

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 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 Jerry Schwartz
- 6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. January 18

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**
- 7:00 pm **Men of Honor/
Women of Grace**

Tues. January 19

- 5:15 pm **Mass** †Ferne Lawrence
By Dan Lawrence

Wed. January 20

- 7:30 am **Mass** Clara Roh for
Peace & Healing
- 9:00 pm **Mass Student Led**

Thurs. January 21

- 5:15 pm **Mass** †Ferne Lawrence
By Dan Lawrence
- 6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
- 7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
- 7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. January 22

- 7:30 am **Mass** Intentions of the
Parish Family

Sat. January 23

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

Sun. January 24

- 8:30 am **Mass** Intentions of the
Parish Family
- 11:00 am **Mass** Father Ackerman
Special Intention
- 5:00 pm **Mass** †Armando Pineda
By Ador Galura

Readings for the Week of January 17-24

- Sun: Is 62: 1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11 (66)
- Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23
Mk 2:18-22 (311)
- Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28 (312)
- Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Mk 3:1-6 (313)
- Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7
Mk 3:7-12 (314)
- Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)
"Mass for Peace & Justice"
Nos. 887-891
- Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-14, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Mk 3:20-21 (316)
- Sun: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21 (69)

Ministry Schedule January 23 & 24

Altar Servers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Eamonn McElhaney, Arianna Garcia

Sunday

- 8:30am Emily Soreghan, Valerie Pham, Jessica Trilli
- 11:00am Maya Hoffman, Kelsey Robb, Will Banowsky
- 5:00pm Jonathan Kron, Susan Murphy, Risa Walters

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm Bill Urell, Alex Sherman

Sunday

- 8:30am John Murray, Frank Freidhoff
- 11:00am Maria Dawson, Chelle Breedlove
- 5:00pm Holly Barber, Cynthia Howard

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

- 5:00pm Louise Kay, Valli Marti

Sunday

- 8:30am Barbara Foley, Stacy Schrank, April Anderson,
Charles Gill, Gerry Whitman
- 11:00am John Holter, Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple,
Margaret Vennoch, Rigo Gutierrez, Rick Pendergraft,
Dan Lawrence, Maria McKee
- 5:00pm Jose Santiago, Lindsay Hemingway, Rolando Chapa,
Michael DuPont, David Banowsky, Matthew Rom,
Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover, Lauren Fuerst

Ushers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Jane Wrede, Leila Kondo, Pat Urell, Carolyn Houser

Sunday

- 8:30am K. Denton, Jr., Russell Koch
- 11:00am James Robb, <att Bahar, Tim Marquis,
Thierry Ngansop
- 5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

Jan 17 Patrick Family

Holter Family

Jan 24 Jones Family

Marissa Cassidy
Jay Coleman

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 Tuesday, 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.

Martha and Mary Guild News

The Martha and Mary Guild will meet on **Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in the Overflow room**. We will be discussing plans for the Spring, including a day trip. Last year, we went to the Shrine at Prague. This February we will be having a **Tasty Tea on Sunday, February 14, Valentines Day, at 1:00 pm in the Atrium**. It will be a fun way to celebrate and get to know other women in the parish.

Besides fellowship, the Guild supports the St. Vincent de Paul Society with fundraisers such as the Harvest Bazaar, a Bake Sale, etc. We also have a quilt group who cooperates to make a quilt to be raffles at the Bazaar. This past year we were able to donate over \$4,500, which was greatly needed before Christmas. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Pat at 447-1505. Thank you and God Bless.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ

The next meeting of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ will be **Monday, January 25th at 7:00 pm**. In the lounge area. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend and learn about this wonderful group.

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.

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.

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.

We Want You!!

Attention all St. Thomas More parishioners! We are looking for enthusiastic people to design, develop, and implement two much-needed Committees: Hospitality and Stewardship. At this point, we are starting with a blank slate and would like the two committees to take shape based on St. Thomas More's unique needs.

We want to recruit new faces, untapped talent, and those with experience. Everyone is encouraged and invited to participate in the planning process. If you are interested in joining this design team, have questions, or have information on how these committees functioned in the past, please contact the office.

The dinner scheduled for January 17 has been postponed to a later date in February. Announcement to follow.

Bulletin Support

Elizabeth "Ebby" Crowley is our bulletin support representative for Liturgical Publications. This is the company who sends us our printed bulletin every week. We have advertising spaces available now. Please consider featuring your business in our bulletin, since the revenue from the ads is what makes our bulletin possible. This is a great way to show your support for the parish. Parishioners like to do business with companies that are on the bulletin. We appreciate your help with this very important parish communication tool. Ads may be created for you, and now include a free web link! Spaces can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting any community service organization. Please give these ideas some thought. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please call Elizabeth directly at (720) 468-9423 or 1-800-950-9952 ext. 2568. Her e-mail is ecrowley@4lpi.com. She is happy to help and be sure to let her know if you have any questions. Thank you. We appreciate your help and support of the bulletin.

Religious Education News

Baptismal Seminars Schedule for 2010

All parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptismal seminar. The next date is:

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

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

St. Thomas More Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Celebration!

Please join us for a celebration here at St. Thomas More on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in the overflow and atrium area. Tickets will go on sale January 24 after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses. Activities for this event will have a Mardi Gras theme, so come in costume! Prizes for the best-dressed child and adult. I am requesting all you fabulous bakers and decorators for the dessert auction. Profits from this event will benefit the Religious Education Programs. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Chelle at 321-0990, ext. 202

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

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 in Oklahoma City 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.