

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. January 10

Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Javier Restrepo
By a dear friend
- 11:00 am **Mass** †Jim Miller
By Father Ackerman
- 5:00 pm **Mass** †Sister Paulette Shiffelbein
By the Parish Family

Mon. January 11

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. January 12-Father out of town

5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Wed. January 13-Father out of town

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Thurs. January 14-Father out of town

5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Fri. January 15-Father out of town

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Sat. January 16

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

Sun. January 17

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Sister Joan Marie
By Father Ackerman
- 11:00 am **Mass** †Lina Quiambao
By Charito Marcelo
- 5:00 pm **Mass** †Joe Rieger
By Gerry Schwarz

Readings for the Week of January 10-17

- Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21)
- Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 (305)
- Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-23 (306)
- Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39 (307)
- Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
(308)
- Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 20-22
Mk 2:1-12 (309)
- Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1
Mk 2:13-17 (310)
- Sun: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11 (66)

Ministry Schedule January 16 & 17

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Hannah Grillot, Arianna Garcia

Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter,
Brandon Montano

11:00am Andres Kenney, Hannah Johnson

5:00pm Sherritta Harris, Janice Wilson, Joseph Mecham

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Marcia Messner, Richard Messner

Sunday

8:30am Earl Whitman, Mick Hinton

11:00am Ruth Loeffler, Mark Krittenbrink

5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Joe Walters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner, Louise Kay,
Valli Marti

Sunday

8:30am Joe Lies, Brigid Brink, Amy McElhaney,
Janis Hereford, Carole Baldwin

11:00am Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, John Holter,
Terry O'Dea, Becky O'Dea, Kathy Heiple,
Deanna Preble, Pat King, Caridad Marchand

5:00pm Susan Mecham, Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson,
Sims Beeler, Jim Fields, Linda Fields

Ushers

Saturday

5:00pm Jane Wrede, Rae Quijano, Leila Kondo

Sunday

8:30am K. Denton, Jr., John Starcevich, Mary Starcevich,
Leroy Montano

11:00am Chris Dalton, Joe Sher, Jim Weller

5:00pm Frank Anderson, Bill Huntington, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

Jan 10

Hinton Family
Corbett Family

Jeanne Aiken
Jean Winters

Jan 17

Patrick Family

Holter Family

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

St. Thomas More News and Announcements

Parking Permits are now Available for the Spring 2010 Semester

The cost is \$50 and permit must be clearly displayed on the rearview mirror. Please come into the office to purchase one. Bring you cars make/model and tag number. **The permits go into effect on January 19th at 8:00am.**

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.

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.

We need parishioners to volunteer at the food pantry on Thursday from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.

Please sign up in the parish office or call the office at 321-0990.

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)

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. Registration forms are also available in the Atrium.

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.

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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

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:

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.

Word of Life

"There are international campaigns afoot to reduce birth rates, sometimes using methods that respect neither the dignity of the woman, nor the right of parents to choose responsibly how many children to have; graver still, these methods often fail to respect even the right to life. The extermination of millions of unborn children, in the name of the fight against poverty, actually constitutes the destruction of poorest of all human beings".

-Pope Benedict XVI, :Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace," January 1, 2009

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.

MLK CELEBRATION

The 7th annual celebration to honor the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held on **Monday, January 18**, at Corpus Christi Church, Oklahoma City. A multicultural **celebration will be held at 11:00 am** and Archbishop Beltran will be the principal celebrant for the noon liturgy. The event is sponsored by catholic Charities, the Commission for Justice and Human Development and Corpus Christi Parish. The celebration reminds us of the work Dr. King and the gospel call in our lives to serve the poor and vulnerable in our society. All are welcome to come.

Sanctity of Life Mass

The Sanctity of Life Mass will be held Wednesday, January 20th at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:00 pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Beltran. The faithful are invited to join in the praying for the value of life in remembrance of the Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Programs to discuss Catholic social teaching about the dignity of human life will follow. For teens, the discussion will be facilitated by Reverend Stephen Hamilton, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Kingfisher. Refreshments will be served.