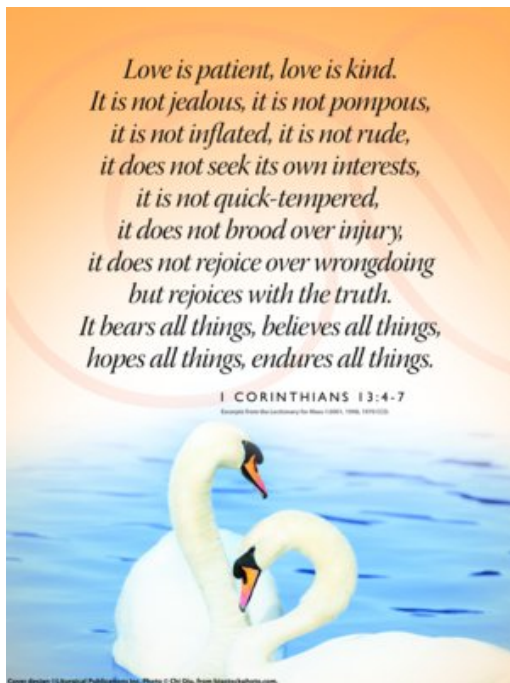


# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

## JANUARY 31, 2010

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



#### PASTORS CORNER

My dear family,

Today we celebrate the feast of our beloved patron Saint, St. Thomas Aquinas. Being the patron saint of Catholic Education, this is also Catholic Schools Week. For that reason, our children from the school will be helping at all our Masses this weekend.

On this day I wish to thank Sister Anne, and all of our teachers and staff at our school. They make it possible for us to offer such a quality Catholic education to the young people of our parish. I also thank the parents who make such sacrifices to send their children to our school. And of course I am grateful to all of you who support our school in so many ways. In a special way I am grateful to those who now donate or who in their wills remember our scholarship fund, which allows many children to have the blessings of a Catholic education who otherwise could not afford it.

I have some wonderful news to share – last week we sent off the last payment on our school building! We now own it free and clear. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

This week we have several minor but very beautiful feast days:

on Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple – commonly called Candlemas Day. We will have the traditional blessing of candles at both Masses. Please bring any candles you wish to have blessed to Mass.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have the feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of protection from throat illnesses. We will have the traditional blessing of throats at all the Masses that day.

A blessed week to you all!

Msgr. Doug Raun

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## "Introduction to Church History"

DVD Albums Now Available. The six talks on the "Introduction to Church History" (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. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- January 31st** - Rev. Joseph Thomas Kanavallil CMI, Pastor, Santa Rosa de Lima, Santa Rosa
- February 1st** - Rev. Donald Kapitz, Retired
- February 2nd** - Rev. Thomas Kayammakal, Pastor, San Miguel del Vado, Ribera
- February 3rd** - Rev. Oren Key SJ, Parochial Vicar, Immaculate Conception, Albuquerque
- February 4th** - Rev. Cecil Kleber, OFM, San Juan Diego Friary
- February 5th** - Rev. David Klein CSB, Hospital Chaplain, Albuquerque
- February 6th** - Rev. Robert Lancaster, Pastor, Sangre de Cristo, Albuquerque

**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.



### FIRST THURSDAY INDULGENCE FOR THE YEAR OF PRIESTS

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

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



## FUNERALS

*Eduardo H. Rojas*

*Edith Kyse*

*Angelina Aragon*

*BerylDine Le Compte*

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



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jocelynn Laila Sanchez

Vicente Deeschii'nii Zuniga

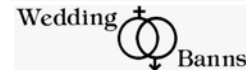
Natacia Arolinda Maria Teresa Martinez

**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

*Barbara Gallegos & Vincent Russo*

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

# FEBRUARY

## Liturgical Ministry Calendar

**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.**

**February 11th**—healing Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes) **7:00 p.m.**

### Next Week's Readings

January 31st - February 7th

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

## Upcoming Events

### RESPECT LIFE

**TODAY, 2:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Seminar: Stem Cell Research: Embryonic vs. Adult , Speaker: Duaneen Dolce, Right to Life Committee of New Mexico, Fr. D'Arco Hall.**

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

### CUB SCOUTS

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

**February 7th** the cub scouts of STA will be having their monthly **burrito breakfast**. Come support our boys after the **7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. masses**.

Birtheright of Rio Rancho is celebrating life with their 5th annual **Hearts Afire for Life Spaghetti Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction** on **Saturday, February 20th from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm** at St. Thomas Aquinas D'Arco Hall in Rio Rancho. The **ticket price is \$5 for children under 12, \$10 for anyone over 12, or \$50 a family**. Tickets are on sale NOW. Get yours today! Hearts Afire for Life is our main fundraiser that celebrates life and raises money to provide the free services of pregnancy testing, material assistance, education, prevention and client counseling. Bring a baby item to the event and receive a chance in our Baby Benefit drawing. Tickets are available at Birtheright of Rio Rancho, 2704 Southern Blvd Ste 7 or Holy Family Religious Supplies, 9421 Coors Blvd NW, ABQ. For more information call Debbie at 331-3132 or stop by.

#### **Confidence and Skills-Building for the Lector Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. In the church.**

Individuals seeking to serve the parish as Lectors are invited. All active lectors are encouraged to attend.

For questions please contact:

Maria E. Burns cell phone # 505-410-8278

### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Will be having a **bake sale** in conjunction with the Cub Scouts' burrito breakfast on **Sunday, Feb. 7th after the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses**. Here's your chance to pick up some sweets for your loved ones on Valentine's Day, while enjoying a delicious burrito!"

Is **selling prints of "La Madonna Nina,"** an oil painting done by our own Deacon Tom Burns. These prints are only **\$5 each** and will make a wonderful addition to your home, or a gift for someone special. Please contact Felice Truscio at 891-1304 to reserve your print."

**For daily marriage tips** visit: [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org).

## Liturgical News

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

### ADORATION

Please consider responding to the hours listed below for openings in Eucharistic Adoration. We have so many families in our parish and with that there are also so many needs. Spending an hour in the Adoration chapel brings joy to our Lord. It can also bring answered prayer and comfort to so many in need not only in our parish, but in the world today. Your commitment to a holy hour of adoration is desperately needed right now. If you are not sure about what exactly is being asked of you, call one of the coordinators listed to find out more. They will be more than happy to assist you. Thank you!

#### Adorers Needed:

**Monday, 2:00 a.m., Tuesday 5:00 a.m.,**

**Wednesday 3:00 a.m., Thursday 2:00 a.m.,**

**Friday 2:00 a.m., Saturday 3:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m.**

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#### **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](mailto:flagshipsm12659@msn.com)

Paul & Anise Yarbrough: (Noon-6 p.m.) at 899-0981

e-mail: [yarburro@msn.com](mailto:yarburro@msn.com)

Pat & Jolyn Murphy: (6 p.m.-12 Midnight) at

892-4931 or e-mail: [jpmurphrc@msn.com](mailto: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:**

**Martha Abeyta = Feb 1-15**

#### **Virgin II:**

**Adrienne Campbell = Feb 1-15**

**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**

#### **FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 5TH**

**Please come and pray for an end to abortion on First Friday. We pray 20 decades of the rosary after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Come to pray all of the decades or as many as you have time for. The time has come to lift the death penalty on the unborn.**

**BeFriender Ministry**



See our brochures on the literature racks at church entrances or call Gloria at 891-0388.

**Culture of Life Corner**

A recurring problem for pro-abortion advocates is parental involvement in regards to minor girl's abortions. They oppose it; we welcome the involvement. And why not: those children are ours. We better be involved and insist on our right to know if our daughters are to get an abortion... surrendering that is to surrender everything most dear to us. No one should leave their own out in the cold. Make this a legal restriction on abortion; this is one we need to be most attentive: Parental Notification and Parental Consent. Submitted by Charles Griego

"Caring 4 Kids" would like to thank everyone who has helped and donated items. **For 2009 we were able to hand out 1029 blankets, hundreds of stuffed animals and over 130 bags of clothes.** We are most grateful for your generosity, because without your help our first year could not be such a success! The meetings have become so popular we have added a PM meeting on Tuesdays. **Our next meetings are Tuesday February 2nd from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. or the am meeting on Wednesday February 3rd from 9:30a.m. - Noon. All meetings are held in the St. Lucy Room next to the church office on the 1st and 3rd week of the month.** NO EXPERIENCE necessary, we are in need of ALL type of volunteers, so come by and make some new friends! We are currently OUT OF YARN, donations can be dropped off at the parish office. More info. Victoria 261-1488

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

The Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach to mothers during the times of celebration, challenge, and sorrow. The purpose of this ministry is to provide support, comradeship, spiritual guidance and encouragement to moms of any age. **The Elizabeth Ministry of STA will begin it's Spring study on Thursday, February 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Religious Ed. Bldg., Room 11.** The study runs through May 6th. Our study will be Chocolate for Lent by Hilary Brand. This Lenten program offers deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. All women are invited to come-child care is provided. Please call Rhonda Neel for more information at 899-3817.

**TO ALL USHERS**

Thanks so much for your continued service to the church. I will be hosting a **monthly meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** Deacon Dave 890-6574

**7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM  
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE FOR  
SPRING 2010 IN RELIGIOUS ED. BLDG.**

**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.

**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.

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.

**We are called by name to be disciples of Jesus. This is a call to live out the destiny God has planned for us; to live each day in the presence of God; to do God's will instead of our own. Stewards take this call seriously and respond joyfully.**

High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



Matt Maher will be in Los Lunas Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be at San Clemente and the tickets are \$10. The concert will more than likely sell out so purchase your tickets early for more information contact Brenda Saiz at 865-7385.

Life Teen needs **parents to sign up to cook the teen's dinner**, for more information contact Rita at [rita.montano@stanm.org](mailto:rita.montano@stanm.org) it doesn't cost anything but your time. We will not have Life Teen the following days: 2/7 and 2/21.

**Confirmation** is scheduled for **every Monday except: 2/15**. Parents, please make sure you students have turned in their Saint Reports and Letter to the Archbishop.

Please **keep our Life Teen Core members in prayer Feb 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** as we will be attending our annual retreat.

**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 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 February 12th**.

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org

**Final Parent Meetings for First Communion is 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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

When we take care of God's poor, we are living gospel values. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help pay rent and utility bills so families in need can stay comfortably in their homes. Thank you for this assistance! If you might be interested in joining in this important work and would like to learn more, please attend our **next general meeting to be held Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the church offices.** You will be most welcome. For more information, call the office at 892-0526.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

### “MISSION OF THE REDEEMER” SEMINAR AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Mr. Dave Nodar, of ChristLife Catholic Ministry for Evangelization ([www.ChristLife.org](http://www.ChristLife.org)), will present a four-part evangelization seminar, “Mission of the Redeemer,” at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish on **Wednesday, 2/10/10**, in Fr. D’Arco Hall. The day-long seminar will begin at 10:00 a.m.



(Mass is at 9:00 a.m., in the church.) “Mission of the Redeemer” (<http://www.christlife.org/resources/programs/BEEC.html>) is open to all adults, but is *especially* suited to people actively involved in parish or archdiocesan ministry, whether as volunteers or employees. There is no charge for participation, but a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. St. Thomas Aquinas is located at 1502 Sara Road, SE, Rio Rancho. Please contact Jeannette, 892-1511, x104, to pre-register and for more information.

### DAYTIME ADULT STUDY GROUPS FORMING

Two new, daytime study groups are now forming:

- **Epic: A Journey through Church History**, 20 weeks, **1:00-3:00 p.m., Mondays, beginning 2/15**. The optional (but strongly recommended) study kit costs \$20. The Great Adventure's **A Quick Journey through the Bible**, 8 weeks, **10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fridays, beginning 2/19**. You will need a Catholic **Bible** and a **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. The optional (but strongly recommended) study kit costs \$14.

Both groups will meet in the St. Lucy Filippini meeting room in Panorama Plaza, 1594 Sara Road, SE, Suite J, Rio Rancho. Please contact Jeannette at 892-1511, x104, or [AquinasAM@yahoo.com](mailto:AquinasAM@yahoo.com), to pre-register for either group—or *both* of them!

### ADULT MINISTRIES ON FACEBOOK!

The Adult Ministries (adult faith formation) department now has a Facebook group page! Visit us at <http://tinyurl.com/ydr8q38>, and join the group to stay informed about what is going on for adults in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, participate in discussions, and much more.

### 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.**



# Mass Intentions

**Monday February 1st Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. † David Dalfonso by Kay Wierzbiicka  
 † Earl Yont by the Moyna family  
 † Rosemary Bell by the McCluskey family  
 6:00 p.m. † Blair Reinard by Paul & Marilyn Wareing  
 † John Andrew Davidson by Tito & Barbara Montoya  
 † Susie Chacon by Schultze family  
 7:15 a.m. @ STAS For those still suffering in Haiti  
**Tuesday February 2nd Presentation of the Lord**  
 9:00 a.m. † Alfred Kohl by Marian & Bob  
 † Earl Yont by Marian & Robert Kohl  
 For reparation by Jess & Josephine Ybarra  
 6:00 p.m. † Glen Henlon by his daughters  
 Patricia Brooks by Josie San Diego, Family and friends  
 Jacqueline Jaramillo B-day by godparents  
 7:15 a.m. @ STA School - Glen Hanlon by his daughters  
**Wednesday February 3rd Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. † Earl Yont by Jane  
 Special Intentions by Ed Gangemi  
 † Earl Yont by Jeanne Hightower  
 6:00 p.m. † Vicente L. Armijo by Toni Armijo  
 8:15 a.m. @ STA School - For all volunteers in Haiti  
**Thursday February 4th Weekday**  
 9:00 a.m. † Romaldo Ortiz by the Herrera family  
 Gods blessing for our children & grandchildren specially  
 for Michael the Seminarian by the Niemczak family  
 6:00 p.m. Jen Wunderlich  
 † James & Irene Serna by family  
 † Maxine Spooner  
 7:15 a.m. @ STA School - For those who are dying in Haiti

**Friday February 5th St. Agatha**  
 9:00 a.m. Gods blessing for Lambert family his love & peace  
 by the Niemczak fam.  
 † Robert Keaveny Sr. by family  
 In thanksgiving by Anne Lazar  
 6:00 p.m. Eva Leyva special intentions by Adelina Major  
 8:15 a.m. @ STA School - For all STA students  
**Saturday February 6th St. Paul Miki and Companions**  
 9:00 a.m. Gods blessing for Milo Hurst & Ranoli  
 by Niemczak family  
 Gods blessing for Adrian Fuss Mink & his family by  
 Niemczak family  
 † Earl Yont by Altar & Rosary Society  
 5:00 p.m. † Thomas Ruiz by family  
 You know Lord what my Mom, sister, brothers  
 & their families need, please bless them. I trust in you.  
 by Niemczak family  
 Gods blessing for Kristin & Jeff Reed family  
 by Niemczak family  
 4:00 p.m. † @SJV—For the Parish  
**Sunday February 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times**  
 7:00 a.m. Lawrence Hebel  
 † Louis Fletcher by Elisa Fletcher  
 † Gerald Oakford by Dennis & Sharon Kuchar  
 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
 † CDA, STA Court #2306  
 Vernon Eberhardy by Jane  
 11:00 a.m. † Patricia Dowling by John Dowling  
 † Rafaelita Martinez by Lillian Gurule  
 † Lucy, Frank & Stephen Padilla anniv. & b-days  
 by Sylvia & Tom Newton  
 12:30 p.m. † Paul Trujillo by Irma & family  
 † Matejczuk-Leokadia & Wieslaw by Stan & Iwona  
 † Vernon Rodriguez by E. Alarid  
 6:00 p.m. † Helen Ross by the Denman family  
 Connie Fields by Elaine Schwers  
 8:00 a.m. @ SJV Holy souls in purgatory by Helena Chávez  
 10:00 a.m. @ SJV Walter Klevesahl by Sylvia Quinones

## “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.

### 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

## Meet the Candidates

### For The City of Rio Rancho

### 2010 Election Candidate Forum

**Sunday, February, 7th , 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Fr. D'Arco Hall**

**Mayor, City Council Districts 2,3 and 5, Municipal Judge**

**All Are Welcome**

**Speakers will take written questions from the audience.**

**For more information, contact Felicie Truscio, 891-1304**

St. Thomas Aquinas School

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal 892-3221

1100 Hood Road www.stthomasaquinaschool.org

Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Sr. Anne Louise Abascal, Principal 892-3221

### Enrollment Openings

St. Thomas Aquinas School has a limited number of **openings in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th through 7th grades.** Interested families should contact Rosanne Sloan, school registrar at 892-3221, ext. 37 for more information on the enrollment process. All incoming students are given placement tests. Please visit the school's website at [www.stasnm.org](http://www.stasnm.org) for information on tuition costs and other facts about the school.

### 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.

The mission entrusted to us as teachers of the faith consists in recalling, in the words of the Apostle of the Gentiles, that our Savior "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"

(1 Timothy 2:4). This, and nothing else, is the purpose of the Church: the salvation of individual souls.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Brazilian Bishops.

### "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.**

### 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.

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### "The Garden Ring, a 6-18 lane wide traffic circle, is located in which European country's capital?"

That's the winning question in the 2009-2010 Geography Bee, answered correctly by 8<sup>th</sup> grader Liam Moots. Liam advances to the state Geography Bee. He is a football player and an avid big game hunter, the youngest in the state of New Mexico to acquire his Hunter Safety Certification at the age of 7. Runner up in the Geography Bee: 6th grader, Augustine Eichwald, 5<sup>th</sup> grader Molly Klein placed third.



Curious if you know the correct answer? It's Moscow, Russia

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TESTIMONIES

Posted in our Blessings Received Book

**Thank-you:**

- For** trials of sadness.
- For** answered prayers.
- For** a wonderful vacation.
- For** my healthy pregnancy.
- For** that my daughter is drug free.
- For** never leaving me and my family.
- For** the strength to endure my weaknesses.
- For** bringing my daughter back to the church.
- For** blessings bestowed on my grandchildren.
- For** helping me in school and for passing the class.
- For** the volunteers in Haiti.



## 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

### ADULT FORMATION SERIES OF THE LITURGY

THE WORD OF THE LORD Preparing for full, conscious, active participation in the Sunday Eucharist Wednesday, February 3rd. For more information contact the Office of Worship at 505-831-8191 or 505-831-8194.

**VALENTINE'S ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR**  
Sunday, February 7th, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
Holy Family Church 562 Atrisco S.W., 842-5426

**Sign Language Classes:** Learn the language of the deaf. A 10 week class for beginners will start on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Therese Catholic Church, in the parish hall east of the church.** 300 Mildred Ave NW, 87107. To register or for more information call Deacon Fabian Gagnon 727-2700 or Rosalie Romero 831-8179. Classes are for adults.

**Summer at St. Pius X - Fun classes with hands on activities** open to all area middle school students ages 10 - 14. Two week sessions run from June 17-18, June 21-July 2, and July 6-26. Contact 831-8400 for more information.

**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!

**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.org](mailto:justice2@archdiosf.org).

### 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**

## 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:** Deacon David Little 890-6574  
**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