

Next, Monday, June 4, 2007

Healing Mass -Fr. Robert Aliunzi

Praise & Worship 6:30 P.M.
Mass at 7:00 P.M.

Music by: Jojo Concepcion

Sponsored by: St. Thomas Aquinas
Prayer Group and Catholic Renewal Ministries.

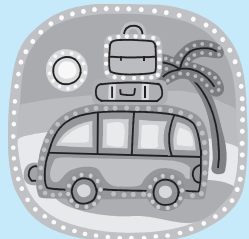
See you there!



**Building Generations of Faith
Pledge Payments**

Thank you for your pledges!

Soon, you will be receiving confirmation of your pledge. However, we ask that when you send in your **Building Generations of Faith** pledge, it is placed in a plain envelope with **Building Generations of Faith** designated on the front. This will insure that your pledge is properly posted to the campaign. Thank you for your support.



**PARISH OFFICE &
SCHOOL
Summer Hours will
soon begin!
June 18 -August 3rd**

- Parish Office will be open Mon-Fri. 9:00 AM-4:30 PM. The office will be closed on Sundays.
 - There will be **NO** evening meetings.
 - **Beginning Monday, June 18—August 3rd 8:00 AM Mass** will take place at St. Clare Hall.
 - July 23-August 3rd the Parish & School offices will be closed for deep cleaning. Offices will reopen on Monday, August 6th.
 - **Introduction to Marriage** summer classes are:
 - ▶ Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 PM.
 - ▶ No class in July.
 - ▶ Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 PM.
- All classes meet in the parish office, conference room.
- **Baptismal Preparation** summer classes are:
 - ▶ Monday, June 11 at 7:00 PM.
 - ▶ No classes in July.
 - ▶ Monday, August 13 at 7:00 PM.
- All classes meet at St. Clare Hall.

STA MOMS GROUP

- ★ **THE MOMS GROUP** (Ministry of Mothers Sharing)
- ★ The MOMS Group of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community provides an opportunity for women of all walks of life, to share their faith, grow in spirituality, and take some moments during the week to slow down and celebrate the vocation of motherhood.
- ★ **Interested in getting CPR Certified?**
- ★ STA MOMS GROUP is hosting a CPR and First Aid Certification Class on May 31st from 6pm-9pm at St. Clare Hall. The cost is \$30 for both or \$20 for First Aid only. Space is limited, so RSVP to Lynelle Pora ASAP at lynellepora@yahoo.com or 623.229.5233.
- ★ **Playdate** – Come join us for some fun in the sun at Goodyear Splash Park on 6/4/07 from 9-11 am.
- ★ **Summer Book Club** - Come and cool off with a great book “Courageous Love” that will encourage, inspire and help us flourish into peaceful, loving women! Our first meeting will be 6/4/07 from 7-9 pm at Lori’s house. Contact Lori Krejsta at bkrejsta@cox.net for more information.
- ★ **Pool Party** – Is the heat getting to you? Don’t fret come get wet with the rest of us at Lydia Schaefer’s house on 6/8/07 from 10-12 pm. Please RSVP to reglucero@hotmail.com.
- ★ Interested in joining STA MOMS Group? We would love to have you! For more information please contact Cheryl Mondragon at montoc@excite.com.

*Memorial Day observation on Monday, May 28th
Parish and School offices closed.*

Let us remember this holiday and the days after, the many sacrifices given for us, as Americans to enjoy our many freedoms.

**LIFE TEEN will be raffling a
42” Wide Screen Plasma HDTV.**

Please see us in the vestibule of the church to purchase your tickets to win! Tickets cost \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

THIS WEEK AT STA - May 27-June 2, 2007

Sun., May 27, 2007

Mon., May 28, 2007 Memorial Day observance– Offices closed

Tue., May 29, 2007

7:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Group Chapel

Wed., May 30, 2007

9:00 AM Grief to Hope Ministry Meeting Conf. Rm

6:30 PM Pray the Rosary Church– Cry RM

7:00 PM Traditional Choir Practice Church

Thurs., May 31, 2007

8:30 AM Volunteers cleaning the church Church

2:00 PM St. Francis Associates Conf. Rm

6:00 PM MOMS Ministry -CPR Certification St. Clare Hall

Fri., June 1, 2007

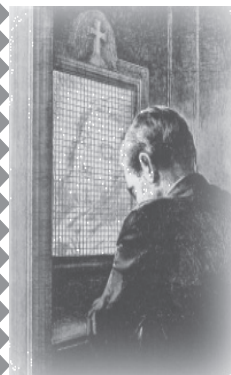
8:30 AM-4:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration Church

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Church

Sat., June 2, 2007

2:00 PM Wedding Church

4:00 PM Cantor rehearsal Church



Wednesday evening
Confessions
Cancelled for Summer

PLEASE NOTE: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM have been cancelled during the summer. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) are available Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 PM.

Writers Needed for Summa



The next edition of SUMMA will be coming out this fall. The editorial staff is looking for more writers. If you like to write and want to be a part of Summa, please contact us at <summaeditor@hotmail.com>.

Nominate that *Special* Someone

Do you know someone in the parish who sets an inspiring example for others through their actions? Please nominate that special parishioner at <summaeditor@hotmail.com> Include their name, a little bit about their church involvement, and your name as well.

LOOKING FOR A REWARDING JOB?

PART-TIME R.E. SECRETARY NEEDED!



St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is now accepting applications for a part-time Religious Education Secretary. **The candidate must have good secretarial/phone skills and the ability to multi-task. Must be organized, detail oriented, and have a working knowledge of MS Suite and the Catholic faith. Experience in catechetical ministry is a plus.**

Please submit résumé and a cover letter by E-mail to rmgilb@stacc.net or mail to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Attn: R.E. Coordinator, 13720 W. Thomas Road, Avondale, 85323.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Grade School OPENING for School Board positions

Each year, the school board has three openings, (one voted on by PTO, one appointed by parish council, and one appointed by Father Kieran). The PTO voted at the Wednesday night meeting for David McCarville. The School board welcomes him for a three year term. We have two positions available for appointments. Please contact Caren Bailey at 602-315-3311 or carenbailey@msn.com if you would like to be considered being appointed to the school board.

YARN is greatly NEEDED!

Another special thank you to everyone who is donating baby yarn for the Perryville inmates to crochet baby layettes for needy moms!
If you have baby yarn or would like to purchase some for this cause, please leave the bag marked **FIRST WAY** in the St. Vincent de Paul cart in the church vestibule. May God bless you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

DO YOU HAVE A HEART TO HELP WOMEN FACING AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

1st Way of Maricopa County
Life Choices Women's Clinic
Aid to Women Center/Tempe



New & Experienced Volunteers Training
All the information you need to get started helping women choose life!

Friday, June 22 &
Saturday, June 23 [8:30-4:30]

Arizona Right-to-Life Office
3700 North 24th Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, WI 85016

For Registration call 602-261-7522

Phone Numbers

Parish Office..... 623-935-2151
 Fax..... 623-935-5044
 Emergency (night)..... 623-935-3092
 STA Grade School..... 623-935-0945
 Religious Education..... 623-935-2151

Parish Office Hours

Sunday..... 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 Monday-Thursday..... 9:00 am-9:00 pm
 Friday..... 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Clergy

Pastor..... Very Rev. Kieran Kleczewski, V.F.
 Associate Pastor..... Rev. Rafael Bercasio
 Deacon/Baptism..... Rev. Mr. Chuck Shaw
 Deacon/R.C.I.A./Adult Faith..... Rev. Mr. Milford Suida
 Deacon..... Rev. Mr. Albert Scheller, M.D.

STA Parish Staff

Music Director..... Matthew Sprinkle
 LIFE TEEN Director..... Brandon Eckerson
 Religious Education Coordinator..... Rose Marie Gilb
 Secretary..... Maria Davis
 Business Manager/Gift Shop Manager..... Gayle Dutra
 Front Desk Receptionist..... Patti Laskos
 Maintenance Director..... Glenn Biggs

STA Grade School

Grade School Principal..... Dr. James McDermott
 School Secretary..... Margy Eroh
 School Financial Processor..... Mary Cieszynski

Gift Shop Hours

Monday..... Closed
 Tuesday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Friday..... 8:30 am-12:00 pm
 Saturday..... 4:00-7:00 pm
 Sunday..... 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Weekday

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM Mass in the church.

Weekend

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 7:00, 9:00, 10:45 AM & 5:00 PM

Holy Days Of Obligation

6:30, 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Adoration (of the Blessed Sacrament)

Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM in the church.

Sacraments

Baptisms

Monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Preparation classes are the 2nd Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Clare Hall. No registration is needed.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call the parish office for information.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

Anointing/Communion of the Sick

Contact the parish office for a priest.

Masses for the Week

Monday, May 28, 2007

8:00 am † Judy Horner

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

8:00 am † May DeAngelo

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

8:00 am † Benedict Janus

Thursday, May 31, 2007

8:00 am † Shirley Solvay

Friday, June 1, 2007

8:00 am † Barbara Rowe

Saturday, June 2, 2007

5:00 pm † Jean & Joseph Stevens

Sunday, June 3, 2007

7:00 am † Matt Latino

9:00 am † Virginia Thibodeau

10:45 am For the needs of our parish family

5:00 pm † Natalie Cervo

Readings for the Week of May 27, 2007

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner
Status Change**

Please circle one:

Address change or Moved from Parish

Parishioner name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

Stewardship at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

Last weeks Plate & Phase I building pledge income:	\$29,500.00
Amount needed to meet budgeted expenses:	\$ 37,500.00
Shortfall:	\$ 8,500.00



POKER NIGHT

Saint Thomas Aquinas Grade School- Wildcats

Due to the success of our first poker night, the Wildcats will be hosting our second one on **Friday evening June 29th, at St. Clare Hall**. So please mark your calendars and begin to spread the word. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks and tickets will be going on sale later this month on a first come first serve basis. Get yours early to ensure your entrance. Your donation of \$50.00 will include good food and a fun night of card playing with a chance to win some great prizes - \$1000 for first place, \$500 for second, \$250 for third. Drinks will also be available. **If you are interested in playing or have any questions, please call Jeff Bailey at 623-363-3662 or email at jbailey2@cox.net.**

SCRIP Sales are coming to STA Parish!!

Beginning September, 2nd 2007, scrip will be sold after the 9 am & 10:45 Masses. When you purchase scrip you are generating revenue to help build-out our Parish and School. What a difference each of us can make by simply taking advantage of this convenient way to pay for everyday purchases, such as groceries, gas, dining, home improvement just to name a few.

Unfamiliar with scrip? **Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you are purchasing cards, at face value, that are used just like cash.** The participating retailer offers a discount, to STA, you pay nothing extra. The revenue is generated when STA purchases scrip at a discount and re-sells the scrip at face value. This is a win-win opportunity; you pay dollar for dollar, nothing more.

Stay tuned this summer for more information about this exciting program. Please direct questions to Maria Cedre 602-738-1271 or email mcedre@cox.net.

Religious Education at STA Grades 1-6

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE YOUR FAITH AND LOVE OF GOD with the children of our parish are available! Religious Education plans for next fall are underway. We will need additional **CATECHISTS** (Teachers) and **AIDES** (Helpers) for Grades 1 - 6 for 2007-2008 Religious Education Parish Program beginning in mid-September. We will provide the training, materials, and personal support. All you need is a generous heart and a willingness to share your faith. **Discounts on registration fees are available to all assigned Catechists and Aides.** *Please consider volunteering for this important ministry.* Call Rose Marie Gilb, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 623/935-2151, ext. 208 to inquire how you may share your gifts with the children of our parish! Thank you.

Ministers of Care are needed! When your loved one is ill and is homebound YOU call the parish office for someone to visit them, give them spiritual support and bring them the Holy Eucharist. **Volunteers are needed to join this very special group of parishioners.**

Please give Ada Fe Cunningham a call 623-935-9401, if you are available to volunteer for this **very special ministry.**



Life night Follows the 5 pm Teen Mass@6:30...

ALL Highs School Teens are Invited
(Pictures & Schedule of events Online:
<http://lifeteen.stacc.net>)

This Week: NO LIFE TEEN HOLIDAY WEEKEND

All LIFE nights are held at the YMCA next door to the church

Upcoming Life Nights/Activities...

June 3- Hiking Trip to Slide Rock. Pick up Permission slips at the LIFE TEEN Mass. Meet at the church by 8 am and bring sunscreen a bathing suit and towel!

Check out our website for the latest schedule of summer events: <http://lifeteen.stacc.net>

Confirmation

Thank-you to all those involved with Confirmation this year! Our sign ups for Next Year will begin in August. Check the bulletin during the last two weeks of July for more information.

The EDGE

Thank-you to all those involved with the EDGE this year! Classes are finished for the summer. Our sign ups for Next Year will begin in August. Check the bulletin during the last two weeks of July for more

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are the permanent dispositions which help us to live the Christian life and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.

How many are there and what are they?

There are **seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**:

- ✚ Wisdom,
- ✚ Understanding,
- ✚ Counsel,
- ✚ Fortitude,
- ✚ Knowledge,
- ✚ Piety and
- ✚ Fear of the Lord



Why are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit important for us?

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are important for us because they help us to:

- ✚ make **wise** decisions about important matters
- ✚ **understand** the real meaning of life
- ✚ **advise and help** others to make the right decisions
- ✚ be **strong** to uphold and do what is right and to condemn and avoid what is wrong
- ✚ to **know** the teaching of God and our true destiny
- ✚ to give **true worship and praise** to God
- ✚ to **fear offending** God who is our loving Father

What are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are the virtues produced in our lives when we exercise the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

How many Fruits are there and what are they?

There are twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, Chastity.

When will we know that we are producing these Fruits in our lives?

We will know we are producing these Fruits in our lives when we are

- ✚ **loving,**
- ✚ **joyful,**
- ✚ **peaceful,**
- ✚ **patient,**
- ✚ **kind,**
- ✚ **good,**
- ✚ **generous,**
- ✚ **gentle,**
- ✚ **faithful,**
- ✚ **modest,**
- ✚ when we **exercise self-control** and
- ✚ when we are **chaste and pure.**

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with You, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
 Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work too, may be holy.
 Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.
 Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.
 Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen