

# St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

## January 10, 2010

### Baptism of the Lord



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.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- January 10th** - Rev. Wayne Gibbeaut OFM, Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pena Blanca
- January 11th** - Rev. Msgr. Leo Gomez, Retired
- January 12th** - Rev. Carlos Gonzales, Chaplain, Latin Mass Community, Albuquerque
- January 13th** - Rev. Julio Gonzalez, SF Pastor, Holy Family, Chimayo
- January 14th** - Rev. Mark Granito, Pastor, Holy Child, Tijeras
- January 15th** - Rev. Eugene Gries O. Praem., Parochial Vicar, Holy Rosary, Albuquerque
- January 16th** - Rev. Javier Gutierrez SF, Pastor, Santa Cruz de la Canada, Santa Cruz

Also remember in prayer those priest who have died.

#### 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.



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**Noah's Ark**  
Everything I need to know,  
I learned from Noah's Ark

- ONE:** Don't miss the boat.  
**TWO:** Remember that we are all in the same boat!  
**THREE:** Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.  
**FOUR:** Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.  
**FIVE:** Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.  
**SIX:** Build your future on high ground.  
**SEVEN:** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.  
**EIGHT:** Speed isn't always an advantage.. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.  
**NINE:** When you're stressed, float awhile.  
**TEN:** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.  
**ELEVEN:** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

#### **Polish Dinner Dance Benefit**

St. Felix Pantry is hosting its **16th annual Polish Dinner-Dance on Saturday, January 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at D'Arco hall at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.. Live Music and dancing** will accompany the traditional Polish food. **Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door. Tickets are on sale now at St. Felix Pantry, 4020 Barbara Loop (off of 528), or at the Felician Sisters Convent, 4210 Meadowlark Lane SE. The price is \$12.00 for adults and children over 12; \$5 for children under 12.**

#### **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

**Once again we listen to Jesus' call, the call to become disciples. We discern, and then accept and live out joyfully, the roles God calls us to take.**

**In  
Sympathy**

#### **FUNERALS**

*Earl Yont*

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

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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



At St. John Vianney Mission

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



*1st Banns*

*Vitalia Calvo and Albert Lopez*

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

# JANUARY

#### **Liturgical Ministry Calendar**

**January 16th**—Day of Reflection for Sacristans 10:00 a.m. in Church.

**January 31st**—Observed Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas—All Masses at STA

**February 1st**—Candle Day Mass - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**February 3rd**—Feast Day of St. Blaze - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### *Next Week's Readings*

*January 10th - January 17th*

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  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**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. 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.

**Saturday, January 16, after 5:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, January 17th, after 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** we will have Support Life Exhibits in the Fr. D’Arco Hall.

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**Sunday, January 17th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Seminar:** True effects of an abortion  
**Speakers:** Silent No More in Fr. D’Arco Hall.

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**Sunday, January 17th, after 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass. Skit** to be performed by Life Teen on Culture of Life.

If you have any questions, please contact me.  
Sincerely,  
Felicie Truscio, Chairperson – Respect Life Committee 891-1304.

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

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**Adorers Needed:**

**Sunday, 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.,**

**Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Friday, 2:00 p.m.- desperate no one!!, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.**

**Also, 9:00 a.m. throughout the week is needed.**

**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 your birth.**

**For my parents.**

**For our new baby.**

**For hearing my prayers.**

**For bringing me here before you.**

**For helping me in a huge decision in my life.**

**For giving me the strength to come back to church.**

**For all those who have recovered from the swine flu.**



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.

**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 Filip-pini 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**

While Life-Threatening language in Health Care seems to overpower the real will of Americans, we cannot allow pro-abortion thinking to overcome what we believe in our hearts and what we must convey to others. Make it known that the lives of unborn children do have dignity and value and that "free-will" must be exercised with good reason which follows truth and which in turn follows the law of God. While arrogance may seem to advance, we have the gifts of the Holy Spirit to give us courage and strength. Pray even more intensely to increase what is necessary: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We will prevail!

Submitted by Charles Griego

**BY THE TIME YOU FIND GREENER PASTURES,  
YOU CAN'T CLIMB THE FENCE!**

"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."  
Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a Religious Filippini? Call Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lloyd, MPF (973) 538-2886x124 or e-mail : srmelloyd@gmail.com."

**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 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 **today**, 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.

**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 22, 2010**. If you could please put this in the bulletin that would be wonderful.

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

The final parent meeting for First Confession is **Friday, January 10th, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or Friday, January 15th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Both meetings are in **D'Arco Hall**. Tilmas to decorate will be given out at that time.

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**Final Parent Meetings for First Communion are on Fri. Jan. 29th and Fri. Feb. 5th from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Church.** Check with your child to see to which group he or she has been assigned, since this meeting will include an Instructional Mass.

**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.**

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. 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.

**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.

**"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.**

CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.

CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.



# Mass Intentions

## Monday      January 11th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.      GERALYN McNaughten by Henry  
 Holy Souls by Henry  
 † Leonardo Romero by loving wife Jane
- 6:00 p.m.      Blessed Virgin Mary by Nadine Candelaria  
 † Peter Aquiar by Maria Burns  
 † Marie Bennett by Nannette Downs
- 7:15 a.m.      @ STA School - For the Filippini Sisters

## Tuesday      January 12th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.      Lucy Vigil for recovery of surgery  
 by Charlie & Lucy Griego  
 † James Belshaw by Eva Belshaw  
 Janice Martinez in thanksgiving by Chris Lalonde
- 6:00 p.m.      † Alex Molnar by Deborah Kozerski  
 † Peter Aquiar by Mother Genevieve Mirabal  
 Victor & Benita Gonzales family by Deacon James Baca
- 7:15 a.m.      @ STA School - For our Military

## Wednesday      January 13th, Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.      † Amado Bagood by Grace & Preston  
 † James Belshaw by Eva Belshaw  
 † Sr. Lois Shaffer OP by Nila Baker
- 6:00 p.m.      Souls in purgatory by Gloria Hultine  
 Jack & Rose Coraer family by Deacon James Baca  
 † Epifanio Abregano Sr. by Joan Fernandez
- 8:15 a.m.      @ STA School - For our Country

## Thursday      January 14th Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.      † Kathy Chávez by Rose Chávez  
 † James Belshaw by Eva Belshaw  
 Natale family by Deacon James Baca
- 6:00 p.m.      Family reparation by Gloria Hultine  
 Maggie Happy Birthday by Mom  
 St. Jude for petitions by B. Massaro
- 7:15 a.m.      @ STA School - For those who have no shelter

### HANDBOOK 2010

#### Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants..
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pray .
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2009.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

#### Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.

## Friday      January 15th Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.      Margarito Aragon happy birthday by Dana, girls & boy  
 Souls in Purgatory by Deacon James Baca  
 St. Anthony in Thanksgiving by B. Massaro
- 6:00 p.m.      † Sharon Kuchar's Father  
 † John Gorman 16th Anniversary by Adelina Major
- 8:15 a.m.      @ STA School - For the poor

## Saturday      January 16th Weekday

- 9:00 a.m.      † Sr. Vianney Martinez by Adelina Major
- 5:00 p.m.      † Jesse Long by Phil & Lena Pizzo  
 † Rosario Di Blasi anniv. by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi  
 Mayrece St. Cyr Birthday by Anthony & Marie Di Blasi
- 4:00 p.m.      † @ SJV—Miriam King by Quintina & Alfonso Flores

## Sunday      January 17th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m.      † Peter Daniel Moyna by the Moyna family  
 † Francis Jeffrey Moyna by the Moyna family
- 9:00 a.m.      For the People of the Parish  
 † Natale Congon by wife Olive
- 11:00 a.m.      Joseph Anglo Rich by Thomas & Paula Pruitt  
 Nathan Bratt for health by Kauch family  
 Karen Yingling & family by Kaugh family
- 12:30 p.m.      Vernon Rodriguez by E. Alarid
- 6:00 p.m.      † Gianna Martinez by Justin, Rita & Life Teen Core
- 8:00 a.m.      @ SJV For those in need of Prayer.
- 10:00 a.m.      @ SJV For the people of the Parish

16. Dream more while you are awake.
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree ...

#### Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything..
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

#### Life:

32. Do the right thing! Trust God for everything....
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything. In HIS own time....
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change..
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. The best is yet to come.. Wait and See...
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it. You have work to do....
39. Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.

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

## 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](http://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](http://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.

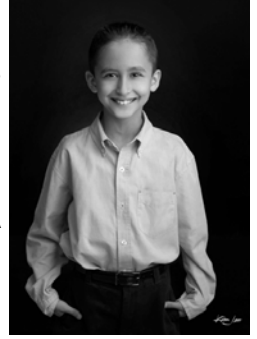
**When: Friday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.  
Thru: Sunday, February 7, till 1:00 p.m.**

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

**Call: Fr. Michael De Palma - 831-8143**

## STAS Bee winner is.....a 3rd Grader!!

A captivated audience of teachers, staff, parents and students watched as 3rd grader Noah Baca won the all-school spelling bee. His winning word: "Circuitous". Noah is a straight A student who enjoys playing football, basketball, swimming and piano. Noah loves to read. Parents Annabelle & Jim Baca say Noah is a good combination of brains and humor, a "good egg". Congratulations also to 2nd place finisher Scott Harris (8th grade) and 7th grader Ann Marcelli, who finished 3rd. Noah now advances to the Private/Parochial district Bee January 12th. Good Luck Noah!!



## 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.

### How to Put St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Your Will

After providing for their families and loved ones, parishioners may want to put ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH in their wills, thus helping to assure the long-term ministry of our parish. Bequests are free of estate tax, and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. You can give needed support to your parish by simply including the following words in your will: I give, devise, and bequeath to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, a Corporation Sole, for the benefit of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 1502 Sara Rd., Rio Rancho, NM, 87124, (insert amount being given here) to be used to support the ministry of the parish. A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name St. Thomas Aquinas Parish as a contingent beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living.

It is recommended that a lawyer help in drafting or amending a will.

**'The Eucharist is the point where God and the soul meet - God with all His graces, the soul with all its wants.'**

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Come meet your God in Eucharistic Adoration!

## Parish Directory

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
Business Manager (Ext. 101).....	Martin Sedillo
Accountant (Ext. 108).....	Ana Martinez
Acct Asst (Ext. 111).....	Jeannie Pinel
Acct Asst (Ext. 109).....	Liz Large
Adult Ministries (Ext. 104).....	Jeannette Case Schlicher
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
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

**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.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Detention Ministry Day will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 8:00 AM until 1:45 PM at San Jose Mission in Los Duranes, 2110 Los Lucero's Rd. NW, Alb. 87104. This year's theme is "Devoted Disciples of Jesus Christ through Intentional Discipleship." The keynote speaker is Sister Kay Taylor, FdCC, Sister has a vast array of experiences including: Group Counselor of the Residential Renewal Program, and Spiritual Director. There is no fee for this event however, we will need pre registration as lunch will be served. Call the Office of Pastoral Outreach for more information and/or for directions 831-8174. Sponsored by Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Pastoral Outreach, Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), and The Catholic Foundation.

## Beginning Experience

**To all divorced, widowed, and separated.** "There is a special heartache for those who find themselves single again." But there is help! There will be a "Beginning Experience Weekend," designed for the divorced, widowed and separated. **It is a weekend away, for a lifetime of change.** Date: Friday evening, January 15, 2010 through Sunday afternoon, January 17, 2010, ending with Holy Mass. Place: Madonna Center at the Catholic Center complex in Albuquerque. Thanks to the Annual Catholic Appeal, the cost for this weekend is only \$100.00 /person which include meals, program materials and two nights stay. For more information, call the Family Life office at (505)831-8117 in Albuquerque.

**Paid Internship Available!** 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](mailto: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 Hanko - 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