

**January 29, 2012**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



# St. Thomas Aquinas

Roman Catholic Church



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday at 5:30pm  
Sunday at 7:30, 9:30,  
11:30am and 5:00pm

### Weekday

Mon - Fri 9:00am  
and 12:15pm  
Wed 7:00pm  
Sat 9:00am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday  
beginning after the  
12:15pm Mass until  
8:30pm in the chapel.



**Served by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars**

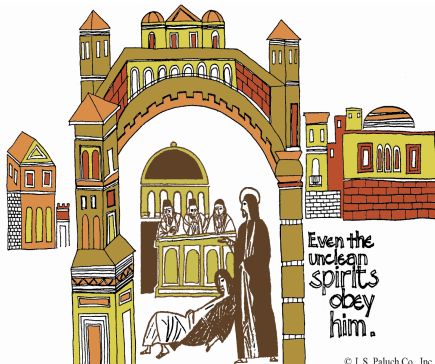
## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the Roman Catholic family of St. Thomas Aquinas, formed by Word and Sacrament, are a welcoming, Eucharist-centered, culturally diverse faith community. Together, we answer our baptismal calling to worship God, grow in holiness and share our faith in Christ by loving and serving others.*

## FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our



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work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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Parochial Vicar

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Phone: 704-549-1607  
Fax: 704-549-1614

Visit Our Website:

<http://www.stacharlotte.com>

**FAITH FORMATION**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Phone: 704-549-0199

*Healing Mass*



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 11:00am Mass on **Saturday, February 4th**. If you, or any Catholic you know is suffering from a serious or chronic illness, preparing for surgery, or is advanced in age, come to this special liturgy and receive God's healing grace. Should you need transportation, please call the parish office or send an e-mail to [annettemorales@carolina.rr.com](mailto:annettemorales@carolina.rr.com).

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN!**

The Special Events Committee would like to invite you to join our ministry. We have a lot of fun working together on large events such as the Multicultural Festival, Parish Picnic, Tajci Concert, Dr. Scott Hahn's Day of Reflection, and many smaller ones where we are asked to assist other ministries. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm-8:00pm. The giving of your talents and your dedication to hard work will not go unrewarded! Please contact [betsy.hidalgo Rojas@ccbcc.com](mailto:betsy.hidalgo Rojas@ccbcc.com) to join today. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, **Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm in Room 18 of the Family Life Center.**

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

**January's Share Sunday** returned a combined total of 1025 pounds of food, paper goods, and household goods! This was made possible thanks to the efforts of our parish congregation and our parish Knights of Columbus council. Bob Hinchey, of our own K of C Council #10505, heard that Fr. Martin of Our Lady of Consolation's pantry was in need. So Bob, along with his fellow Knights rose to the occasion and was able to deliver 300 lbs. of donations to that pantry. The remaining donations were given to both Catholic Social Services, and the United Methodist Church food pantries. Bob Hinchey's actions of reaching outside of our own parish family to assist should strike a chord in all of us on just how real the need is for these donations. If you are able, please consider bringing a donation with you to Mass next week. Help any way you can! As with all first Sundays of the month, please place the items you would like to donate in the blue bin in the Narthex of the Church. Just a friendly reminder, donations are being accepted at every Mass and event including our children's Faith Formation classes.

Ray Haywood, Share Sunday Coordinator.

## GROWING IN FAITH AND THEOLOGY



### Adult Religious Ed Programs Offered at St. Thomas Aquinas and Area Churches

The **GIFT** of time spent learning about our Faith.

**Tuesdays in February:** Plan to join your fellow parishioners and others across the diocese for the four Tuesdays in February as **GIFT** (Growing in Faith and Theology) comes to our own Aquinas Hall with one of the premier speakers in the diocese, Fr. Frank Cancro, on **February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.**

Fr. Cancro, a canon lawyer and pastor of Queen of the Apostles parish in Belmont, will speak with us about *Gettin' the Word on the WORD (made Flesh, that is)*. Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus Christ for you? Who is Jesus for us as Catholic believers. In this course, we will study the development and the diversity of our understanding of Jesus as a person of history and as the Anointed One. This survey course in Christology will guide us through the life and ministry of Jesus, His miracles and teachings and the church's unfolding history and faith which contributed to the understanding of and belief in Jesus the Lord.

In addition to this program, eight other adult religious education courses will be offered in February at the following area churches: Our Lady of Assumption, St. Gabriel, St. John Neumann, St. Mark, St. Matthew, St. Peter, Queen of the Apostle and St. Luke. Registration information and brochures are available in the Narthex of the Church and on the website, [www.stacharlotte.com](http://www.stacharlotte.com).

**To register:** Each course fee is \$30.00. Send a completed registration form with a check made payable to **GIFT** c/o St. Matthew Church in an envelope marked **GIFT** to our Parish Office. Any questions, please contact Kathy Johnson at [kjohnson@stacharlotte.com](mailto:kjohnson@stacharlotte.com) or 704-455-6688.

## WELCOME

We welcome our newly registered parishioners to the St. Thomas Aquinas parish family. We encourage all new parishioners to become involved in our many parish ministries.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Romain Bashengezi   | Mrs. Maria Gonzalez         |
| Mrs. Jessica Kearney    | Mr. & Mrs. Barnabas Orusede |
| Dr. & Mrs. Jon Robinson | Mr. & Mrs. William Willis   |

If you have not registered yet, please contact the Parish Office to find out how to do so.

## WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Registration is required for enrollment in Faith Formation, for MACS vouchers, for sacramental preparation, and for sponsorship certificates. Registration forms are available in the Church Narthex, Parish Office and on our website.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Parish membership, attendance at the Baptismal Preparation Class and various documentation are required to schedule a Baptism for an infant/child. Contact the Parish Office at least 3 months in advance of your desired Baptismal date to make the proper arrangements.

Baptisms are held most Sundays at 2:00pm. The preparation class is held one Sunday each month at 12:45pm.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-5:00pm  
or by appointment

### MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are required by Diocesan Policy to contact one of the priests or deacons 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/VISITING SICK

If anyone needs a visit from one of the friars, please call the office.

Please do not wait until an emergency to call one of the friars.



Please consider spending some time in prayer before the **Blessed Sacrament** every Friday, from 1:00pm to 8:30pm, when we have Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



LET US REMEMBER  
THOSE WHO NEED  
OUR PRAYERS:

Lilliane Salome, Palma Cristini, Dorothy Davy, Rosalba Perez, Jaime Augusto Illige, Baby Liam Gilmore, Marie Picardi, William Tocchi, Joan Rea, Donald Sellers, Michael Delovice, Hugo F. Rosillo, Ina Mae Runyon, Marie Tucker, Yvonne Gaunty, Amber Brewer, Frank Hemphill, Christopher Scott, Ella Hems, David Collins, Bill Suhy, Ramkissoon Family, William and Susana Borrego, Marge Bullock, Jimenez Family, Acker-Hollaway Family, Carmen Diaz, Paula O'Neill, Dillon Rogers, Liz Dietz, David Suhy, James Baily, Kim Jordan, Christopher Scott, Izrael Negron, Tim Myers, Regina Poole, Ray Kijowski, Chris Ziolo, Mary Hamelin, Rich Rubenstein, Vickie Chatburn, Earl LaFlamme, Chris Casper, Loretta Rembold, Kevin Peterson, Glenda Davis, Bob Holloway, Marica Bacic, Richard Canavaciol, Anthony Rojo, Alice Agostini, Garrett Toenjes, David and Mariellen Krajcik, Suzanna Thornton, Thomas Porter, Scott Simono, Maria Crum, Charlotte Brown, Frank and Joan Buckshon, Baby Ryan Elizabeth Colins, Melba Borrego, Randy Martin, Marleny Buitrago, Scottie Thomas, Katie Jackson, Lovie Flowers, Dan Kirchner, Katie Blackmar, Hannah Baily, Carmen and Cameron Reitano.

*Please notify the parish office to have yourself or a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If needed, we will gladly continue in one month increments as often as you request.*



Catholic Social Services: 704-370-3262  
 Birthright: 1-800-550-4900  
 Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-848-LOVE  
 Post Abortion: 1-800-5-WE CARE

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Daily Masses held in the Chapel**

Date	Time	Intention
<b>Monday</b> January 30	9:00AM	†Julia Bosze
	12:15PM	Ramkissoon Family (Healing)
<b>Tuesday</b> January 31	9:00AM	†Jack Hanel
	12:15PM	†Simon Murski
<b>Wednesday</b> February 1	9:00AM	†Mill Imbriale
	12:15PM	Lacey Homik (Healing)
	7:00PM	Respect Life
<b>Thursday</b> February 2	9:00AM	Teresa Thao An Nguyen (Birthday Blessings)
	12:15PM	†Floyd Zuchora
<b>First Friday</b> February 3	9:00AM	†Kevin Canavan
	12:15PM	†Joe Guthrie
<b>First Saturday</b> February 4	9:00AM	No Mass
	11:00AM	Mass/Healing of the Sick
	5:30PM	Angebranntd Family
<b>Sunday</b> February 5	7:30AM	†Clare Bradford
	9:30AM	†John Warren Getz
	11:30AM	Sister Rosemary Wood, CSJ (70th Jubilee Anniversary)
	5:00PM	†Virginia Leger

**ALTAR CARE**

**THE BREAD AND WINE MEMORIAL** has been donated by:

Tien and Anh Vu in memory of Mrs. On Vu.  
 Tien and Anh Vu in memory of Mr. Ninh Tran.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** for this weekend have been donated by:

Nini Rodriguez in honor of birthday blessings for Bert Rodriguez.



Our sincere condolences to:  
 Gayle and Paul Fitzgerald and family on the loss of Gayle's father, Joe Guthrie.  
 Family of Rose Ann Labreck.


Carole Porter and family on the loss of Carole's sister, Mill Imbriale.

May God grant Joe, Rose Ann and Mill eternal rest.

## THIS COMING WEEK


**AH = Aquinas Hall**                      **FLC = Family Life Center**  
**BLR = Brother Leo Rm**                **K = Kitchen in AH**  
**CH = Church**                              **N = Nursery in AH**  
**chp = Chapel**                            **OCR = Office Conference Rm**

<b>Monday</b> January 30	6:00PM Hope Team Meeting (OCR) 7:00PM Journey Through the Bible (AH) 7:00PM Reader Training (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b> January 31	10:00AM Journey Through the Bible (AH) 7:00PM Boy/Cub Scouts (FLC Up) 7:00PM Parish Life Comm. and Ministries (AH)
<b>Wednesday</b> February 1	9:30AM Playgroup (N) 6:30PM Respect Life Rosary (CH) 7:00PM Contemporary Choir Practice (AH) 7:00PM Middle School Youth Ministry (FLC) 7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group (Cry Room)
<b>Thursday</b> February 2	5:00PM Children's Choir Practice (AH) 7:00PM Traditional Choir Practice (CH) 7:00PM Circle of Friends (OCR) 7:30PM RCIA (AH)
<b>First Friday</b> February 3	12:45PM Adoration (CH) 8:30PM Benediction (CH)
<b>Saturday</b> February 4	8:00AM Pinewood Derby (Gym) 11:00AM Healing Mass (CH) 4:00PM Reconciliation/Confession (CH)
<b>Sunday</b> February 5	<b>SHARE SUNDAY / BOY SCOUT SUNDAY</b> 1:30PM SFO Gathering (AH) 6:15PM High School Youth Ministry (Off-site)



**FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

The first Sunday of the month is **always** **"Share Sunday"** at St. Thomas Aquinas. Please remember the request for small containers when you bring your non-perishable food donations next weekend. **Thank You!**



**Through water and the Holy Spirit the following child was baptized in the Parish last weekend:** Sophie Grace Kearney, daughter of Michael and Jessica Kearney. **Congratulations!**

## MILITARY PRAYER LIST



**Please pray for:**

PFC Stephen Sergeant, CW2 Andrew D. Harrison, PFC Alex Jerome, Sgt. Joseph Cline, SPC Patrick M. James, MG William Garrett, Lt. Jeffery Platoon, SPC Benjamin DeVries, SS C. Newman, Col. Pat Frank, E-3 Jason Kline, PFC Medic Patrick Wyllie and Daniel Frazier, US Army; SSGt. Benjamin M. Pake, Army National Guard; Capt. Jeffrey P. Sparrow, and PFC Ryan Cameron Keistler, US Marine Corps; AFC Alonda West, AFC Sean Scheuerman, AFC Joshua Runfola, A1C Christopher Robert Smith, MSgt. Ronald Ryckman, 1st Lt. William Joseph Hinchey, Sr. Airman Charles Broadway, US Air Force; Major Matthew Holloway, Air Force National Guard; Lt. Matthew H. Keidel, Capt. Gregory N. Harris, and Justin Wirth, U. S. Navy.

Please welcome home Sr. Airman Jordon Godbout. *If you have a loved one who you would like to add to the Military Prayer List, or news of anyone who has returned home, please call the parish office with the name, rank and military branch so we may update the information. Thank You!*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Friday: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
 Mark 1:29-39

**FOR OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD  
(FORMERLY STORYTIME)**

This special children's liturgy is the actual liturgical celebration of the Word as presented each Sunday at Mass. CLOW is available to children ages 3 – 8 years old at the 9:30am and 11:30am Sunday Masses. Please check the bulletin or the Faith Formation website: [faith.stacharlotte.com](http://faith.stacharlotte.com), for occasional changes. Please do not forget that the third Sunday of each month is the special children's Mass. Please call Elizabeth Hutchins if you have any questions at 704-455-7965 or email her at [khutchins3@ctc.net](mailto:khutchins3@ctc.net).

**NURSERY**

(Located in Aquinas Hall)  
Youngsters 6 mos. - 3 years of age  
Sundays: 9:30 & 11:30am Masses

**PLAYGROUP**

It's playtime on **Wednesday mornings, 9:30am to 11:00am** in the Nursery. Come on by for an informal gathering of moms, dads and kids ages newborn through 5 years and let's have some fun. Any questions, please contact Ulla at [u\\_hinchey@yahoo.com](mailto:u_hinchey@yahoo.com) or 704-494-8790.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Katie Herzing, Youth Minister  
[Kherzing@stacharlotte.com](mailto:Kherzing@stacharlotte.com) or  
704-549-0199, Ext. 305

**Middle School Youth 4 Christ**  
6th - 8th Graders /Meet Wed. 7-8:30pm  
MSYM is time for fellowship, fun, and faith.

**Feb. 1st** - Bible Study (FLC).

**Feb. 8th** - MSYM (FLC).

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
LIVE 4:12 9th-12th Graders

**Meeting time: Sundays 6:15pm-8:00pm**

Each Sunday we gather to have fun, share our faith and serve our community. After the 5:00pm Mass we gather in the courtyard in front of the Church to meet in Aquinas Hall. New teens are always welcome to join. For the most up-to-date calendar, find us on Facebook or go to [hsyouth.stacharlotte.com](http://hsyouth.stacharlotte.com).

**Jan. 28th/29th** - NET Ministries Retreat (Off-site).

**Feb. 5th** - Super Bowl Party at CCM.

# Children's Enrichment Preschool

*All God's children are welcome!*

**February 1st, we will start registration for all new children ages 2 to 5 years old for the 2012/2013 school year. Please stop by and pick up a registration form.**

Our preschool students range in ages 2 to 5 years old and our program runs from September through May. Registration forms are available in the Church Narthex, the Parish Office and the Family Life Center.

Please feel free to stop by the Faith Formation Office, Monday through Thursday from 9:00am until 1:00pm and speak with our Preschool Director, Debra Nelson. You can call Debra at 704-549-0199, ext. 303 or email her at [dnelson@stacharlotte.com](mailto:dnelson@stacharlotte.com).

**Feb. 2nd** - Jersey Day - everyone wear your favorite team jersey for the upcoming Super Bowl.

**Feb. 2nd** - 4yr. old Field Trip - wear your orange St. Thomas Aquinas t-shirt.

**Feb. 14th** - Valentine's Day - everyone wear a pink or red shirt. Class parties.

**Feb. 15th** - Dentist comes for a visit.

**Feb. 20th** - President's Day, we do have school.

**Feb. 22nd** - Ash Wednesday.

**EA\$Y Stewardship Opportunity: Together in Education**

Are you looking for a simple, easy way to help out our education ministries (Preschool, Faith Formation, Youth Groups)? Simply link your **Harris Teeter Vic card** to our **St. Thomas Aquinas code #6056** and Harris Teeter will give free money in support of our education programs.

**Here is how to sign up:** Simply ask your Harris Teeter customer service person or check out their website at [harristeeter.com](http://harristeeter.com). *Thank you for your support!*

## READER TRAINING



If you are interested in becoming a **Reader** at Mass, there will be a training session on **Monday, January 30th**, at 7:00pm in the Church.

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to sign up, or have any questions, please email Kim Derthick at [Kderthick@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Kderthick@carolina.rr.com) or call Kim at 704-455-8304.

# CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## Family Life Center Building

Phone: 704-549-0199 Fax: 704-503-5160

Director of Religious Education - Michelle Hollis

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9:00am-5:00pm

**Grades 1 - 6** meet once a week: Tuesdays at 5:00-6:15pm, Wednesdays at 4:30-5:45pm or 6:15-7:30pm, or Sundays at 8:00-9:15am or 10:00-11:15am.

**Grades 7 and 8** (Confirmation I and II) meet on Sundays at 8:00-9:15am, 10:00-11:15am or 6:30-7:45pm.

**Reflection for Faith Formation Parents:** Coffee and Reflection for parents during all Faith Formation class sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays in the Family Life Center.

**Jan. 29th, 31st and Feb. 1st - First Eucharist - Parents' Meeting** during class hours in Room 18.

**Feb. 5th - No 6:30pm Confirmation classes.**

**Feb. 5th, 7th, 8th - First Reconciliation practice** during class time.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Gebhardt in the Faith Formation office, at 704-549-0199, ext. 302, or email her at [ffsecretary@stacharlotte.com](mailto:ffsecretary@stacharlotte.com).

**Catechists Needed:** Our Faith Formation program is in need of two adults to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word (formerly storytime) at the 11:30am Mass. Also, a assistant catechist for 1st grade at 5:00pm and a 6th grade catechist on Wednesday at 4:30pm. Anyone interested in helping our youth grow in their faith, please contact the Faith Formation office at 704-549-0199 or email [ffsecretary@stacharlotte.com](mailto:ffsecretary@stacharlotte.com).



**The Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)** is accepting applications for new students for the 2012-2013 school year at all schools and for all grades. **The Early Admission Round ends January 31st.** Please call the MACS Admissions Office to request an application packet or go to the MACS website at <http://schools.charlottediocese.org/macs/admissions/applications> for the application documents. For school locations and additional information, please call the MACS Admissions Office at 704-370-3273 or visit our website at <http://schools.charlottediocese.org/our-schools>.

## Catholic Campus Ministry CCM HOUSE 9408 Sandburg Road Attention: All College Students

### TUESDAY FAITH-SHARING

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm we gather in the lower level of Moore Hall (UNCC Campus Dorm) to prepare the Scripture Readings for the upcoming Sunday. We share our thoughts, as well as questions, about how we can put the lessons of the Scriptures into our day to day life.

### WEDNESDAY DINNERS

**ALL** College Students in the area are welcome to participate in Catholic Campus Ministry. Our outreach is **NOT LIMITED** to UNCC students and we hope you realize that we provide numerous opportunities to share faith, fellowship and food. Our Wednesday dinner begins at 6:30pm at the CCM House.

For information, please contact Sister Eileen Spanier at [ccmuncc@gmail.com](mailto:ccmuncc@gmail.com) or 704-717-7104.



### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

On the **3rd Friday of every month** we are sponsoring a Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour. We will meet at 7:30pm for a time of praise and worship, meditation, reflection, and silence in Eucharistic Adoration. All high school youth, college students, and young adults are invited to join us in the chapel. If you are interested in helping to lead, or have more questions, please contact Katie Herzing, Youth Minister at 704-549-0199 ext. 305 or [kherzing@stacharlotte.com](mailto:kherzing@stacharlotte.com).

## JOURNEY

Please join us on the **first and third Tuesday nights** of the month, from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in Aquinas Hall where we discuss a wide variety of topics. **We look forward to seeing you.**

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group is held in the Cry Room of the Church on **Wednesday evenings following the 7:00pm Mass.** Continue your "Resurrection Celebration" by joining us for the Eucharistic Liturgy, followed by praise and worship. *Please join us.*

## PRAY THE ROSARY

### Rosary for Priests and Vocations to Religious Life

Come join us **Saturday evenings at 5:00pm** in the Chapel. We will pray a rosary for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, followed by Mass celebrated at 5:30pm in the Church.

## IMMACULATA PRAYER MINISTRY

**Eucharistic Adoration** specifically designated for prayers and rosary for our Priests' intentions is held on the last Friday of every month, beginning after the 12:15pm Mass and ending with Benediction. If you would like to become a member of this important ministry, and to **sign up for a prayer time to pray each Friday** in the presence of our Lord, please email [Pray4Priests@aol.com](mailto:Pray4Priests@aol.com).

## SPANISH ROSARY

Please join us in praying the rosary in Spanish on the **first and third Tuesdays** of the month at 7:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome! The Nursery will be available for childcare.

Ven y reza con nosotros el Santo Rosario en Español el **primer y el tercer martes** de cada mes a las 7pm en la capilla. Todos son Bienvenidos! Guarderia disponible.

## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The transportation ministry is looking for volunteer drivers to bring one of our parishioners to Mass on Sundays. This gentleman resides on East WT Harris Blvd, near the intersection of Sharon Amity Rd. He uses a walker. If you think you can help him out, even if it is one Sunday a month, please contact Ulla at [u\\_hinchey@yahoo.com](mailto:u_hinchey@yahoo.com) or 704-494-8790. Thank you!

## HEALING RETREAT

There is hope, healing and forgiveness following an abortion. Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat, for men and women, to begin their healing journey. The next retreat is **February 3rd-5th, 2012**, in Charlotte. For further information, please visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org), or call 704-370-3229, Respect Life Program, Catholic Social Services.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE



### Charlotte Catholic Men's Conference

**Sons, Fathers, Husbands, Brothers, Men!** – Join us for the 2nd Annual Catholic Men's

Conference, **Being a True Catholic Man**. The conference will be on **Saturday, February 18th**, at St. Matthew Catholic Church from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Peter J. Jugis. A dynamic line-up of speakers are scheduled, including Jesse Romero, nationally renown speaker, evangelist, kick boxer, and former police officer. Fr. James Farfaglia, author of Man to Man, and Fr. Glenn Sudano of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will speak as well.

Advance ticket price is \$35 for adults, with discounts available for seniors and students. The price includes breakfast and lunch. For registration, please visit our website at [www.clctmc.org](http://www.clctmc.org) or contact Dan Trapini at [daniel\\_trapini@bellsouth.net](mailto:daniel_trapini@bellsouth.net).

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Please consider signing up for electronic giving. St. Thomas Aquinas relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit [www.stacharlotte.com](http://www.stacharlotte.com).

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"...a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided." It is easy for us to listen to the ways of the world and forget how to please our spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **February 3rd-5th, Charlotte, NC and April 27th-29th, in Winston-Salem, NC.** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact William and Elizabeth Nickles at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or at 704-469-3866.



## SOUND BOARD MINISTRY

**Attention all parishioners who would be interested in ministering with us at the Sound Board.** Our group supports the music and worship by ensuring appropriate volume levels and minimizing feedback and other disruptions. Throughout the service, it is important to anticipate the operation of the system. This ministry is called upon to serve at weekend Masses (Masses that you normally attend) and at some special liturgies that occur throughout the year. We could definitely use some ministers at our Saturday evening Mass at 5:30pm. The minister will be asked to submit to a diocesan required background check and approval by our pastor. You will be given an extensive training on the use of our particular sound board, mikes and monitors.

Our next training is scheduled for today, **Sunday, January 29th**, after the 5:00pm Mass. If you are interested in serving or finding out more about our Sound Board Ministry, please contact Artie Rollin at 704-548-0644 or [Gen526@aol.com](mailto:Gen526@aol.com). I hope to hear from some of you that you are interested in joining our Sound Board ministry.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Our **YAH** meeting will be on Saturday, **February 11th**, and the theme will be **Senior Prom**. It will be a catered meeting with the cost of \$10 per person. Let's relive the good ole days with sparkles (or no sparkles) and enjoy the evening with music from the 40's, 50's and 60's. If you plan on attending, please send your check to Ann Bezek, 4717 Sherborne Drive, Harrisburg, NC 28075, no later than February 6th.

The St. Thomas **Young at Heart** Group is planning a bus trip to Virginia Beach on **April 30th through May 3rd**. We open an invitation to the parish for interested people to join us. We will be touring Colonial Williamsburg, as well as seeing many local sites (Norfolk Naval Base, historic homes, Virginia Aquarium, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk dinner cruise, etc.) If you are interested, details about the trip can be obtained by emailing Camille Mack at [JMACKLCAS@gmail.com](mailto:JMACKLCAS@gmail.com).

## STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship involves the conscientious, firm decision, carried out constantly in action, to conduct one's self as a follower of Jesus, regardless of the cost.

## PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving provides an opportunity to give a gift that forever perpetuates our Catholic faith. For more information on the St. Thomas Aquinas Ron Goettl Endowment, please call Cheryl Eckert in the Parish Office.

## RESPECT LIFE

Come join us **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm** in the Church. We pray the Rosary for Life followed by Mass celebrated at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Paul Deer at [pdorthodox@hotmail.com](mailto:pdorthodox@hotmail.com) or 704-948-0628. On the 2nd Saturday of every month, we stand in prayer vigil outside the Latrobe abortuary. We car pool after the 9:00am Mass. **Please join us!**

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Kathy Sims - Coordinator  
[kandsims@msn.com](mailto:kandsims@msn.com)

If you are interested in participating in the Helping Hands Ministry, please contact Kathy Sims at the above email address.

## MEN OF VERITAS

The Men of Veritas would like to invite all men of the parish to join us as we grow in our faith and enjoy the fellowship of our Brothers in Christ. Our group meets after the 9:00am Saturday Mass every other week. Our next topic is **Heroes/Role Models ~ Where Have All the Heroes Gone?**

## VOCATIONS AWARENESS MINISTRY

### "COME FOLLOW ME"

### VOCATIONS' BLESSING CUP

If you have not already hosted the Vocations' Blessing Cup, please check your calendars to schedule a week in the upcoming year. We hope that all of our parishioners will participate in this necessary ministry to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### Upcoming host families for the Vocations' Blessing Cup:

Jan. 29th	~	Theresa & Jesse Libensperger	Mass Time: 7:30am
Feb. 5th	~	Anderson Family	Mass Time: 9:30am

Please sign-up to host the Vocations' Blessing Cup, using the sign-up board in the Narthex, or you may contact Marie Aymar at 704-549-1607 or [MAymar@stacharlotte.com](mailto:MAymar@stacharlotte.com). If you prefer to receive the Vocations' Blessing Cup in private instead of at Mass, simply call Marie in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

## CATHOLIC NEWS AND HERALD

Every parish in the Charlotte Diocese pays a subscription fee of \$15 per year for each of their registered families, so that everyone may receive our own Catholic newspaper. You receive an envelope designated for the **Catholic News & Herald** in your bi-monthly packet, so that you may choose to contribute the subscription price at one time, spread it out over the course of the year, or donate a portion for those parishioners that cannot afford to contribute.

Here at St. Thomas Aquinas, we are very fortunate to receive an informative weekly bulletin and a monthly on-line newsletter to keep us up-to-date with our own parish family. The **Catholic News & Herald** is one very important tool to keep us connected with our Diocese, our Country, and our Catholic Family around the world.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**\*PT Counseling Supervisor** needed 20–25 hours per week for Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Charlotte, NC, Inc. Must be currently licensed as a NC LPCS. Regular daytime and some overnight travel is required. **Cover letter and resume must be submitted electronically by 5:00pm on Monday, February 13th, to [gacarter@charlottediocese.org](mailto:gacarter@charlottediocese.org).** No telephone calls, please. For complete job description visit [www.cssnc.org](http://www.cssnc.org) and **click on Jobs button at footer of homepage.**

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