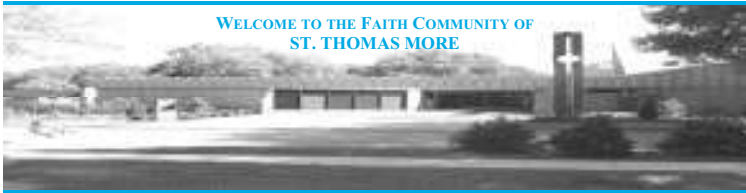


WELCOME TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. THOMAS MORE



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
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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) 473-7680
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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**EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 23, 2008**

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is part of the person is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know 'the room where exiled love lays down its victory.' He himself is this place, and he calls us to be with him and in dependence on him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that he, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world... God exists; that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

POPE BENEDICT XVI

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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 jpgigott@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

EASTER SUNDAY † MARCH 23: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

FOURTH SUNDAY: WEEKLY COLLECTION

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION

- 8:30 a.m. MASS Intentions of THE PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. MASS (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. MASS (Sanctuary)

EASTER MONDAY † MARCH 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: EASTER BREAK

OU & NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME

- 7:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. English as a Second Language [E.S.L.] (Overflow)
- 6:00 p.m. Men of Honor (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Associate Adorer's of the Blood of Christ (Overflow)
- 6:30 p.m. JustFaith (Lounge)
- 9:00 p.m. Women of Grace (Lounge)

EASTER TUESDAY † MARCH 25

PARISH OFFICE OPEN

- 9:30 a.m. E.S.L. (Overflow)
- 1:30 p.m. Martha & Mary Quilt Guild (Overflow)
- 5:15 p.m. MASS (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Overflow)
- 8:30 p.m. College Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

EASTER WEDNESDAY † MARCH 26

- 7:30 a.m. MASS (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. E.S.L. (Overflow)
- TBA Senior High Youth Group Night
Robinson Crossing 6 Theatres (1300 N. Interstate Drive)
Call Cindy, 321-0990, for info.
- 7:30 p.m. College Night: M.E.A.L., Vocations Panel (Overflow)
- 8:30 p.m. College Rosary (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- 9:00 p.m. LATE NIGHT LITURGY (Sanctuary)

EASTER THURSDAY † MARCH 27

- 5:15 p.m. MASS (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Catholicism 101: "Euthanasia / Life Support Issues, Salvation, Who was/is Jesus?" (Overflow)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting, Library
- 7:30 p.m. Communion & Liberation, Lounge

EASTER FRIDAY † MARCH 28

- 7:30 a.m. MASS (Sanctuary)
- TBA Junior High Youth Night
Robinson Crossing 6 Theatres (1300 N. Interstate Drive)
Call Cindy, 321-0990, for info.
- 7:00 p.m. Graduate Student / Young Adult Dinner & Prayer (To be announced)

EASTER SATURDAY † MARCH 29

- 3:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS (Reconciliation Room)
- 5:00 p.m. MASS (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. ASCS Roman Holiday
(Postal Training Center/Marriot Conference Center, Norman, OK)

SUNDAY † MARCH 30: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY: WEEKLY COLLECTION

- 8:30 a.m. MASS (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 Intentions of THE PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Supper (White House: 1511 Jenkins Avenue)

EASTER FLOWERS. If you would like to remember someone in the Easter celebrations of our faith, or express your gratitude to the Lord for some blessing, we invite you to consider making an offering toward our Easter Lilies in Church. We suggest an offering of \$11 per plant / intention. Please place your donation in the Sunday collection basket designating your special request on an envelope marked "Easter Lilies". Loose checks also need an "Easter Lily & Mass Intention" notation in the memo portion of your check. Thank you kindly, and may the Risen Lord bless you!



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE



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| | <u>MARCH 30</u> | <u>APRIL 6</u> |
| 8:30 a.m. | The Hinton Family | The Jones Family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Jean Winters & Jeanne Aiken | The Przebinda Family |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 29-30, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. David Pickens, Matthew M., Michael M.
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. Lauren S., Patrick S., Kim C.
 - 11:00 a.m. Jacob K., Timo K., Mikael B.
 - 5:00 p.m. Hannah R., Janice Wilson, Joseph M.

LECTORS

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. Jane Sarber, Bob Rivera
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. John Murray, Peter Caudle
 - 11:00 a.m. Dane Wilson, Con O'Shea-Creal
 - 5:00 p.m. Pat Hyland, Cynthia Howard

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen & Mary Bonner, D'Neen Barbour, Cheri Remington, Valli Marti
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. Barbara Foley, April Anderson, Joe Lies, Stacy Schrank, Carole Baldwin
 - 11:00 a.m. Gail Anderson, Jesus Salas, Jodie & Doris Edge, Margaret Vennoch, Dan Lawrence, Rick Pendergraft, Rigo Gutierrez, Eric Anderson
 - 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Grover, Ben Ballard, Justin Linck, Emily Scales, José Santiago, Rolando Chapa, Maria McKee, Ashleigh Arndt, Austin Ross

USHERS

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. Becky Fleming, Russell Koch, K. Denton, Jr.
 - 11:00 a.m. Jim Weller, Junsik Sim, Chris Dalton, Tim Marquis
 - 5:00 p.m. Jonathan Updike, Cody Moore, Bill Huntington, Frank Anderson

REJOICE! Our Lord is risen, offering us new joy and hope. By generously giving through **OPERATION RICE BOWL**, you too are offering hope to the millions who benefit from the work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. For six weeks you have prayed for the people of Cameroon, fasted in solidarity with the people of Haiti, learned about challenges people face in Mali, and given sacrificially to create possibilities in India. Their struggles—and the efforts of CRS—are far from over. Visit www.crs.org to learn more about global solidarity, and to discover how CRS is putting your donations to use. Please remember CRS' efforts during times of famine or natural disaster. Together, we continue to plant seeds of real hope throughout our world and to foster their growth.



PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION: MARCH 15 & 16, 2008

Weekly Amount	\$ 9,445.41	YTD Amount	\$ 350,861.27
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,300.00</u>	YTD Budget	<u>\$ 371,500.00</u>
DEFICIT	<\$ 854.59>	DEFICIT	<\$ 20,638.73 >

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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There will be no Sunday Supper until March 30, 2008.

Monday, March 24:

6 PM: [Men of Honor](#) (Library)

9 PM: [Women of Grace](#) (Lounge)

Wednesday, March 26:

7:30 PM: [MEAL: Vocations Panel](#) (Overflow)

We will have dinner and discuss what "vocation" is and the different types of vocations with several speakers.

9 PM: [Mass](#) (Sanctuary)

Completed Peer Minister applications are due today!

Thursday, March 27:

7 PM: [Catholicism 101: Euthanasia/ Life Support Issues, Salvation, Who was/is Jesus?](#) (Overflow)

Friday, March 28:

7 PM: [Graduate Student / Young Adult Dinner](#)

Please **RSVP** to Erin by **Monday, March 24**

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@catharchdioceseokc.org. You may also download an application from cfook.org. *Completed applications are due April 4, 2008.*

A.L. COSGROVE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Each year St. Thomas More seeks to honor students with a record of noteworthy services to the Parish or to the University of Oklahoma. For the year 2008, the nineteenth year of the recognition, there will be one or more awards given, each including a cash gift.

Requirements to be considered are: (1) active membership in St. Thomas More; (2) a minimum of 30 semester hours completed at the University of Oklahoma, counting those which will be accomplished in the current semester; (3) a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better; and, (4) a record of service to the Parish, or University, or both. St. Thomas More Peer Ministers are not eligible. Applications may be found in the Parish campus ministry office. *Completed applications are due May 2, 2008:*

St. Thomas More University Parish

Attention: A.L. COSGROVE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

100 East Stinson Street
Norman, OK 73072

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.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE BASIC PREPARATION COURSE SET. Registration is under way for "The Basic Preparation Course for Faith Community Nursing" to be held [May 15-17 and June 5-7, 2008](#) at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center in Guthrie. Both weekends are required to complete the course. The course is open to registered nurses of all faith traditions. Early Bird Registration is due before March 15. Payment includes lodging, board, course materials, and 32 nursing CEU. \$450 includes lodging; \$415 is without lodging. After March 15 rates are \$525 and \$485 respectively. Cancellation received before May 13 will be refunded minus \$50 deposit. No refund after May 13. Contact Marilyn Seiler for registration forms at 405-523-3006 or mseiler@catholiccharitiesok.org.



WHY IS PSALM 118 USED CONSISTENTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY DURING THE EASTER SEASON?



The responsorial psalms, both the refrain and the verses selected, shed light on the focus of any liturgical celebration. Psalm 118 with its refrain, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad," is used exclusively during the Easter season. It is never used outside the Easter season in the entire three-year Lectionary. In the Easter season it is used for the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter in all three Lectionary years, as well as the Fourth Sunday of Easter in Year B.

The psalm is appropriate for the Easter season for a variety of reasons. It is the thanksgiving song of an individual who has been rescued from the clutches of death. This personal deliverance and thanksgiving are then universalized to God's continual care for and rescue of the whole community.

Beginning and ending with, "Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever," the individual speaks of how trust in the Lord alone brought rescue from death. Thus "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." The insignificant, the rejected and despised are dear to the Lord who acts on their behalf, saving them from death.

Easter celebrates Jesus' triumph over death, and in that victory we are all saved. Psalm 118 captures the Easter faith rather eloquently, focusing our prayer experiences throughout the season.

This Easter season acquaint yourself more deeply with Psalm 118 by making it part of your daily prayer.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

THE 18TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS DINNER OF THE OKLAHOMA COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY.

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Art show fundraiser, silent auction and book signing
at the 6 PM reception, dinner at 7 PM

[Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conner Center,
3214 North Lake \(1 block west of Western\).](#)

Speaker: Abolitionist Mike Farrell – the wonderful actor who portrayed B.J. Hunnicutt of M*A*S*H - is with Death Penalty Focus.

For donations, phone Margaret at 405.842.3206 or email ocadp@ocadp.org. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and \$10.00 for students. Please contact Jim or Tina McLemore at 405.239.2454 for reservations. Tables are \$280 for a table of eight and additional table may be purchased for \$250 each. For additional information, contact Becky VanPool, Catholic Charities at 405.523.3009.

JUBILEE PLEDGE FOR CHARITY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

A CATHOLIC COMMITMENT FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

The Jubilee of our Lord's birth calls us "to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and release to prisoners." - Luke 4:18

As disciples of Jesus in the new Millennium, I/we pledge to:

PRAY regularly for greater justice and peace.

LEARN more about Catholic social teaching and its call to protect human life, stand with the poor, and care for creation.

REACH across boundaries of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, and disabling conditions.

LIVE justly in family life, school, work, the marketplace, and the political arena.

SERVE those who are poor and vulnerable, sharing more time and talent.

GIVE more generously to those in need at home and abroad.

ADVOCATE public policies that protect human life, promote human dignity, preserve God's creation, and build peace.

ENCOURAGE others to work for greater charity, justice, and peace.

Signature(s)

Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made of concrete in the promotion of justice. – POPE JOHN PAUL II, CENTESIMUS ANNUS, 1991

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH & APRIL

March 23:	NO R.E. CLASSES - Happy Easter!
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:	First Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
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)

ATTENTION PARENTS

THERE WILL BE NO R.E. CLASSES TODAY so that we may celebrate Easter Sunday with our families. May we all use this time to come together as family to discuss the miracle of God's love in the Resurrection of Our Lord.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

All Confirmation students are required to make one retreat each year of their formation. The next scheduled retreat opportunity for St. Thomas More students will be the *Archdiocesan Youth Rally*, to be held **April 5 from 12:30 pm to 9:00 pm** at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee. **Registration deadline is MONDAY, MARCH 24.** Please contact me as soon as possible if you're planning to attend.

YOUTH GROUPS

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP's next gathering will be **Wednesday, March 26.** We will meet at the Robinson Crossing 6 Theatres (1300 N. Interstate Dr.). The selection of available movies is not yet available, so I'm not sure what we'll see or when we'll meet. If you have any suggestions, give me a call!!

THE JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP's next gathering will be **Friday, March 28 (time to be announced).** We will gather for an evening of fun at the Robinson Crossing 6 Theatres (1300 N. Interstate Dr.). What should we see? If you have any suggestions, give me a call!!!

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 completed grades 3 through 12. Activities include crafts, hiking, swimming, fishing, volleyball, canoeing, archery, and more. For information, please contact the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Catholic Youth & Young Adult Office at [405.721.9220](tel:405.721.9220), or check out the website at www.catharchdioceseokc.org and click on "**Summer Camp 2008.**"

CATHOLIC QUIZ CHALLENGE - The St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus are inviting area parishes to test their Catholic knowledge on **Sunday, April 13, from 1:30-4:30 p.m.** Teams of three (all adult or two teens and one adult) will test their knowledge of the Sunday Gospels of Cycle A (this liturgical year) and information from the *100 Year History of the Oklahoma City Diocese* book. Anyone interested in making a team? If you are, either contact me (405.321.0990) or your favorite St. Thomas More Knight to register. It sounds like an afternoon of fun, so please consider joining me! What's the prize? BRAGGING RIGHTS, and a traveling trophy that will stay with the sponsoring Knights of Columbus council for one year.

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 **April 15.** (*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



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-hotze@ouhsc.edu or 405.447.1490.

NORMAN PARENTS HELPING PARENTS (www.parentshelpingparents.info) is spearheading a six part series devoted to educating parents and the community about the issues surrounding adolescent alcohol/drug abuse. The upcoming series finale (sixth session) focuses on hope and recovery. Mike Boss, CADC, LCDC of Oklahoma Outreach will bring a panel of teens/young adults in recovery who will share their journeys.

The session will take place **Thursday, April 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Norman Public Schools Administration's Curriculum Building at 131 S. Flood, Norman. Call 405.278.1221 or e-mail PHNnorman1@yahoo.com for more information. **The recent Norman United Way Assessment Survey reported that adolescent and adult substance abuse topped the list of issues of concern in our community.** Don't miss the opportunity to gain perspective from these amazing young people. Mark your calendars to join us.

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On **April 19, 2008**, The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONFERENCE, "Straight Talk,"** for youth and parents. The conference will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center (7501 NW Expressway in Oklahoma City). **Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

Archbishop Eusebius Beltran will welcome our youth, parents and sponsors and begin the conference with a prayer and short message. The speaker will be, **Ben Atherton-Zeman**, a nationally known and popular actor, comedian, feminist and husband, who will present a one-man play entitled: "Voices of Men". It is our hope to educate youth and parents about the epidemic of violence in dating. To view clips of Ben's work, visit www.voicesofmen.org. Break out sessions will include: Technology Safety and the Consequences of Negative Use; Cutting and Suicide: How to Recognize, Question and Prevent; and many more subjects that are facing our teens and young adults.

There will also be a panel of experts of various fields to answer questions for both youth and parents. Call the Office of Family Life (405) 721.8944 for more information. Cost will be only \$5.00 to cover lunch. While we do realize that some youths may be going to prom on this date, the age for the conference is 13 and up, leaving ample room for other youths to take advantage of the conference.

EASTER SUNDAY

To many, Christmas is the most holy season of the liturgical calendar. It is the celebration of a birth, a promise, a hope. To others, today is equally or even more joyous; Easter is the celebration of re-birth, of a promise fulfilled, a hope renewed. Where Christmas music is often solemn and reverential, the glorious music of Easter fairly bursts forth, filling us with joy.

Within today's Gospel reading from John, we note once again the description of the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. What is the significance of this? It should be clear that it was not moved to allow Jesus to arise; instead, it was moved to prove that he had. And so it is with us; in order for us to share in the glory of the resurrection, we must remove the hardness - the stones - from our hearts.

Today, we become brethren, related to one another through the gift of grace. Through Christ's death, we were given liberation from sin; through the Resurrection, we have been given a new way of life (CCC 654). In a secular world that has increasingly devalued life itself, we celebrate our new lives. As you leave Mass today, let the music of this celebration play on in your hearts as you give thanks. He is risen!

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NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSOCIATE ADORERS OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST will meet **Easter Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m.** Anyone interested in contacting Sr. Ursula Schones, facilitator, may email her at schonesu@adorers.org.

THE MARTHA & MARY QUILT GUILD will meet **Thursday, March 25, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Overflow room to work on the "Take 5" quilt. Bring machines and be prepared to sew. Any questions, please call Ann at 405.408.4082.

ATTENTION: PRIMETIMERS AND PRIMETIMER WANNABES!



In a spirit of pent up jocularity, we will celebrate the Risen Jesus on **Wednesday, March 26**, at the **Red Lobster Restaurant** on West I-35 Frontage Road in Norman. **Meet at about 6:00 pm for socializing and order our meals at (about) 6:30.** Please contact Barbara Foley and let her know if you plan to attend. Thank you all for your faithful participation in the Stations of the Cross and in the Lenten Friday evening meatless meals. We will renew our normal social meetings in April. For more information, contact Al Patrick, 405.360.4147.

UNNATURAL CAUSES.....is inequality making us sick? is a documentary series addressing the inequity in healthcare. This national PBS broadcast is scheduled to be shown on OETA, Channel 13, at 9pm for four consecutive Thursdays, **March 27, April 3, 10, and 17, 2008.** The program will address the research showing how social conditions, the jobs we do, the money we're paid, the schools we attend, the neighborhoods we live in---are as important to our health as genes, our behaviors and even our medical care. More information available at: [http://www.oeta.tv/unnatural causes.html](http://www.oeta.tv/unnatural%20causes.html).

SUGGESTIONS? We want to hear from you! We have placed a **SUGGESTION BOX** on the wooden table in the atrium (nearest the vesting sacristy) so you can submit your suggestions on improving our Parish or questions on things you do not understand. You can indicate a point of contact or make it anonymous. **Our Parish Council members will follow up on these and publish relevant information in the Bulletin.**

THIRSTY? Visit our parish web site at <http://www.stm-ou.org> and find information regarding upcoming parish events and spiritually insightful links to quench your thirst for God. Share your thoughts with us via the Suggestion Box in the atrium.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

On **April 27** we will hold an election for a new member to the parish council. During the weekends of **March 29-30 and April 5-6**, we will be asking members of the parish to nominate themselves or someone they think would best represent the parish on the Parish Council. Those eligible to be elected to serve on the Parish Council include any male or female above the age of eighteen, who (1) is in communion of faith and life with the Roman Catholic Church, and (2) is an active member of the Parish, and financially supportive of its work. Nomination forms will be available in the atrium in the upcoming weeks. Please pick up a form and write the name of the person(s) you would like to nominate. Then deposit the nomination slip in the parish **Suggestion Box. The nomination process will close after the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 27, 2008.**



Although October seems eons away, it is already time to start planning the **2008 "DANCING WITH THE STARS" GALA.** We need volunteers to help plan this fun and elegant evening that will raise funds for the Saint Thomas More Campus Ministry Programs. It could be one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you'll ever have. Please call Debbie Kohls, Development Director, at 405.321.0990, Ext. 206.



SPRING FLING! The Knights of Columbus, ST. MARK'S, present a catered dinner by Outback Steak House with a dance and music by Andrian Buendia **Thursday, April 10, 2008.** Tickets are \$15. Call Bob Winstead (405.329.6175); Jerry Degroote (405.794.7205); Vince Kish (405.793.9923); or, Larry Hallauer (405.799.7814). This Knights of Columbus annual fund raiser will help with St. Gregory's scholarships, Seminarians and other charitable donations.

WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2008

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15
Next Sun.: Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

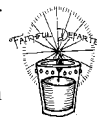
PRAYING FOR THE SICK... It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. Listed below are people who have requested our prayerful intercession. *Call our Prayer Line to add or delete someone from the prayer list at 405.447.7055.*

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 (*Colleen Dennison, Matthew Ghigliotti, Cindy Molia, Angelique Pearson, Michael Scanlon and Clint Wilson*); the hungry; the homeless; the abused; the unemployed; and our youth; **THE SICK...** Norma Allbritton, Harold Heiple, Lisa Lancaster, Susan Lee, Susan Lepak, Geraldine McNeil, Bill McNichols, Sharon Poe, Bob Quinnett, Jon Roberts, Olive Rodgers, Ignacio Ruiz, Fred Schmidt, June Silva 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.



St. Joseph Catholic Church in Norman is celebrating their **5TH ANNIVERSARY OF PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** with a **5:30 Mass on Saturday March 29th.** A potluck dinner will follow in the Parish gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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-G**, 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 and parish website provider 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



THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE EUCHARIST

Jesus possesses nothing of his own; everything he has is from the Father and for the Father... This is also the true nature of our priesthood. In fact, all that constitutes our priestly ministry cannot be the product of our personal abilities... We are not charged to utter many words, but to echo and bear the message of a single "Word," the Word of God made flesh for our salvation...

The Lord calls us friends, he makes us his friends, he entrusts himself to us, he entrusts to us his Body in the Eucharist, he entrusts to us his Church. Therefore, we must be true friends to him, we must have the same perception as he has, we must want what he wants and not what he does not want... In the Eucharistic mystery, Christ gives himself ever anew, and it is precisely in the Eucharist that we learn love of Christ, hence, love for the Church.

I repeat with you the unforgettable words of John Paul II: "Holy Mass is the absolute center of my life and of every day of my life." And each one of us should be able to say these words are his own: Holy Mass is the absolute center of my life and of my every day.

I spoke of the "holy restlessness" that must animate us, the concern to bring to everyone the gift of faith, to offer everyone the salvation that alone endures for ever... The Risen Christ is calling us to be his witnesses and gives us the strength of his Spirit to enable us to be truly such. It is necessary, therefore, to be with him (cf. Mk 3: 14; Acts 1: 21-23) for life... Only by staying with him are we also and always on the move with the Gospel towards others.

Thus, it is essential to be with him, and in this way that restlessness pervades us and enables us to bring the power and joy of the faith to others with our whole lives and not only with just a few words...

We must first inwardly accept the Apostle Paul's plea that we let ourselves be reconciled to God (cf. 2 Cor 5: 20), asking the Lord with a sincere heart and courageous determination to take away from us all that separates us from God and is contrary to the mission we have received. The Lord is merciful, we are certain, and will answer our prayer.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

His Holiness Benedict XVI was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2005.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses... This worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament... Adoration of Christ in this sacrament of love must also find expression in various forms of Eucharistic devotion: personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, hours of adoration, periods of exposition - short, prolonged, and annual (Forty Hours) - Eucharistic benediction, Eucharistic processions, Eucharistic Congresses... Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

POPE JOHN PAUL II

YOU ARE INVITED to a spectacular and dramatic presentation of scripture, light, and movement when Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane bring the Gospel of JOHN to our community. This is a profoundly moving and totally captivating work of faith, making the Scripture come alive in a fresh way, with music, lighting, and costuming, proclaimed in the oral tradition of the early Church. A reception to meet the artists will follow the event.

Michael and Patrick have traveled around the world with this prayerful and powerful ministry of proclamation.

JOHN

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Eugene Catholic Church
2400 W Hefner Road, OKC, OK

FORGIVE ALWAYS

To forgive is, first of all, to stifle within us our natural feelings of resentment and anger, and perhaps even of hatred, as well as our desire to be avenged. Then, we must promptly forget and not let our minds dwell on the affront or the injury which has cut us to the heart. Finally, we must carry our generosity to the point of giving ourselves to those who have offended us...

But, beneath all this effort of magnanimity, there is a legitimate feeling which we cannot smother - our desire for justice. We have been the victim of an injustice, and we cannot resign ourselves to enduring it without voicing the protest of an indignant conscience. To respect one's own rights as a human person is a duty.

There certainly can be occasions when a higher common good demands that we should seek legitimate reparation. But, when Jesus requires his disciples to forgive "till seventy times seven times" - that is to say, *always* - he calls on them to rise superior to the plane of the individual and his rights, in order to consider their role as members of his MYSTICAL BODY.

The life of the Mystical Body, since that Body is a community of human beings with Christ as head, would suffer constant debilitation and a slowing down of its very life-blood if each member were wrapped up in himself and in a hungry concern for vindicating his rights. The charity of Christ desires to find no obstacles to its animation of the whole Body; and Jesus regards as acts of his members only those acts on which he can set the seal of his charity - of that charity which pardoned his executioners and which works redemption.

ARCHBISHOP ÉMILE MAURICE GUERRY

Archbishop Guerry (+1969) was the archbishop of Cambrai, France, and a spiritual author.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.

MATTHEW 6:15

"GIVE ME THE GRACE, GOOD LORD -

To set the world at naught. To set the mind firmly on You and not to hang upon the words of men's mouths. To be content to be solitary. Not to long for worldly pleasures. Little by little utterly to cast off the world and rid my mind of all its business. Not to long to hear of earthly things, but that the hearing of worldly fancies may be displeasing to me.

Gladly to be thinking of God, piteously to call for His help. To lean into the comfort of God. Busily to labor to love Him. To know my own vileness and wretchedness. To humble myself under the mighty hand of God. To bewail my sins and, for the purging of them, patiently to suffer adversity. Gladly to bear my purgatory here. To be joyful in tribulations. To walk the narrow way that leads to life. To have the last things in remembrance. To have ever before my eyes my death that is ever at hand. To make death no stranger to me. To foresee and consider the everlasting fire of Hell. To pray for pardon before the judge comes.

To have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me. For His benefits unceasingly to give Him thanks. To buy the time again that I have lost. To abstain from vain conversations. To shun foolish mirth and gladness. To cut off unnecessary recreations. Of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all, to set the loss at naught, for the winning of Christ. To think my worst enemies my best friends, for the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good with their love and favor as they did him with their malice and hatred... Amen."

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