

St. Thomas Aquinas

13720 West Thomas Road • Avondale, AZ 85392

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4 & 5, 2012

Mass Schedule

Weekdays Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

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

Sacraments

Baptisms

Monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Preparation class is the 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 -8:30 PM, in St. Clare Hall. **The next class is Tuesday, February 14th. NO registration required.**

Marriages—Preparation class is the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Parish Office. **The next class will be Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm, in the Parish Office. Call the Parish Office to register.** Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance.

Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Anointing/Communion of the Sick

Contact the parish office for a priest.

Clergy

Pastor..... Very Rev. Kieran Kleczewski, V.F.
Associate Pastor / Baptism..... Rev. Jorge Cañez
Associate Pastor Rev. John Asprec, D.S.
Deacon/R.C.I.A./Adult Faith Rev. Mr. Milford Suida
Deacon Rev. Mr. Jason Robinson
Deacon.....Rev. Mr. Edgar Carnecer
Deacon.....Rev. Mr. Albert Scheller, M.D. (Retired)

STA Parish Staff

Matthew Sprinkle, Music Director
Rose Marie Gilb, Religious Education Director
Elisa Villa, Youth Ministry Director
Kevin Moshier, SFO, Adult Faith Coordinator
Gayle Dutra, Business Manager/Gift Shop Manager

STA Grade School

Patrick Reardon, Grade School Principal
Margy Eroh, School Secretary



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
is Fridays from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.**

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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— Friday	9:00 am—5:00 pm



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write to you concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people - the Catholic population - and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be forced to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the insurance policies they write. Almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their health insurance plans.

In so ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nations’ first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The Administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot - we will not- comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I hope and trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

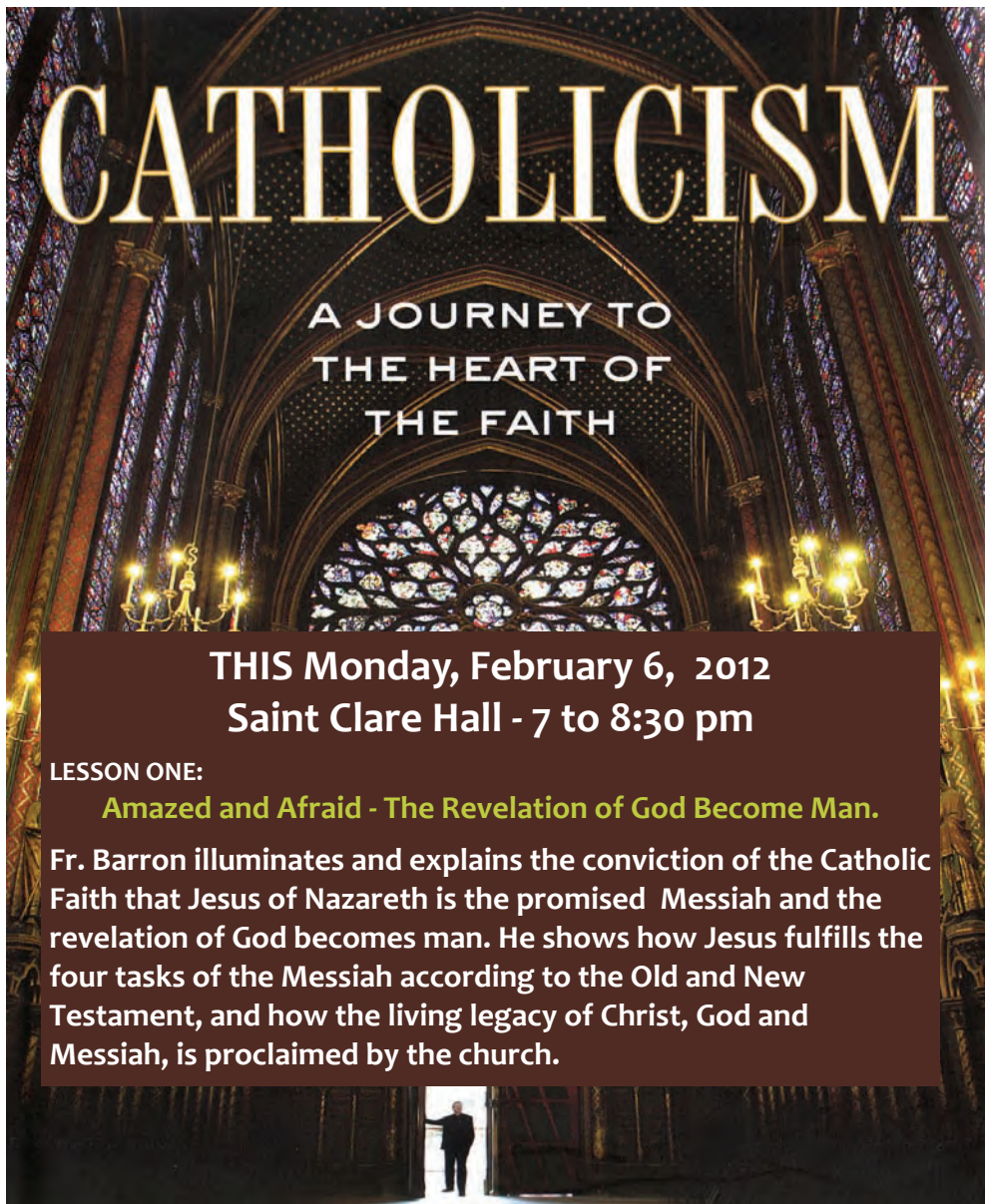
Therefore, I would ask of you two things. First, commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Pray the rosary, asking Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our Nation, to intercede for us. Without God, we can do nothing: with God, nothing is impossible. Secondly, I recommend **visiting www.usccb.org/conscience**, to learn more about this severe assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

United in prayer and in confidence in God’s mercy, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix

3. *Please Join Fellow Parishioners every
Monday from 7 - 8:30 pm.*



CATHOLICISM

A JOURNEY TO
THE HEART OF
THE FAITH

**THIS Monday, February 6, 2012
Saint Clare Hall - 7 to 8:30 pm**

LESSON ONE:
Amazed and Afraid - The Revelation of God Become Man.

Fr. Barron illuminates and explains the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God becomes man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testament, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the church.

*What do you
know of your
Catholic
Faith?*

**Please take this
important journey each
Monday evening.**

Next week:

**Monday, February 13
Saint Clare Hall -
7 to 8:30 pm**

LESSON TWO:

**Happy Are We -
The Teachings of Jesus.**

The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explaining in the teaching of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.



Faith Formation Survey

Here is **YOUR** opportunity to let us know what information on faith issues you would like to know more about. Just go to the survey link listed below and complete the survey or go to the parish web site at "stacc.net", go to the education link, click on adult formation, then go to the box for the survey link.

This takes just a moment...your faith is worth the time.

Many thanks to the 256 folks who took the time to take this survey the week of January 22nd. We need just a few more opinions to have a good idea on establishing a Adult Faith Program at STACC. Thanks for your HELP.

[http://www.surveybuilder.com/s/LIroWwSEgAA?
source_id=3&source_type=web](http://www.surveybuilder.com/s/LIroWwSEgAA?source_id=3&source_type=web)

**Join the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration
at Our Lady of Solitude Chapel
for World Day of the Sick
February 11th at 2 pm,
the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

**Celebration of Holy Mass,
followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour/
Healing Service.**

Celebrated by Fr. Fred Adamson
at Our Lady of Solitude Chapel in
Tonopah, AZ. Please email Sr. Marie
Andre at desertnuns@msn.com
for driving directions or questions.



4. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4 & 5, 2012

Anointing of the Sick

Comfort and Healing

The Anointing of the Sick is a remarkable sign of God's great love for us. In his merci-

ful efforts to bring us safely to himself in heaven, God seems to have gone to the very limit. Jesus has given us the sacrament of Baptism, in which original sin and all pre-Baptismal sins are cleansed from the soul. Allowing for mankind's spiritual weakness, Jesus also gave us the sacrament of Penance, by which post-Baptismal sins could be forgiven. As though he were impatient lest a soul be delayed a single instant from its entry into heaven, Jesus gave to his Church the power to remit the temporal punishment due to sin, a power which the Church exercises in the granting of indulgences.

Finally, as though to make doubly sure that no one, except through his own deliberate fault, would lose heaven or even spend time in purgatory, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Graces of the sacrament

In common with all the sacraments, Anointing of the Sick confers sanctifying grace. It is an increase in sanctifying grace that Anointing of the Sick gives, since it presupposes that the recipient already is free from mortal sin. Thus there is intensified in the soul that supernatural life, that oneness with God, which is the source of all spiritual strength as it is also the measure of our capacity for the happiness of heaven. Besides this increase in sanctifying grace, Anointing of the Sick gives its own special sacramental grace. The primary purpose of the special grace of Anointing of the Sick is to comfort and to strengthen the soul of the sick person.

- This is the grace that quiets anxiety and dissipates fear.
- It is the grace which enables the sick person to embrace God's will and to face the possibility of death without apprehension.
- It is the grace which gives the soul the strength to face and conquer whatever temptations to doubt, despondency, or even despair may mark Satan's last effort to seize this soul for himself.

Many have already received Anointing of the Sick, perhaps even several times. If so, they know what peace of mind and confidence in God this sacrament bestows.

Information <http://www.beginningcatholic.com/anointing-of-the-sick.html>



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 6, 2012

8:00 am † Morris France

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:00 am † Roy Cunningham

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

8:00 am † Morris France

Thursday, February 9, 2012

8:00 am † Morris France

Friday, February 10, 2012

8:00 am † Bob Krejci

Saturday, February 11, 2012

5:00 pm † Morris France

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, February 12, 2012

7:00 am † Damain DeCarlo

9:00 am † Fr. John Mahoney

10:45 am † Intention of the Parish

5:00 pm † Ann Marie McKinnon

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

ADULT SACRAMENT PREPARTION THIS Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 pm, Room 205 in our Grade School

Adult Sacrament Preparation will be offered again this coming spring. This program is for those who have been baptized in the Catholic Church or in another accepted Christian religion but have not celebrated one or all of the **sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, and Reconciliation in the Catholic Church.**

If you or someone you know is interested in the journey towards becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church, just **come to room 205 in the school on February 9th at 6:30.**

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick,
we turn to you in this time of illness.

O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry
and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace
and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our
sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your
servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to
acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do,
you do for the love of us. Amen.

New Life at St. Thomas Aquinas

Our community celebrates and welcomes the following children baptized in January at our parish. Please continue to pray for them and their parents as together we continue our journey of faith.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Isaac Ulises Tello Benavides
 Alexandre Eduardo Bonfim
 Adalyn Noelle Calderon
 Tessa Nicole Calpin
 Alayna Kate Feagan
 Keagan William Candaso Naputi
 David Oliver Pacheco
 Lucy Elizabeth Parent
 Gianna Maria Vasquez

Son of **Michael & Sheila**
 Son of **Lindomar & Veronica**
 Daughter of **Larry & Jody**
 Daughter of **Thomas & Tiffany**
 Daughter of **Justin & Katherine**
 Son of **Kristopher & Christy**
 Son of **David & Christy**
 Daughter of **Todd & Abigail**
 Daughter of **Yanery & Diana**

The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they receive increasing measures of divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." # 1212 from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Baptismal Preparation class is for parents and godparents preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. The next class will be **Tuesday, February 14, Class is from 7—8:30 PM at St. Clare Hall. Class doors open at 6 pm. Class registration is not necessary.**
***NO BAPTISMAL CLASS IN MARCH - LENT OBSERVANCE.**

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, in keeping with policies set forth by the Diocese of Phoenix on the Sacrament of Baptism, has established the following guidelines.

- ▶ Living in our parish boundaries or Parish Registration is required for the Sacrament of Baptism.
 - Adult children, 18 years and older, are encouraged to be registered separately from their parents, in order to have their own children baptized or be godparents.
 - If YOU are a Catholic living outside our parish boundaries, you must be a registered and an active parishioner at Saint Thomas Aquinas for at least 6 months, before asking for the Sacrament of Baptism.
 - If you are moving your parish registration to Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, the 6 month waiting period can be waived by presenting a letter from your former parish, indicating that you were an active member there.
- ▶ Baptisms are performed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. **In March, baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday 3 & 24 because of Lent.**

If you have attended a class in the last three years, another Baptism Preparation class is not necessary. Call the Parish Office at 623-935-2151, extension 215, to find out the necessary steps to schedule a Baptism. .

Godparent requirements:

- At least one of the Catholic godparents you have chosen is required to obtain a "Letter of Verification" from their parish stating that they are practicing Catholics, registered at that parish, and eligible to be a godparent. Prospective godparents need to contact their parish and arrange to have their parish verification faxed or mailed to Saint Thomas Aquinas Church.
- To be a Godparent one must be 16 years of age or older and have received the **Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**
- If **married**, the godparent must be married through the Roman Catholic Church.

Interview: Will be scheduled at the Baptism Preparation class for all parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism.

Frequently asked godparent question:

- Can we have two godmothers or two godfathers? No. There may be one godfather and one godmother. *(Code of Canon Law 873).*
- What are the duties of parents and godparents? In infant baptism the godparent, together with the parents, presents the child for baptism and helps the baptized to lead the Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. *(Code of Canon Law 872).*
- What if the godparent cannot be present for the Baptism? If the godparent cannot be present in person, he or she may appoint another person to serve as a proxy.
- Can a baptized non-Catholic be a godparent? Yes. Such a person is known as a **Christian witness**. The Christian Witness must be at least 16 years old, a validly baptized Christian, living an upright life.

6.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Called to Protect Class RESCHEDULED.

The (3 hr.) Foundation Called to Protect Class has been **rescheduled from February 25 to March 3rd**, due to road closure on Saturday, February 25th. (Avondale/Goodyear Centennial Celebration Parade). The Called to Protect Foundation Class (3 hour) begins at 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Computer Center. **Someone will be in the church courtyard to direct you to the classroom.*

Eucharistic Ministers Can you spare 2 hours?

The Hospital Ministry is looking for volunteers to bring the Holy Eucharistic to patients at West Valley Hospital. It only takes two hours a month. If you are interested, please attend the **Tuesday, February 7th, information meeting from 1 - 2pm at West Valley Hospital or call Paula Shelley at 623-547-0827.**

Cursillo Ultreya February 10, 2012

St. Henry's in Buckeye will be hosting the February Cursillo Ultreya **on Friday, February 10th**, in St. Henry Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please join us in fellowship, sharing and prayer for our monthly Cursillo Ultreya. Bring a dish to share. If you have any questions please call Mary Martinez 623-478-2378.



A Perfect Valentine For Your Spouse

Forget the chocolates! Learn how to live the way God wants you to in your marriage.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are **March 23-25 in Phoenix** and **May 18-20 in Tucson**. Early registration is recommended. For information visit our website at: www.wwme-phx.org or call (602) 242-6141.

Catholic Education is worth it – Help us raise a \$250,000 gift-match!

There's never been a better time to support Catholic education. **Now you can give to Catholic Education Arizona by April 15th, 2012** and get a dollar-for-dollar credit on your 2011 AZ taxes!

And for **first-time donors only, your gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar** by an anonymous corporate donor, up to \$500,000 total. A \$25 gift becomes \$50; \$100 becomes \$200—and you can get your donation back when you do your taxes. (Max credits \$500 single / \$1,000 married)

Visit CatholicEducationArizona.org or call at **1-888-TAX-CRDT (888-829-2738)** today!

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Into the Desert For Christ 2012

Saturday February 25th, 2012
LOCATION: Grand Canyon University Arena
Tickets go on sale December 1st, 2011 at CMFP.org



Men of Saint Thomas Aquinas you are invited to attend this one day gathering full of excellent speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Mass. **Visit online at www.cmfp.org for more information or call 602-354-2355.**

Give the Gift Of Life this Valentines Day - Be a Blood Donor on Sunday, February 12th!



There is an ongoing need to replenish the Valley blood supply. Blood donors give of themselves with a loving servant's heart. Each unit of blood collected could potentially save up to three lives. **The Knights of Columbus are hosting a blood drive at St Thomas Aquinas on Sunday, February 12th.** The United Blood Services Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. Please prayerfully consider becoming a donor and saving lives. To make an appointment online visit: www.bloodher.com and enter sponsor code: **TACC** or call Joe Fairlie @ **602-291-2669**.

WHAT A FANTASTIC 5th SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL!

Thanks to everyone who put donations in the St. Vincent de Paul baskets on Jan. 28th & 29th. Equally important, **THANK YOU** for placing your trust in us to be good stewards of your generous contributions. **The collection totaled \$9,072.46!!**

In the Gospel, Jesus moved with pity, touched the leper and healed him. By your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping. God bless you.

7. Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Community,

This past week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, which makes this a good time to stop and reflect at what we do, why our families continue to send their children to us, and why everyone in the parish should feel proud of the school.

Catholic schools in this country have always been associated with success, which is the reason that non-Catholics have always wanted to send their children to them. Certainly we prepare our students for Heaven! Part and parcel is our Catholic faith, which includes the Sacraments we receive and the commitment to service that we instill, but there is more. Studies show that Catholic school students ultimately are more actively involved in our communities, vote in greater numbers and are more tolerant (less racist, sexist, etc.). On top of all that, St. Thomas Aquinas' students are very well prepared for academic success, as is evident in the performance of our alumni at institutions all over the Valley.

In short, it is difficult to find schools that do what we do as well as we do it. Are we perfect? Absolutely not, but with schools all over the country trying to emulate the formula that makes us successful, we must be doing something right. After all, imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

I invite everyone to become a member of our school community. The best way is to enroll your children. We would like all of our parish children to attend the school, so please contact us and we will help you make it happen. We can help you plan now to afford it in the future.

The second (and equally important because it helps our parish families afford Catholic education) is to use your **state taxes**, through tax credit organizations such as *Catholic Education Arizona*, to help fund tuition for STA families that would otherwise be unable to afford it. *This is an amazing program because it doesn't cost you anything to help send a child to STAGS.*

Finally, please keep us in your prayers. We are fortunate to be growing at a time when schools everywhere are struggling and closing. We are blessed with great parish support, and are grateful to everyone who has been part of our success.

Sincerely,



Patrick Reardon, Principal



St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School - STAGS

STAGS is currently accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year. We are thrilled to be adding another 3rd Grade class and have openings in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd.

*Please contact the school office for information or to tour the school.
Online application and re-enrollment will be available soon!*

OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, February 11 from 3:00-5:00
Sunday, February 12 from 9:30-11:30**

STAGS offers a rigorous curriculum that prepares our graduates for Honors-level courses at excellent high schools. Honors courses, Advanced Placement (AP), or International Baccalaureate (IB), not only help you look better to prospective colleges, they are a necessity if you hope to attend a highly selective school. Add to this our spiritual development, close-knit community and highly supportive parents and you have one of the best schools in the Valley of the Sun.

Vote for your Favorite Catholic School to receive a share of \$25,000

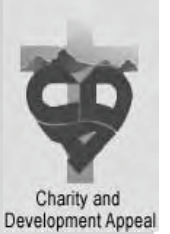
Catholic Education Arizona announces its "Favorite Catholic School" contest on FaceBook. Just "Like Us" when you visit facebook.com/catholiceducationarizona, then vote for your favorite Diocese of Phoenix Catholic School now through February 14th. The top two vote-getting high schools and top six elementary/kindergartens will receive a share of \$25,000 in scholarships!

8. *Charity and Development Appeal 2012 - One Family in Christ*

The annual Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) will kick off in our parish on February 11th and 12th. The CDA provides critical funding to charitable organizations who serve families in need, educate our children in the Catholic faith, and support seminarians, clergy, religious and lay leaders in their desire to serve our community. Please prayerfully consider a financial gift to the CDA. Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$107,000. If you have not participated in the past, please consider a gift this year. For our families who continue to support the CDA, we thank you. Your gift will make a difference to our *One Family in Christ*. More information on the CDA and how 2011 funds were allocated, can be found at diocesephoenix.org/cda. You can also make your gift online as well. Thank you for your prayerful support!

While "CDA" is a common term around our Diocese of Phoenix, many do not realize what the appeal actually accomplishes. The CDA, the Charity and Development Appeal, provides the funds to support more than 70 educational, charitable and spiritual programs and organizations. As CDA leaders, it is our job to educate our fellow parishioners about the good things that are accomplished because of the CDA, good things that are beyond the scope of any one parish, good things that impact the entire community. The CDA is a way for us to give back to God in gratitude for all we have been given. Every parish plans and directs both Stewardship and the CDA in unique and wonderful ways. The Diocesan Office of Stewardship exists to help each parish by providing resources and other support. The CDA is part of Christian Stewardship and part of each parish's Stewardship efforts. As individuals, as parishes and as part of our diocesan family in Christ, we all can:

- **Accept and be grateful to God and the parish for our gifts;**
 - **Seek ways to jointly develop those gifts;**
 - **Return our gifts in gratitude to God and the parish with an increase.**
- In our individual families, we each have important roles, mother, father, child, etc. When one family member is in need of care and support, the entire family comes together to provide what is necessary. We are One Family in Christ. As One Family in Christ, we also have a responsibility to those within our family to provide care and support when needed. We have a responsibility to give of our gifts, gifts given to us by God, whether it is a financial gift or the gifts of time and prayer.



2012 CDA co chairs: Matthew and Cynthia Scheller

Matthew and Cynthia Scheller are members of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community where they were married in 1997. They have four children – Sara (12), Matthew, Jr. (10), John (8), and Megan(7) who all attend St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School. Matthew and Cynthia are devoted Catholics and supporters of Catholic education.

SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER PARISHIONERS CAN HELP TOO! After Sunday 9:00am Mass

SCRIP is a fundraiser through the St. Thomas Aquinas Grade School which are gift cards. There are tons of vendors available. For every gift card you purchase, the vendor gives a percent back to our school. See's Valentine candy is available while supplies last - there are two options, mini holiday box (\$6) and children's box (\$6).

Stop by the red Scrip Cart and learn more about how you can help support our school.

Contact scripquestions@yahoo.com or
623-535-4383 to purchase anytime.

*Aquinas
Gifts & Books*

*Perfect
shopping for
that special gift?*

Gift Shop Hours

Sunday	10:00 am—12:30 pm
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8:30 am-12:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am-12:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am-5:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am-12:30 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm—6:30 pm

Youth Ministry Calendar

- February 5 - Jr. High Youth
- February 6 - All sacrament classes.
- February 7 - High School Youth.
- February 8 - Young Adult Bible Study.

Important dates:

- High School Lock-in February 17, 7:00pm -7:00am. Cost is \$10.00, only open to the first 20 High Students.
- High School Retreat - March 2-4 in Williams, Arizona. Cost is \$150.00.

STAGS Jog-A-Thon 2012

On the morning of March 9, 2012 the students and teachers of Saint Thomas Aquinas Grade School will be jogging to raise money for the school expansion. Please consider cheering us on out in the school parking lot that morning. If you would like to support us, please drop off any monetary or prize donations to the school office or mail it to:

STAGS Jog-a-thon
13720 West Thomas Road, Avondale, AZ 85392

If you have any questions please contact Buff Wessman at 267-221-1994 or dbwess@gmail.com.



9. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN (GR. 1—6)**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE YOUR FAITH are available in the R.E. Program! **SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS** (Teachers) and **AIDES** (Helpers) for Grades 1 - 6 are needed on an emergency basis to provide backup help when needed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening or on a Wednesday afternoon. **Substitute Aides are especially needed for the 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM Wednesday evening classes.** Please call Rose Marie Gilb, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 623/935-2151, ext. 229, to inquire how you may share your faith with the children of our parish! *Thank You!*

HAVE A HEART!

With the continuing state of the economy, many families are still finding it difficult to meet their obligation for their child's religious education. Please help a child receive a Catholic religious education in St. Thomas Aquinas Religious Education Program by donating to our spring Have A Heart Campaign. *Thank You!*

_____ \$45 for 1 child _____ \$80 for 2 children _____ \$55 for 1 RCIC child

_____ \$30 for materials for each sacrament prep _____ Other Amount (used where needed most)

Name _____ Phone _____/_____

Total Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

