Room.  
Bring your Bible. Bring a Friend.**

**"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a Religious Teacher Filippini? Call Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lloyd, MPF (973) 538-2886x124 or email: srmelloyd@gmail.com**

Are you interested in encouraging young scientists? **St. Thomas Aquinas School is seeking qualified Science Fair judges for the school's Science Fair on January 26, 2010.** Please contact Mary Rogel at 948-0277 or email at [mlrogel@hotmail.com](mailto:mlrogel@hotmail.com) . Thank you for supporting our school.

St. Thomas Aquinas School

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221

1100 Hood Road [www.stthomasaquinaschool.org](http://www.stthomasaquinaschool.org)

Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

## School Christmas Concert

**You are invited to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Thomas Aquinas School Christmas Concert.** First through fourth grade students will present the true meaning of Christmas in a musical pageant to be **held at the church on Friday, December 4 at 7:00 pm.** All who have attended past concerts can testify to the joy and blessings that fill the heart when little children celebrate our Lord Jesus' birth. Be sure you make this event part of your Advent season.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for the generous donations for our troops. We have collected almost 400 containers of foot powder to send to Fr. Whorton and the troops he serves. Each foot step will remind them of your love and support.

In addition to answering the call from Iraq, we have also collected 100 blankets for the Department of Public Safety. When tragedy strikes, know that the warmth of your generosity will surround the victims. Even in these difficult times, you have shown faith in action. God bless you, Mrs. JoAnne Rickard and the St. Thomas Aquinas School Student Council.

## Do You Give Gift Cards? Then Try SCRIP.

Get your holiday gift cards and support St. Thomas Aquinas School at the same time. SCRIP carries gift cards for over 100 retail businesses, and it is easy and convenient to use. How does it work? The many participating SCRIP retailers agree to sell gift cards to our school at a discount. Families like yours buy the gift cards for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our school keeps the difference as revenue.

### How do you order?

You can order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). You'll need to setup an account, and you'll also need the school's enrollment code: E1A29FF51L639. Another way to order is by going to the school's website at [www.stasnm.org](http://www.stasnm.org) and click on Support STAS. Under SCRIP Gift Card Orders you'll find printable order forms that you can complete and bring to the school office. If you have any questions, call the school office at 892-3221. Please consider using SCRIP for all your gift card needs. And thank you for your continued support.

## STAS 5th Grade Girl State Champion in Football Skills Contest

For the **third year in a row, Tatiana Limon has won 1st place in the State Punt, Pass and Kick Competition.** In early November she attended Regional which was held pre-game of the Phoenix Cardinal/Carolina Panthers game. **Tatiana won 2nd place in her age group division.** Participants at the competition do a passing exhibition and are introduced at the game. Tatiana is a 1st Honors student. She also participates in club soccer, club and school basketball, city league flag football, St. Lucy Club and is an altar server for the school. Our congratulations to Tatiana for her athletic and academic excellence!



## Frassati Academy,

A new concept in Catholic homeschooling, **will continue to accept applications.** For more information call Janice Martinez at 352-0698 or Chris LaLonde 891-1488.

## RESPECT LIFE

The St Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee **meets on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.** in the St. Lucy Filippini Room adjacent to the Parish Office. Our **next meeting will be December 5th.** Please come and join us. For information, please contact Felicie Truscio at 891-1304.

## SMALL-GROUP STUDY FOR MEN

**"That Man is You"**

**now in session at**

**7:00 p.m., Thursdays, Fr. D'Arco Hall.**

Catholic men, you are invited every Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. in Fr. D'Arco Hall, for "That Man is You" (TMIY), an interactive Bible study focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with teaching of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming society. TMIY seeks to form men who are fully alive by harmonizing what has typically been referred to as the Three Wisdoms of the Catholic Church: knowledge (secular knowledge including medical and social science); understanding (theology, including Scripture, the Magisterium, and Sacred Tradition); and wisdom (contemplative or mystical knowledge found primarily in the writings of the saints **On-line website registration at [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org) (Click on "Find a Location" to view)**

## Parish Directory

Pastor (Ext. 107).....	Rev. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun
Vicar (Ext. 110).....	Rev. Fr. Scott Mansfield
.....	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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Communications & Development (Ext. 115).....	.....
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).....	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

**Are you a youth minister or a director of confirmation classes?** Are you looking for an interactive way to teach students about poverty and social justice? The Catholic Campaign for Human Development intern, Alicia Sedillo, is available to all parishes in the diocese to give presentations about poverty in the U.S. and how students can help their communities break the cycle of poverty through service learning.

Contact Alicia at 505-831-8235 or justice2@archdiosf.

There will be a **Mass for families of the Incarcerated on December 5th, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 412 Stover Ave NW. A potluck and social will be held in the parish hall immediately following.** For more information call the Office of Pastoral Outreach at 831-8174.

## NATIVITY OF THE BVM ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

**ADVENT RETREAT, 8:30 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.** in the parish hall located at **9502 4th Street NW, Albuquerque.** The retreat master will be **Father Luis Jaramillo. Cost: \$20.00 per person this will include registration, refreshments, snacks and a hot lunch. Please call Yvonne at 798-9002 or Berna at 400-8345 no later than November 30th if you would like to attend.**

## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 9:00 a.m. TO 3:30 p.m.**  
**HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**  
**562 Atrisco S.W.**

**Breakfast and lunch will be served. Bring the children to visit or take pictures with Santa from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** For more information call 842-5426.

Every year the Metropolitan Detention Center, with the help of our community has generated enough toys to give to the children of incarcerated parent(s). However, the Children's Christmas Party, for families of incarcerated parent (s), has grown every year since its inception and therefore this year we are once again asking for new unwrapped toys for a child from the age of one to fourteen. **The toys can be taken to Risen Savior Parish, attn: Kathy Freeze located at 7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE, (821-1571). The deadline to drop off the toys is Wednesday, December 16th 2009.** We are grateful for your generosity. Thank you.

For nearly 40 years, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's Collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity. Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to learn more.

## 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  
**Caring 4 Kids:** Victoria at 261-1488  
**Catholic Daughters of America:** Mary Chambers - 896-0256  
**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Nila Baker  
**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:** 892-1511 ext.101  
**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 270-6137 or 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  
**Venture Scouting:** Mike Jacobs — 962-2126

**St. Peter's Men's Apostolic Ministry:** Jacob Tafoya - 892-2322

**Usher/Greeter:** NA

**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:** 724-4670

**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:** Cathy or Rick Dobbins at 896-2467

**Children, Youth & Families:** 841-4482

**Concerned for Disabled:** 892-6467

**Consumer Credit Counseling:** 884-6601

**Cub Scouts:** Bob Schick at firnum@aol.com

**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