

## 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.



†[This Week at St. Thomas More](#)†

**Sunday, February 14** **Valentine's Day**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jer 17:5-8** **1 Cor 15:12, 16-20** **Lk 6:17, 20-26**

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Catherine Stenglein by Dan Lawrence  
11:00 am **Mass** †Henri Roegiers by Jeanne and Jean-Claude Rogiers  
1:00 pm **Tasty Tea hosted by Martha & Mary Guild**  
5:00 pm **Mass**, *People of the Parish*  
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

**Monday, February 15** **President's Day**

**Jas 1:1-11** **Mk 8:11-13**

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**  
9:00 am **English as a Second Language in the overflow**  
6:00 pm **Student Choir Practice in the Sanctuary**  
7:00 pm **Men of God/ Women of Grace in the overflow and library**

**Tuesday, February 16** **Fat Tuesday**

**Jas 1:12-18** **Mk 8:14-21**

- 12:00 pm **Overeaters Anonymous**  
5:15 pm **Mass** †Regina Espinosa by Tita Posa  
6:00 pm **Mardi Gras Party!**

**Wednesday, February 17** **Ash Wednesday**

**Jl 2:12-18** **2 Cor 5:20-6:2** **Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

- 7:30 am **Mass**, *People of the Parish*  
9:00 am **English as a Second Language in the overflow**  
12:00 pm **Mass**, *People of the Parish*  
7:00 pm **Mass**, *People of the Parish*  
9:00 pm **Mass**, *People of the parish*

**Thursday, February 18**

**Dt 30:15-20** **Lk 9:22-25**

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Clara Roh for Peace and Healing*  
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**  
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**  
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

**Friday, February 19**

**Is 58:1-9a** **Mt 9:14-15**

- 7:30 am **Mass**, *People of the Parish*

**Saturday, February 20**

**Is 58:9b-14** **Lk 5:27-32**

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**  
5:00 pm **Mass** †Abigail Elizabeth Watson by the Sanabria Family

**Sunday, February 21** **First Sunday of Lent**

**Dt 26 4-10** **Rom 10:8-13** **Lk 4:1-13**

- 8:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*  
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions for Father Ackerman*  
5:00 pm **Mass** *Dr. Fermo Merle for Healing*

*Ministry Schedule for Ash Wednesday & February 20 & 21*

*Altar Servers*

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

8:30am Jessica Trilli, Rebecca Gunter, Gabriella Schreiner  
11:00am John Robb, Kelsey Robb, Andres Kenney  
5:00 pm Risa Walters, Jonathan Kron, Katie Byers

**Ash Wed**

7:00 pm Susan Murphy  
9:00 pm Sherritta Harris, Maya Hoffman

*Lectors*

**Saturday**

5:00pm Alex Sherman, Bill Urell

**Sunday**

8:30am Mick Hinton  
11:00am Susan Shaughnessy, Mary Holter  
5:00pm Joe Wlaters, Harold Castano

**Ash Wed.**

7:00 pm Charlie Kenney, Harold Heiple  
9:00 pm Ruth Loeffler

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

8:30am Ashleigh Arndt, Eleanor Barnes, Brigid Brink, Amy McElhany, Gerry Whitman  
11:00am Rick Pendergraft, John Holter, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Maria McKee, Becky O'Dea, Terry O'Dea, Pat King  
5:00pm Arn Henderson, Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Joseph Mecham, Jim Fields, Linda Fields, Bill Hersey, Jose Santiago, Rolando Chapa

**Ash Wed.**

7:00 pm Bobby Meiners, Lauren Fuerst, Bea Henderson, Barbara Foley, Stacy Schrank, Rigo Gutierrez, Kathy Heiple, Carol Baldwin  
9:00 pm Michael DuPont, David Banowsky, Matthew Rom, Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover

*Ushers*

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

8:30am Russell Koch, K. Denton Jr., Mary Starcevich, John Starcevich  
11:00am Joe Sher, Jim Weller, Thierry Ngansop, James Robb  
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson, Bill Huntington

**Ash Wed.**

7:00 pm Drew Kershen, Kathy Kershen, Chris Dalton

**Hospitality Schedule**

**Feb 21**  
**Feb 28**

**8:30 Mass**  
Patrick Family  
Jones Family

**11:00 Mass**  
Holter Family  
O'Dea

## ***Parking Permits are on sale for Spring 2010 Semester and Quality Towing is gladly enforcing them!***

**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 car's make/model and tag number.

### ***STM 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.** Many 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.

### ***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.



### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

***Please 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.

***Parish Council minutes*** can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil>

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## *+ Religious Education News*

### *STM MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION!*

**Please join us 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 Feb. 6, 7 & 14th after the morning masses.

Prizes awarded to best Mardi Gras costumed child and adult. Prizes for Mask Making contest, musical chairs and cake walkers.

"Making Faces" by Cady will be here to paint your face beautiful Mardi Gras style.

St. Thomas More Royal Court announced at 8 pm. Come enjoy the dessert auction, door prizes, delicious food, tasty sweets, fellowship and fun!

### *DON'T FORGET.....to buy a chance for a Valentine's Day Gift Basket!*

\$5 per chance or 5 for \$20! Tickets will be sold Feb. 6, 7 and 14th after the AM masses only. Winners announced February 14th at 12:30 pm. Win a *Romantic Mini-Dinner for 2 Basket (wine, cheese, crackers, summer sausage and fresh fruit)* or a *Sweet Tooth Sweeties Basket (wine, chocolate & strawberries)* or a *Cuddle Up Basket (teddy bear & chocolate kisses)* or two tickets to the Warren Theatre in the balcony for the movie of your choice!

### **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.

### **February 14th Religious Education Classes..**

All classes will have some type of Valentine or Friendship celebration in class, please contact your child's teacher to see if you can donate something. All Reconciliation/Holy Communion participants and their high school buddy will meet in the Knights house at 10:00 am for their prayer practice and Valentine celebration.

### **Reconciliation/Holy Communion Parent Meeting February 20th 10-11:30 am**

Parents of children preparing for Reconciliation on March 6 and Holy Communion May 2, should attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served. St. Thomas More Book Store will have gift items for sale—veils, rosaries etc. Please bring check or cash if you are interested in purchasing anything. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss with Father Ray and Chelle regarding Reconciliation practice/Reconciliation Day, practice day for Holy communion and holy communion day celebration. At least one parent/guardian should attend. Holy Communion children do **not** need to attend.

**Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate!**

### **Baptismal Seminars Schedule for 2010**

All parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptismal seminar. The next date is: **February 21 @ 12:30 in the library. (for any Baptism during the Easter season)** Registration is required for any seminar. Please call Chelle Breedlove at 321-0990 ext 202.

### **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.

### **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)

### **News in the Diocese**

#### **This Weekend Lenten Retreat for Men & Women**

will have the theme "Can You Drink of This Cup? The retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 5, and continues to 1:00 pm, Sunday, March 7. Spiritual Director, Annette Fisher, will be the prayer guide for this silent Retreat at Our Lady of Mercy Retreat Center, 2801 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. Cost will be \$135. For more information or to request registration call (405) 634-1968 or email [srbelmer@mountstmary.org](mailto:srbelmer@mountstmary.org). Registration deadline is March 2, 2010.

#### **February 21, 2010 1st Sunday of Lent**

#### **Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities**

**1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

**Psalm 91**

**2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

Temptation was faced by Jesus and by us. When we do not allow ourselves to be fed with prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit, we feel we can, on our own, take challenging problems of stone and make edible bread. By knowing we cannot act alone to make bread, will we can affect change. It requires that the wheat of needs to be grown by society, God's rain of justice to flow forth on the earth and bakers to creatively mold ingredients of change. Only then can we offer a meal to nourish social needs and satisfy injustice. In the process of being "bakers of justice," we do not seek power and glory, but give the words from our lips and hearts the added power of action to enrich all without distinction.