



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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Pastor Emeritus
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Deacon

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Mr. Jim Parkerson
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Mrs. Kathy Baker
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214-827-2044

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Mr. Michael Lindner
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214-821-3360 Ext 236
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214-821-3450

School Offices

3741 Abrams Road
Mrs. Marty Frauenheim
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214-826-0566
Preschool
214-823-8493

Youth Ministry

Mrs. Angela Ausmus Gill
Director
214-821-3360 Ext. 251

Family Life Ministry

Rev. Mr. Ken Reisor
Director
214-515-0354
Mr. Tim Koscheski
Associate Director
214-821-3360 Ext 234

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m. Monday through
Friday & 8:00 a.m. Saturday (Latin)
8:00 a.m. Monday through Wednesday
and Friday (English)
Communion Service Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Church Office Hours

M - Th 9 a.m. - 12n & 1 - 5 p.m.
Fri 9 a.m. - 12n & 1 - 4 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday Noon, in writing

Visit Our Website

www.stthomasaquinas.org

Diocesan Information Hotline

214-339-6365

Religious Book & Gift Shop

Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Welcome to our Parish You are invited to register and become an active member of our parish family. Complete a Registration Form (*found in the vestibule*) and return it to the church office. You may register if you live outside parish boundaries. Please notify the church office of changes of address and telephone number.

Sick and Shut-ins Please contact the church office so that arrangements can be made for them to receive the Sacraments.

Baptisms Baptisms are on the first and third Sundays of each month at 2:00 p.m. If not previously done, parents and godparents are required to attend a Preparation Class, offered on the SECOND SATURDAY of each month, 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Room. Call the church office to make reservations for Baptisms and the Class. Most couples find it more convenient to attend the class before the birth of the child.

Weddings Either the bride or groom must be a registered parishioner. Both must be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Wedding dates are set at the first meeting with the priest or deacon, at least four months before the wedding.

Nursery Care Provided for children 3-months to 2 years old, in Preschool building during the 10:00 a.m.. Sunday Mass. To register, call Sara Casner, 214-826-5975.

Counseling Professional and confidential counseling is offered by Souad Shrime, M.S., L.P.C., N.C.C., Professional Counselor. For appointment call 214-821-3360, ext 242 or 214-502-8678.

Choirs Anyone interested in participating in any choir may contact Michael Lindner, at the church office, for more information.

Parish Organizations

Altar Society

Angela Rust
214-691-7247

Apostleship of Prayer

Salem McLean
214-692-5105

Book Club

Rose Elsom
214-739-8887

Grief Ministry

214-821-3360, x 241

Holy Name Society

Dennis Larkin
214-696-6567

Knights of Columbus

Sam Zurawel
214-827-3408

Legion of Mary

Mary Wilson
214-660-8268

Little Flower Mission Society

Mary Ann Lopresto
214-826-1076

Mothers' Association

Adrienne Menchu
214-324-0934

Parish Council

Terry O'Brien
214-341-3907

Pro-Life Organization

Kassie Marks
972-675-3896

St. Vincent de Paul

Message Center
214-823-4645

School Board

Jim Ryan
214-327-1880

School Parents' Association

Kelly Buechler
214-824-7962

Boy Scouts

Jim Krieger
214-827-1546

Cub Scouts

Maroy Merino
214-824-9993

Girl Scouts

Joan Kimber
214-828-1175

Scripture Study

Louis Freitas
214-340-5692

Senior Club

Lorraine Lastelick
214-823-6570

STA Booster Club

STACS (Singles)

Ana Devora
214-341-6649

Ushers

David Dozier
214-324-3562

Funeral Ushers

Mike Piacquadro
972-495-5490

Young Marrieds

Michael & Colette Murray
214-887-4919




Mass Intentions

SUNDAY	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 noon	Vince Hagan †
MONDAY	8:00 am	Thomas LaRussa †
TUESDAY	8:00 am	Mary Helen Rountree †
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	Communion Service
THURSDAY	8:00 am	Communion Service
FRIDAY	8:00 am	Lynn Walker †
SUNDAY	12:00 pm	Louise Theresa LeCour †

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

A special Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar. To include the name of a loved one, friend, or associate affected by the terrorist attacks, or to remember one who is being placed in harm's way by military service, please turn in the name, in writing, to the church office. The book on the altar is a reminder at every Mass of all those fellow Americans who need our prayers during this time.

CONVOCATION FOR PRIESTS OCT. 9-11

This week, Bishops Grahmann and Galante have called all the priests of the diocese to a Convocation. This is an opportunity for the priests of the diocese to gather for prayer and reflection. In order to attend this Convocation, Fr. Bierschenk will be gone from the parish from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon.

PARISH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to last weekend's collection for the needy — \$4,145 was raised. All money will go to help those less fortunate with rent, medical emergencies, utilities, etc. Thank you again for your continued support.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY APPEAL 2002

The annual Catholic Community Appeal Campaign 2002, which funds the work of the Church in Dallas, continues this week. The campaign goal for the Diocese is \$4,655,000 and our parish goal is \$120,000. If you have not completed a pledge card, please drop yours in the collection basket, or turn it in to the parish office this week. Extra cards are available in the vestibule. Thank you for your help.

RELIGIOUS BOOK AND GIFT SHOP

Today, October 7 the Gift Shop will feature a selection of self guided retreat books. These books offer a self guided retreat with your favorite Saint. Please stop in to browse selections such as C. S. Lewis, St. John and many more.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
FOR PARISH PRO-LIFE GROUP AND CAUSES**

October is Respect Life Month. This year the St. Thomas Pro-Life Group is having a special second collection at all the Masses next weekend, October 13/14. The collection will take the place of the annual parish-wide Baby Bank Campaign. All of the money collected will go to support the STA Pro-Life Group and other pro-life activities within the diocese. The Pro-Life Group appreciates your support for this important cause.



NEWEST CATHOLIC

We welcome into the Church, Emily Jean Ranspot, infant daughter of James and Mary, who was baptized on September 29, 2001.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 7, 2001 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Mothers' Association Portrait Sitzings - St. Maron Room
- 8:45 am CCD Classes grades 1-12 - School
- 10:00 am Preschool CCD & Sunday Nursery - Preschool
- 11:00 am Parish Social - Cafeteria
- 11:00 am STACS Planning Meeting - St. Therese Room
- 1:30 pm Natural Family Planning Class - St. Joseph Room
- 3:00 pm Family Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir - St. Therese Room
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir - St. Therese Room

Monday, October 8

- No School - Diocesan Teacher Inservice at St. Thomas Aquinas
- 8:00 am Mothers' Association Portrait Sitzings - St. Maron Room
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Matthew Room
- 7:00 pm Library Guild - St. Anne Hall
- 7:00 pm Grief Recovery - St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 pm Eucharistic Minister Meeting - St. Maron Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group - Church, Gym, St. Margaret Room
- 7:30 pm St. Francis de Sales Choir - Church

Tuesday, October 9

- 6:30 pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Choir - St. Therese Room
- 7:00 pm Lector Meeting - Church
- 7:30 pm Little Rock Scripture Study - Cafeteria
- 7:30 pm Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Circle - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, October 10

- 10:00 am Grief Ministry - St. Matthew Room
- 11:00 am Senior Club meet - St. Matthew Room for trip to the Cathedral
- 7:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Choir - Church
- 7:00 pm Library Guild - St. Maron Room
- 7:00 pm Ave Maria Circle Meeting - St. Therese Room
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm Book of the Month Club - St. Margaret Room
- 8:00 am Cub Scout Leaders - Cafeteria

Thursday, October 11

- 8:00 am Mothers' Association Portrait Sitzings - St. Maron Room
- 4:00 pm Pages of the Blessed Sacrament Youth - St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 pm Divorce Recovery - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm RCIA Class - Drama Room
- 7:30 pm FOCCUS - St. Maron Room
- 7:30 pm Sponsor Couples - St. Margaret Room
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Therese Room

Friday, October 12

- 8:00 am Mothers' Association Portrait Sitzings - St. Maron Room
- 9:30 am Mothers' Rosary - Church
- 10:00 am Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Matthew Room
- 6:15 pm Parents' Night Out - Preschool

Saturday, October 13

- 10:00 am Baptism Class - St. Joseph Room
- 3:00 pm Library Guild - St. Maron Room

R.C.I.A. CLASSES

Instructions in the Catholic Faith, or the R.C.I.A. are held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Drama Room. There is no charge, and no pre-registration, just come this Thursday! Everyone is welcome.

THE YOUNG MARRIEDS' GROUP

Our October Social will be a game and dessert night at Mark and Erika Gragg's on Saturday the 13th. Please RSVP (to 214.349.1329). We are also gearing up for another session of book discussions. On October 17 we will meet at the Murray home to discuss the first section of *What Catholics Really Believe-Setting the Record Straight* by Karl Keating. The book may be ordered from Amazon.com for \$8.76. We are looking for couples to host the two remaining sessions so please call the Murrays if you can help in that regard or if you have questions (214.887.4919).

ST. THOMAS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Come join the 4th Annual St. Thomas Booster Club Men's Basketball League. Forms are available in the Church vestibule, the School office, or call Tony Mendoza (214.346.9398).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are ill: Regina Wearden and Robin Box.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SINGLES (STACS)

Today, Oct. 7, attend our planning meeting in the St. Theresa Room to learn more about STACS. On Oct. 8, volunteer for St. Jude's Library Service Project; call Lucy (214.826.6522). Join us on our camping trip Oct. 12-14 to Turner Falls, Oklahoma; call Fred ASAP to RSVP (214.887.8192). On Sunday, Oct. 14, join us for Faith Sharing; in the St. Maron Room at 11:00 am. For information on STACS membership call Elizabeth Silva (214.826.1022).

STA CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE

Cub Scout Pack 43 will be selling popcorn this weekend after all Masses. This is our main fundraiser. Please support our Scouting program and enjoy delicious popcorn. Popcorn tins make great gifts! Over 70% of our sales will come back to our Scouting program! Questions can be directed to Grace Davidson (214.750.9197).

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

There is still time to join the fall session of Little Rock Scripture Study. The Book of Psalms, Part 1, is a 7-week study. The Tuesday evening session meets at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. The Friday morning session meets at 10:00 am in the St. Maron Room. Everyone is welcome. Please call Irene Benavides (214.890.7974) for information.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

General Intentions: "Appreciation for the riches every culture and religion contributes to the common good."

Mission Intention: "A Pentecost-like missionary renewal to this third Christian Millennium."

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?

Eucharistic Ministers help serve at Mass and take Communion to the sick and to those who are unable to attend Mass. If you are interested in serving the St. Thomas Aquinas community as a Eucharistic Minister, please make plans to attend an orientation session on October 23 at 7:30 pm in the St. Maron Room. Deacon Reisor will explain the great importance and responsibilities of this ministry and give you the necessary training to serve. Those participants who are interested will be commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers following the training. If you have questions or would like to attend, please call Tim Koscheski (214.821.3360).

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW READERS!

If you would like to serve the St. Thomas Aquinas community as a Reader, please plan on attending a training session on October 30, at 7:30 pm in the St. Maron Room. Readers assist at Mass by reading the scriptures in order to proclaim the Word of God to His people. The training sessions will explain the responsibilities of the Reader and will train participants in how to be effective in this ministry. Those who are interested in serving as a Reader will be commissioned following the training. If you have questions or would like to attend, please call Tim Koscheski (214.821.3360).

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The St. Jude Library Guild is seeking volunteers to help prepare the library collection for opening on October 28. The Guild will have a Book/Library preparation session on Monday, October 8, at 7:00 pm in the St. Anne Hall and on Saturday, October 13, at 3 pm, in the St. Maron Room. If you would like to help, and have experience with scissors and stickers, please consider donating time to this effort. Call Tim Koscheski (214.821.3360) for more information.

SUNDAY 10:00 AM NURSERY

October 7		October 14	
Baby Nursery: 2-year-olds:		Baby Nursery: 2-year-olds:	
Cathy Bain	Heather Alvarez	Valerie Eckardt	Karen Finch
Ashley Black	Rhonda Hanks	Chris Ganus	Kelly George
Ted Zapletal	Kenny Hanks	Shawny Ganus	Claire Hailey
Monica Zapletal		Kim Maher	



TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday, October 6:			
4:00 pm	Steve Sellers Jim Krieger	Cindy Haynes Sheila Dohm Jeff Kuntz	Mitchel Civello Tessa Jacocks Jennifer Mendez
Sunday, October 7:			
8:00 am	Barbara McCumber Elizabeth D'Arcy	Jim Parkerson Dick Gunst Mary B. Harrington	Whitney McCumber Maggie Schwab Emmie Schwab
10:00 am	Angie Bolling Sue Sarris	Mary Frances Archer Dennis Larkin Dennis Sullivan	Loren Hayes Kacie Helms Olivia Daniel
12:00 noon	Mary E. Parra Frances Ballard	Bill Tate Marie Tate Maude Aragon	Kristian Knutson Zachary Garcia Courtney Huntress
5:00 pm	Cy Marek Karen McCormick	Paul Wright Mary Gilhooly John Gilhooly	Samantha Gifford Tyler Harrah Lauren Gifford

MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

Glenda Appleby will shoot black and white portraits again this year. Call Keri LeJeune (214.324.4574) for appointment. — All former and current members are invited to join us in commemorating our 40th Anniversary on **October 24, 7:00 pm in the St. Anne Hall**. Please call Tish Yoxall (214.823.4124) if you plan to attend. — The annual Mothers' Association Halloween Party will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 am-12pm in the Gym. Volunteers are needed to work 30 minute shifts; for information call Kelly Barton (214.823.2659). — October Charity is **A.R.T.S. for People** (Artistic, Recreational, Therapeutic Services). Please donate any art supplies for children and small musical instruments such as shakers, tambourines, castanets, etc. Donation boxes are located in the church vestibule, preschool and school. For information about this organization, visit www.artsforpeople.org.

SENIOR CLUB

Please meet Wednesday, October 10 in the St. Matthew Room at 11:00 am to go to *Cathedral Suites*, a piano performance by Michie Aikin, at the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe. Please call for reservations and carpooling (214.823.6570). A buffet lunch (\$8.00) will follow at 12:30 pm. **All Seniors are welcome!**

GIFT WRAP FUND-RAISER IS IN PROGRESS

St. Thomas Aquinas School's annual Gift Wrap Fund-Raiser continues through October 15. We are pleased to be offering the premium products of Sally Foster. 50% of all proceeds go to the school, to fund field trips, computers, books, and more. To purchase gift wrap before the holidays, order forms are available in the vestibule.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us in the **19th annual Holy Name Society (HNS) Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 21**. Our goal is to have 150 golfers play in this year's tournament, which will be held at Tenison Highlands Golf Course. Registration forms are in the vestibule or you can call Shannon Stansbury (214.824.1998).

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

High School Information Night is open to the parents of all 7th and 8th grade students. Please meet at 7:00 pm, on October 11, in Sweeney Hall on the St. Rita campus for the meeting to introduce the representatives from each school. After the meeting, each school will hold two 30-minute sessions to provide parents an opportunity to meet with the representatives and ask questions. There will be a handout available which highlights information about the admission process for each of the schools - Bishop Dunne, Bishop Lynch, Cistercian Prep, Jesuit, The Highlands, and Ursuline.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES BEGIN TODAY

DID YOU KNOW that the divorce rate of couples practicing modern Natural Family Planning is less than 5%? NFP class for married couples starts today, Sunday, October 7 at 3:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas, in the St. Joseph Room. If you haven't registered, that's okay. Come anyway and just listen! For information call Dennis and Colleen Hammond (940.612.1999).

MASS ATTENDANCE last Sunday: **3,207**



God's Faithfulness Is Spelled Out

No lover is ever going to say: "Well, I love you. Didn't I tell you so, once and for all, years ago? Do you really want to hear it again?"

Yes, we do want to hear it over and over again. And loves will go on expressing their faithfulness not only in words, but in gifts, in flowers, in songs, in letters, in caresses, and in a thousand different ways, a lifetime long!

In a similar way, God's faithfulness is spelled out in ever new forms forever and ever!

Everything in the whole universe exists for no other reason than to get this message across. In faith the heart intuits this secret!

—David Steindl-Rast