

St. Thomas More

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday @ 12 noon

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.

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‡[This Week at St. Thomas More](#)‡

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

[Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1](#)
[Lk 9:28b-36 \(27\)](#)

8:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
11:00 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
5:00 pm **Mass** *People of the Parish*
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Monday, March 1

[Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 \(230\)](#)

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 Honor / Women of Grace (overflow)**

Tuesday, March 2

[Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 \(231\)](#)

12:00 pm **Overeaters Anonymous**
5:15 pm **Mass** †*Brandon Miller*

Wednesday, March 3

[Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 \(232\)](#)

7:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
9:00 am **English as a Second Language in the overflow**

Thursday, March 4

[Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 \(233\)](#)

5:15 pm **Mass** †*Jim and Tish Richards*
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Friday, March 5

[Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 \(234\)](#)

7:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
Following the Stations-Meatless Meal

Saturday, March 6

[Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 \(235\)](#)

3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** *People of the Parish*

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

[Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 \(30\), or for year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8](#)
[Jn 4:5-42 pr 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 \(28\)](#)

8:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
11:00 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Julia Poncija by Charito Hersey*

Ministry Schedule for March 6 & 7

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter, Brandon Montano
11:00am Andres Kenney, Kelsey Robb, John Robb
5:00 pm Risa Walters, Jonathan Kron, Joseph Mecham

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Sharon Peelor, Jane Sarber

Sunday

8:30am Terry McNichols, Bill McNichols
11:00am Maria Dawson, Miranda Shaughnessy
5:00pm David Gagne, Heather Stout

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Barbara Foley, John Fagan, Cathy Fagan, Barbara Crane, Salva Gabert
11:00am Becky O'Dea, Terry O'Dea, Kathy Heiple, Rick Pendergraft, Dan Lawrence, Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, Maria McKee, John Holter
Deanna Preble, Susan Schott
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Bill Huntington, Rolando Chapa Jose Santiago, Bill Hersey, Linda Fields, Jim Fields, Sims Beeler, Arn Henderson

Ushers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Leroy Montano, Russell Koch
11:00am Thierry Ngansop, Matt Bahar, Steve Patrick, Mike Tobin
5:00pm Corey Gill, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

Feb 28

Jones Family

O'Dea Family

Mar 7

Please send me a new schedule!

Thank you to all the wonderful families !

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 your 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's Guild Meeting

On **Thursday, March 4**, the STM Martha and Mary's Guild will meet from **10:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the overflow room. Please bring a sack lunch and your sewing machine. We will see you there.

Secular Franciscans Meeting

Come and join the Secular Franciscans when they meet on **March 7 in the Library at 1:00pm.** If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-0842.

Help Wanted to organize the Parish library

We are trying to make it useable for everyone. Tasks would include entering information into a computer, organizing shelves, and brainstorming ideas to make the library better. Anyone from high school and up who is comfortable with computers is welcome to help. Please contact Sarah at scrosencrans@ou.edu or 245-6565 if interested. Thank you for your help!
Sarah Rosencrans

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Some dedicated ladies of our parish have been busy making Prayer blankets 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.

Operation Rice Bowl invites us to:

Pray together.

Fast in solidarity with those who are hungry.

Learn about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world

Give sacrificial contributions to support those in need.

Second Sunday of Lent: *For farmers in Bolivia And around the world who are working to improve their harvests and preserve their natural resources. May our generosity and prayers this Lent assist them with their cultivation of and care of God's creation.*

On behalf of the people around the world who benefit from your support of Catholic Relief Services, we thank you and your faith community for making Operation Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten celebration..
Elizabeth A. Martin, CRS, Operation Rice Bowl

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>

† Religious Education News

What's coming up in the weeks ahead...

3/6 at 10:00 am- First Reconciliation
3/11 at 6:00pm-Skate Night at Star Skate
3/13 at 6:00 pm- Chili Bingo at St. Joseph's
3/14 and 3/21- No R.E. because of Spring Break

STM Skate Night moved to March 11, 2010

It will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Star Skate 2020 W. Lindsey St. Bring your family and friends. The price is \$5.00 to skate and for another \$2.00 you get 2 pieces of pizza and a drink. **WE STILL NEED 60 PEOPLE TO SIGN-UP.** I hope you can make it.

It's Chili Bingo Time!

March 13th (Sat) at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's

Tickets go on sale February 28 after all the Masses. Prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children. Families or groups of 6 or more will be \$25.00. The ticket price at the door will be \$8.00 for adults. Extra Bingo cards are \$2.00 each. There will be a chili cook-off, door prizes, and dessert auction. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili and the best dessert. This will be a very FUN night. for all to enjoy.

Mardi Gras Thanks...

I would like to thank Father Ray, Deacon Schott, all the parishioners and Religious education students that attended our Mardi Gras celebration of Fat Tuesday. Many thanks to **Christy Meiser**, our Cajun cook, (how did those heels feel after 8 hours?) **Jennifer Moore**, our store runner, shopper, and food preparer, **Rosie Kehl-Hayes** for her monetary donations and massive assistance in the kitchen for 5 hours. **Sheila Blackburn** for working check-in and washing dishes afterwards, **Bunny (Sheila's sister)** for working check-in and making a goodie for the cake walk, **Pat and Sharon Poe** for coordinating the cake donation from Fancy Cakes, **Jennifer Miller** for donating her awesome Mardi Gras tiered cake for the dessert auction. **Janne O'Donnell** for designing the tickets, **Casey Hunt** for MANY baked good items for the cake walks, **Josh Davis** assisting with the decorations, **Sam Snow and Chris Dalton** for clean-up returning all chairs and tables, and **Making Faces by Cady**, the amazing face painter. We hope to see everyone next year.

Before you check the yellow pages, please check out our wonderful advertisers on the back of this bulletin!! Thank You!

All Saints Catholic School News

Community Open House and Enrollment Fair- All parishioners are invited to the school after Masses on Sunday, March 7th to tour the school, see the gym construction, pick up or drop off admission paperwork, visit with administrators and teachers and learn more about the school. The school will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

For construction update:

Logon to our school website www.allsaintsnorman.org

This year's **Roman Holiday** will be held at St. Mark's on **April 10th**. Watch the bulletins for ticket information.

News in the Diocese

Fiesta Dinner and Auction to support Villa Teresa Moore on March 6, 2010.

Villa Teresa Moore school invites you to our first dinner and auction. This will be held on March 6, 2010 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Norman. Tickets for the fajita dinner will cost \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. We will have a live and silent auction. Childcare will be available on site for \$5.00 per child. We are trying to raise money to build a storm shelter for our Catholic school, which serves children from age 3 through Kindergarten. Please call (405) 691-7737 for tickets or information.

February 22, 2010 2nd Sunday of Lent

Catholic Social Teaching: Call To Family, Community, and Participation

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm: 27

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-41

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Do you encourage people to attend your social justice meeting? Go beyond a blurb in the bulletin and take others on your journey with a verbal invitation and welcome. Make an announcement at church or call them on the phone. Encourage people involved in other ministries to observe and participate in your activities focused on the gospel's social justice model of shared citizenship as the Body of Christ. Catholic social teaching is not an option of faith, but bedrock of that faith. Have the courage to expand your group's membership beyond friends or people you've worked with for years. Become fully awake to the opportunities of involving a diversity of people in the ministry. As a result, their gifts, energy and enthusiasm will expand the depth and breadth of your social justice.

Individual Reflection: 9:28b-36

Plan to invite catechumens and candidates to your social justice meetings after the Easter Vigil

Catholics Living Justice Day

Tuesday, March 17 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am

A citizen legislative advocacy day at the State Capitol. Invite your legislator to breakfast, learn about the role of your faith in politics, hear Catholic speakers regarding the social ministry of the Church. **RSVP** for yourself and your legislator at 523-3003. Sponsored by the Commission for Justice and Human Development.