

St. Thomas More

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Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Thomas More University Parish is to serve the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the Parish and to evangelize the larger community as expressed by our Catholic tradition.

Vision Statement

The desire of our hearts is to be a vibrant sacramental Catholic community that prays, learns, cares and shares in ways that compel us to witness to the power of the presence of God and to build God's kingdom.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 11 am & 5 pm

Monday Communion Service: 7:30 am

Daily Masses: Tues. & Thurs. 5:15 pm
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 am

Rosary: Following daily Mass

Sacramental Ministries

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3-4:30 pm or by personal appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents requesting infant baptism must be registered members of the Parish for at least six months and must contact the parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples must be registered in the parish for at least six months, and need to contact Father Ackerman six months prior to the date of marriage.

STM Journey of Faith Fall/Spring '09-10 "COME TO THE WATER, THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE"

If you are interested in learning about what being a Catholic is about, or if you are **RE**-thinking becoming a Catholic, or if you are a baptized adult Catholic who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation, or if you simply desire to discover the existential meaning of your life, then the STM **RCIA** program is for you! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a **Journey of Faith** which runs from August to May, with meetings at STM each Tuesday at 7 pm. By attending, you are not committing yourself to baptism or to being received into the Catholic Church, but simply exploring your journey with Christ. If you would like to find out more, please contact **Deacon Pigott**.

Sacrament of the Sick: Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the Parish office.

Visit the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Pray for... the preservation of dignity and sanctity of all life: victims and survivors of violence; troubled marriages; vocations; peace; justice; our service men and women and their families; the hungry; the homeless; the abused; the unemployed; and our youth. †

Parish Schedule

Sun. December 27

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention for Father Ackerman*
11:00 am **Mass** *+William Jewell by the Ann Tobin Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** *+Sister Paulette Shiffelbein By the Parish Family*

Mon. December 28

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. December 29

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Wed. December 30

Office Closes @ noon

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Thurs. December 31 New Years Eve

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Fri. January 1

- 10:00 am **Mass** **New Years Day**

Sat. January 2

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Sun. January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 am **Mass** *+Jim Miller by Father Ackerman*
11:00 am **Mass** *+Sister Joan Marie By Father Ackerman*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Readings for the Week of 12/27-1/3

- Sun: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52 (17)
Mon: 1 Jn 1:5-22/Mt 2:13-18 (698)
Tues: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202)
Wed: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204)
Fri: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21 (18)
Sat: 1 Jn 1:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205)
Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Happy New Year!!

Ministry Schedule January 1, 2, & 3

Altar Servers

Friday **New Years Day**

- 10:00 am Joseph Mecham, Arianna Garcia, Risa Walters

Saturday

- 5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Hannah Grillot

Sunday

- 8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter, Valerie Pham
11:00am Maya Hoffman, Tyler Keupen, Andres Kenney
5:00pm Katie Byers, Janice Wilson, Sherritta Harris

Lectors

Friday

- 10:00 am John Murray, Charles Kenney

Saturday

- 5:00pm Tom Burns, Sharon Peelor

Sunday

- 8:30am Al Patrick, Helen Patrick
11:00am Casey Partridge, Kristen Partridge
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Joe Walters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Friday

- 10:00am Cathy Fagan, John Fagan, Amy McElhaney, Janis Hereford, Brigid Brink, Deanna Preble, Susan Mecham, Dan Lawrence

Saturday

- 5:00pm Virginia Schultz, Greg Schultz, Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner, Louise Kay

Sunday

- 8:30am April Anderson, Joe Lies, Charles Gill, Barbara Crane, Stacy Schrank
11:00am Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, John Holter, Terry O'Dea, Becky O'Dea, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple
5:00pm Joseph Mecham, Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson, Sims Beeler

Ushers

Friday

- 10:00am Jim Weller

Saturday

- 5:00pm Jane Wrede, Carolyn Houser, Rae Quijano, Leila Kondo

Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, K. Denton. Jr., Drew Kershen, Kathy Kershen
11:00am Steve Calonkey, Susy Calonkey, Mike Tobin, Steve Patrick
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
Dec. 27th	Sharon Poe Maggie Fitzgerald	Holter Family
Jan. 3rd	Cachero Family	O'Dea Family

Thank you to all of our wonderful families!

St. Thomas More News and Announcements

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Some dedicated ladies of our parish have been busy making Prayer shawls and throws to be given to those who are seriously ill. These are made with special prayers for healing and are blessed by Father Ray. If you know of anyone who needs the comforting thought of knowing prayers are being said for them, please contact Louise Kay at 364-8867. Also, volunteers would be welcomed to help with the crocheting.

The Word Feeding Justice

December 27, 2009: Holy Family

Catholic Social Teaching: Call to Family, Community and Participation

1st Reading: 1st Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm: 84

2nd Reading: 1st John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Jesus journeyed to the temple in Jerusalem with His parents and the support of those in the caravan. Today, Families journey together through the maze of economic challenges for basic necessities, educational objectives, and seeking quality recreational time together. Our social support systems must also recognize single parent families needing child care and families that adopt older children with special needs who especially need help with basic life skills. Grandparents, who often become surrogate parents, need a wide variety of support systems. By supporting all families, we uphold the sacredness of each person and build the common good of society.

Individual Reflection: 1st Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

With thousands of foster children without a permanent home, help your parish sponsor a foster child awareness Day.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is being visited regularly and is providing a helping hand to many people every month. We would like to ask that the following items be donated:

Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned fruits, vegetables and meat, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Lipton noodles, boxed meals, hamburger/tuna helper, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti, boxed potatoes, rice, beans, ramen noodles, applesauce, pudding, juice, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and brushes, soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.

By the request of our parishioners, we would like to have people whose **last name is A through L bring items on the first two Sundays of the month** and those whose **last name is M through Z the last two Sundays of the month**. This by no means will mean that any donation will not be received with much gratitude. With thanks to all the generous people in the parish.

Notice to all Group Leaders and Parish Ministers:

Those in need of special access to the church. Door key applications are available in the office after Thanksgiving. Starting on **December 1st, a \$10.00 deposit will be required and all applications are contingent. Issuance requires application approval.**

Parish Council minutes can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil>

Remember the poor... Please remember to drop a donation in the poor box as you exit the church. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who assist the needy of Norman and Noble.

Please call the office with Mass requests, funeral scheduling, sacramental ministries, questions, or if you are moving.

STM NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

Food for Friends Coming Up

It's time again for our Parish to participate and serve at Food for Friends....

Tuesday, January 5th. Remember that we need all the help we can get! Preparation/cooking begins at 9:00 am in the Food for Friends kitchen located at 104 W. Comanche.

We will be serving from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparation and serving, please sign up in the atrium in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Whitman at 360-1174. Thank you.

Secular Franciscans January Meeting

Come and join the Secular Franciscans **Sunday, January 3rd in the library at STM at 1:00 pm.** If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-0842.

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

Oklahoma Catholic women are invited to spend a day of reflection, healing, and renewal at the Conference on **February 6th** at the Clarion Conference Center at 1-40 and Meridian in Oklahoma City. The conference includes Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eusebius Beltran, Adoration, Reconciliation, and a vendor area. Four sessions featuring nationally known speakers are scheduled. Registration through January 22 is \$50 (\$30 for students). For registration online, please go to www.OCWConference.com or call (405) 396-6292. Fee transferable but not refundable.

Mass Drivers Needed

Would there be anyone in the Parish who would like to volunteer to drive someone, occasionally, to Mass because they are unable to do so? Please call the office at 321-0990 if you would like to help with this. Thank you.

Parish Council minutes can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil>

Catholic Radio may now be heard on FM 96.5 in the metro Oklahoma City area! Tune in and listen from 2 pm until dusk.

Religious Education News

R.E. Fundraising cards cannot be returned now. Please remit your payment no later than January 3rd.

Baptismal Seminars Schedule for 2010

All parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptismal seminar. St. Thomas More will offer Baptismal seminars on the following dates:

(see next column)

**February 21st 12:30 pm in Library
(for any Baptism during the
Easter season)**

**May 16th 12:30 pm in Library
(for any summer Baptism)**

Registration is required for any seminar. Please call Chelle Breedlove at 321-0990 ext 202.

Epiphany Pageant Practice and Play

No RE classes on December 27th

**On January 2nd, there will be a "Dress Rehearsal"
From 10:00am to 12:00 pm.**

RE classes resume on January 3 at 9:45 am

January 3rd is the Epiphany Play at 4:00 pm.

(performers need to come at 3:30 pm)

Mass will be at 5:00 pm

Potluck dinner will follow the Mass.

**The Crowning of the STM Royal Court will be
announced at 6:30 pm**

All Saints Catholic School News

Help our school earn \$100,000! U. S. Cellular is giving away \$100,000 to ten schools in January. Vote for All Saints by dropping by a U. S. Cellular store and picking up a promotion card. Register the number on the promotion card on-line and list All Saints as your school of choice (enter 72072 as the zip code and click on All Saints). U. S. Cellular is located north of TJ Max and Petco on 24th Avenue and in front of the eastside Wal-Mart. There are also several locations in Moore and South Oklahoma City. Construction continues on our brand new gymnasium! Logon to our school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org

News in the Diocese

Tap Into Faith

Interesting Topics! Great Company! Lively Conversation about Our Catholic Faith!

Come out for dinner and drinks, hear an interesting talk on important issues, and meet other Catholic adults! Bring your friend! Single or married!

We meet the third Thursday of every month

8pm Happy 1/2 hour

8:30 pm Lecture

9:00 pm Q & A Stay afterwards for fellowship

The place is **Pepe's Mexican Restaurant** located at 1701 S. Broadway in Edmond. Come and join us!

Artist Way Class

Would you like to get closer to God the Creator, in whose image we are made, by developing your own creativity? Come and join the facilitator, Katie Gordy, at **St. Monica Catholic Church at 2001 North Western Avenue in Edmond.** This will be a 10 week course based on the book, "Artist's Way", By Julia Cameron. Though costing as much as \$300.00 some places, this course runs on Thursdays from January 7th to March 11, 2010 from 9:30-11:00 am. Call Katie Gordy at 359-2700 to register.