



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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

Parish Staff

Mr. Jim Parkerson
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Mrs. Kathy Baker
Mrs. Dianne Dozier
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Mr. James Taylor
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Mrs. Cindy Caviness
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CCD Office

Mrs. Mary Xuereb
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214-827-2044

Music Office

Mr. Michael Lindner
Director of Music
214-821-3360 Ext 236
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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 for this Week



SUNDAY	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 pm	Wanda Pugliese ☩
MONDAY	8:00 am	Rosalie Ventura ☩
TUESDAY	8:00 am	Thomas J. Breslin, Sr. ☩
WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	Frank Salvato ☩
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Margherita Leopoldi ☩
FRIDAY	8:00 am	Frances Hare ☩
SUNDAY	12:00 pm	Michael P. Vullo, Sr. ☩

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Today at the second collection we will take up the United States Bishops' annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD supports self-help projects to help poor people help themselves and to work together to change their lives. Please be generous.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on our altars this weekend are given by Julian Buenger, in honor of his mother-in-law Dr. Alice Geoffray, on her birthday November 18, 2001, and for her safe return to New Orleans.

KC BLOOD DRIVE IS TODAY

The St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus annual blood drive will be held today, Sunday, November 18, in St. Anne's Hall from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please come and donate blood before or after the 8, 10 and noon Masses. The Knights thank you for your lifesaving gifts.

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. To date we have received 279 pledges totalling \$42,710, toward our goal of \$120,00. Extra cards are available in the vestibule. Thank you.



PARISH SOCIAL TODAY

Everyone is invited for coffee, doughnuts and juice, served by the Holy Name Society, in the School Cafeteria after 10:00 am Mass today, Sunday.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those who are ill: Jennifer Embry and Cecilee Wallace.

STUDENT THANKSGIVING MASS

The STA students will celebrate their annual Thanksgiving Mass this Tuesday, November 20 at 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Plan to begin your celebration of Thanksgiving by coming as a Family to Mass and thanking God for all the blessings we have received during the past year. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00 am.



THANKSGIVING DAY CONCERT

The concert featuring works for trumpet, organ, and voice, begins at 8:30 am. Featured performers are Rachel Segal, voice; Kyle Johnson, trumpet; and Michael Lindner, organ.

OFFICES CLOSED - EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please note that the bulletin deadline has been changed to noon on Monday, November 19, for this week only.

NO NURSERY/NO CCD NEXT WEEKEND

There will be no CCD and no Sunday Nursery on November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 18, 2001 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Blood Drive- St. Anne Hall until 4:00 pm
- 8:45 am CCD Classes grades 1-12 - School
- 10:00 am Preschool CCD & Sunday Nursery - Preschool
- 11:00 am Parish Social - Cafeteria
- 2:00 pm Baptisms - Church
- 2:30 pm Catholic Scouting Committee Meeting - Cafeteria
- 3:00 pm Family Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 3:15 pm STA ASD Supper - Meet in STA parking lot to take meal to ASD patients
- 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 League- Gym

Monday, November 19

- 12:00 noon Bulletin Deadline for this week
- 12:00 noon Deadline for Dec. Bulletin Board/Calendar
- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Matthew Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group - Church, Gym, St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm School Town Hall Meeting - Drama Room
- 7:30 pm St. Francis de Sales Choir - Church

Tuesday, November 20

- 8:00 am STA Grandparents Day begins with Mass
- 1:00 pm Our Lady's Altar Society Meeting - St. Anne Hall
- 7:00 pm Mothers' Night Rosary - Church
- 7:00 pm Little Rock Scripture Study Banquet - St. Anne Hall
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, November 21

- School closed
- 12:00 pm Deadline for *The Spirit* parish newsletter

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving

- School, Parish and School offices closed
- 8:30 am Thanksgiving Concert - Church

Friday, November 23

- School, Parish and School offices closed
- 9:30 am Mothers' Rosary - Church

Saturday, November 24



COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The second collection next weekend, November 24 & 25, will be the United States Bishops' annual collection for The Catholic University of America. A portion of the collection will go to the University of Dallas.

THE STA COOKBOOK IS ON SALE TODAY

The beautiful, brand new cookbook, *Savory Samplings of STA*, featuring almost 1,000 recipes will be on sale in the vestibule after all Masses today, and for the next several weekends. The cost is \$20.00. For information please call Gina Hansen (214-987-4591), Sandy Stansbury (214.824.1998), or Stephanie Todora (214-691-8350).

STA YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE THIS SUNDAY

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 today, Sunday, November 18, at the 8, 10, 12, and 5 pm Masses.



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.



NEWEST CATHOLICS

Welcome into the Church the following infants and children who were baptized on Sunday, November 11, 2001:

- Madeleine Rose Crew daughter of Philip and Melissa
- Aaron Jacob Vera son of Francisco and Yolanda
- Allysa Victoria Vera daughter of Francisco and Yolanda

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 an usher 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.

THANK YOU !

The Parish Vocation Council wishes to express our appreciation to the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas for your exceptional support of our recent Vocation Awareness Weekend. Through your generosity \$4,743 has been added to our parish Seminary Burse. May God bless the people of St. Thomas and please continue to pray for vocations.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SINGLES (STACS)

Come join STACS for fellowship with great people and fun events: Join us this Sunday for faith sharing in the St. Maron Room after 10:00 am Mass. To learn about current events or for detailed information on STACS membership call Elizabeth Silva (214.826.1022).

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. Frauenheim and Father Bierschenk.

DECEMBER BULLETIN BOARD/CALENDAR

Deadline for the December Bulletin Board/Calendar is Monday, November 19 at noon. The Bulletin Board is a free service for parishioners who wish to publicize special events, services, or needs (such as child care). Please turn in notices in writing to the Rectory; they may be dropped in the the rectory mail slot, faxed or emailed to kbaker@airmail.net.

OUR LADY'S ALTAR SOCIETY

Mr. Charles Russ will speak on the Arboretum at the meeting of Our Lady's Altar Society, this Tuesday, 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 the fun. See you there!

THE SPIRIT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the December/January issue of the parish newsletter *The Spirit* is coming up on Wednesday, November 21, at noon. Articles about your parish organization's recent and upcoming events, and photographs are welcome. Business owners, if you would like to advertise in *The Spirit*, please drop off or mail your business card with \$50 to the parish office.

ADOPT-A-BOOK!

Lonely books, videos, and CDs need your attention! Spend a few days with your favorite video, or take home a book and pet its pages. St. Jude Library is ready to serve your spiritual and entertainment needs! Come by and see us after Mass. Please see the front of the bulletin for the days and hours the Library is open.

SUNDAY 10:00 AM NURSERY		
November 18		November 25
Baby Nursery: 2-year-olds:		
Valerie Eckardt	Hilda Brewer	No Nursery
Nina Humrichouse	Karen Finch	Happy Thanksgiving !
Kim Maher	Kelly George	
Deb Peterson		



TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday, November 17:			
4:00 pm	Rose Dodson Jim Krieger	Bill Tate Marie Tate Kim Campise	Kenneth Peacock Elizabeth Peacock Matthew Hansen
Sunday, November 18:			
8:00 am	Mark Didion Becky Chavarria-Chairez	Jim Parkerson Richard McCoy Jerry McCoy	Katie Curtis Julia Little John Stevenson
10:00 am	Mary Beth Harrington Martha Sease	Joe Mehan Dottie Lucas T. V. Mangelsdorf	Katy Harrington Kyle Potter Sarah Gatens
12:00 noon	Paul Mangelsdorf Jennifer Massoud	Steve Sellers Dennis Sullivan Maude Aragon	Ryan Moffitt Sarah Sorce Richard Carrizales
5:00 pm	Tom Hayden Maryse Ruberu	Kathi Child Paul Wright Marc Lippas	Jon Eason Kristen Mura Anthony Campagna

FAMILY COUNSELING HERE AT ST. THOMAS

The St. Thomas Aquinas Family Life Office offers our parishioners professional counseling here at the Church. Souad Shrimme, 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.

THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Loved ones wishing to remember a child who has passed away can do so by ordering a memorial brick to be placed in the STA Children's Garden. Cost for the brick is \$75.00. Order forms may be obtained from the school office, church vestibule and rectory. For questions, please call Debbie Carrizales (214.503.6181) or Connie Wentz (214.319.8910). Deadline for placing the order is December 19, 2001.

MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

Please join us **Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm** for wine, hor d'oeuvres and books at **The Enchanted Forest Books for Children** - 6333 E. Mockingbird. Jennifer Anglin (with Enchanted Forest) has offered to provide book reviews and suggestions for children, and to donate 10% of our purchases from Nov. 26-Dec. 1st back to the Mothers' Association. Please support STAMA and one of Lakewood's most unique businesses. — The Mothers' Association traditional **Christmas Sharing** will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm** at 4535 Cathedral Drive. Please bring a holiday dish according to your last name: **A-H (main dish); I-Q (side dish); R-Z (dessert)**. Bring food ready to serve with serving utensils (please label everything). If you want to participate in the ornament exchange, bring a small (\$5 or less) ornament. Please RSVP to 214-823-4124. — **Nov. Charity is Buckner Children and Family Services**; needed items are hair products, brushes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, pencils, pens, crayons, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, folders with pockets and brads, glue, etc... Toys and gifts are also needed to help re-stock their Birthday Closet. Donations bins are in the preschool, school, and in the church vestibule. Thank you.

MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES/CAREGIVERS

The Bishop's Semi-Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers will be hosted at St. Luke Church, Irving, on Saturday, December 15, starting at 5:30 pm. There will be a reception at 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We are looking for persons with disabilities to be involved in the Mass as readers, servers, gift bearers or to share a special talent. If you are interested in participating or know anyone who is disabled, please call St. Luke Rectory (972.259.3222)

THE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Highlands School High School Open House will be held today, Sunday, Nov. 18 from 1-3 pm. The school is located at 1451 E. Northgate Drive in Irving next to the University of Dallas. For information, please call 972.554.1980 x235 or visit www.thehighlandsschool.org.

MASS ATTENDANCE last Sunday: **3,262**

*For the gold that is scattered at setting sun,
For the rose-tinted dawn when the long night is done:
Praise be to God!*

*For the shimmering sheen of dew that is seen,
For the silver-lipped rill and the lake water still,
And the rapture that rides on each wave of the sea:
Praise be to God!*

*For the song of the bird and the hum of the bee,
For the beauty that gleams in each blossomed tree,
For the gardens well laden with harvest to be:
Praise be to God!*

*For the sheen of the stars in the Winter's night lore,
When it rains or snows and the chilly winds moan,
For the Peace that reigns in a Christian home:
Praise be to God!*

*For each gift, great and small, and this above all—
The love in the heart and soul of a friend:
Praise be to God!*

—Sister Mary Bernolda, OSF

