

WELCOME TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. THOMAS MORE



We hope that you feel welcome and will participate in the many activities here, whether you are a regular parishioner, a seasonal resident, or just visiting.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC
STUDENT CENTER & UNIVERSITY PARISH**

100 East Stinson Street, Norman OK 73072

(South of OU Stadium on the corner of Jenkins Avenue & Stinson Street)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

VIGIL MASS	SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASSES	8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.
COMMUNION SERVICE	MONDAY, 7:30 A.M.
DAILY MASSES	TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 5:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY, 7:30 A.M.
LATE NIGHT LITURGY	WEDNESDAY, 9:00 P.M. (DURING OU FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS)
ROSARY	FOLLOWING DAILY MASS

OFFICE INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS (Monday-Friday)	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LUNCH TIME	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
OFFICE CLOSED	HOLY DAYS
PHONE	(405) 321-0990
FAX	(405) 321-0964
WEB SITE	www.stm-ou.org
PRAYER LINE	(405) 447-7055
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITIES	(405) 329-5372
BULLETIN DEADLINE	TUESDAY, 12:00 Noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES. Classes are available for pre-school through high school youth. Please contact parish office to register your child.

MASS REQUESTS. To schedule a Mass intention, contact the Parish Secretary.

NEWCOMERS. Welcome to St. Thomas More! Please complete a registration form located on the table opposite the Parish office in the Atrium.

MOVING. Please contact the Parish office with your new address.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 2, 2008**

When Jesus sees the blind man, he says, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Once the blind man is healed, the people ask, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" They betray their own blindness: "man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." The blind man answers using words that Christ uses of himself; he says, "I am." Is this a coincidence? The man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." "Light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." "The Light who is Christ produces a goodness in us by which we come to resemble Christ himself. We beg for the ability to look into the heart of each person we meet and to see reality the way God does.

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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.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION). Saturdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m., or by personal appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. Parents requesting infant baptism must be *active* registered members of the parish for at least six months and must contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

DEFINITION OF ACTIVE PARISHIONER. Must be registered, contribute 5% of Annual Gross Income using envelopes, volunteer time and talent, and attend Mass every weekend. Mass attendance verified by presence of envelope - even if empty - in collection.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the Parish office. Contact our Parish Nurse, Kathy Heiple, at (405) 321-7863, to arrange for visits and/or reception of Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY. Couples must be *active* members registered in the parish for at least six months, and need to contact Reverend Ray Ackerman six months prior to the proposed wedding date. All engaged couples are urged to contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944 to register for the required Marriage Preparation Course (*Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter*).

The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)** is the formation process for educating and initiating adults who either would like to become Catholic, or desire to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches. Classes meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and continue from August to May. For information, contact Deacon John D. Pigott at jpigott@ou.edu.

VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED LIFE. Those who feel called to this life are invited to contact the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at (405) 721-9351; or Reverend Ray K. Ackerman at the parish office.



If you are experiencing difficulties in your life, such as loss of a family member/friend/spouse, loss of a job, illness, retirement, life changes, hospitalization, being shut-in, marital difficulties, child/teen issues, etc., and would like to be partnered with a caring and trained Stephen Minister within a *strictly confidential* one-to-one relationship, please contact **Barbara Foley, Stephen Ministry Chair**, at (405) 447-0657 or **April Anderson, Co-Chair**, at (405) 360-0274.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE



SUNDAY † MARCH 2: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SECOND SCRUTINY FOR THE ELECT

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION

FIRST SUNDAY & BUILDING FUND: COLLECTIONS

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** † FR. ROGER PREFONTAINE, S.S.S. [Antoinette Belt]
Dismissal for Children's Liturgy [3-5 year olds] (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-8th]
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** † FR. ROGER PREFONTAINE, S.S.S. [Antoinette Belt]
Dismissal for Children's Liturgy [3-5 year olds] (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 p.m. Secular Franciscans Meeting (Lounge)
- 3:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades 9th- 12th]
- 5:00 p.m. **MASS** Intentions of THE PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)

MONDAY † MARCH 3: LENTEN WEEKDAY

(KATHERINE DREXEL, VIRGIN)

- 7:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. English as a Second Language [E.S.L.] (Overflow)

TUESDAY † MARCH 4: LENTEN WEEKDAY (CASIMIR)

- 9:00 a.m. Food for Friends (104 W. Comanche)
- 9:30 a.m. E.S.L. (Overflow)
- 5:15 p.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Journey of Faith / RCIA (Overflow)
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 p.m. College Choir Rehearsal (Lounge)

WEDNESDAY † MARCH 5: LENTEN WEEKDAY

- 9:30 a.m. E.S.L. (Overflow)
- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** Intentions of BOB QUINNETT [Jean Quinnett] (Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. **MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

7:00 p.m. **COMMUNAL PENANCE RITE** (Sanctuary)

9:00 p.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY † MARCH 6: LENTEN WEEKDAY

- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** Intentions of VICCY DEXTER [Patricia Duncan] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Catholicism 101: "Social Justice" (Overflow)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 p.m. **VESPERS** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

FIRST FRIDAY † MARCH 7: LENTEN WEEKDAY / NO MEAT

(PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS)

- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. **EXPOSITION, ADORATION** (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. **BENEDICTION** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Night: "Living Stations" (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Meatless Meal / Courtesy of College Students (Atrium)

SATURDAY † MARCH 8: LENTEN WEEKDAY

(JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS)

- 3:00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS** (Reconciliation Room)
- 5:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS** (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY † MARCH 9: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIRD SCRUTINY FOR THE ELECT / 2ND SUNDAY: COLLECTION

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR MINORITY GROUPS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** Intentions of THE PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)
Dismissal for Children's Liturgy [3-5 year olds]
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-8th]
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
Dismissal for Children's Liturgy [3-5 year olds]
- 3:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades 9th- 12th]
- 5:00 p.m. **MASS** † RUBERTO LLAPITAN [Bill & Charito Hersey] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. College Sunday Supper (White House: 1511 Jenkins Ave.)

HOORAY... PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE IN!!! All those who had a photo shoot with Olan Mills may obtain their courtesy copy of the Parish directory in the Atrium. *All others may purchase a copy at \$10 in the Parish office (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).*

MARCH 9

- 8:30 a.m. Jeri & Rudy Cachero
- 11:00 a.m. Becky & Terrence O'Dea

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 8 & 9, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Hannah G., Michael Scanlon, David Pickens
- 8:30 a.m. Gabriella S., Lauren S., Brandon M.
- 11:00 a.m. Mikael B., Elizabeth B., Andrés K.
- 5:00 p.m. Sherritta H., Jonathan K., Susan M.

LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Bob Rivera, Jane Sarber
- 8:30 a.m. Tom Koszoru, John Murray
- 11:00 a.m. Ruth Loeffler, Laura Jones
- 5:00 p.m. Heather Stout, Anne Siska

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5:00 p.m. Cheri Remington, Mary & Stephen Bonner, Paula Graham, Valli Marti
- 8:30 a.m. Eleanor Barnes, Barbara Foley, Joe Lies, Barbara Crane, Salva Gabert
- 11:00 p.m. Becky O'Dea, Jesus Salas, Gail Anderson, Dan Lawrence, Rigo Gutierrez, Caridad Marchand, Deanna Preble, Peter Keupen, Pat King
- 5:00 p.m. Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover, Michael DuPont, Jim & Linda Fields, Phillip Smith, David Banowsky, Bill Hersey, Lindsay Hemingway

USHERS

- 5:00 p.m. Corey & Jackie Potri
- 8:30 a.m. Leroy Montano, Becky Fleming, Kelly McElhaney, Heidi Koszoru
- 11:00 a.m. Chris Dalton, Paul Buckelew, Jonathan B., James Robb
- 5:00 p.m. Jonathan Updike, Bill Huntington, Noel Brown, Frank Anderson

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Fifteen-year-old Ben Underwood of Sacramento, California, is one typical teenager. He loves skateboarding, playing basketball with his friends, and listening to music. Ben also happens to be blind after losing his sight to retinal cancer at the age of three. But thanks to a loving mother who has always told him he can do anything in life he wishes, Ben simply lives his life like his friends. "I'm not blind," he says, "I just can't see."

Many of us who can see are, in fact, blind. We live our lives in the darkness of sin and despair. Today's reading from the Gospel of John illustrates that even after a lifetime of blindness, we always have the opportunity to see the light - the light of the world that is Jesus Christ. *His love flowing through our hearts removes the shroud of darkness and despair, giving us hope and confidence and allowing us to find our way and to follow his greatest commandment, to love one another.*

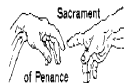
One of the greatest obstacles to true faith is the feeling of doubt. Those who challenge the existence of God, who allow themselves to express doubt, have instilled upon themselves a spiritual blindness (CCC 2088). The first commandment teaches us to always cherish and nurture our faith, protecting it to the point of rejecting any and all opposition to it. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, renew your determination to live in the light of the Lord.

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PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2008

Weekly Amount	\$ 8,072.41	YTD Amount	\$ 324,780.67
Weekly Budget	\$10,300.00	YTD Budget	\$ 350,900.00
DEFICIT	<\$ 2,227.59>	DEFICIT	<\$ 26,119.33 >



CAMPUS MINISTRY

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There will **NOT** be a Sunday Supper, March 2, 2008.

COLLEGE NIGHT on **Wednesday, March 5**, will be at **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** starting at **7 PM**.

CATHOLICISM 101 on **Thursday, March 6**, will be about social justice, birth control, sexuality, and the Mass. It will begin at **7 PM**. **Vespers** will follow at 8:30.

Please join us for the **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at **6 PM** with a **MEATLESS MEAL** following on **Friday, March 7**.

There are two **SERVICE PROJECTS** on **Saturday, March 8**:

A group of students will be leaving at **6 AM** to travel to **Clear Creek Monastery** in Holbert, OK for their **ANNUAL WORK DAY**. Please contact Sam Snow at 918.822.7096 for more information.

Another group will be going to **OKC** to help package and send food overseas for the **FEED THE CHILDREN FOUNDATION**. We will be leaving at **11:30 AM** and will return by 3:30 PM.

The **sign-up sheets** for both of these are on the table in the Atrium.

Also, please keep the **ONE Team** in your prayers. They will be leading a **Confirmation retreat** at **Our Lady of Victory in Purcell, OK** on **Saturday, March 8**.

CATHOLIC & GRADUATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!

If you are a high school senior or considering graduate school, nursing school or medical school, the **Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma** may have a scholarship for you! We offer \$1,000 and \$3,000 scholarships to qualified Catholic applicants each year. These scholarships are available for renewal for three more years based upon grades and full time student status. Please contact your high school counselor, pastor, DRE, youth or the Catholic Foundation Office for an application packet. If you have any further questions, contact Toby Boothe, Catholic Foundation Administrative Assistant, at 405.721.4115 or tboothe@catharchdioceseok.org. You may also download an application from cfook.org. **Completed applications are due April 4, 2008.**

PLAN TO ATTEND FAITH IN ACTION – A PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM. This training will be an opportunity for people in parishes, dioceses, and Catholic Charities agencies to gain practical knowledge through hands-on experience, share best practices and knowledge to develop, support, and expand parish social ministries. It will be held in Oklahoma City at the Pastoral Center, **May 2-4**. The cost is \$95, which includes two and a half days of training, receptions, worship, and meals. Financial discounts are available. To register, contact Parish Outreach and Program Development of Catholic Charities at 405.523.3009 or popd@catholiccharitiesok.org. The workshop brochure can also be accessed at www.catholiccharitiesok.org.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND. This discernment retreat weekend being held on **March 7-9** will consist of prayerful reflection and guidance for your journey in understanding God's call in the Church today. **This retreat designed especially for single Catholic women, ages 18-45, will be conducted by the Sisters of Mercy at Our Lady of Mercy Retreat Center in OKC.** For more information, call 405.634.1968.

Q *What does the healing of the blind man in John's Gospel have to do with Lenten baptismal preparation and renewal?*

& Lent is primarily a baptismal preparation and renewal season for all who desire to accept or renew their commitment to Christ.

A The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent are called Scrutiny Sundays during which all pray over the catechumens, asking that God will give them courage to remain steadfast in their desire to take on the mind and heart of Jesus. In Lectionary year A, the Gospel readings for these Sundays are from John and all have a strong baptismal focus.

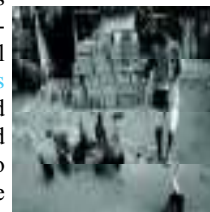
The Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Lent is the healing of the blind man from John 9. The narrative relates a tale of coming to faith as one moves from darkness to light, both physically and spiritually through contact with Christ, the light of the world. It speaks directly to the Lenten journey of all catechumens as they continue to clarify their journey in faith. It also challenges the already baptized to recommit themselves to Christ.

John's narrative highlights the reality that Jesus is the one who brings God's light to all. The blind man is asked to wash in the pool of Siloam, a strong baptismal allusion, resulting in his illumination and sight. By identifying with the blind man's passage from darkness to light, catechumens and baptized also affirm their acceptance of and belief in Jesus as the light that illumines life's darkness.

Reflect on how Christ brings illumination in the darkness of your life.

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DIGNITY OF WORK AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS. Jean Denis and François are neighbors in Coteaux, Haiti. For years they barely supported their families through subsistence farming. In 2002, they joined an agricultural cooperative organized by **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** and began to see change. They received and planted better seed, diversified their crops, found better techniques for raising livestock, learned to combat erosion, and generated surplus crops to take to market. Now their families no longer face hunger or malnutrition. As Jesus transformed the life of the blind man, so CRS transforms the lives of rural farmers. By giving through **OPERATION RICE BOWL** and purchasing Fair Trade products, you support the dignity of workers by ensuring just wages and economic self-sufficiency.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BALL TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The 2008 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal Dinner, Ball, and Auction will be held **Saturday evening, March 8, 2008**, at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, Toby Boothe, co-chair of the event, has announced. Tickets are on sale for the annual fundraiser which benefits Catholic Charities' Homeless Services in Oklahoma City.

Artist Lucille "Lou" Flanagan Ackerman (Mother of Father Ray Ackerman), 2008 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal, will be recognized at the event. The charity ball will feature dinner, a live auction and an evening of dancing to a live band. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Individual tickets for the Ball are \$125 per person. Individual tables and corporate tables are also available. Corporate sponsorships include a table for ten and promotion on the website, program, posters, and media publicity. Corporate sponsorships are: Emerald Isle, \$10,000; Gold Sponsor, \$5,000; Crystal Sponsor, \$2500; and Linen Sponsor, \$1250. Parishes can also sponsor tables.

For information on corporate sponsorships, tickets, or to donate silent or live auction items, please contact Jane Moon, Development Activity Coordinator, at Catholic Charities, 405.523.3000. For more information on the St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal Ball, go to www.catholiccharitiesok.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH & APRIL

March 2:	R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)
March 5:	<i>Parish Penance Rite, 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)</i>
March 9:	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS! R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)
March 16 & 23:	NO R.E. CLASSES - Holy Week & NPS Spring Break
March 30:	R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)
April 6:	R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)
April 13:	R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)
April 19:	<i>First Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)</i>
April 20:	R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)
April 27:	R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8 th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9 th -12 th)



YOUTH GROUPS

THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP's next gathering will be **Friday, March 7, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** We will gather in the Sanctuary to pray the Living Stations of the Cross with the college students and the parish. *Come show your solidarity with Campus Ministry!*

The next meeting of the **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** will be **Friday, March 14.** We will meet at **5:30 p.m.** in the parish Kitchen. We will begin by preparing the Lenten Meatless Meal before Stations of the Cross, and after clean-up, we will go to the Red House for a discussion on what we have done during Lent for others. Hope to see you then!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SUMMER CAMP is a week of fun that nurtures positive Catholic values in young people in a safe environment. The camp is for any youth who has finished grades 3 through 12. Activities include crafts, hiking, swimming, fishing, volleyball, canoeing, archery, and more. For more information, please contact the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Catholic Youth & Young Adult Office at **405.721.9220**, or check out the website at www.catharchdioceseokc.org and click on **"Summer Camp 2008."**

ATTENTION FIRST RECONCILIATION / HOLY COMMUNION FAMILIES: Just a reminder that **FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated this **Saturday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m.** All students are expected to make their first confession at this time. If there is a conflict in your schedule, you need to contact Ms. Sky, Mr. Dirk, or me **immediately**. Also, please continue to encourage your student to do an **examination of conscience** and practice the **Act of Contrition**. This will hopefully help make their First Reconciliation a positive experience.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES:

All Confirmation students are required to make one retreat each year of their formation. A list of NET Retreats will go home with your students today. You need to contact the parishes listed if able to attend. The next scheduled retreat opportunity for St. Thomas More students will be the **ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY**, to be held **April 5, from 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee. Please contact the catechists or me if you're able to attend.



The Archdiocese of OKC requires anyone in the Parish who has regular contact with youth (*under the age of 18*) to undergo the Safe Environment program before being allowed to help with our young people. **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SEMINARS** are held at Saint Thomas More in the parish library on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** The next one will be held on **March 18.** (*If you are unable to attend the Saint Thomas More Safe Environment Seminar, you may attend the seminar at St. Mark's in Norman on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:15 a.m.*) The seminar lasts approximately 45 minutes. To sign up for this workshop, please contact Kim Pickens at 405.620.3229; or, Cindy O'Brien at 405.321.0990 Ext. 202.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



The All Saints 4-H Clubs are again working in conjunction with the Sooner Lions Club to collect used eyeglasses for the needy. Collection boxes are in the school atrium. The past two drives have collected over 850 pairs to give the gift of sight to the needy.

"Help Us Build a Healthy Tomorrow" campaign is underway to build a gymnasium. We have now raised nearly \$690,000 in donations and pledges. Please help us reach the \$700,000 mark this coming week! Thank you for your warm welcome as we visited each of the four parishes!

On-line giving is up and going! Make your capital campaign pledge by credit or debit card by logging on to our school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org and click on the "donate" tab in the upper right corner. Payments can be made over 1, 12 or 24 months. It's easy! Roman Holiday tickets and raffle tickets can also be purchased through this website. The **All Saints School ROMAN HOLIDAY Party** is **March 29th**. For further information regarding Roman Holiday, please contact Eileen Hotze at eileen-hotz@ouhsc.edu or 405.447.1490.

Pre-enrollment for the 2008-09 school year has begun! An admission packet can be downloaded from our school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org (*click on administration*). A record enrollment is expected and only a limited number of positions are available. Apply today! Screenings will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

ABUSE OF MINORS PASTORAL RESPONSE HOTLINE

(405) 720 - 9878

For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel. Calls to this number will be answered by the Archdiocesan Assistance Coordinator who will offer to meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. The Assistance Coordinator will also assist you in making a formal complaint to the Archdiocese, arranging a personal meeting with the Archbishop or his representative and in obtaining support and pastoral counseling. Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

- Any allegation of sexual or physical abuse or neglect concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the **Oklahoma Department of Human Services (1-800-522-3511)** as required by Oklahoma laws and Archdiocesan policies.
- Any allegation of sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper Archdiocesan authorities.
- Local law enforcement agencies may also be contacted.

In addition, there are several things you may do:

- Contact the **Oklahoma Department of Human Services (1-800-522-3511)**. Contacting DHS is mandatory if the victim is a minor.
- Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency (for example the local police).
- Contact local child protection agencies, a private attorney and or a support group.

LÍNEA TELEFÓNICA PASTORAL PARA REPORTAR ABUSO DE MENORES

(405) 720 - 9878

Para la seguridad de los niños y la sanación de las víctimas, la Arquidiócesis de Oklahoma City provee una Línea Privada Para Responder a Denuncias de Abuso de Menores [abuso que ha sucedido en el pasado o que esta ocurriendo en el momento presente) por un miembro del clero u otro personal de la Iglesia] Las llamadas a este numero serán contestadas por el Coordinador de Asistencia Arquidiocesano y se ofrecerá reunirse en persona con la persona que llama si lo desea. El Coordinador de Asistencia también le asistirá en hacer una queja formal a la Arquidiócesis, citando una reunión personal con el Arzobispo o su Representante y en obtener apoyo y consejería pastoral.

Todas las llamadas son confidenciales, con las excepciones siguientes:

- Las leyes de Oklahoma y las pólizas Arquidiocesanas exigen que cualquier queja de abuso sexual o físico o negligencia, hacia a aquellos que actualmente son menores de edad debe ser denunciada al **Departamento de Servicios Humanos (DHS) (1-800-522-3511)**
- Cualquier queja de mala conducta sexual debe ser denunciada con las propias autoridades Arquidiocesanas.
- Agencias locales de Policía también pueden ser notificadas

Además, hay algunas cosas que usted puede hacer:

- Debe informar al **Departamento de Servicios Humanos (DHS)** al **1-800-522-3511**. Este paso es obligatorio si la víctima es un menor de edad.
- Debe informar a la policía local.
- Debe consultar un abogado privado o a un grupo de apoyo para estas situaciones.

NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. THOMAS MORE LENTEN LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00 NOON (BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. (SANCTUARY) followed by
LENTEN MEATLESS MEAL

EXPOSITION, ADORATION & BENEDICTION

FRIDAYS DURING LENT UP TO MARCH 14
12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL RITE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 7:00 P.M.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Sponsored by Campus Ministry)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 6:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON CAMPUS

(Sponsored by The Communion & Liberation Organization)

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 3:00 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

STATIONS ON CAMPUS: FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 3:00 P.M.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS: FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 7:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 8:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY / RESSURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASSES: 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN NEWS. In prayer, and service, and joy, St. Francis of Assisi followed Christ. Members of the Secular Franciscan Order strive to carry on Francis' ideals in the modern world. All are welcome to attend their meeting **TODAY, March 2, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish lounge. Social follows at 3:00 p.m. in the parish kitchen.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS. Tuesday, March 4, is St. Thomas More's turn to prepare and serve the needy in Norman. Cooking will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Food for Friends Kitchen (104 W. Comanche). We will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. *We do need your help!* If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparing and serving, please sign up in the Atrium in the coming week. Thank you.

SCULPTING THE BUST OF CHRIST, Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Bob Willis, sculptor and grief counselor). Using clay and imagination, you will get in touch with who Christ is for you and bring him into your midst. Reflect on his life, suffering, death and resurrection. Join Bob at Red Plains Monastery in the red Art Barn. All materials are provided. Call 405.373.4739 to register. Fee: \$85, includes a non-refundable deposit of \$25. Bring a sack lunch.

AND THE WINNER IS... THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ANNUAL WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET will be held on Saturday, March 29, at St. Monica's in Edmond, OK. *We need your nominations for St. Thomas More's Woman of Achievement for 2007-08.* The nominee should be a practicing Catholic and an active member of our parish. Please submit a 300-word essay on the merits of this nominee to the Parish office, or e-mail to Gloria at gloria@stm-ou.org. **DEADLINE for submission of nominations is Sunday, March 9.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2008

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



WAILING WALL PRAYERS

One of our parishioners will be in Jerusalem for Holy Week and has offered to carry your special intentions to insert in the Wailing Wall. If you wish to participate, please write on a 2" x 2" piece of paper or smaller and submit or mail to: Deanna Preble, 3450 Allspice Run, Norman OK 73026-4508.

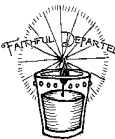
REMEMBER IN PRAYER

PRAYING FOR THE SICK... It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. Listed below are people who have requested our prayerful intercession. *Call our Prayer Line to add or delete someone from the prayer list at 405.447.7055.*



VISIT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL AND PRAY FOR:

The preservation of the dignity and sanctity of all life; victims and survivors of violence; troubled marriages; vocations; peace; justice; our service men, women and their families (Matthew Ghigliotti, Cindy Molia, Angeli-que Pearson, Michael Scanlon and Clint Wilson); the hungry; the homeless; the abused; the unemployed; and our youth; **THE SICK...** Norma Allbritton, Lisa Lancaster, Susan Lepak, Sharon Poe, Bob Quinnett, Jon Roberts, Olive Rodgers, Fred Schmidt and Gino Starita; **THOSE IN MOURNING...** The Creedon, Dillard and O'Brien families; **THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF...** Robert Creedon, Jamie Dillard and Chris O'Brien.



VIGIL CANDLES in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel burn for your special intentions. *Donations are appreciated.*

MASS STIPENDS are payable to Reverend Ray K. Ackerman in the amount of \$10.00, *if you can afford it.*

IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, and you need to reach a priest, please dial 405.321.0990 Ext. 208.

REMEMBER THE POOR

Please remember to drop a donation in the **POOR BOX** as you exit. All proceeds go to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** who assist the needy of Norman and Noble with utilities and rent. Thank you!



FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED



If your last name begins with **A-C**, next Sunday will be your turn to bring a small bag of non-perishable items to help feed the needy families of our community. May God bless you!

THANK YOU! *Sacramental Wine* is courtesy of Mr. Joe Lies, parishioner and owner of Joe's Place. *Danishes* provided on Sunday are courtesy of Mr. Johnny Jazzar, parishioner and owner of La Baguette Bistro and French Bakery. *Donuts* are courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Mick and Sue Hinton, parishioners.

LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO

"Catholic Answers Live" Monday through Friday 3 - 5 p.m.

"Good News Sunday" Thurs. & Fri. at 5:00 p.m.

KTLR 890 AM - Oklahoma City

www.okcatholicbroadcasting.com



OPENING OUR EYES

Consider God's ineffable love for your salvation; open your eyes and you will see his boundless blessings and gifts. Is there a greater love than to give one's life for one's friends? How much more deserving of praise is the one who gave his life for his enemies! So let our hearts be on the defensive no longer, but let hardness be driven out and let these hearts not be stone forever. Let that binding chain be broken with which the devil so often keeps us bound. The power of holy desire, scorn for vice and love for virtue, will break all these bonds. **Fall in love with true virtue: its effect is the opposite of that of vice, because sin brings bitterness while virtue brings sweetness and even in this life a foretaste of the next.** When the sweet hour of death comes, the virtue we have lived answers for us and shields us from God's judgment. It gives security and drives out confusion. It leads us into everlasting life, where we possess life without death, health without sickness, riches without poverty, honor without shame, dominion without slavery. There all are sovereigns, and the smaller we have been in this life, the greater we will be in the next. But the greater we would have liked to be in this life, the smaller we will be in the next.

So be small in deep and genuine humility. Look at God, who lowered himself to your humanity. Don't make yourself unworthy of what God has made you worthy of - I mean the precious blood of his Son, by which you were ransomed servants; we can no longer sell ourselves. But when we are in deadly sin we do blindly sell ourselves to the devil. I beg you, for love of Christ crucified: let's get out of such slavery!

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Saint Catherine of Siena (+ 1380), Doctor of the Church, was a Dominican, stigmatist, and papal counselor.

LENTEN REGULATIONS & DISCIPLINES

PRAYER & WORSHIP. Lent is an ideal time to spend more time with God in prayer and worship. Traditional practices include attending Mass more often, praying the Rosary, preparing for and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), reading the Bible and spiritual books (*visit our parish library*), and praying the Stations of the Cross.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year.

Who must abstain? All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean? The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

What does abstinence mean? The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence? Individuals with just cause may be dispensed by a priest. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. If they do so, they then need to compensate with prayer and other voluntary penance.

ALMSGIVING. Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved through their sacrifices. During Lent, all are encouraged to practice charity and perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

TRUE FASTING

Thus says the Lord God:

Cry out full-throated and unsparingly,
lift up your voice like a trumpet blast;

Tell my people their wickedness,
and the house of Jacob their sins.

They seek me day after day,
and desire to know my ways,

Like a nation that has done what is just
and not abandoned the law of their God;

They ask me to declare what is due them,
pleased to gain access to God.

"Why do we fast, and you do not see it?
Afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it?"

Lo, on your fast day you carry out your own pursuits,
and drive all your laborers.

Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting,
striking with wicked claw.

Would that today you might fast
so as to make your voice heard on high?

Is this the manner of fasting I wish,
of keeping a day of penance:

That a man bow his head like a reed,
and lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Do you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

This, rather, is the fasting that I wish:

**releasing those bound unjustly,
untying the thongs of the yoke;**

Setting free the oppressed,

breaking every yoke;

Sharing your bread with the hungry,

sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;

Clothing the naked when you see them,

and not turning your back on your own.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS (*or Way of the Cross; in Latin, Via Crucis; also called the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows, or simply, The Way*) refers to the depiction of the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus, and the devotion commemorating the Passion. The tradition as chapel devotion began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Roman Catholic Church in the medieval period. It is less often observed in Anglicanism, and Lutheranism as well. It may be done at any time, but is most commonly done during the Season of Lent, especially on Good Friday and on Friday evenings during Lent. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular devotions for Roman Catholics.

Come pray the Stations of the Cross with us here at St. Thomas More Wednesdays during Lent at 12:00 Noon (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) and Fridays at 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary).

Today our parish will take up **THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION.** Nearly half the world's population lives on less than \$2 a day. For Catholics, these are not just statistics but brothers and sisters who need our help. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports church agencies that provide emergency relief in times of crisis, support long-term development programs, offer assistance to immigrants and refugees, and advocate for a more just and peaceful world. Please give generously.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
Your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer,
You shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

**If you remove from your midst oppression,
false accusation and malicious speech;**

**If you bestow your bread on the hungry and
satisfy the afflicted;**

Then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday;

Then the Lord will guide you always
and give you plenty even on the parched land.

He will renew your strength,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring whose water never fails.

The ancient ruins shall be rebuilt for your sake,
and the foundations from ages past you shall raise
up;

"Reparer of the breach," they shall call you,
"Restorer of ruined homesteads."

**If you hold back your foot on the Sabbath
from following your own pursuits on my holy day;**

**If you call the sabbath a delight,
and the Lord's holy day honorable;**

**If you honor it by not following your ways,
seeking your own interests, or speaking with
malice-**

Then you shall delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;

I will nourish you with the heritage of
Jacob, your father,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 58:1-14