



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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Mr. Jim Parkerson
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Mrs. Kathy Baker
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214-821-3360 Ext 236
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214-821-3450

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214-826-0566
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214-823-8493

Youth Ministry

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

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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 Shrimme, 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

David Vandeven
214-378-9990

STACS (Singles)

Ana Devora
214-341-6649

Ushers

David Dozier
214-324-3562

Funeral Ushers

Mike Piacquadio
972-495-5490

Young Marrieds

Michael & Colette Murray
214-887-4919





Mass Intentions

SUNDAY	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 noon	Rosie & Anthony Interrante, Sr. †
MONDAY	8:00 am	Margherita Leopoldi †
TUESDAY	8:00 am	Chance M. † Marie I. Ventura (Int.)
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	Sarah & Tony Todora †
THURSDAY	8:00 am	Communion Service
FRIDAY	8:00 am	Josephine D. Karam †
SUNDAY	12:00 pm	Frank Salvato †

REST IN PEACE

In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Paul Garvis (brother of Bill Garvis), Edward Belvin (former parishioner), and Patricia Supak (mother of Karen Walter).

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today is World Mission Sunday. The second collection at all Masses this weekend, is the annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith, and is urgently needed by the Church in the Missions. Please give generously and pray for the missions, missionaries and missionary vocations.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY APPEAL 2002

Catholic Community Appeal-2002 Campaign continues in our parish. If you have not yet made your pledge or gift, please do so this week. Our parish is being required by Bishop Grahmann to reach our parish goal of \$120,000. As of October 18 we have received 216 pledges totalling \$32,135. Thank you for your help.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

An envelope is included in your packet of church support envelopes to have your deceased relatives and friends remembered in the Masses celebrated in our church on All Souls' Day, November 2. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please turn in your envelope by November 2.

GUEST SPEAKER THIS WEEKEND

Today we welcome Father Paul Mast of the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a Catholic Sponsorship ministry that assists the elderly and children in over 20 developing countries. All parishioners interested in promoting understanding and care on an international level will benefit from Father's presentation.

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.

PANSY SALE TODAY

The St. Thomas Aquinas Cheerleaders will take your order for pansies after all Masses this weekend, October 20 & 21, and next weekend October 27 & 28. Pick-up will be Sunday November 4, 8 am-1:30 pm in the STA South Parking lot. \$14/flat of mixed majestic giant pansies. Support your STA Wildcats!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are ill: Phill Schirico and Angel Diaz.

NO PARISH SOCIAL TODAY

The coffee and doughnut Parish Social will not be held today due to the Holy Name Society annual Golf Tournament.

CLOTHING DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a clothing drive next weekend October 27&28 in the vestibule. Needed items are new, or clean, gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves and hats, and blankets. This drive will only last two days, as we have no storage room. On behalf of the needy, thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 21, 2001 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:45 am CCD Classes grades 1-12 - School
- 10:00 am Preschool CCD & Sunday Nursery - Preschool
- 11:00 am Holy Name Society Annual Parish Golf Tournament
- 11:00 am STACS Faith Sharing - St. Maron Room
- 2:00 pm Baptisms - Church
- 3:00 pm Family Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 3:15 pm STA ASD Supper Club - meet in STA parking lot
- 4:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir - St. Therese Room
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir - St. Therese Room
- 6:00 pm Library Guild - St. Maron Room
- 6:30 pm Golf Tournament Dinner - St. Anne Hall

Monday, October 22

- 12:00 pm November Bulletin Board/Calendar notice deadline
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group - Church, Gym, St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm Grief Recovery - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm St. Francis de Sales Choir - Church
- 7:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting - St. Anne Hall
- 7:30 pm School Advisory Board - St. Maron Room

Tuesday, October 23

- 6:30 pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Choir - St. Therese Room
- 7:00 pm Mothers' Night Rosary - Church
- 7:00 pm Library Guild - St. Anne Hall
- 7:30 pm Little Rock Scripture Study - Cafeteria
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Therese Room
- 7:30 pm New Eucharistic Minister Meeting - St. Maron Room

Wednesday, October 24

- 7:00 pm 40th Anniversary Celebration of St. Thomas Aquinas Mothers' Association - St. Anne Hall
- 7:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Choir - Church
- 7:00 pm Sixth Grade Play - Drama Room
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary - St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm Eucharistic Minister Meeting - St. Maron Room

Thursday, October 25

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group - St. Joseph Room
- 10:00 am Women of Grace Bible Study - St. Maron Room
- 4:00 pm Pages of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 pm Library Guild - St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 pm Divorce Recovery - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm R.C.I.A. Class - Drama Room
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Therese Room

Friday, October 26

- 9:30 am Mothers' Rosary - Church
- 10:00 am Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Maron Room
- 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Parents' Night Out - Drama Room

Saturday, October 27

- 10:00 am Mothers' Association Halloween Party - Gym

MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED 40 YEARS !

This year the Mothers' Association celebrates **40 YEARS AT ST. THOMAS!!** Please join us in commemorating this special event **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm in St. Anne's Hall.** All members past and present are welcome. Reservations are not required but in order to approximate how many will attend please call Adrienne Menchu (214.823.4124) or Tish Yoxall (214.324.0434). — Annual **Halloween Party** is Saturday, Oct. 27 (see insert).



Parents, wear a costume along with your children, and please volunteer to work a fun, 30 minute shift by calling Kelly Barton (214.823.2659). — **Glenda Appleby will shoot black and white portraits** November 3/4 in the St. Maron Room. Call Keri LeJeune at (214.324.4574) for appointment. — October Charity is **A.R.T.S. for PEOPLE** (Artistic, Recreational, Therapeutic Services). Please donate any art supplies for children and small musical instruments. Donation boxes are located in the church vestibule, preschool and school.



NEWEST CATHOLIC

We welcome into the Church, Jacob Reed Mayor, son of Steven and Diane, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 14, 2001.

ST. JUDE LIBRARY OPENING NEXT Week!

Please make plans to visit St. Jude Library during its **Grand Opening, next Sunday, October 28 from 8:30 am til 2:30 pm.** St. Jude Library will offer a new place for parishioners to find enrichment for their hungry minds and souls. The library, which is located in St. Anne Hall adjacent to the St. Joseph Room, will provide Catholic educational, devotional and reference materials to STA Parishioners young and old. A wide variety of library holdings include books, periodicals, videos and more, which are dedicated to enlighten and inspire your spirituality. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Jude Library Schedule for Opening Week

Sunday, Oct. 28	8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 1	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 3	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday, Nov. 4	8:30 pm - 2:30 pm

ALL SOULS CONCERT

On Sunday, October 28 at 7:00 pm there will be an All Souls Concert. This year the featured work will be Requiem by Gabriel Faure. Admission is free and all are invited.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SINGLES (STACS)

Today, October 21, join us for Faith Sharing in the St. Maron Room after 10:00 am Mass. Also on October 21, help us organize Vincent's Closet; call Clara (214.334.1002) or meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm. On Friday, Oct. 26 the fun begins at 8 pm for our STACS and Friends Costume Halloween Party! Call Ana (214.341.6649) for details.

NOVEMBER BULLETIN BOARD/CALENDAR DEADLINE

Deadline for the Nov. Bulletin Board/Calendar is this Monday, Oct. 22. The Bulletin Board is a free service for parishioners who wish to publicize special events, or needs (such as child care) or services.

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).

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS

All men of St. Thomas Aquinas parish are invited to join Deacon Ken each Thursday morning at 6:45 am beginning October 25 in the St. Joseph Room. We will read the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and discuss and pray about how those Scriptures pertain to our everyday life. We will talk about "guy things" as they relate to our spiritual journey. There is no registration, no dues, and no book (except your bible, of course.) So, if you miss a week, or two, or three...you won't be lost when you come back the next time. **Enter through the one unlocked door under the portico that goes into the gym on the east side of the building.**

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT by STA YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth who are planning to attend World Youth Day 2002 will be volunteering to babysit on Friday, October 26th from 6 pm-11 pm in the School Drama Room. All proceeds will benefit our pilgrimage to Toronto next summer! It is \$10/child and \$5/additional child. Please come show your support and have a date with your spouse!

SUNDAY 10:00 AM NURSERY

October 21		October 28	
Baby Nursery:	2-year-olds:	Baby Nursery:	2-year-olds:
Nina Humrichouse	Hilda Brewer	Lou Ann Stefanek	Heather Alvarez
Annamarie Lark	Kim Maher	Carmen Webb	Suzu McKinney
Rob Peck	Barbara McCumber	Ted Zapletal	Mauri Spears
Kelly Reed		Monica Zapletal	



TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday, October 20:			
4:00 pm	Julia Murad Richard McCoy	Frank Campise Lucy Rose Campise Jerry McCoy	Richard Carizales Ryan Moffitt Vincent DeLara
Sunday, October 21:			
8:00 am	Marie Labac Stuart Mut	Jim Parkerson Dick Gunst Ann Gunst	Anthony Wurst John Stevenson Anthony Campagna
10:00 am	Dianna Drury Richard Joseph	David Uzee Frank Geis Jeff Kuntz	Star Fraga Andrew Collins Kyle Potter
12:00 pm	Julie Bozarth Becky Chavarria- Chairez	Mary Pat Riggins Jennifer Massoud Cindy Haynes	Molly Burns Matt Thomas Mary Buechler
5:00 pm	Rose Dodson Barbara Pittman	Skip McGuire Sheila Dohm David Pittman	Alex Wentz Hannah Davis Rose Davis

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you are a physician please identify yourself to the ushers when you walk into the church, so that they will know who you are in case of an emergency. Thank you for your assistance.

ALTAR SOCIETY YEARBOOKS

Altar Society yearbooks will be available in the vestibule for pick-up after all Masses next weekend.

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW LECTORS!

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

GIVE A DOLLAR!

President Bush has asked all the children in the USA to give \$1 towards the starving, suffering children in Afghanistan. St. Thomas Aquinas School would like to support the President by asking parishioners to donate a dollar (or more.) There will be a collection cup in the school office. We have set a goal of \$1,000, and we would appreciate your help in achieving this goal. The Student Council will be collecting this money all this week. We hope that you will aid in uniting the children of STA with the children of Afghanistan. Thank you for your support. Donations may also be dropped in the parish office mailbox.

ST. THOMAS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Come join the 4th Annual St. Thomas Booster Club Men's Basketball League, Sundays, 6 pm to 10 pm, beginning November 4. This league is only open to registered parish members or men associated with St. Thomas School. Entry forms are available in the vestibule, the Booster Club mailbox in the School office, or call Tony Mendoza (214.346.9398). Forms and fees must be returned by Oct. 28. We are considering starting a "35 and over league", and an "under 35 league". A decision will be made once all of the entry forms are received.

LIVING YOUR MARRIAGE AS A SACRAMENT

A marriage enrichment and sacramental preparation workshop will be held October 27, at the Catholic Conference and Formation Center. Deacon Jim and Diane Daniels will present this workshop as a means of preparation for couples seeking convalidation of present civil marriages or those not under the auspices of the Catholic Church, as well as for couples seeking to enrich their marriages. Call 214.528.2360, ext. 225 for information.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SPAGHETTI & LASAGNE DINNER

Court Mary Immaculate #1719, Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites everyone to a benefit charity Spaghetti and Lasagne Dinner (with salad, garlic bread, coffee or tea, and dessert) Sunday, Nov. 4, 12 pm-6 pm at the KC Hall, 10110 Shoreview. Tickets adults \$8.50, children \$4.00.

MASS ATTENDANCE last Sunday: **3,152**

“I didn’t think!”

Perhaps the saddest phrase of explanation is “I didn’t think!” We hurt so many people and pass by so many opportunities because we don’t think. We do think, but nearly all our thinking is about Me, Me, and ME!

On the Fourth of July you were invited to Mass in thanksgiving for your freedom, and for the security and holiness of your beloved ones in the Service who protect it—many times with their lives. You were not there. You did not think. You love them and your freedom. Love is not getting or grabbing. Love is making sacrifice for those, or that, you love.

Again your radio, or TV or voice carry over to your neighbors. Of course they don’t like your loud radio or your vociferous opinion of things. You don’t think. Turn down your radio, stereo, TV and certainly lower our voice. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

You certainly don’t wish to be classified as a gossip or talebearer. But when people confide in you, you just blurt out all you know, hear and guess about your friends, hurting people, spreading ill-will and hate. Of course you didn’t intend to do it. You just didn’t think.

In conversation with your friends, or strangers for that matter, please remember—nothing is lost in silence.

Think about it!

—from *Catholic Quote*