



# St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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Rev. Stephen W. Bierschenk  
*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

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 10:00am    | People of the Parish                               |
|                  | 12:00 noon | Michael P. Vullo, Sr. †                            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | 8:00am     | Chance M. Ventura †<br>and Marie I. Ventura (Int.) |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | 8:00am     | Tony A. Mentessana †                               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | 8:00am     | Lynn Walker †                                      |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | 8:00am     | Communion Service                                  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | 8:00am     | Tony Joseph Piccola †                              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | 12:00 noon | Lloyd B. Rust †                                    |

### REST IN PEACE

In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ernest LaBarba.

### ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers on our altars this weekend are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Edwin Ballard by their daughter Ms. Frances Ballard; and in celebration of the 75th wedding anniversary of Glenn and Isabelle Tennell by their granddaughter Judy Tennell.

### COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The second collection at all Masses this weekend is the United States Bishops' annual collection for the Catholic University of America. A portion of the collection will also go to the University of Dallas.

### FUTURE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SURVEY

If you haven't already completed the FUTURE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SURVEY, please do so by THE DEADLINE, THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2001. Extra forms are available in the Church Vestibule or School Office. Many thanks for taking the time to complete this Survey, which greatly enhances the School Advisory Council's ability in planning for the future needs of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. If you have already completed the Survey enclosed in the STARshine, then there is no need to complete the Survey again. If you have any questions, please call Ed Marhanka at 214-823-4615.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAY

The Church offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 27 for a Staff Day.



### NEWEST CATHOLICS

Welcome into the Church the following infants and children who were baptized on Sunday, November 18, 2001:

|                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Gregory Richard Auchus    | son of Richard and Mary Lou        |
| Samantha Cristine Byttner | daughter of Robert and Cynthia     |
| Matthew John Freeman      | son of Matthew and Jodi            |
| Jacob Daniel Frey         | son of Robert and Marilyn          |
| Thomas Hulsey Hatton III  | son of Thomas and Stacey           |
| Elizelle Michelle Honea   | daughter of Micky and Rebecca      |
| Joseph Sargent Ideker     | son of Curtis and Ann              |
| Dylan Patrick Irwin       | son of Andrew and Monette          |
| Skyler Nicole McCauley    | daughter of Richard and Teresa     |
| Patricia Ann Revere       | daughter of Shaun and Frances      |
| Luke Michael Revere       | son of Shaun and Frances           |
| Jason Andrew Rhyne        | son of Brian and Marisa            |
| Sadie Louise Szewczyk     | daughter of Aleksander and Lindsay |

### THE WEEK AHEAD



**Sunday, November 25, 2001 Christ the King**

- 11:00 am STACS - St. Maron Room
- 3:00 pm Family Eucharistic Adoration - Church
- 6:00 pm Booster Club Men's Basketball - Gym

**Monday, November 26**

- 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Matthew Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Group - Church, Gym, St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm Basketball Coaches Meeting - St. Joseph Room
- 7:30 pm St. Francis de Sales Choir - Church

**Tuesday, November 27**

- 6:30 pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Choir - St. Therese Room
- 7:00 pm Mothers' Night Rosary - Church
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry - Gym
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, November 28**

- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary - St. Margaret Room
- 7:00 pm St. Thomas Aquinas Choir - Church
- 7:00 pm STACS Meeting with Deacon Ken - St. Maron Room
- 7:00 pm 7th Grade Play - Drama Room
- 7:30 pm Book of the Month Club - St. Matthew Room

**Thursday, November 29**

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group - St. Joseph Room
- 4:00 pm Pages of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Group - St. Joseph
- 7:30 pm R.C.I.A. Class - Drama Room
- 7:30 pm E.S.L. Classes - St. Matthew Room
- 7:30 pm School Advisory Board Meeting - St. Maron Room

**Friday, November 30**

- 9:30 am Mothers' Rosary - Church
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Cafeteria

**Saturday, December 1**

- 12:00 pm Youth Ministry - St. Maron Room

### PRO-LIFE GROUP CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The St. Thomas Aquinas Pro-Life Group will have Christmas cards for sale in the vestibule after all the Masses this weekend.

### 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).

### 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.



### MAGI TREE

The Holy Name Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are once again this year sponsoring a Magi Tree for Christmas. The tree is in the vestibule of the church this weekend. On the tree are tags with information about an individual (age, gender) and a requested gift. Please select one or more tags, shop for the gift and bring the gifts

(gift-wrapped, with the tag securely attached) when you come to Mass on one of the next two weekends, December 1/2 and December 8/9, and place them under the tree. The SVDP and the Holy Name Society will distribute the gifts on Saturday morning, December 15. Thank you for your help.

## HOLIDAY CHOIR AND MUSIC EVENTS

### Wednesday Noon Advent Concerts

In keeping with our tradition, Michael Lindner will play a series of organ concerts at noon on Wednesdays through the season of Advent. The parish family and their guests are invited to these free concerts.

### Choir Concert

On Sunday, December 9, at 7:00 pm, the Choirs of the parish will perform a program of music honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Schola Cantorum Gregorii

On Sunday evening, December 16, at 7:00 pm, the Schola Cantorum Gregorii will sing Solemn Vespers in celebration of Gaudete Sunday.

## 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.

## 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, hors 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. They have also offered 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 business. — 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. — Bring your little ones for **A Merry Christmas with the Mothers' Association - A Birthday Party for Jesus! Saturday, December 15 from 10 am-12 pm in the STA Gym**. Admission is an unwrapped gift for a child. For more information call Kelly Barton (214.823.2659) or Joyce Mazero (214.821.0377). — **Nov. Charity is Buckner Children and Family Services** which has asked for help in providing personal care items and school supplies such as: 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.

## SUNDAY 10:00 AM NURSERY

November 25

December 2

No Nursery  
Thanksgiving Weekend

Baby Nursery: 2-year-olds:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Cathy Bain       | Suzu McKinney   |
| Ashley Black     | Mauri Spears    |
| Lou Ann Stefanek | Jamie Stevenson |
| Carmen Webb      |                 |



## TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

|                               | Lectors                          | Eucharistic Ministers                             | Altar Servers                                    |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Saturday, November 24:</b> |                                  |   |  |
| <b>4:00 pm</b>                | Lorraine Lastelick<br>Jo LaBarba | Frank LaBarba<br>Julie Bozarth<br>Russell Seymore | Anthony Wurst<br>Nate Clear<br>Collette Cochran  |
| <b>Sunday, November 25:</b>   |                                  |   |  |
| <b>8:00 am</b>                | Dick Gunst<br>Louis Adams        | Jim Parkerson<br>Mary Bosworth<br>Robert Bosworth | Molly Burns<br>Matt Thomas<br>Carly Schroeder    |
| <b>10:00 am</b>               | Maria Baca<br>Elizabeth D'Arcy   | Ann Lerner<br>Jerry Lerner<br>Julia Murad         | Alex Wentz<br>Mary Buechler<br>Tom Ryan          |
| <b>12:00 noon</b>             | Don Kubala<br>Karen McCormick    | Barbara Pittman<br>David Pittman<br>Martha Sease  | Sarah Dickson<br>Lauren Cordova<br>Maggie Watson |
| <b>5:00 pm</b>                | Richard Joseph<br>John Padilla   | John Gilhooly<br>Mary Gilhooly<br>Skip McGuire    | Star Fraga<br>Andrew Collins<br>Natalie Flores   |

## 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. These numbers are listed on the front of the bulletin.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Mothers' Association is presenting a Christmas Pageant prior to the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Children who are Kindergarten-age or younger are invited to participate as angels, shepherds and animals. If you are interested, please call Lori McKee (214.823.8084).

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Modern Natural Family Planning is not the old "Rhythm Method." But what is it? Are you curious, but don't know who to ask? For information, contact Colleen Hammond (940.612.1999 or chammond@starband.net).

## 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)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Make your reservation today for Catholic Charities' 4th Annual New Year's Eve Gala at the Westin Hotel! This great way to ring in 2002 also supports the programs of Catholic Charities. \$135 per person includes an evening with Mass, cocktails, dinner, dancing and casino games. Donation prize drawing tickets for a European tour and tickets anywhere American Airlines flies in Europe can be purchased for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Call Amber Gruen today at 214.520.6590, ext. 121.

## HELP FOR FATHER MAURICE'S PARISHIONERS

Most of you may remember Father Maurice who came to St. Thomas Aquinas from Kenya about one year ago, and for whose parishioners we had a very successful collection and shoe drive. One of Father Maurice's goals was to build a clinic, which is now almost finished and will open soon. They now need medicine and medical equipment. If you are able to help with medicine or medical equipment, please contact Austin McCormick (214.327.7100).

**MASS ATTENDANCE** last Sunday: **3,233**

Too often we feel alone. But there is always someone ready to take our hand.

An overworked nurse escorted a tired young man to her patient's bedside. Leaning over and speaking loudly to the elderly patient, she said, "Your son is here."

With great effort his unfocussed eyes opened, then flickered shut again. The young man squeezed the aged hand in his and sat beside the bed. Throughout the night he sat there, holding the old man's hand and whispering words of comfort.



By morning's light, the patient had died. In moments, hospital staff swarmed into the room to turn off machines and remove needles. The nurse stepped over the young man's side and began to offer sympathy, but he interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked.

HANG ON  
TO ONE  
ANOTHER

The startled nurse replied, "I thought he was your father!"

"No, he was not my father," he answered. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then, why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I realized he needed his son and his son wasn't here," the man explained. "And since he was too sick to recognize that I was not his son, I knew he needed me."

Mother Teresa used to remind us that nobody should have to die alone. Likewise, nobody should have to grieve alone, or cry alone, or laugh alone, or celebrate alone.

We are made to travel life's journey hand in hand. There is someone ready to grasp your hand today. And someone hoping you will take theirs. Remember to hang on to one another!

—Author Unknown