



### Masses For The Week

<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:00 pm	Jeremy Habern ☩
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 am	Frances Chamberlain ☩
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:00 am	Lloyd B. Rust ☩
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00 am	Sydonia Stanislaw ☩
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 am	Special Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:00 am	Mark Anthony Marino ☩
<b>SUNDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Thomas LaRussa ☩

### Visits to the Sick

Please let us know when a member is ill or elderly, or in the hospital or facing surgery. If possible please do not wait until it becomes an emergency, when a visit and prayer and perhaps the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick may be appropriate and helpful, so that we can do our best to attend to the people in need.

### Pray for the Sick

Please pray for those who are ill: Judy McIntyre, Regina Smith, and Hank Sadecky.

### Catholic Community Appeal 2003

Thank you to those who have pledged to the C. C. A. Campaign for next year. To date pledges and gifts total \$71,000, which is 71 % of our goal. Please help us reach our parish goal of \$100,000. If you have not yet made a pledge, please pick up a C.C.A. pledge envelope from the vestibule, contact the parish office, or go to the appropriate link on the parish website [www.stthomasaquinas.org](http://www.stthomasaquinas.org) to make your pledge so that we may reach our goal soon.

### Ushers are Urgently Needed

Ushers are urgently needed for the 5 pm Sunday Mass. Men and women who would like to serve the parish as an Usher, are encouraged to please call David Dozier (214.324.3562) as soon as possible.

### Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols will be sung by the congregation beginning 30 minutes before the 10 am and 12 noon Masses this Sunday, January 5.

### St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Singles (STACS)

Join STACS for fun and fellowship. Today, Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, meet in the St. Maron Room after 10am Mass, for the monthly Breakfast and Planning Meeting; call Meg (214.392.1505) for details. On Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>, join us for Jesus 'N Java at 7pm at Legal Grounds, 2015 Abrams; call Karin (214.287.0284) for information. On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, meet for Happy Hour at Fox and Hound, I-635 and Skillman/Audelia; call Jennifer (214.335.0965) for details. On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, join us for Bowling at Don Carter's All Star Lanes (Walnut Hill & Stemmons); call Jane (972.279.1561).

### Holy Name Society's Annual Mass with Bishop

The annual Holy Name Society's January Mass with the Bishop will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2003. This event, usually on the second Sunday, will take place on the third Sunday this time. Bishop Galante will celebrate Mass and give the homily, and be Guest Speaker at the breakfast following Mass. All parishioners are invited.



### Newest Catholics

We welcome into the Church the following infants who were baptized during the past week:

Grace Elizabeth Gough	daughter of Christopher and Jane
Joseph Miller Mehary	son of Christopher and Amy
Jessica Bliss Rumsey	daughter of Brent and Sheila
Avery Renee Thompson	daughter of Carl and Dennie

### The Week Ahead



#### Sunday, January 5, 2003 The Epiphany of the Lord

11:00 am	Parish Social—St. Anne Hall
11:00 am	STACS Planning Meeting—St. Maron Room
1:30 pm	Natural Family Planning Class—St. Maron Room
2:00 pm	Baptisms—Church
2:30 pm	Natural Family Planning Class—St. Maron Room
3:00 pm	Family Eucharistic Adoration—Church
4:15 pm	St. Cecilia Choir—Music Room
5:00 pm	Youth Choir—Music Room
6:00 pm	High School Youth Night—Church, Drama Room
6:00 pm	Men's CRHP Meeting—St. Maron Room
6:00 pm	Women's CRHP Meeting—St. Joseph Room

#### Monday, January 6

St. Thomas Aquinas School	resumes classes
4:00 pm	Training Session for new Altar Servers—Church
6:30 pm	St. Mary-St. Joseph Choir—Music Room
6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society—St. Matthew Room
7:00 pm	Parish Council—St. Maron Room
7:00 pm	Training Session of New Lectors—Church
7:30 pm	St. Francis de Sales Choir—Music Room

#### Tuesday, January 7

4:00 pm	Training Session for new Altar Servers—Church
6:30 pm	High School Youth Scripture Study—St. Margaret Room
7:00 pm	Training Session for new Lectors—Church

#### Wednesday, January 8

10:30 am	Senior Club Fun & Games—St. Matthew Room
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary—St. Margaret Room
7:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas Choir—Music Room

#### Thursday, January 9

6:45 am	Men's Prayer Group—St. Maron Room
4:00 pm	Pages of the Blessed Sacrament Youth—St. Joseph Room
7:30 pm	R.C.I.A. Class—Church, Drama Room
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus—St. Maron Room

#### Friday, January 10

9:30 am	Mothers' Rosary—Church
6:00 pm	Jr. High School Youth Night—St. Joseph Room
6:15 pm	Parents' Night Out—Preschool

### Classes for New Altar Servers

Attention boys and girls who are in the 5th grade or older: If you would like to become an Altar Server at St. Thomas Aquinas, make plans to attend the mandatory **6-week** training session scheduled to begin on Monday, January 6th, through Tuesday, February 11th in the Church. Each session will be from 4 pm-5 pm. You may attend **either** on Monday **or** Tuesday each week for 6 weeks.

### Classes for New Eucharistic Ministers

Would you like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister here at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church? If you are a confirmed, practicing Catholic and would like to serve, please plan to attend **one** of the training sessions **either** on Wednesday night, January 15th **or** on Tuesday night, January 21. Both sessions are scheduled in the church at 7 pm.

### Classes for New Lectors

Do you have the gift to be able to stand before a large group of people and read God's Word? Have you felt called to volunteer as a reader at Mass? Well, now's your opportunity. Plan to attend **one** of the scheduled Reader Training Sessions for new Readers **either** on Tuesday night, January 7th **or** Wednesday night, January 22nd. Both sessions are scheduled in the Church at 7 pm.

### Children's Garden Memorials

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. Order forms may be obtained from the school office, church vestibule and rectory. For questions, please call Connie Wentz (214.319.8910) or Debbie Carrizales (214.503.6181). Deadline for placing the order is February 2, 2003.

### Senior Club

The STA Senior Club will meet Wednesday, January 8, at 10:30 in the St. Matthew Room. Come join us for fun and games. A light lunch will be served. For additional information call Angela Rust (214.691.7247).

### Grief Recovery Program

The Grief Recovery Spring Session will begin on Monday, January 20, in the Rectory. Daytime and evening sessions available. The 9-week, 2-hour meetings, planned to alleviate grief from the death of a loved one are facilitated by an experienced, certified grief counselor. Groups are limited to 7 members and reservations are required. For more information and to make a reservation call Mary Gilhooly (214.363.8398).—**NEW!** In addition to the program described above, Cathy Grimes will lead an ongoing group in grief recovery on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the rectory at 7 pm. These meetings are for people who have completed the 9-week program or who feel the need to have some grief support on a continuing basis. Call Cathy for a reservation (214.328.5112).

### Family Counseling Here at St. Thomas

The St. Thomas Aquinas Family Life Office offers our parishioners professional counseling here at the church. Mrs. Souad Shrime, a nationally certified and licensed professional counselor, is available to provide personal and confidential counseling for an affordable fee. For an appointment call 214.821.3360 ext 242 or 214.502.8678.

### Respite Training

Respite is a volunteer program designed to give temporary relief to the caregivers of the sick and elderly. A training session is scheduled for January 18, at Prince of Peace Church in Plano. The hours are 8:30 am to 12 noon. Both men and women are invited to attend and learn more about this valuable work. For information and reservations, call Ellen Musantry, Respite Coordinator (214.629.0529) or Dorothy O'Brien of St. Thomas (214.824.8922).

### St. Thomas Mothers' Association

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING** Wednesday, Jan. 22 STA's very own Sheila Blonien presents *Birthday Party Planning*. Come learn how to plan the perfect party for your child. From the theme to the invitations to games to goodie bags, hear the secrets of throwing a creative, fun, successful party. **10:00 am** in the **St. Maron Room**. Childcare drop-off and **pre-speaker social** begin at **9:30 am**. Please call Cathy Ranspot (214.696.0478) from Jan. 13th through Jan. 20th to make your childcare reservation. —**JANUARY CHARITY** **St. Vincent de Paul Society is having a food drive** to restock their shelves after the holidays. Please donate canned fruits and vegetables; canned meats such as tuna, chicken, chili, vienna sausages; soups, dried beans, rice, pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned tomato products, peanut butter and jelly. Please no giant cans of food or perishable items. To donate any of these items please leave them in the collection boxes in the vestibule. Cash donations are also always welcome. Please call Lin Meyer (214.324.5844) for details. Thank you for your kindness.



### Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions for 2003

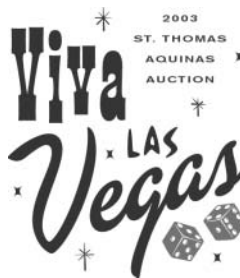
The Apostleship of Prayer Group has provided pamphlets entitled *Pope John Paul II's Monthly Intentions - 2003* in the pamphlet rack. Please take one for your use throughout the New Year.

#### Last Weekend: December 28/29, 2002

Attendance: 2,700 Collection: \$39,288.50 Debt Reduction: \$1,183  
 Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$3,021  
**Christmas Eve & Christmas:** Attendance: 5,286  
 Christmas Collection: \$30,060 Debt Reduction: \$473

### Today's Liturgical Ministers

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday, January 4:</b>			
4:00 pm	Lorraine Lastelick Louis Adams	Mary Pat Riggins David Uzee Frank Geis	Lauren Gifford Samantha Gifford Peter Mulholland
<b>Sunday, January 5:</b>			
8:00 am	Amy Zielke Annette Hunt	Jim Parkerson Kim Campise T. V. Mangelsdorf	Virginia Brooks John Dodson Maggie Schwab
10:00 am	Karen McCormick Barbara McCumber	Deacon Reisor Mary Bosworth Bob Bosworth	Rhiannon McCumber Renato DeLara Vincent DeLara
12:00 pm	Katherine Elrich Paul Mangelsdorf	Deacon Harrington Robert Elrich Cecina Koeijmans	Kara Fenton Joseph Phillpott Star Fraga
5:00 pm	Angie Bolling Stuart Mut	Paul Wright Dennis Sullivan Joe Mehan	Sarah Merino Carly Schroeder Elizabeth Schantz



### The Annual Auction 2003

Make plans now to attend. Please visit our School's website at [www.staschool.org](http://www.staschool.org) and click on "auction" for updates. For additional information please call Genevieve Dittmar (214.823.2827).

### Check out the Parish Website

To check the website go to [www.stthomasaquinas.org](http://www.stthomasaquinas.org) for information, updates, the bulletin, *The Spirit* newsletter, and much more.

### Contribution Statements

Contributions for 2002 Church contributions will be mailed in January upon written request to the parish business office.

### Catholic Calendars are Available

2003 Catholic Calendars are available in the vestibule. Please take one per family.

### Recovering Alcoholics Retreat for Men Jan. 3-5

A retreat is a chance to get away from the routine of your life and look at how God has loved you. It's a chance to look at how you have responded to that love and how you will respond to it in the future. For information please call Phil P. (972.960.2166) or Jim R. (972.223.1154).

### Ursuline Academy Entrance Testing

Ursuline Academy entrance testing will take place on January 11 and 18. All students who would like to take the test must be pre-registered. Please call 469-232-1839 for registration information.

### St. Joseph Village

You are invited to a Construction Site and Cottage Tour on Saturday, January 11 between 10 am-2 pm. For directions to Dallas' newest Catholic Continuing Care Retirement Community call 972.304.0300. There are a few remaining cottages available for Feb. 2003 move-in. St. Joseph Village will consist of Cottages and Apartments for independent living, apartments for assisted living (early 2004), and in Phase II, Skilled Nursing Care.

### "Blessed, not Stressed" talk for Women

Suzanne Baars, well-known Catholic psychotherapist and graduate of U. D., will speak on "Blessed, not stressed" at a women's breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9 am-noon, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 8250 N. Central Expy. Reservations are required by Jan. 20. For information/reservations, please call Patricia Sherk (214.348.6191) or Carolyn Rekerdres (214.739.5257). The event is sponsored by Women for the Third Millennium.