

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 24

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Father Ackerman Special Intention*
5:00 pm **Mass** *†Armondo Pineda By Ador Galura*
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. January 25

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

Tues. January 26

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Wed. January 27

- 7:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention*
9:00 pm **Mass** **Student Led**

Thurs. January 28

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Special Intention*
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. January 29

- 7:30 am **Mass** *Father Barnes Special Intention*

Sat. January 30

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

Sun. January 31

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention for St. Thomas More staff*
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** *†Linda Wallace By Maria Dawson*

Readings for the Week of January 25-31

- 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)
Mon: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18 (519)
Tues: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
(520)/Mk 3:31-35 (318)
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 (319)
Thurs: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Mk 4:21-25 (320)
Fri: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34 (321)
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mk 4:35-41 (322)
Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 (72)

Ministry Schedule January 30 & 31

Altar Servers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Arianna Garcia

Sunday

- 8:30am Emily Soreghan, Gabriella Schreiner,
Rebecca Gunter
11:00am Maya Hoffman, Hannah Johnson, Andres Kenney
5:00pm Jonathan Kron, Janice Wilson, Sherritta Harris

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm Sharon Peelor, Cindy O'Brien

Sunday

- 8:30am Bill McNichols, Terry McNichols
11:00am Dane Wilson, Diane Cotts
5:00pm Heather Stout, David Gagne

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am Brigid Brink, Amy McElhaney, Eleanor Barnes,
Ashleigh Arndt, Lisa Lancaster
11:00am Dan Lawrence, Rigo Gutierrez, Margaret Vennoch,
Kathy Heiple, Caridad Marchand, John Holter,
Deanna Preble, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson,
Bobby Meiners, Sims Beelor, Joseph Mecham,
Susan Mecham, Jim Fields, Linda Fields

Ushers

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am K. Denton, Jr., Russell Koch
11:00am Tim Marquis, Jim Weller, Joe Sher, Chris Dalton
5:00pm Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

Jan 24

Jones Family

Marissa Cassidy

Jan 31

**Sharon Poe
Maggie Fitzgerald**

O'Dea 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.

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.

January 24, 2010: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm: 19

2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Our ego sometimes gets in the way of including the marginalized, the lowly, challenging or unrepresentable. Feeling they fail to contribute to one's "success", we may exclude them from participation in the web of society or exploit them for some financial gain. But one cannot hear, see or feel all the pulses of life. Our life comes into focus when we are honestly concerned for another's sufferings. Only then do artificial divisions disappear and life comes into focus. By the Word, the soul is refreshed and the heart rejoices. For the command of God is clear and includes all as our brothers and sisters.

Secular Franciscans Meeting

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscans will be **Sunday, February 7th at 1:00pm in the library of St. Thomas More**.

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.

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

STM NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

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 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.

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.

St. Joseph's Annual Mardi Gras Carnival!
Saturday, February 13, 2010
6:30 pm—11:30 pm
St. Joe's Gym at 421 E. Acres
Tickets available in STM office.

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. Construction continues on our brand new gymnasium! Logon to our school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org

News in the Diocese

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. For registration online, please go to www.OCWConference.com or call (405)396-6292. Registration forms are also available in the Atrium

Stress In Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the Spring Program, beginning with a **weekend on February 12-14. Call (918) 695-7010 for more information.**