

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 31– Catholic School Week

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention for STM staff*
 11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
 5:00 pm **Mass** †Linda Wallace
By Maria Dawson
 6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. February 1

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

Tues. February 2-Candlemas

- 6:30 pm **Mass** *Feast of the Presentation
 (Blessing of the candles)*
 †Catherine Stenglein
 By Dan Lawrence

Wed. February 3

- 7:15 am **Blessing of the Throats**
 7:00 pm **College Night**
 9:00 pm **Mass (Blessing of the throats)**

Thurs. February 4

- 5:15 pm **Mass** †Catherine Stenglein
 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. February 5

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

Sat. February 6

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
 5:00 pm **Mass** †Quirico Posa
 By Tita Posa

Sun. February 7

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intention of the Parish Family*
 11:00 am **Mass** †Joe Rieger by the Parish Family
 5:00 pm **Mass** †Roger Bromert
 By Dan Lawrence

Readings for the Week of January 31– February 7

- Sun: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31–13:13
 Or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 (72)
 Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;16:5-13
 Mk 5:1-20 (323)
 Tues: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
 Or 2:22-32 (524)
 Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 (325)
 Thurs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)
 Fri: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 (327)
 Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)
 Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11
 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11 (75)

Ministry Schedule February 6 & 7

Altar Servers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Arianna Garcia

Sunday

- 8:30am Jessica Trilli, Valerie Pham, Brandon Montano
 11:00am Kelsey Robb, Elizabeth Buckelew, John Robb
 5:00pm Jonathan Kron, Bill Huntington, David Allbritton

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm Robb Gragg, Jane Sarber

Sunday

- 8:30am Helen Patrick, Al Patrick
 11:00am Harold Heiple, Jean Quinnett
 5:00pm Pat Hyland, Justine Summers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

- 5:00pm Louise Kay, Valli Marti, Greg Schultz,
 Virginia Schultz

Sunday

- 8:30am Stacy Schrank, Barbara Foley, Janis Hereford,
 Joe Lies
 11:00am Dan Lawrence, Rigo Gutierrez, Margaret Vennoch,
 Kathy Heiple, Caridad Marchand, John Holter,
 Rick Pendergraft, Susan Schott
 5:00pm Jennifer Grover, Ben Ballard, Matthew Rom,
 David Banowsky, Michael DuPont, Rolando Chapa,
 Lindsay Hemingway, Jose Santiago, Bill Hersey

Ushers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Leila Kondo, Carolyn Houser, Pat Urell,
 Rae Quijano

Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, Leroy Montano, Kathy Kershen,
 Drew Kershen
 11:00am Paul Buckelew, Jonathan Buckelew, Mike Tobin,
 Steve Patrick
 5:00pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

Jan 31

**Sharon Poe
 Maggie Fitzgerald**

O'Dea Family

Feb 7

Cachero Family

**Jeanne Aiken
 Jean Winters**

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, spaghettios, 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

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.

January 31, 2010: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm: 71

2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 12:131—13:3

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Do you debate entrée choices? Will there be ice cream, pie, or cookies for dessert? Do ice cubes and chilled water dispensed from the refrigerator door plo p into a 32 ounce mega cup? When friends come over, do you enter the cavernous maze of a walk-in food pantry to select from an assortment of appetizers? The reality for many is a scenario of an empty shelf, with no choices to escape the pangs of hunger. As food banks are inundated with requests, their shelves too become bare as poverty and unemployment spread over the land. We could approach the empty shelves with indifference when we have something to eat or talk like clashing cymbals forsaking action to assist those in need. But love never fails to act and gives our entrée choices, our favorite pies or crunchy appetizers to someone who is hungry. In facing the needs of the hungry in our community face to face, we put aside selfish, childish reasoning to look at reality face to face.

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.**

Parishioner Request: Please bring your Palms for Ash Wednesday next Sunday, February 7th. Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 17th.

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.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Applications are being accepted by St. Thomas More Council 8523 for four scholarships worth \$250.00 each. Practicing members of the parish enrolled in, or accepted to a post-high school institution of education (i.e., college, University, junior college, technical, or trade school) are eligible to apply. Scholarships will be awarded prior to the end of the spring semester 2010.

Application deadline is March 31st. Application Packets with detailed instructions are available on the table in the Atrium or from members of the Knights of Columbus. If you have any questions, contact Bill Huntington, Grand Knight at 360-7473.

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.

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.

Valentine Bake Sale

February 14th after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses Only. Donate a Valentine themed dessert or purchase a homemade goodie to take home. Interested bakers sign-up in the Atrium this week.

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 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Ticket prices are \$6.00 for 13 years and older and \$3.00 for 6-12 year olds. Tickets will be on sale after the Sunday Masses for the next two weeks. To reserve tickets, please call Chelle or e-mail her at cbreedlove@stm-ou.org. **Payment must be received by February 14th at 12:30pm.**

Activities for this event will have a Mardi Gras theme, so come in costume! There will be prizes for the best-dressed child and adult.

A Mardi Gras style dinner will be served from 6:00-6:45 (shrimp boil, jambalaya, rice and beans, spicy cornbread (and some not so spicy), water, and a piece of cake. 6:45-7:00 Cutting and eating of the special Mardi Gras cake 7:15 Mardi Gras Costume Walk and Contest 7:30 Mardi Gras Mask winners announced 8:00 Dessert Auction winners announced 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). Logon to our school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org

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.**

Sister Regina Fohrer from Heart's Home USA to speak

Sunday afternoon, **February 7 from 12:15pm to 1:00pm**, Sister Regina Fohrer will be speaking to the St. Mark's Confirmation class. Heart's Home USA is an international non-profit Catholic organization started Father Thierry de Roucy that strives to bring Christ's presence to the poor in mostly developing countries by opening homes in underprivileged areas. We would encourage anyone interested to join the St. Mark Confirmation class to meet and listen to Sister Regina. Heart's Home has a wonderful website at <http://usa.heartshome.org/>.

News in the Diocese

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.**