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# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## December 6, 2009

### Second Sunday of Advent

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The mission of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is to seek the greater honor and glory of God and the salvation of souls by sanctifying, teaching, and shepherding the faithful through orthodoxy.



#### Pastor's Corner

My dear family,



This Tuesday, **December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation** - all Catholics not reasonably excused are bound to attend Mass this day (including the vigil) under pain of mortal sin. Please see the Mass schedule located in this bulletin (and in your Christmas mailing!)

It is under this title that our Lady is the Patroness of the United States. On this day we celebrate how our Lady was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, without the stain of original sin, thus preparing her to be a worthy mother of our Redeemer. Let us make every effort to come honor our Blessed Mother on this day, and to ask her prayers for our beloved country!

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#### On the Inside

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Let us Pray for our priests in the Archdiocese  
**December 6th**– Rev. Oscar Coehlo, Parochial Vicar, Cathedral Basilica of St. Frances of Assisi, Santa Fe.  
**December 7th**– Very Rev. Stephen M. Coffey OSB Oliv., Prior, Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey, Pecos  
**December 8th**– Rev. John Conway, Retired  
**December 9th**– Rev. Timon Cook OFM  
**December 10th**– Very Rev. Gino Correa OFM, Provincial, Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Alb.  
**December 11th**– Rev. Robert Coughlan, Retired  
**December 12th**– Rev. Bernard Cranor OSB, Contemplative Monk, Abbey of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu.

Also remember to pray for the priests who have died.

**December 7th,**

**Monday, Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception 6 p.m.**

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**December 8th,**

**Tuesday, Immaculate Conception. Mass Times 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m.**

**Solemn, 7:30 p.m.**

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**December 12th,**

**Saturday, Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00 a.m. "Mananitas" Bilingual Mass Liturgy.**

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And Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Empress of the Americas. On this day we commemorate our Blessed Mother's first apparition in the New World to her servant, St. Juan Diego, in Mexico City.

In addition to the normally scheduled Masses, we will have Mass at 6:00 AM, starting with the singing of Mananias to Our Lady and presenting her with roses on behalf of the parish. (Anyone else who wishes to bring flowers to our Lady is very welcome to do so!) After the Mass we will have a free breakfast for all in the parish hall, cooked by our wonderful Knights of Columbus. This is a beautiful celebration, and I encourage everyone to attend.

You all should have received your Christmas mailing this week. Please hold on to the Christmas schedule for your reference during this month. Also, I hope you will keep the holy card enclosed to pray in front of your Nativity scenes at home.

And remember - if you don't return your 2010 intention card to the parish by next Sunday, I will have to send you a reminder! Thank you for your help in this important matter!

See you at Mass Tuesday. A blessed Advent week!

Msgr. Douglas A. 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.



**"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**

*Jacob Padilla  
John Conaway  
Julia Alan  
Raymond Daniels  
Helen Ross*

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

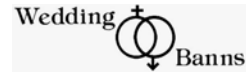
*Lillie Ann DeAveiro  
Xochitl Ixchell Rosales  
Aunaleese Autumn Franco  
Abriella Esperanza Velasquez*



**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



**2nd 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 16— 24 Novena to the Infant Child Jesus** (9:00 a.m. Mass & 7:30 p.m. service.)

**December 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Masses,** 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m. (10:45 p.m. Novena conclusion) 12:00 midnight Solemn Mass.

**St. John Vianney Mission**

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**December 25th Christmas Day,** 9:00 a.m. solemn Mass, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (NO 6:00 p.m. Mass)

**Saint John Vianney Mission**

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

*Next Week's Readings*

*December 6th - December 13th*

- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Upcoming Events

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Burrito Breakfast
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish - Fr. D'Arco Hall
TODAY, 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 TODAY, 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.

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We 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 at the A&RS Religious Articles Sales.

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We will also be holding our 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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.

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

The Knights of Columbus in Rio Rancho rent out their hall for your receptions, meetings, birthday parties, and family gatherings. Please call 896-5599 or 792-0663 for more info.

Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511x105
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.

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
Paul & Anise Yarbrough: (Noon-6 p.m.) at 899-0981
Pat & Jolyn Murphy: (6 p.m.-12 Midnight) at 892-4931

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, December 1st - 15th.
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.

Adoration Chapel Candles: December 6 - 12, In Thanksgiving.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book Thank-you:

- For getting as job.
For my mothers recovery.
For the purification of my soul.
For giving me spiritual comfort.
For good health and our new home.
For keeping my family safe and getting me through each day.



### 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

We begin our preparation for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. Let's do it in a pro-life way. Pray "that we all have the wisdom and vision of heart to work for the life of every little unborn child"(Wanda Franz, Ph.D); for our Leaders that they may act to protect the Dignity of Human Life; that even those who have or perform abortions may have a change of heart.

Submitted by Charles Griego

### Project Defending Life

Almost 150 turnarounds this year from the abortion mills at which we pray and witness in Albuquerque (30 in October alone). 41 babies born this year within our mom's ULTRASOUND ministry (3 since we last updated the baby counter). Currently we are assisting another 40 moms who have chosen life for their babies.

### 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.

**This Season Celebrates the coming of Our Savior.**  
**Stewards wait in joyful anticipation for God's word to continue to change the world.**

**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.

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



### CONFIRMATION!!!

#### 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 classes on Tues. Dec. 8, the Holy Day**, so that you can **get your children to Mass**.

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

What is ACTS? ACTS is our parish's Adult Catholic Theology School. Rick Torretto, a parishioner who holds a master's degree in theology, will present a special, seven-week, three-part course: **Part I—“Spiritual Warfare and Angelology;” Part II—“Putting on the Armor of the Lord is an Offensive Act;” and Part III—“Deception and Discernment: the Devil's Poison and God's Antidote,”** Mondays, **1/4/10-2/15/10, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in Fr. D'Arco Hall.** **There is no charge for the course, but a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.** Registration is appreciated so sufficient handouts may be provided for each session. Call 892-1511, x104, to reserve your place.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

### **ALPHA IS COMING!!!!**

The Alpha Course is an **18-week course in basic Catholic/Christian teaching**. Participants share a meal, listen to a talk usually presented by one of our own parish clergy, and then discuss the current topic. Some of the topics are, “Who is Jesus?” “Why and How Do I Read the Bible?” and “Who Needs the Catholic Church?” All adults, whether Catholic or not, may participate in our Alpha Course. For people wishing to receive sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) in the Catholic Church, Alpha serves as the first phase of their preparation to receive any or all of those sacraments in our parish. Attendance in “Alpha for Catholics” is free of charge, and we will provide you all necessary materials. Participants' donations to offset the cost of food are gratefully accepted whenever personal finances allow, however!

**Our next Alpha session will begin in Fr. D'Arco Hall on Tuesday, 1/5/09, at 6:00 p.m., and will continue to meet on Tuesday nights. In addition, there will be two special events offered to participants: a Saturday retreat and a day of reflection on a later Saturday.**

Contact Viana at vianasikes@yahoo.com for more information and to register.

#### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normal process by which the Catholic Church prepares adults who wish to become Catholic. At our parish, this process begins with The Alpha Course. **RCIA will begin on Sunday, 1/5/10, 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the Religious Education Center, room 7. RCIA is only open to adults who have completed Alpha (or its equivalent), and their support people (spouses, sponsors, friends, etc.).**

If you completed Alpha prior to the 2008-2009 year, but have not yet participated in the rest of RCIA, and now wish to, please contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to register. If you participated in the pre- and early catechumenate at another parish, but now wish to complete the RCIA process here at St. Thomas Aquinas, please contact Jeannette about this, as well.

#### **GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY**

A new, 24-session Great Adventure Bible Timeline study group is forming. This is the foundational Bible study course. It will meet on **Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the Religious Education Center, room 8, beginning 1/7/10.** You will need a Catholic version of the Bible and a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The optional (but strongly recommended) study kit will be \$30, payable the first night of class. Contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or AquinasAM@yahoo.com, to pre-register.



# Mass Intentions

## Monday      December 7th, St. Ambrose

- 9:00 a.m.    † Vernon Eberhardy by Jane  
 † Joe Nemish by wife Ann  
 † Barbara Nickleski by Richard Heller
- 6:00 p.m.    † Isabel Trujillo by Pete & Salcido family  
 To St. Jude in thanksgiving by Lina Major  
 In thanksgiving
- 7:15 a.m.    For those who do not believe.  
 STAS

## Tuesday      December 8th, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:30 a.m.    Michael & Helen Jordan  
 Happy Anniversary w/special intentions  
 † In memory of Cass Joseph Jozwick by family  
 To St. Jude in thanksgiving by Stephanie Baca
- 9:00 a.m.    † Jack Green by Irene Green  
 † Jenny Alexa by Paul & Helen Cywinski  
 † James & Irene Serna by family
- 12:10 p.m.    Candice Howell by family
- 6:00 p.m.    In honor of St. Joseph  
 † Cass Joseph Jozwick by family
- 7:30 p.m.    Candice Howell by family
- 7:15 a.m.    **NO SCHOOL**  
 STAS
- 7:00 p.m.    Patrick Glennon 19<sup>th</sup> baptism anniversary  
 by the Glennon family  
 † Anthony Paridiso Jr. by the Glennon family

## Wednesday      December 9th, Second Week of Advent

- 9:00 a.m.    † Michael & Catherine Abbot by Geraldine Ryan  
 † Bernadette Torres by Linda Herrera & family  
 Skyla Copland 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by Grandma Vickie
- 6:00 p.m.    † Jerry Kaseburg by wife Shirley
- 8:15 a.m.    Mary Dodson by Sr. Anne Louise,  
 STAS      the staff & students at STAS

## Thursday      December 10th, Second Week of Advent

- 9:00 a.m.    † Bill Cortez by wife Maria  
 † James De Sisto by Mr. & Mrs. Amos Muscari  
 † Arlene Fable by Aunt Mary Boll
- 6:00 p.m.    Belated birthday for Theresa Montoya by Robert  
 † Anthony DeCicco by Stephanie
- 7:15 a.m.    STAS    For peace in our world

## Friday      December 11th, Second Week of Advent

- 9:00 a.m.    To St. Jude in thanksgiving by Annette Abeyta  
 † Jacob Padilla by Liane Montford
- 6:00 p.m.    For peace in our families.
- 8:15 a.m.    For all who have died during the Thanksgiving holidays  
 STAS      and their families

**Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation as a Religious Teacher Filippini? Call Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lloyd, MPF (973) 538-2886x124 or email: srmelloyd@gmail.com**

## Saturday      December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9:00 a.m.    Nolan O'Brien 6<sup>th</sup> birthday by Grandma Vickie  
 † Louise Mulhall by Joan Madden  
 Sally Chávez by CDA, Ct STA #2306
- 5:00 p.m.    † Julio Streppone by wife Patricia  
 † Thomas Ruiz by the family  
 † Genevieve Konkol by Bob & Ursula Konkol
- 4:00 p.m.    † Christopher Giron 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary by Mom & Dad  
 @SJV      † Evelyn Broderick by Katie & Eric Bock

## Sunday      December 13th, Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 a.m.    † Susan Stamp by Geoffrey  
 Poor Souls in purgatory  
 † Anne Carbone by the Moyna family
- 9:00 a.m.    For the People of the Parish  
 † Kathy Chavez by Rose Chavez  
 † Paola Varalli by Jeannette & Rex Schlicher
- 11:00 a.m.    † Leonard Stephens by PDS ES  
 † Giuseppe La Rezza by Mr. & Mrs. Brat Ariola  
 Charles & Lucy Griego 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
 by David & Evelia Griego
- 12:30 p.m.    Devin Downs by Nannette Downs
- 6:00 p.m.    That we remember what is important.
- 8:00 a.m.    For our service men who are far away from home.  
 @ SJV
- 10:00 a.m.    For the Parish  
 @ SJV

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
**Is on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday, of the month**  
**4 p.m. to 5 p.m. In the Church.**  
**NO pre-sign up required.**  
**Just show up. Ages 3 and older.**

### "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.**

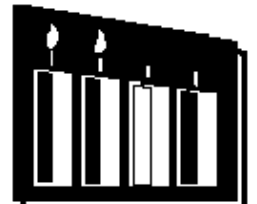
### **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS**

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.**



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.

# More Parish News and Around the Archdiocese

St. Thomas Aquinas School

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221

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Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

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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.

**Book Fair Order Pick up:** Mrs Jean Marie Skipp will be at the church **after the 8am, 9am, 11am and 12:30pm masses on TODAY** to deliver all the books that were ordered from the STAS Ignatius Press book fair. There will also be a limited number of books for sale. If you are unable to pick them up on this date you may pick them up any time after Dec.6th at the school office. STAS would like to thank the Parish for its support!

### 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.

## STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

### Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic Priest?

Without obligation or commitment, you are invited to attend a weekend retreat to learn about a priestly vocation.

**When:** Friday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.

**Thru:** Sunday, February 7, till 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** IHM Retreat Center, Santa Fe  
QUESTIONS?

Call: Fr. Michael DePalma  
831-8143

## 2 STAS girls qualify for USATF National Championship!

Molly Klein and Clare Moots are 2 of the fastest girls in the United States, qualifying for the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics National Championships in Cross Country. Clare & Molly competed in the Bantam Girls division against runners from 5 states in the Regional Championship November 21 in El Paso, Texas. The distance: 3 kilometers. Molly finished 3rd with a time of 12:07:52, Clare finished 5th with 12:16:41, running against approximately 140 girls. The girls run with the Taylor Ranch Cougar Track Club, coached by Shane Cleveland. In addition to qualifying as individual runners, they led their Bantam Girls to qualifying as a team. Molly is an honors student who also plays ABYL, school basketball and runs school cross country. Clare plays club soccer, AYBL, school basketball & cross country, and the violin. Congratulations to Molly & Clare, and best of luck at Nationals which is being held in Reno, Nevada in December.



## Magazines help our parish school!

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## RESPECT LIFE

The St Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee **meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** in the St. Lucy Filippini Room adjacent to the Parish Office. Our **next meeting will be December 19th.** Please come and join us. For information, please contact Felicie Truscio at 891-1304.

## 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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Funeral Notices.....	Extension 353
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Associate Director.....	Deacon Frank Smith
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Special Mass Schedule.....	Extension 350
Weather Closures/Cancellations.....	Extension 359
Web Site.....	www.stanm.org
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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

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 10:A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.  
1837 Alvarado Drive, N.E.**

### WING'S POSADA

Risen Savior Catholic Community, 7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE  
**Sunday, December 13th**  
**We will celebrate a Posada Mass at 4:00 p.m.** and a traditional Posada dinner will follow in the Marian Center Gathering Hall. Please bring a dish or desert to share. Call the Parish office at 821-1571 to RSVP so we can plan our main entrée.

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.

### WATCH SPECIAL EWTN CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., as well as inspiring musical performances, animated features, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations the whole family will enjoy.**

**Cable One 58, Direct TV 370, Dishnetwork 261.**

### 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)**

### 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.

## 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 Hanko - 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