

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, 11:00 am
5:00 pm
(Student Led)

Monday Communion Service: 7:30 am

Daily Masses:

Tues. & Thurs. 5:15 pm
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 am
Wed. 9:00 pm
(Student Led)

Rosary: Following daily Mass & before student led Mass on Wed. night

Vespers: Thursdays 8:30 pm

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 to schedule 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.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** 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 evening at 7:00 pm.

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. March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am **Mass** +Willard Schmidt by the Schmidt Family
11:00 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family
5:00 pm **Mass** +Ruperto Llapitan by Charito Hersey
6:00 pm **College Sunday Supper**

Mon. March 23

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

Tues. March 24

5:15 pm **Mass** Marty Bruehl for Healing And Health by Ernestine Ruggiers
7:00 pm **Journey of Faith in Overflow**

Wed. March 25

7:30 am **No Mass (Mass at ASCS)**
7:00 pm **College Night**
9:00 pm **Mass Student Led**

Thurs. March 26

5:15 pm **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
7:30 pm **Young Adult/Grad Student Red House**
7:30 pm **Communion & Liberation**
8:30 pm **Vespers in Chapel**
9:15 pm **Fourth Day**

Fri. March 27

7:30 am **Mass** Intentions of Parish
6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
Followed by meatless meal

Sat. March 28

3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** +Jack Rittenhouse by Dan Lawrence

Sun. March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family
11:00 am **Mass** +Jack Rittenhouse by Dan Lawrence
5:00 pm **Mass** +Vere Charles Manion Candida Manion
6:00 pm **College Sunday Supper**

Please call the office with mass requests, funeral scheduling, sacramental ministries questions or if you are moving. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule **March 28-29**

Altar Servers

5:00 pm A. Garca, M. Macon, J. Macon
8:30 am E. Soreghan, R. Gunter, G. Schreiner
11:00 am T. Keupen, H. Johnson, W. Banowsky
5:00 pm R. Walters, N. Reneau, J. Kron
Lectors
5:00 pm Eric Anderson, Alex Sherman
8:30 am Earl Whitman, Frank Freidhoff
11:00 am Ruth Loeffler, Laura Jones
5:00 pm Justine Summers, David Gagne

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Valli Marti, Stephen Bonner, Mary Bonner, D'Neen Barbour
8:30 am Eleanor Barnes, Joe Lies, Carole Baldwin, Charles Gill, Patricia Gill
11:00 am Kathy Heiple, John Holter, Caridad Marchand, Susan Schott, Dan Lawrence, Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, Maria McKee, Rigo Gutierrez
5:00 pm Matthew Rom, Michael Dupont, Rolando Chapa, Justin Linck, Ben Ballard, Ashleigh Arndt, Jose Santiago, Jennifer Grover, David Banowsky

Ushers

5:00 pm None
8:30 am K. Denton, Jr., Russell Koch, Becky Fleming
11:00 am Jim Weller, Tim Marquis, Jesus Avila
5:00 pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington

Hospitality Schedule

March 29nd 8:30 am Cachero Family
11:00 am Przebinda Family

April 5th 8:30 am Hinton Family
11:00 am Marissa Cassidy, Jay Coleman

Thank you Hinton Family & LaBaguette for your continued, generous support!!

Readings for the Week of March 22-29, 2009

Sun: 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23/Eph 2: 4-10
Jn 3: 14-21 (32)
Mon: Is 65: 17-21/ Jn 4: 43-54 (244)
Tues: Ez 47: 1-9, 12/Jn 5: 1-16 (245)
Wed: Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10/Heb 10: 4-10/Lk 1: 26-38 (545)
Thurs: Ex 32: 7-14/Jn 5: 31-47 (247)
Fri: Wis 2: 1a, 12-22/Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)
Sat: Jer 11: 18-20/Jn 7: 40-53 (249)
Sun: Jer 31: 31-34/Heb 5: 7-9, Jn 12: 20-33 (35)

STM News & Announcements

Attention PrimeTimers: As you are aware, Lent is upon us. As in the past, we have foregone our monthly Friday meetings in the spirit of penitence and Parish unity, so that our members could join in praying the Stations of the Cross. We will see you in April

Did you know?

Did you know that St. Thomas More has a food pantry for people who need immediate help feeding themselves or their families? Calls come in daily to the parish office from people who need temporary help. Some of the items that we try to keep on hand are peanut butter, boxed meals (i.e. macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.) canned food, and other non-perishables as well as gift cards in small amounts that people can use for milk, bread, eggs, vegetables, and fresh fruit. Diapers and personal care items like shampoo, deodorant, lotion can also be very helpful to families in need. When you go to the grocery store this week, or any week, please consider buying just one extra item for the St. Thomas More food pantry. You may bring your contribution by the Parish office during the week and we will set a box outside the office door if you would like to bring your contribution to Mass on Sunday. Call the office if you have any questions.

Knights Council Announces Scholarships

Applications are being accepted by St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 8523 for as many as 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, trade school) are eligible to apply. Scholarships will be awarded prior to the end of the spring semester 2009. The deadline has been extended to **March 31, 2009**. Application packets with detailed instructions are available in the atrium or from members of the Knights of Columbus. If you have questions contact: Bill Huntington, Grand Knight @ home 360-7473 or cell 919-2983.

Parish Council Election Announcement

Elections are scheduled for 28-29 March. The Parish Council assists the Pastor in the administration of the parish. The Council meets at least once a month, generally at 7p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings usually do not exceed an hour and a half in length. Responsibilities of councilors do exceed attendance of the meetings.

Attention Altar Servers: Anyone wanting to either learn to be an altar server, refresh their skills at serving, or learn to be a thurifer should attend a training session to be held on **Saturday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary of St. Thomas More. Anyone who missed the training and meeting last fall should make their very best attempt to attend this training. The training should last approximately 90 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Mecham at jsmecham@cox.net or 573-4979 (after 6:00 p.m.)

Campus Ministry News

Stations of the Cross will be a staple on Fridays at 6p.m. during Lent followed by a meatless meal prepared by Campus Ministry, RE classes, and the Knights of Columbus. But near the end of Lent on April 3rd, the students put on **LIVING Stations of the Cross**. We need volunteers for those interested in participating. It is not hard, you just have to show up. Please contact Will Banowsky at william.g.banowsky-2@ou.edu

Attention Medieval Fair Goers! Campus Ministries will be selling parking spaces. **To get your prime spot come early!**

Save The Date! Each year Campus Ministries has a College Night Open House. This year it will be April 22nd in the atrium and dinner will be served at 7pm. All parishioners interested in learning more about Campus Ministries are invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about what has been accomplished and what is to come!

Religious Education NEWS

PLEASE note all catechists, volunteers and nursery workers must attend and complete applications for **Safe Environment**. SE Seminars are held @ STM library on the **3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm.**

No RE on March 22 due to Spring Break.
No Dismissal class during the 8:30 or 11:00 Mass RE will be providing the meatless meals March 27 (Senior High).

Apr 3,4,5- RE Program Fundraiser here on St. Thomas More grounds/Asking donations for soda no water for Medieval Fair crowds

April 12- Easter Sunday-No RE

April 14- Child Abuse Prevention/Awareness Day at the State Capital. Our Blue Ribbon Tree will be represented.

March 29 RE classes will resume. The Blue Ribbon Project preparation regarding Child Abuse Prevention Month is in April.

Religious Education Advisory Council Opportunity

Calling all interested parishioners of St. Thomas More to be a part of the Religious Education Advisory Council. This council, mandated by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, will establish a consultative council of Christian education/formation to help oversee the educational needs of the R.E. program. I hope for 6-8 active members, but will pray for more! The council should only need to meet quarterly unless event meetings become necessary. The first meeting will be in May or June to discuss materials needed for the 2009-10 school year and events. For more information please contact Chelle @ cbreedlove@stm-ou.org or 321-0990 ext. 202.

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. Thank You!

Community News & Information

Catholic Radio can now be heard in the metro OKC area! Tune in and listen to Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting, Annunciation Radio on **AM 890 and FM 96.5**

Call For Help:

Catholic Charities needs donations to help with the resettlement of International refugees. We have 30 apartments which need to be set-up in March for 40 individuals and families who are resettling in Oklahoma City. We need the following items: twin box springs, bed frames, sets of drawers, kitchen tables and chairs, couches, pots and pans, mixing/serving bowls, can openers, towels, alarm clocks, light bulbs, cleaning supplies, dish soap, waste baskets, sponges, mops, brooms, toilet paper, shower curtains and rings, and trash bags, etc. **Donations can be picked up by calling 523-3002. If you know of any groups or individuals who would be willing to collect items, please let us know. God Bless You.**

All Saint Catholic School News...We are getting ready to break ground. Thanks to your generous support, we are down to \$154,000. Log on to www.sallsaintsnorman.org and click on donate or send your check to All Saints Catholic School Capital Campaign 4001 NW 36th Avenue, Norman, OK 73072.

College & 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 \$1000 & \$3000 scholarships to qualified Catholic applicants each year. These scholarships are available for renewal for 3 more years based upon grades and full time student status. Please contact your pastor, high school counselor or the Catholic Foundation for an application packet. If you have any questions please contact Toby Boothe, Catholic Foundation Administrative Assistant @ 721-4115 or tboothe@catharchdioceseokc.org. You may download an application from cfook.org. Applications are due **April 17, 2009.**

Alzheimer's Seminar - Alzheimer's Association family care specialist Paula Avery will present an overview of Alzheimer's disease on Tuesday, March 31, from 7p.m. to 9p.m. in the St. Francis of Assisi Church parish hall, 1901 N. W. 18th St., OKC. The presentation is free, but reservations are required. Call Lynn at 528-0485.

"Laetare Sunday is mid-Lent, reminding us that Lent is half over."

Faith Community Nurse Basic Preparation Course Set

Registration is under way for "The Basic Preparation Course for Faith Community Nursing" to be held May 14-16 and June 2-4, 2009 at Catholic Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City.

Faith community nurses are registered nurses who provide holistic care to faith community members, facilitating optimal wellness and thereby reclaiming the healing ministry of the parish/congregation. The specialty is recognized by the American Nurse Association.

The registration fee is \$625 and includes all course materials, room and board, and nursing continuing education hours. A \$50 non refundable deposit is required by April 15 when registration closes. Participants who pay in full before March 1 will receive a 10% discount. Registered nurses interested in the program may contact Faith Community Nurse Resource Center Manager, Marilyn Seiler at Catholic Charities, 405-523-3009 or mseiler@catholiccharities.org.

Come and See Weekend March 28-30—Conception Seminary College is a trip for young men in high school who would like to visit a seminary. This is an excellent opportunity to meet seminarians who are discerning their call to the Priesthood. This visit is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Vocations Office and is **free**. Please contact your Pastor or the Vocations Office at 721-9351.

Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany

Father Stephen Bird, pastor of Epiphany Parish in Oklahoma City, will be leading a pilgrimage to see the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, May 27-June 5, **2010**. This Passion Play began in 1633 and is only performed every ten years. If you are interested and wish more information, please call Peter's Way Tours at 800-225-7662. Reservations are needed now. The pilgrimage will also feature other religious sites in Germany and Austria.

Natural Family Planning can help postpone a pregnancy or achieve a pregnancy. This can be used throughout all the fertile years. The couple approach enriches the marriage relationship through improved communication. Couples tell us that each spouse feels special and not taken for granted. Learn the **Sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning** with Jeanne Blasi, certified instructor, on **Wednesday night, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. John the Baptist Church, 9th and Boulevard, Edmond, OK, in the basement council room. The cost of the series is \$135.00. **Free childcare is available upon request.** For information and registration call Dr. Harry Kocurek at 340-0691m ext, 109

Saturday, March 28, at the Catholic Pastoral Center The Office of Family Life is partnering with the **Oklahoma Marriage Initiative** to present a workshop using the **PREP** model that is designed to help in such areas as: speaker/listener technique, problem solving, ground rules for handling conflict and other pertinent issues that can aid in honing our communication skills. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration and continues until 3:30p.m. There is **NO COST!** For more information, please call Lisa at (405)709-2709.