

## 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. February 7

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
11:00 am **Mass** *†Joe Rieger by the Parish Family*  
5:00 pm **Mass** *†Roger Bromert By Dan Lawrence*  
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

### Mon. February 8

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

### Tues. February 9

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *†Catherine Stenglein By Dan Lawrence*

### Wed. February 10

- 7:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention For Faith and Health*  
7:00 pm **College Night**  
9:00 pm **Mass-Student Led**

### Thurs. February 11

- 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 12

- 7:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention For Faith and Health*

### Sat. February 13

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**  
5:00 pm **Mass** *†Edward Sanabria By the Sanabria Family*

### Sun. February 14

- 8:30 am **Mass** *†Catherine Stenglein By Dan Lawrence*  
11:00 am **Mass** *†Henri Roegiers By Jeanne and Jean-Claude Roegiers*  
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

### Readings for the Week of February 7-14

- Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11  
Or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11 (75)  
Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 (329)  
Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 (330)  
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 (331)  
Thurs: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 (332)  
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 (333)  
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10 (334)  
Sun: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20  
Lk 6:17, 20-26 (78)

## Ministry Schedule February 13 & 14

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Emily Soreghan, Eamonn McElhaney, Risa Davis  
11:00am Joseph Mecham, Sherritta Harris, Janice Wilson

### Lectors

#### Saturday

- 5:00pm Richard Messner, Marica Messner

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Tom Koszoru, R. C. Davis-Undiano  
11:00am Bill Kuriger, Delores Kuriger  
5:00pm Charles Gill, Jason Wiggins

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 8:30am April Anderson, Barbara Crane, John Fagan,  
Cathy Fagan  
11:00am Caridad Marchand, John Holter, Doris Edge,  
Jodie Edge, Deanna Preble, Becky O'Dea,  
Terry O'Dea, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge  
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Linda Fields, Jim Fields, Linda Fields,  
Susan Mecham, Sims Beeler, Bobby Meiners,  
Arn Henderson, Bea Henderson, Lauren Fuerst

### Ushers

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, Heidi Koszoru  
11:00am Tim Marquis, Matt Bahar, Susy Calonkey,  
Steve Calonkey  
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

### Hospitality Schedule

#### 8:30 Mass

#### 11:00 Mass

#### Feb 7

**Cachero Family**

**Jeanne Aiken  
Jean Winters**

#### Feb 14

**Hinton Family  
Corbett Family**

**Marrisa Cassidy  
Jay Coleman**

*Thank you to all our wonderful families!*

## St. Thomas More News and Announcements

### Parking Permits are now being enforced for Spring 2010 Semester

**The cost is pro-rated 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.

### 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.

### February 7, 2010: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: 138

2nd Reading: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Injustice entrapped in our land, in the bonds of slavery, legislative decrees and hardened hearts. Discrimination based on race persecuted God's children. But in the pews and greens of assemblies, Jesus' gospel of inclusion was taught. Many people toiled hard through the dark nights of hatred. Those who initially questioned their ability, left behind reservations of inadequacy, to say, "Here I am, send me to work for equality in civil rights." For the ember of change ignited their souls and the wickedness of inequality began to be purged from our midst. As we honor the visionaries during Black History month, may we hear the words form their mouths, leave behind questions about our ability to facilitate change and be vigilant to expose current discrimination. We are not afraid to follow Jesus.

### Attention: Prime Timers and Prime Timer Wannabes

Our next meeting will be in the St. Thomas More atrium on **Friday, February 12th at 6:30 pm**.

The meeting will be hosted by the Gerry and Earl Whitman. This will be our annual Valentine's Day meeting with love and good cheer abounding, and we may have a surprise or two. This will be a pleasant, stress-free meeting. Come and join us. Bring your favorite libations (beverages) and your favorite covered dish (with food in it) to share. You will find that we are quite a jolly group and all parishioners are welcome. You need not be retired to join in the fellowship and fun; after all we are all young at heart. For more information, contact Al Patrick at 360-4147.

### 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.

### Health For Friends Help

At the Health Care Forum, Brian Karnes, Director of Health for Friends described their mission as providing quality primary health care and very basic dental care for Norman residents that meet the agency's low-income requirement and lack any type of medical insurance or benefits. Brian said that the waiting period to get an appointment at the clinic is several months. Health for Friends had one church in Norman that voluntarily staffs two evening clinics a month, but they are in need of other groups to sponsor evening clinics.

An evening clinic requires one primary health care professional, one nurse or medical assistant, one pharmacist, and one support person to help with check-in. There is no cost to the organization to staff the clinic. Health for Friends provides all the supplies. Most faith communities have members that fit the above criteria. Please think about becoming part of this effort. Thank you.

**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

### Valentine Bake Sale

**February 14th after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses Only.**

Donate a Valentine themed dessert or purchase a home-made goodie to take home. Interested bakers sign-up in the Atrium this week.

### 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 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](mailto: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 Please contact Chelle for details, at 321-0990, ext. 202

### All Saints Catholic School News

Help support the gym completion. All Saints has teamed with **Applebees of Norman for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 20th from 7:30 am-10:30 am.** Tickets are \$6.00 each (\$2.00 for children 3 and under) and are available in the school office.

Logon to our school website at [www.allsaintsnorman.org](http://www.allsaintsnorman.org)

### St. Joseph's Annual Mardi Gras Carnival!

**Saturday, February 13, 2010**

**6:30 pm—11:30 pm**

**Tickets available in STM office.**

### 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.**