



# St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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*Pastor*  
Msgr. John T. Gulczynski  
*Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Reisor  
*Deacon*

### Parish Staff

Mr. Jim Parkerson  
*Business Manager*

Mrs. Kathy Baker  
Mrs. Dianne Dozier  
*Administrative Assistants*

Mr. James Taylor  
*Receptionist/Facilities Coordinator*

Mrs. Cindy Caviness  
*Bookkeeper*

### CCD Office

Mrs. Mary Xuereb  
*Director*  
214-827-2044

### Music Office

Mr. Michael Lindner  
*Director of Music*  
214-821-3360 Ext 236  
Mr. Travis Powell  
*Associate Director*  
214-821-3450

### School Offices

3741 Abrams Road  
Mrs. Marty Frauenheim  
*Principal*  
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 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

**Weekdays:** 6:30 am Monday through Friday &  
8:00 am Saturday (Latin)  
8:00 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, &  
Friday (English)

Communion Service Thursday 8:00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 pm

### Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday Noon, in writing

### Church Office Hours

**M - Th** 9 am - 12 noon & 1 - 5 pm  
**Fri** 9 am - 12 noon & 1 - 4 pm

### Visit Our Website

www.stthomasaquinas.org

### Religious Book & Gift Shop

Sunday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

### St. Jude Library

Sunday 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Wednesday 7 - 9 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 12 pm  
Saturday 3 - 6 pm

**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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 pm	Bertha Koegl †
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 am	Lilly Ashmore †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Wanda Pugliese †

### REST IN PEACE

In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Charles Gibson, Rosalee Pierce, Marvin Gardner, Mildred Brown, Fred Busse, Zita Kagay, Imre Kocsis, and Louise Sabato (sister of Roxann Sarelli).

### 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.

### VOCATION AWARENESS WEEKEND

This weekend we are very pleased to welcome Father Doug Deshotel as our guest homilist. Father Deshotel is currently serving at Holy Trinity seminary as Vice Rector. Today he will address the subject of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

### COLLECTION TODAY FOR SEMINARY BURSE

The second collection at all Masses this weekend will be for our St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Seminary Burse which supports the education of priests for our Diocese of Dallas. Please be generous.

### KC BLOOD DRIVE NOV. 18 - SIGN UP TODAY

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus annual blood drive will be held on Sunday, November 18, in St. Anne's Hall from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please sign up in front of the church this weekend, or simply walk in and donate blood before or after Mass next Sunday. The Knights thank you for your lifesaving gifts.



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are ill: Ernest Piccola, Jim Mentgen, Yvette Carson, Baby Boy Wier, and Lawrence Salerno.

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY APPEAL 2002

If you have not yet made your pledge or gift please do so this week so that we may reach our goal soon. Our parish is being required by Bishop Grahmann to reach our parish goal of \$120,000. To date we have received 268 pledges totalling \$41,242. Extra cards are available in the vestibule. Thank you.

### CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

At the Masses next weekend, we will be asked to join in solidarity with the poor through the annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD grants have supported self-help projects to provide affordable housing, create jobs, promote living wages, and improve communities. Help America's 32 million poor break the cycle of poverty, not just for a day but for a lifetime, by giving generously next weekend.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, November 11, 2001 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Holy Name Sunday
- 8:45 am CCD Classes grades 1-12 - School
- 10:00 am Preschool CCD & Sunday Nursery - Preschool
- 11:00 am STACS - St. Maron Room
- 1:30 pm SALEA - St. Joseph Room
- 2:00 pm Brady Benefit Variety Show - Drama 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
- 6:00 pm Booster Club Men's Basketball - Gym

### Monday, November 12

- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Matthew Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group - Church, Gym, St. Therese Room
- 7:30 pm St. Francis de Sales Choir - Church
- 7:30 pm Home Schooling Mothers - St. Margaret Room

### Tuesday, November 13

- 6:30 pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Choir - St. Therese Room
- 7:00 pm Mothers' Night Rosary - Church
- 7:30 pm Little Rock Scripture Study - Cafeteria
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Joseph Room
- 7:30 pm FOCCUS - St. Maron Rom
- 7:30 pm Sponsor Couples - St. Margaret Room
- 7:30 pm Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Circle - St. Matthew Room

### Wednesday, November 14

- 8:00 am Mothers' Association Portraits - St. Maron Room
- 10:00 am Grief Ministry - St. Matthew Room
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary - St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Choir - Church
- 7:00 pm Ave Maria Circle - St. Maron Room
- 7:00 pm STA Chess Club - Cafeteria
- 7:30 pm Eucharistic Ministers Meeting - St. Therese Room
- 7:30 pm Book of the Month Club - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm NFP Class - St. Joseph Room
- 8:00 pm Cub Scout Leaders - Cafeteria

### Thursday, November 15

- 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 Youth Group - St. Joseph Room
- 7:30 pm STA Pro-Life Group - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm R.C.I.A. Class - Drama Room
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Therese Room
- 7:30 pm Lectors Meeting - Church

### Friday, November 16

- 9:30 am Mothers' Rosary - Church
- 10:00 am Little Rock Scripture Study - St. Mathew Room
- 6:15 pm Parents' Night Out - Preschool

### Saturday, November 17

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PRO-LIFE MEETING

The STA Pro-Life Group will meet on Thursday, November 15, at 7:30 pm in the St. Mathew Room. Plans will be made for the collection of Baby Banks from the school and the sale of Christmas cards and other upcoming events.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

The St. Thomas Aquinas School Advisory Council will host a Town Hall meeting for school parents on Monday, November 19, from 7-9 pm in the Drama Room. The meeting will be presented by the Advisory Council, the Parents' Association, Mrs. Fraenheim and Father Bierschenk.



### NEWEST CATHOLICS

We welcome into the Church the following infants who were baptized on November 4, 2001:

- Joseph Samuel Kubelka son of Dominic and Audra
- Cassiana Nicole Swindell daughter of Mark and Michelle
- Jack Nicholas Pennings Sylvie son of Armand and Jacky

**STA STUDENTS STARRING IN  
BRADY CENTER BENEFIT TODAY !**

The 4th Annual Brady Center Holiday Benefit Variety Show will be presented this weekend, Sunday, November 11 from 2-4 pm in the STA School Drama Room. The variety show will feature STA Students and several familiar faces in our parish. Professional artists scheduled to appear include: Jon Dahlander, Dallas pianist and composer; Amy Crenshaw, recording star and vocalist takes the stage with her STA daughter Madeleine. Other STA students performing include: Taylor Bautista, Carina Chavarria-Chairez, Megan Clewis, Hannah Flowers, Ava Garner, Elizabeth Hetrick, Sarah Merino, Elizabeth Schantz, Kristen Valek, Courtney Huntress and Christy Torres! Admission will be a jar of peanut butter or jelly for the Brady Center pantry. New Christmas gifts of toys and winter outerwear and underwear of all sizes are also needed for 1,000 youngsters. To perform or assist the crew call 214.381.7001. Come participate! Light refreshments will be served and door prizes given throughout the benefit. Don't miss it!!

**STA YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE & SERVICE HOURS!**

Please help support the youth group as we raise money for our World Youth Day pilgrimage to Toronto, Canada next summer by buying all of our baked goodies we will be selling **next Sunday, November 18, at the 8, 10, 12, and 5 pm Masses.** Also, the youth ministry program is offering service hours as we go to the Wings of Hope Equitherapy Ranch in Burleson on Sat. the 17th. Meet at the Youth Ministry Office at 9am, we'll be back at 5pm.

**ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS**

All men of our parish are invited to join Deacon Ken each Thursday morning at 6:45 am 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.

**FUTURE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SURVEY**

In order to ensure the long-standing tradition of educating all contributing parishioners who desire a Catholic education and religious instruction for their children, the School Advisory Council is conducting its annual **FUTURE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SURVEY.** As our parish continues to grow, this Survey serves as a very important tool for the Council in planning for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School's needs. The Survey is being delivered to all parish families through the weekly STARshine and hand delivered at all Masses on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18. Please take a few moments to complete the Survey and return it to the School Office or hand the completed Survey to one of our wonderful ushers after Mass. **THE DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001.** Many thanks for taking the time to complete this Survey. If you have already completed the Survey enclosed in the STARshine, then there is no need to complete it again.

**OUR LADY'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

Arboretum Speaker Mr. Charles Russ will speak at this month's meeting on November 20 at 1:00 pm in the St. Anne Hall. Make plans now to attend. You need not be a member to come and join in on the fun. See you there!

**SUNDAY 10:00 AM NURSERY**

November 11		November 18	
Baby Nursery:	2-year-olds:	Baby Nursery:	2-year-olds:
Valerie Eckardt	Hilda Brewer	Annamarie Lark	Claire Hailey
Nina Humrichhouse	Karen Finch	Rob Peck	Kim Maher
Kim Maher	Kelly George	Deb Peterson	Margaret Weighter
Deb Peterson		Kelly Reed	



**TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday, November 10:</b>			
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Jerry McCoy Dianna Drury	Frank Campise Lucy Rose Campise Richard McCoy	Samantha Gifford Maggie Schwab Emmie Schwab
<b>Sunday, November 11:</b>			
<b>8:00 am</b>	Maria Wiemann Dick Gunst	Ann Gunst Jim Parkerson Julie Bozarth	Alexa Fuller Aaron Fuller Ben Griffin
<b>10:00 am</b>	Marie Labac Angie Bolling	Mary Frances Archer Cecina Koeijmans Mary Pat Riggins	Kacie Helms Juliana Rodriguez Olivia Daniel
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Joe Chairez Stuart Mut	Sheila Dohm Frank Geis Cindy Haynes	Loren Hayes Tyler Harrah Philip Tarpley
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Sylvia Fletcher Jay Wimmer	Jeff Kuntz Jim Rossman Donna Lestage	Zachary Garcia Kristian Knutson Tom Ryan

**FAMILY COUNSELING HERE AT ST. THOMAS**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Family Life Office offers our parishioners professional counseling here at the Church. Souad Shrime, a nationally certified and licensed professional counselor, will be available to provide personal and confidential counseling for an affordable fee. You can set up an appointment by calling 214.821.3360, ext. 242 or you can call 214.502.8578.



**BISHOP DUNNE OPEN HOUSE**

On Sunday, November 11 from 2 to 4 pm Bishop Dunne will host an Open House for prospective students. For admissions information, please call Mario Root (214.339-6561. ext 292).

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS THANK YOU**

Court Mary Immaculate #1719, Catholic Daughters of the Americas would like to thank the parishioners and staff of St. Thomas Aquinas, and everyone who supported the benefit Spaghetti and Lasagna Dinner last Sunday. It was a huge success, and the proceeds will greatly help with the Charitable works of the Catholic Daughters.

**URSULINE HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

The 2001 Ursuline Academy Holiday Bazaar, benefiting the Ursuline Faculty Endowment and Faculty Needs Fund, will be held Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Ursuline Academy, 4900 Walnut Hill Lane. Admission is \$3 at the door.

**THE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

The Highlands School is a college preparatory Catholic school with separate classes for young men and young women. Families interested in learning more about the school are invited to our High School Open House on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 1-3 pm. Come and tour 35 acre campus, meet the faculty and talk to parents and students. The school is located at 1451 E. Northgate Drive in Irving next to the University of Dallas. For information, please call the admissions office (972.554.1980 x235) or visit [www.thehighlandsschool.org](http://www.thehighlandsschool.org).

**BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Bishop Lynch High School invites all interested seventh and eighth grade students and their parents to attend BL Sunday Open House on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2:00 pm. Sessions include information on curriculum, tuition and financial aid, college advising, the admissions process and opportunities for students with learning differences. For more information, call the Admissions Office (214.324.3607 ext. 127).

**JALOPIES WANTED!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for unneeded cars, running or not, to help the poor. Free towing. Tax deductible. Call 1.888.387.7837 (SVDP). The vehicle donations program has raised over \$50,000 since mid-1999.

**MASS ATTENDANCE** last Sunday: **3,379**

## A TRADITION CONTINUES

Over the past several years, a tradition of vocation awareness has been evolving here at Saint Thomas Aquinas on the second weekend of November. Vocation Awareness Weekend is a time for all of us to reflect on the gift of vocations, especially religious vocations, and their special place in our lives and in the life of the Church.

As we reflect on the priesthood for example, we realize that the priest represents Christ — the head of the Church. He acts in the name of the whole Church community as he presents the prayers of the Church to God. The priest is central to the very practice of our faith, for without the priest, we would have no Mass, no Holy Eucharist. The reality is simply this: without the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we would have no Catholic Church. Therefore, it is incumbent on each of us to respect, support and encourage our priests as we pray and work to increase their numbers.

Next, let us reflect on the diaconate, those members of the ordained clergy who share in Christ's mission and grace in a special ministry of service to the Church. In conjunction with the Bishop and his body of priests, they are sacramentally dedicated to the people of God in the service of the liturgy, of the Gospel and works of charity. Let us pray for them and for their families.

And let us further pray for and pay proper respect to those women and men in the religious life consecrated to God through their profession of vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Their contribution to the people of God through their service, works of charity and contemplative prayer are truly incalculable.

Finally, we reflect on that vocation which so profoundly impacts each of us in the human family — marriage. Through marriage, a man and woman share in the creative power and fatherhood of God, sharing the mission to transmit life and educate children in a cooperative way with Christ. As parents, couples share in calling their children to holiness in accordance with the will of the Holy Spirit. The most authentic and visible witnesses to truth are good parents. It is in the home where the child is formed with the ability to discern God's will for his or her life. The vocational role of parent is to help, support and encourage the child to realize God's will. From dedicated Christian homes will come the vocations of our future — our priests, our religious, our devoted new parents — from where ELSE could they possibly come?

In conclusion, our mission is perfectly clear. We must do everything we can, in our individual realm of influence, to foster and encourage commitment to God's will regardless of the vocational state He has chosen for us, our children, our clergy and religious. Why? Because the future of the priesthood, the religious life, family life, our very culture is at stake. And all the while, we must pray, then pray and then, we must pray some more.

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.

*The Parish Vocation Council*

