

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

January 3, 2010

Epiphany of the Lord

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,

I hope you all had a beautiful celebration of the holidays, and are now ready for the new year!

Well, the flu is still with us. The Archbishop has been in communication with the public health officials, and it seems safe to restore the holy water to the fonts. However, we on the parish staff talked about the flu situation, and in light of the certainty of a "third wave" of the flu in the deep winter, we think it best not to restore the Kiss of Peace or giving the Precious Blood at weekday Mass at this time. (Of course both of these things are optional at Mass.) It just creates a lot of confusion if these things are "on and off" all the time. We will reevaluate these things when the flu season is over. Thank you for your understanding!

Yes, I'm gone on vacation until the 15th. Fr. Mansfield is in charge of the parish until I return. Good luck! :-)

A blessed New Year,
Msgr. Doug Raun

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- January 3rd** - Rev. Leo Fusher CFR, Sacramental Minister, St. Francis Xavier, Albuquerque
- January 4th** - Rev. Vigil Furfaro, Retired
- January 5th** - Rev. Clarence Galli, Retired
- January 6th** - Rev. Millan J. Garcia, Retired
- January 7th** - Rev. Rafael Garcia SJ, Pastor, Immaculate Conception, Albuquerque
- January 8th** - Rev. Dennis Garcia, Pastor, San Felipe de Neri, Albuquerque
- January 9th** - Rev. Joel P. Garner, O. Praem., Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Also remember in prayer those priest who have died.



FUNERALS

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Kjele Therese Alexander*
- Jessie Edward Herrera*
- Julianna Marie Lopez Matthews*
- Victoria Rose Morgan*
- Alyssa Bryanne Ortiz*
- Carlos Alan Sorell*
- Nicholas Graden Spruce*
- William Hunt Spruce*



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

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.

At St. John Vianney Mission

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



3rd Banns

Vitalia Calvo & Albert Lopez

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



**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

**Next Week's Readings
January 3rd - January 10th**

- Readings for the Week of January 3, 2010
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11/
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!!!

As the Year begins, we commit ourselves to a way of life that is both a privilege and a challenge.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Sponsored by CDA Court St. Thomas Aquinas #2306

“ACCEPTANCE OF FORGIVENESS”

Speaker: Rev. Michael DePalma

St. Thomas Aquinas Church (*) & Fr. D’Arco Hall
Friday, January 15, 2010 -- 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

8:30 am ~ ROSARY (*)

9:00 am ~ MASS (*)

9:30 am ~ CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:00 am ~ FIRST TALK

11:00 am ~ HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION (*)

12:00 pm ~ LUNCH (Bring Lunch or Eat Out)

1:00 pm ~ SECOND TALK

(followed by Question & Answers)

2:00 pm ~ End. Go In Peace!

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND
NO CHARGE OR RESERVATION**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2010 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are in need. The **next general meeting** of the SVdP Society will be **Thursday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the St. Thomas Aquinas office building.** For more information, call 892-0526. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours.

St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #6696 will be sponsoring Support Life Seminars during the month of January. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Felicie Truscio, Chairperson – Respect Life Committee 891-1304.

**Saturday, January 9, 2010,
7:00 p.m., Movie – Bella**
**At St. Thomas Aquinas, Fr.
D’Arco Hall**

Refreshments will be available.
Free Babysitting.



- ◇ **Quote from the boss:** “I didn’t say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame it on you.”
- ◇ **Drive carefully!** We need every parishioner we can get.

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

ADORATION

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: Ed & Marylou Lopez - Jan. 1 to Jan. 15,

Virgin II: Paul & Helen Cywinski—Jan 1 to Jan 15.

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 confession.

For our new home.

For giving me faith.

For no serious health issues.

For my dad’s successful surgery.

For helping me with my problems.

For the strength you have given me to get past this obstacle,.



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.

Thank you for supporting our school.

“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.

BeFriender Ministry



Stressed out? Lonely? Holidays sometimes make us sad, rather than joyful. Need a companion for the Spiritual Journey? If you need someone to simply listen to you, give BeFrienders a call. We're a friend with a simple listening presence to walk with you through a difficult period. We're confidential and biblically-trained ministers commissioned by the Parish, who open our hearts and ears to your words. 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

The fate of Health Care in regards to abortion may not be clear as of this writing. We do know that we must have a complete renewal of our commitment to defend unborn human life and all pro-life issues. Throughout the world, not just in our own country, terror and destruction exists and must be put to an end. We must embrace life rather than death! Our role and message must be formed in the truths and values of the Catholic Church. Defend Life, Marriage, Family and Religious Freedom. "Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts and asks to come in not just for one day, but forever." (Pope Benedict XVI).
Submitted by Charles Griego

One day, Joe, Bob and Dave were hiking in a wilderness area when they came upon a large, raging violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. Joe prayed to God saying, "Please God give me the strength to cross this river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, although he almost drowned a couple of times. Seeing this, Bob prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength and tools to cross this river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times. Dave had seen how this had worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God give me the strength and tools and the intelligence to cross this river." Poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, than walked across the bridge.



IT'S YOUR LIFE

**Presented by noted psychologist,
speaker and author**

John Thurman L.P.C.

**Free—Saturday, January 16, 8:00 to noon
At St. Thomas Aquinas School**

This catholic seminar is a high energy class that will give you the tools needed to freely live a purposed filled spiritual life.

R.S.V.P. to parish office at 892-1511 ext. 103

7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE FOR

SPRING 2010 IN RELIGIOUS ED. BLDG.

January 7th, 2010 Orientation Class

January 21st, Session 1

January 28th, Session 2

February 4th, Session 3

February 11th, Session 4

February 18th, Session 5

February 25th, Session 6 & Graduation

For more information, call Parish Office 892-1511 ext. 103

Small-Group Bible Study for Men:

Adventures in Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

A 20-session **Great Adventure** Bible Study,

by Jeff Cavins

7:00 p.m., Thursdays,

beginning 1/14/10, in the parish office

The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, builds on **The Bible Timeline** by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The biblical book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



Life Teen will kick off the Spring semester **January 10th**, we hope to see all you teens there! Parents, if you are interested in cooking for the teens at a Life Night please email Rita at rita.montano@stanm.org. This is a great way to give back to the parish; it doesn't cost anything except for your time.



Confirmation is on break and will resume January 4th. Teens, if you have not turned in your Saint Report you may turn it in on the 4th.

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 a 14 day pilgrimage in August 2011. We will travel to France 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 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

Classes will resume on Jan .5th.

The final parent meeting for First Confession is Friday, January 10th, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 [m.m or Friday, January 15th, 7:00 p.m.m to 8:00 p.m. Both meetings are in D'Arco Hall.

Tilmas to decorate will be given out at that time.

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, 1/5/2010, 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, 1/3/10, 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.

FR. MULLADY RETURNS!

Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P., often seen on EWTN, will present the next ACTS (Adult Catholic Theology School) seminar on Friday and Saturday, 1/22/10-1/23/10, in Fr. D'Arco Hall. In this Year for Priests, he will teach us about the Priesthood and the Liturgy in three sessions: 7:00-9:00 p.m., Friday, and 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m., Saturday. There is no admission charge for this special seminar, but a free-will offering will be very gratefully accepted.



Mass Intentions

Monday January 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Douglas A. Raun by the prayer group
 † Alfred Kohl by Marian & Bob
 Robert Nys special intentions
 by Richard & Ofelia Muenzer

6:00 p.m. Blessed Virgin Mary by Nadine Candelaria
 † Rose Giamboi by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
 Michael Baca by Valerie Gros

7:15 a.m. @ STA School - For our safety during the holidays.

Tuesday January 5th St. John Neumann

9:00 a.m. † Clifford Ricci birthday by wife
 Fr. Scott Mansfield by the prayer group
 In thanksgiving to the Holy Family by Grace Sutherland

6:00 p.m. Eva Leyva special intentions by Adelina Major
 † Carolyn Jennings by the Wityak family
 William Pidlipchak by the Wityak family

7:15 a.m. @ STA School - For our teachers and staff

Wednesday January 6th Weekday

9:00 a.m. Fr. Michael De Palma by the prayer group
 † Catherine A. Talty by son Tommy
 † Norman Richard Miller by Karen Morant

6:00 p.m. † Chantal Gerber 1st anniversary
 by Angela Gonzales & family
 † Sgt. John M. Penich (KIA 10/16/08) happy birthday
 by Grandpa Don Weidner
 Msgr. Raun, Fr. Mansfield & Fr. De Palma by Eileen

8:15 a.m. @ STA School - For those who are still looking for work

Thursday January 7th Weekday

9:00 a.m. Gods blessing for our children & grandchildren specially
 for Michael the Seminarian by the Niemczak family
 † Dorothy Cismoski by Irene Green
 Carrie Norero by Henry

6:00 p.m. Michael Baca by Valerie Gross
 Msgr. Raun, Fr. Mansfield & Fr. De Palma by Eileen
 † Deceased family members by Marion Sypes

7:15 a.m. @ STA School - For Peace everywhere

Friday January 8th Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Jack Green by Irene Green
 † Julia Ganssle by Geraldine Ryan
 † Gloria Fahey by Frank Fahey

6:00 p.m. † Gladys Stapp by Lesley Corlis
 Msgr. Raun, Fr. Mansfield & Fr. De Palma by Eileen
 † Deceased family members by Marion Sypes

8:15 a.m. @ STA School - For children all over the world

Saturday January 9th Weekday

9:00 a.m. † Paula McGraw by the Garman family
 † Keith Andrew Angstadt by Paula Mervini
 † George Tetreault by the Altar & Rosary Society

5:00 p.m. † Thomas Ruiz by family
 † Julio Streppone by wife Patricia
 † Matejczuk-Leokadia & Wieslaw by Stan & Iwona

4:00 p.m. For those still out of work
 @SJV

Sunday January 10th Baptism of the Lord

7:00 a.m. † Helen Ross by Irene Green

9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 † Bill Cortez by wife Maria
 † Robert Groppe by Nila Baker

11:00 a.m. † Barbara DePauli Rich by Thomas & Paula Pruitt
 † Toby Mascarenas by Selesina Sanchez
 Johnson family by the Muldrow family

12:30 p.m. Sedillo family by the Muldrow family
 † Marie Lilla by Marilou Bridges

6:00 p.m. † Toby Mascarenas by Selesina Sanchez
 † Gianna E. Martinez by Vanessa Peer & family

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
 @ SJV

10:00 a.m. For all the Deacons in the Parish
 @ SJV

Prayer for our Nations Health Care Reform By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life

Lord Jesus, you are the Divine Physician, and the source of all life and health. Guide our nation at this critical moment, as our government seeks health care reform. Give our elected officials the humility to know that they are servants, not masters. Give them the wisdom to realize that every life has equal value. Give them the strength to resist the idea that some lives can be sacrificed to save others, or that killing the unborn is a part of health care. Give your people the courage to speak up and to hold public officials accountable for their actions. Save us, Lord Jesus, from a culture of death, and let every reform in our public policy be based on the reform of our hearts and minds in the light of your Gospel, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

"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.

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.



St. Thomas Aquinas School

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Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

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St. Thomas Aquinas School Open House

An Open House for families interested in finding out more about St. Thomas Aquinas School will be **Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 am.**

We will meet in the school cafeteria for a presentation by our principal. Sister Anne will give a power point overview of St. Thomas Aquinas School after which there will be Q & A time.

Tours will be conducted following the presentation.

St. Thomas Aquinas School is located at 1100 Hood Road SE, Rio Rancho. For more information, please call 892-3221 or visit www.stasnm.org.

Team Up With St. Thomas Aquinas School

There are many ways to support our Catholic school and one way you can help is by shopping at Smith's grocery store. This school year, Smith's will donate \$1,000,000 to local participating schools!

When you enroll in the Smith's Earn & Learn program and use your Fresh Values Card each time you shop, St. Thomas Aquinas School benefits. Smith's will donate a percentage of sales to St. Thomas Aquinas School at the end of the school year. To enroll you'll need your fresh values Card and an enrollment barcode.

You can print out a copy of the enrollment barcode by visiting www.stasnm.org or you can call the school office at 892-3221 and request a copy.

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

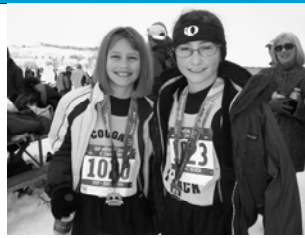
Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic Priest?

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 De Palma - 831-8143



2 STAS athletes "All American", among top 1% of runners in the United States!

Blizzard conditions that shut down the Reno, Nevada airport and dumped more than a foot of snow on the ground was the setting for the USATF (United States of America Track & Field) Junior Olympics National Cross Country Finals. Race officials say 5th graders Molly Klein and Clare Moots are standouts in a nationwide field of thousands of competitors in their age group. Of those thousands, approximately 250 girls in the Bantam category qualified for Nationals. The course: 3 kilometers up & down hills that alternated between snow packed & icy and deep snow. The girls ran in heavy snowfall, finishing within four seconds of each other: Molly was 8th with a time of 12 minutes 30 seconds, Clare was 13th finishing in 12 minutes 34 seconds. They were just seconds off the winner's time of 12:02. Their placing within the top 25 has earned them "All American" status, designating them as among the finest, fastest female youth athletes in the United States. This is the first year that Clare and Molly have run in competition. USATF's programs groom young athletes for competition in the Olympic games.



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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. 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
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Ayuda Español (Ext. 360).....	Deacon James Baca
Bulletin Editor (Ext. 111).....
Catholic Social Action (Ext. 112)	Deacon Frank Smith
Communications & Development (Ext. 115).....
Funeral Notices.....	Extension 353
Maintenance (Ext. 129).....	Gilbert Garcia & Manuel Fernandez
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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
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

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants Monthly Mass and Procession Father Stephen Imbarrato, Celebrant

Saturday, January 9th - San Ignacio Church, 1300 Walter St. NE, Albuquerque

We will begin our spiritual adoption program. Mass Begins: **8:00 A.M. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession to a nearby abortion mill.** Then, return to church for Benediction. Invite your family and friends to join you at this peaceful and prayerful event. For more information contact Yolanda at Helpers@Defendinglife.Org or 220-8891.

A Workshop on End of Life Legal Issues will discuss the Medical Directives, Living Wills, Power of Attorney and the importance of having a will. Also discussing How to Support the Church or Parish through an Estate Plan. **The Attorney will be Tom Macken. The workshop will be at San Jose Mission in Duranes, 2110 Los Luceros Rd. NW, the date is Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served therefore it is important to call to register.** Call Rosalie at 831-8179 by Friday, January 8, 2010. This workshop is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and the Office of Pastoral Outreach.

January is Poverty In America Awareness Month

Today, 37 million Americans—and 1 in 6 children (that's 17.4 percent of all American children)—are living below the poverty line. They live in families who are of necessity making hard choices between food, health care, heat and rent. Our economic downturn has left many people out of work and struggling to hang on. Local food pantries, shelters and social service agencies are seeing a marked increase in need. To bring attention to this national crisis, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has designated January as "Poverty in America Awareness Month." There is an urgency to learn more about how you can help break the cycle of poverty.

Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more!

Paid Internship Available! (Run as many times as possible from January-March)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development's (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, 15 hours/week, \$10/hr for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community organizing and Catholic social teaching. Job skills include ability to speak/understand basic Spanish, good organizational skills, leadership experience, community service experience and effective writing and communication skills and computer skills. Applications can be requested by e-mail at justice@archdiosf.org. Contact Anne Avellone, Office of Social Justice, 505-831-8167, for more information. Applications must be received by March 1 2010. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity!

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
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: Brad Hayden, 890-3151

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