

**February 5, 2012**  
**Fifth 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.*

## THE GOOD NEWS



Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

## PARISH STAFF

### Capuchin Franciscan Friars

Fr. Remo DiSalvatore, OFM Cap.,  
Pastor

Fr. Stephen Hoyt, OFM Cap.,  
Parochial Vicar

### Deacons

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Jose Melgar.....*Facilities Assistant*

## PARISH OFFICES

1400 Suther Road  
Charlotte, NC 28213

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
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

## 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.cltcmc.org](http://www.cltcmc.org) or contact Dan Trapini at [daniel\\_trapini@bellsouth.net](mailto:daniel_trapini@bellsouth.net).

## 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@ccbcc.com](mailto:betsy.hidalgo@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.**

# 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.

Mrs. Heather Lemire

Mr. Paul Mauch

Mrs. Margarita Rodriguez

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Williams

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

## GROWING IN FAITH AND THEOLOGY



### Adult Religious Ed Programs St. Thomas Aquinas **GIFT** challenge.

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

**Starting this Tuesday, February 7th:** 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.**

#### Come hear about Jesus from our guest speaker!

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. Sign-ups will be taken until the day of the first session. Any questions, please contact Kathy Johnson at [kjohnson@stacharlotte.com](mailto:kjohnson@stacharlotte.com) or 704-455-6688.

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL



By now you should have received a letter from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the DSA. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge card and mailing it this week.

## 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:

Vicki Baptista, Miguel Rojas, Lilliane Salome, Palma Cristini, Dorothy Davy, Rosalba Perez, Jaime Augusto Illige, Baby Liam Gilmore, Marie Picardi, 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> February 6	9:00AM	Respect Life for the Unborn
	12:15PM	Earl LaFlamme (Healing)
<b>Tuesday</b> February 7	9:00AM	Burleyson Family (Special Intentions)
	12:15PM	†Kenneth Berthelemy
<b>Wednesday</b> February 8	9:00AM	†John Valletta
	12:15PM	†Josephine Buchanan
	7:00PM	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
<b>Thursday</b> February 9	9:00AM	†Apolonia Zweetek
	12:15PM	†Rose Angolemmo
<b>Friday</b> February 10	9:00AM	†Joseph Phuoc
	12:15PM	†Parents of Dan and Ann Canavan
<b>Saturday</b> February 11	9:00AM	†Joseph Cozza
	5:30PM	†Jack Hanel
<b>Sunday</b> February 12	7:30AM	Anthony DiSalvatore
	9:30AM	†Mary Greenawalt
	11:30AM	†Virginia and Bernard Risse
	5:00PM	†Renee Ramkissoon

**ALTAR CARE**

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

Christine Dale in honor of Helene Dale.

Jim Toth Family in memory of James J. Toth.

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

Hoang Family in memory of Dominico Hoang.

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

Rowe Family in honor of Riley's 10th Birthday.

Jim Toth Family in memory of James J. Toth.



Our sincere condolences to:

Brian and Michelle McNulty and family on the loss of Michelle's father, Anthony Aceti.

Peter and Ellen Bertanzetti and family on the loss of Peter's father, Greg Bertanzetti.

Roy and Patricia Williams and family on the loss of Patricia's mother, Ruth Westerman.

Sara and Mark Mundy and family on the loss of Sara's father, Tom Thornburg.

May God grant Anthony, Greg, Ruth and Tom 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> February 6	7:00PM Education & Formation Comm. (BLR) 7:00PM Journey Through the Bible (AH)
<b>Tuesday</b> February 7	10:00AM Journey Through the Bible (AH) 7:00PM Boy/Cub Scouts (FLC Up) 7:00PM G.I.F.T Christology (AH) 7:00PM Liturgy & Worship Commission (BLR) 7:00PM Liturgy Captains Mtg. (OCR) 7:00PM Spanish Rosary (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b> February 8	9:30AM Playgroup (N) 2:30PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (AH) 6:30PM Respect Life Rosary (CH) 7:00PM Contemporary Choir Practice (AH) 7:00PM Middle School Youth Min. (FLC, Gym) 7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group (Cry Room) 7:30PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (BLR)
<b>Thursday</b> February 9	5:00PM Children's Choir Practice (AH) 7:00PM Traditional Choir Practice (CH) 7:00PM Circle of Friends (OCR) 7:00PM Special Events Mtg. (FLC-Rm. 18) 7:30PM RCIA (AH)
<b>Friday</b> February 10	12:45PM Adoration (chp) 8:30PM Benediction (chp)
<b>Saturday</b> February 11	9:30AM Liturgical Ministers Mtg. (AH) 9:30AM Men of Veritas (BLR) 12:30PM Rite of Acceptance Retreat (AH) 4:00PM Reconciliation/Confession (CH) 6:00PM Young at Heart (AH)
<b>Sunday</b> February 12	12:45PM Baptism Preparation Class (chp) 2:00PM Baptism (CH) 2:00PM Vietnamese Cursillo (BLR) 6:00PM Respect Life (BLR) 6:15PM High School Youth Ministry (FLC, Gym) 7:00PM Knights of Columbus (AH)



**Through water and the Holy Spirit the following child was baptized in the Parish last weekend:** Chimbuchi Steven Okonkwo, son of Chioma Okonkwo and Chukwuemeka Oha. **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.

*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:** 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
 1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1  
 Mark 1:40-45

**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. 8th** - MSYM (FLC, Gym).

**Feb. 15th** - Underground Church (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).

**Feb. 5th** - Super Bowl Party at CCM House after Mass.

**Feb. 12th** - Finding God's Voice. (FLC, Gym).

# Children's Enrichment Preschool

*All God's children are welcome!*

**Registration has started 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. 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!*

## TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

**Transportation needed to Fr. Cancro talks**

Two parishioners living in Highland Creek are in need of transportation to the talks given by Fr. Cancro at St. Thomas on Tuesdays; **February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**. Maybe you live in the area and are planning to attend these talks and have some room in your car or can help otherwise? If so, please contact Ulla at 704-494-8790 or [u\\_hinchey@yahoo.com](mailto:u_hinchey@yahoo.com). Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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!

## 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.

- Feb. 5th** - No 6:30pm Confirmation classes.
- Feb. 5th, 7th, 8th** - First Reconciliation practice during class time.
- Feb. 19th**-Confirmation games.
- Feb. 19th/22nd** - Operation Rice Bowl - Distribute bowls. Poster Contest/Art Contest begins.

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).



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION

All high school youth are invited to join us on our **1st Annual Summer Mission Trip!** We will be traveling to Pittsburgh, PA, **July 15th-21st**, for a Catholic Heart Work Camp. Additional information can be obtained on the website [hsyouth.stacharlotte.com](http://hsyouth.stacharlotte.com). A deposit of \$75 is due by **February 15th** for those interested. Please contact Katie for additional information at [kherzing@stacharlotte.com](mailto:kherzing@stacharlotte.com)

## CAN YOU HELP?

An elderly couple in the parish is looking for someone to visit with them and perhaps get some groceries several times a month. It would take only a few hours a month. If you are interested in helping, please call Marguerite Fishbaugh at 704-992-6607.

## 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).

The next Holy Hour will be on Friday, **February 17th**, from 7:30pm-8:30pm in the chapel. All high school teens, college students and young adults are encouraged to join us for an hour of prayer followed by benediction. Pizza (bring \$3-5.00) and sports in the gym to follow until 10:00pm.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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:

Feb. 5th ~ Anderson Family Mass Time: 9:30am  
Feb. 12th ~ Dan & Marie Crockett 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.

## STEWARDSHIP



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Email: [MAymar@stacharlotte.com](mailto:MAymar@stacharlotte.com)

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**February 5, 2012**

<b>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES &amp; CASH FLOWS</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
Operating Revenue				
Offertory	\$557,166.11	\$569,100.02	(\$11,933.91)	\$1,124,200.00
Unrestricted Donations & Other Support	\$11,989.24	\$19,650.00	(\$7,660.76)	\$39,300.00
Fundraising Income	\$8,623.76	\$9,809.94	(\$1,186.18)	\$19,620.00
Religious Formation Fees	\$32,179.00	\$15,799.98	\$16,379.02	\$31,600.00
Day Care/Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$77,113.00	\$75,000.00	\$2,113.00	\$150,000.00
Columbarium Fees	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.02	\$1,999.98	\$8,000.00
Other Fees and Misc. Income	\$22,662.26	\$28,816.94	(\$6,154.68)	\$57,434.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$715,733.37</b>	<b>\$722,176.90</b>	<b>(\$6,443.53)</b>	<b>\$1,430,154.00</b>
Operating Expenses				
Ministry & Liturgy	\$117,095.92	\$129,373.76	(\$12,277.84)	\$259,459.60
Religious Formation	\$131,101.89	\$158,520.84	(\$27,418.95)	\$317,041.96
Charity/Outreach	\$8,936.21	\$12,340.02	(\$3,403.81)	\$24,680.00
School Subsidy	\$63,348.60	\$63,349.02	(\$0.42)	\$126,698.00
Preschool Program Expense	\$63,501.50	\$68,285.08	(\$4,783.58)	\$136,320.00
Other Parish Program Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facilities Expenses	\$142,750.09	\$132,661.14	\$10,088.95	\$265,202.00
Diocesan Assessments	\$55,402.02	\$57,275.52	(\$1,873.50)	\$114,551.04
General & Administrative Expenses	\$102,356.02	\$98,281.02	\$4,075.00	\$196,622.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$684,492.25</b>	<b>\$720,086.40</b>	<b>(\$35,594.15)</b>	<b>\$1,440,574.60</b>
<b>Net Operating Activity</b>	<b>\$31,241.12</b>	<b>\$2,090.50</b>	<b>\$29,150.62</b>	<b>(\$10,420.60)</b>
Endowment Earnings, Net of Income Spent	(\$40,516.41)	\$6,000.00	(\$46,516.41)	\$12,000.00
Restricted Donations				
Received	\$565,645.45		\$0.00	\$0.00
Expended	\$552,380.34		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net Restricted Activity</b>	<b>\$13,265.11</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit) Before Depreciation</b>	<b>\$3,989.82</b>			<b>\$1,579.40</b>
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit) After Depreciation</b>	<b>\$3,989.82</b>			<b>\$1,579.40</b>
Other Sources and Uses of Cash:				
(Incr.) Decr. ~ Endowment Acnt	\$40,516.41			
Incr./Decr. ~ Assets & Liabilities	(\$1,708.76)			
Incr.(Decr.) ~ Cust. Obligations & Unearned Inc.	\$21,925.00			
(Incr.) Decr. ~ Savings/Reserve Bal.	(\$46,427.03)			
<b>Total incr. (decr.) in Ck Accts</b>	<b>\$18,295.44</b>			

## Financial Report to the Parish ~ July 1 to December 31, 2011

PARISH STATEMENT OF  
FINANCIAL POSITION

	Beginning of Fiscal Year	End of Period	Change in position
	7/1/11	12/31/11	7/1/11 - 12/31/11
Assets			
Checking Account Balances - Operating	\$34,476.79	\$52,772.23	\$18,295.44
Savings Accounts - Operating Reserves	\$719,862.58	\$629,297.98	(\$90,564.60)
Savings Accounts - Restricted	\$557,164.92	\$694,156.55	\$136,991.63
Endowment Accounts	\$277,980.87	\$237,464.46	(\$40,516.41)
Receivables and other Current Assets	\$3,748.89	\$5,422.15	\$1,673.26
Property, Plant and Equipment	\$5,976,810.25	\$5,976,810.25	\$0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$7,570,044.30</u>	<u>\$7,595,923.62</u>	<u>\$25,879.32</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$50.00	\$14.50	(\$35.50)
Custodial Obligations	\$534.00	\$22,459.00	\$21,925.00
Other Liabilities	\$39,500.00	\$39,500.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$40,084.00</u>	<u>\$61,973.50</u>	<u>\$21,889.50</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$7,529,960.30</u>	<u>\$7,533,950.12</u>	<u>\$3,989.82</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$7,570,044.30</u>	<u>\$7,595,923.62</u>	<u>\$25,879.32</u>

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Family,

The basic template for the two attached reports was created by the Diocesan office using the new accounting program. It presents the information that the Diocese requires each parish to publicize at least semi-annually.

The first of these reports on the preceding page reflects the financial activities of the parish during the first half of the 2011/2012 fiscal period. The offertory is slightly below the budget, however has increased over the same period last year. The category "Unrestricted Donations & Other Support" includes the Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Flowers, Sacramental and Votive Candle offerings. Fundraising income includes all the revenue from fundraising activities sponsored by all parish commissions from CEP to Music Ministry. Although income is below budget by \$6,400, income is \$62,000 above the same period of the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Ministry & Liturgy includes all expenses incurred in the course of the ministry of the parish. Religious Formation and Preschool Program includes the expenses incurred by all educational opportunities from Baptism class to Adult Education. The expenses incurred in these categories have been below budget due to careful and economical planning. Charity/Outreach and Diocesan Assessments are both slightly under budget due to specified donations applied to these areas. As with most families, Facilities and General expenses have inched above the budget due to unexpected injuries and repairs. The Parish Endowment fund suffered a substantial loss. Expenses are also \$62,000 above the same period of the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

The second report reflects the change in financial position of the parish during the six-month period. The change in the Savings/Operating Reserves reflects the funds that have been collected in a fundraising activity, then held in savings over the change of a fiscal period, and now have been expended for the purpose for which the funds were collected. The change in the Savings/Restricted applies to donations and the subsequent expenditures that are restricted by the donor. There were no deposits made to the Endowment fund during the six-month period. The change reflects the investment loss and fees. Custodial obligations refers to the funds that have been collected for a specific extra collection and held in the parish account until it is due to the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

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