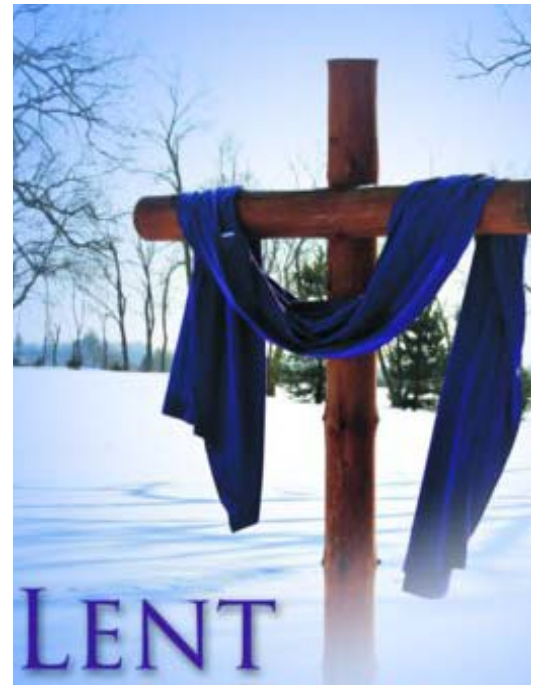


# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

## February 21, 2010

### First Sunday of Lent

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.



#### PASTORS CORNER

My dear family,



Today we begin our celebration of 1st Confessions for our second grade children. Let us keep them in prayer as they receive the sacrament of Penance for the first time!

#### REMEMBER :

- every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence from eating meat
- Stations of the Cross each Friday at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- our Lenten Mission - March 22nd-25th, with Fr. Celsus Agustie

Next week I will be preaching the Lenten Mission in Tijeras. Fr. Granito, the pastor of Tijeras, will be taking my Masses here at St. Thomas. Pray for the success of the Mission!

A blessed Lenten week,

Msgr. Doug Raun

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#### Lenten Regulations – 2010

**ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are DAYS OF FASTING.** Fasting means eating only one meal. In addition, two small “snacks” may be eaten, but together they must not equal another meal. This binds all Catholics ages 18 to 59 inclusive under pain of sin.

**ASH WEDNESDAY and ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT are DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM EATING MEAT.** Meat here is understood as the flesh of any animal except seafood. This binds all Catholics age 14 and over under pain of sin.

Any serious health reason automatically excuses a Catholic from these laws if their health would be hurt by fasting or abstinence.

**All Catholics are bound to make their EASTER DUTY during the Pascal Season,** which in the United States is from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. The Easter Duty consists of  
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confessing one's mortal sins in the Sacrament of Penance and receiving Holy Communion worthily.

**The whole SEASON OF LENT is a TIME OF PENANCE.** Marriage is not to be solemnly celebrated. The faithful are encouraged to practice voluntary works of penance and mercy during the days of Lent, and to keep the spirit of Lent in their daily lives.


**Church Calendars are still available in the office.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

- February 21st** - Rev. Vidal Martinez, Retired
- February 22nd**- Rev. Msgr. Jerome Martinez y Alire, Pastor, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe
- February 23rd** - Rev. Siphon Mathabela, OSB, Contemplative Monk, Abbey of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu
- February 24th** - Rev. Thomas Mayefsky, Retired
- February 25th** - Rev. Diego Mazon OFM, San Juan Diego Friary
- February 26th** - Rev. Gregory Mc Cormick sP, Pastor, Jemez Springs
- February 27th** - Very Rev. James McGowan, Pastor, St. Helen, Portales

**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.

**CHANNEL 13, SUNDAY MASS 7:00 a.m.  
CH 47, LA VOZ CATÓLICA, DOMINGO 10:00 a.m.**



**FUNERALS**

*Richard Allen Garrick  
Charles Epping*

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Izaac Juan Josiyah Callahan  
Emma Madison Peterson  
Sadie Lynn Marie Strmiska  
Xavier Zachariah Valdez*



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

At St. John Vianney Mission  
*Alyssa Bryanne Ortiz*

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Please call our Parish Office four months prior to your wedding day to make arrangements and complete the paperwork.

**Liturgical Ministry Calendar**

**February 21st and 28th** Sundays,  
First Reconciliation, **2:00 p.m.**

**March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th—Fridays**  
Stations of the Cross

**March 14th—**Daylight Savings Time

**March 15th—**Parish Lenten Mission 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

\*Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



**Next Week's Readings  
February 21st - February 28th**

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## Lenten Fish Dinner

**DON'T LET THIS ONE GET AWAY!**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th**

**3:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH  
In Fr. D'Arco Hall**

**2-Delicious baked Cod fillets,  
hot vegetable, baked fries, coleslaw, tartar  
sauce, dinner roll, butter, coffee and tea.**

A variety of cold soft drinks can be purchased  
for only .50 per can.

**Donation: Only \$6.00 per person.**

Dine with us or take it home. Call ahead to  
400-7627 and we'll have it ready for pick up.

Tickets available only at the door.

For information call:

Dewey Mann Jr. 898-2197

Sponsored by: Eugene Teatum

Council #6696 Rio Rancho, NM

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Breakfast** on **Sunday, February 28th** after the **7:00 a.m.** and **9:00 a.m.** masses. The delicious breakfast will be served in **St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Father D'Arco Hall**. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, juice, coffee and other goodies, **COST ONLY \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.** Please join us.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying "Give, and gifts will be given to you." When we give to those less fortunate, God pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives. It is only through your generous donations that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to help our friends in need. Your gifts bring the love and peace of Jesus to the poor. For more information about St. Vincent de Paul, please call 892-0526.

Steven Woodbury 892-1511 x105

Steven.Woodbury@stanm.org

### ADORATION

*Choose a hidden place for yourself and delight to retire there alone, where you need not talk with anyone, but instead pour out your heart to God in prayer. In this way you will have a clear conscience and a contrite heart. Look upon the whole world as nothing, preferring to give your time to God before all external things." Taken from The Imitation of Christ.*

#### 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.**

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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

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: Martha Abeyta = February 15th—28th**

**Virgin II: Martha Teteaultt = February 15th-28th**

**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: February 2st-27th ----- All the blessings received in my family by Irma Avalos.**

#### Confidence and Skills-Building for the Lector

**Tuesday, February 23rd, 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

#### 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

**BeFriender Ministry**



***Joy is hidden in compassion.*** The word compassion literally means "to suffer with." It seems quite unlikely that suffering with another person would bring joy. Yet being with a person in pain, offering simple presence to someone in despair, sharing with a friend in times of confusion and uncertainty ... such experiences can bring deep joy. Call Gloria for information, or to schedule a visit, at 891-0388.

**CARING FOR KIDS**

"Caring 4 Kids" would like to thank everyone who has helped and donated items. The meetings have become so popular we have added a P.M. meeting on Tuesdays and still have our AM meeting on Wednesdays. 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

**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 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Fridays 10:00 – 2:00 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.

**CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER**

"Our God created us with more talent, creativity, AND hearts than any politician in Washington will ever give us credit for. Government can't love. But the human person can, and does." (Brian Burch). When we understand the notion of what is going on when life begins and that life begins with love. Destroy love and life is destroyed with it. Submitted by Charles Griego

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.

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

**February 25th,**

**Session 6 & Graduation**

**Class 2**

**March 4th, Orientation Class**

**March 18th, 1st session**

**March 25th Session 2**

**All classes will be held from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**  
For more information, call Parish Office 892-1511 ext.

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**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,**

**Has begun, 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.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION TESTIMONIES**

**Posted in our Blessings Received Book**

**Thank-you:**

**For** miracles.

**For** all of life.

**For** good health.

**For** my children.

**For** family peace.

**For** job interview.

**For** finishing school.

**For** forgiveness of sin.

**For** strength to move forward.

**For** the blessing of Confession.



High School and Life Teen Justin Bucalo 896-8097

Justin.Bucalo@stanm.org



**Life Teen Summer Camp!!** We will be attending summer camp this **JULY 19-24 in Prescott, AZ.** It is open to all high school aged teens (incoming freshmen through newly graduates) For more information contact Justin or Rita at 896-8097

Matt Maher will be in Los Lunas **Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** 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.

**Confirmation** is scheduled for **every Monday** this month. Parents, please make sure you students have turned in their Saint Reports and Letter to the Archbishop.

**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.**

For Christ I Stand, Rita Montano, Assistant Youth Minister. (505) 896-8097

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 26th.**

Children's Religious Education

Phone - 892-1497 CRE@stanm.org



**Our children are making 1<sup>st</sup> Confession**  
**TODAY, Feb. 28, March 07, & March 14**

Please Pray for them.

Adult Ministries Jeannette Schlicher

892-1511 x104

AquinasAM@yahoo.com

**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, 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.**

**NEW PARISH WEB SITE** [www.stanm.org](http://www.stanm.org)

We have moved the parish web site thanks to Carl Beyer who is helping us develop it. You can find the parish directory along with the weekly bulletins, the Mass schedule, and links to e-mail the staff and clergy. Stay tuned for more!

We will post late breaking news there which arrives after the bulletin goes to the printer or can't wait for the bulletin. Check the site or get on the e-letter list by sending a message to [Contact@stanm.org](mailto:Contact@stanm.org).



# Mass Intentions

## Monday      February 22nd The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

9:00 a.m.    † Dorothy Adams by Irene Green  
             † Lemaïd Baker by wife Nila Baker  
             Healing of the family tree by Henry

6:00 p.m.    In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin  
             by Nadine Candelaria

7:15 a.m.    @ STAS For people in Haiti still suffering

## Tuesday      February 23rd Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m.    Jeffrey Ybarra by Mom & Dad

6:00 p.m.    † Margaret Messino by Alice Perez  
             † Alex Molnar by Deborah Kozerski

7:15 a.m.    @ STAS To help us sacrifice for others

## Wednesday      February 24th Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m.    Sister Angela Ybarra by Mom & Dad

6:00 p.m.    † Gerald Oakford by Dennis & Sharon Kuchar  
             † Alice Roybal 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
             by Rose & Larry Chávez & family

8:15 a.m.    @ STA School - To see good in others

## Thursday      February 25th Weekday

9:00 a.m.    Gabriel Ybarra by Mom & Dad

6:00 p.m.    In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin  
             by Nadine Candelaria

7:15 a.m.    To love others  
@ STAS

**Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is bliss, taste it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it.**  
**Mother Teresa**

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

## Friday      February 26th Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m.    † Earl Yont by wife Elaine  
             Yolanda Torrecillas by Mom & Dad

6:00 p.m.    † Joseph Tirone by Jo Tirone

8:15 a.m.    @ STA School - for all school staff

## Saturday      February 27th Weekday in Lent

9:00 a.m.    For change in our lives

5:00 p.m.    Edward Russick happy birthday  
             by Tamara & Stephen Russick

4:00 p.m.    † @SJV—For the people in Haiti still suffering

## Sunday      February 28th Second Sunday in Lent

7:00 a.m.    † John Kilmer by Mr. & Mrs. Cook

9:00 a.m.    For the People of the Parish  
             † Virginia Ashe-Raybon by Grady Raybon  
             † Mary Lemerich by daughter

11:00 a.m.    † Elizabeth Hosek by John & Margaret Ondereko  
             † To Thi Nguyen by Lilly Hilger

12:30 p.m.    † Sotero Jay Sanchez Jr. by Victor & Sandra Sanchez  
             † Jimmy Jalovec by the Doody family

6:00 p.m.    J.D., Michael & Eva by Adrie

8:00 a.m.    † Bill & Coke Baca by Duran family

@ SJV      † Pete Rios by the family

             † C.R. & Flora Duran by the family

             † Juanita Rios by the family

10:00 a.m.    @ SJV For the Parish

### List of DVD's

5 Mass, November 27, 2008—**Thanksgiving Day**

9 Mass, December 24, 2008-- **Christmas Eve & Midnight Mass**

7 Mass, December 14, 2008—**3rd Sunday of Advent**

1 Mass, December 28, 2008—**The Most Holy Family**

4 Mass, January 4, 2009-- **The Epiphany of the Lord**

2 Mass, January 11, 2009—**The Baptism of the Lord**

7 Mass January 18, 2009—**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8 Mass, January 25, 2009—**Mass of Parish Patron: St. Thomas Aquinas**

1 Mass, January 30, 2009—**St Paul (Fr. Michael DePalma)**

9 Mass, February 1, 2009—**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Michael DePalmas, Homilist)**

7 Mass, February 22, 2009—**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (1st Mass Fr. Jeffrey N. Steenson)**

8 Mass, March 1, 2009—**1st Sunday of Lent (Fr. Michael DePalma, homilist)**

8 Mass, March 8, 2009—**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Msgr. Doug Raun)**

### "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

## More Parish News

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

### Enrollment Openings

St. Thomas Aquinas School has a limited number of **openings in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 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"

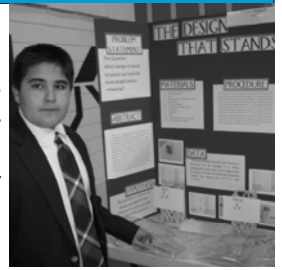
Come pray with us for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, the pre-born. **sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood office in the NW corner of the Target mini mall West of Hwy 528.** We always pray the **last Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

### 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.

### 2010 Science Fair Winners!

Our congratulations to the hardworking students of STAS at the conclusion of this year's science fair. An expert panel of judges carefully viewed each project and selected winners in seven categories:



Behavior & Health Sciences:

Devon Padilla

Engineering:

Matthew Montminy

Life Science:

Marcos Ray Serna

Physical Science:

Alexis Sanchez

1st Place 6th Grade:

Perry Pecos Duarte:

Hang Up and Drive

1st Place 7th Grade:

Jamie van Loben Sels:

How Do Painted Butterflies React to UV Light?

1st Place 8th Grade:

Parker Magness: Does Re-

cycled Material Improve Plant Growth in Desert Soil?

Our sincere gratitude to our seemingly tireless science teacher, Mr. Eric Vigil, for his instruction and guidance of our children, and his devotion to the Science Fair each year. He truly is the driving force behind this monumental exhibition. Many thanks also to Mrs. Mary Rogel for organizing our talented panel of judges and providing refreshments in the hospitality room.



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

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

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

## Parish Directory

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.....	Rev. Fr. Michael DePalma, in residence
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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

Lenten Parish Mission at San Clemente Church in Los Lunas, Sunday through Thursday, **February 21st-25th** with Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P. The Mission will be at 7:00 PM each evening. Child care is not available. Call 865-7385 for information.

Fr. Mullady taught moral theology for six years at the Angelicum in Rome and for three years at St. Thomas Seminary in Houston, Texas. Currently he teaches theology at Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, and as adjunct professor at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College as part of the Vita Consecrata Institute. In addition to conducting retreats and missions around the country, Fr. Mullady also serves as theological consultant for the Institute on Religious Life.

You are invited to join the **Wings Ministry at Risen Savior Catholic Community (7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE) TODAY.**

**Following Mass, there will be a potluck lunch** in the Marian Center Gathering Hall. The main entrée will be provided. **Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.**

Wings Ministry invites those who are physically or mentally challenged, blind, hard of hearing, and their families, friends and caregivers. Please call the Parish office a 821-1571 to RSVP.

The 40 Days for Life prayer vigil runs from **Feb 17th – Apr 2nd**. Nationwide over 600 babies were saved during the Fall 40 Days. Join us in prayer, fasting, and public witness during Lent in front of the Planned Parenthood at 701 San Mateo NE or at PDL's Holy Innocents Chapel, 625 San Mateo NE. For more information, go to this web site: [www.40daysforlife.org/albuquerque](http://www.40daysforlife.org/albuquerque). The upcoming Parish requested participation day is: **Sun., Feb 28: St Thomas Aquinas in Alb.**

**How Operation Rice Bowl Saved a Life:** Catholic Relief Services presents the Story of Ghana's THOMAS AWIAPO

As you pray, fast and give alms and learn this Lent through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl, come hear about the difference you can make in one person's life by participating in the Rice Bowl. Thomas Awiapo, CRS staff from Ghana, will speak about how his life was changed by CRS efforts in his country. This free event will take place on **Wednesday, March 10, 7:00-8:30pm at the Catholic Center, 4000 St. Joseph Pl in Albuquerque, in the Sandia Room.** For more information contact the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505-831-8167. All are welcome!

**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.

**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](mailto:justice2@archdiosf).

## St. Thomas Aquinas Ministries

**Altar & Rosary Society:** Saralee Wisner - 792-5516  
**Altar Servers:** Cindy Keaveny - 892-5649  
**Apostolate Our Lady of Fatima:** Gerri - 892-0414  
**BeFriender:** Gloria Hultine - 891-0388  
**Bereavement:** Mary Davidson - 892-9886  
**Caring 4 Kids:** Victoria at 261-1488  
**Catholic Daughters of America:** Mary Chambers - 896-0256  
**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Nila Baker  
**Counseling Center:** 417-2467 or Dn. Tom Burns - 892-1511, ext. 113  
**Elizabeth Ministry:** Rhonda Neel - 899-3817  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Ben & Gaylene Bitonel - (806) 676-0333  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Doug & Karen Taylor - 896-7985  
**FAMILIA:** Phil & Cathy Casaus 890-3222  
**Finance Council:** 892-1511 ext.101  
**Home & Hospital Ministry:** Eileen Walling - 891-1775  
**Catholic Homeschoolers:** Andrea Bass - 323-9222  
**Girl Scouts:** Joyce Sypher - 896-1205  
**Holy Cross Association:** John & Penny Marselle - 400-7245  
**Knights of Columbus #6696:** William M. McCarty II- 681-0570  
**Lectors:** Maria Burns—771-2005  
**Life Teen Liturgical Coordinator:** Jeanette Mata - 250-5489  
**Natural Family Planning:** José & Elvira Guillén - 892-5783  
**Nursery:** Aud Walaszek - 792-8716  
**Parish Social Committee:** Debbie Hanko - 379-0561  
**Pastoral Council:** Coleen Maddy - 404-1392  
**Pre-Cana:** Michael & Michelle Beglau 270-6137  
**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  
**Venture Scouts:** Mike Jacobs 962-2126