

## 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 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**

### **Mon. March 30**

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

### **Tues. March 31**

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

### **Wed. April 1**

7:30 am **Mass** *In Thanksgiving*  
7:00 pm **College Night**  
9:00 pm **Mass Student Led**

### **Thurs. April 2**

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. April 3**

7:30 am **Mass** *+James & Susie Doherty*  
6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**  
**Followed by meatless meal**

### **Sat. April 4**

3:00 pm **Confessions**  
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

### **Sun. April 5 Palm Sunday**

8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
11:00 am **Mass** *+Patrick Krittenbrink by Mark & Debra Krittenbrink*  
5:00 pm **Mass** *+Eufracia Llapitan Charito Hersey*  
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 April 4-5

### **Altar Servers**

5:00 pm A. Garcia, M. Scanlon, H. Grillot  
8:30 am E. Soreghan, V. Pham, B. Montano  
11:00 am A. Kenney, M. Johnson, M. Hoffman  
5:00 pm P. Hyland, H. Stout  
**Lectors**  
5:00 pm Rob Gragg, Tom Burns  
8:30 am Tom Koszoru, Mick Hinton  
11:00 am Bill Kuriger, Dolores Kuriger  
5:00 pm Pat Hyland, Heather Stout

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

5:00 pm Valli Marti, Stephen Bonner, Mary Bonner, Greg Schultz, Virginia Schultz  
8:30 am Amy McElhaney, Cathy Fagan, John Fagan, Barbara Foley, Barbara Crane  
11:00 am Rigo Gutierrez, Dan Lawrence, Susan Schott Caridad Marchand, John Holter, Kathy Heiple, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Becky O'Dea  
5:00 pm Susan Mecham. Beatriz Henderson, Arn Henderson, Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Rick Lane, Phillip Smith, Emily Scales Lindsay Hemingway

### **Ushers**

5:00 pm Corey Potrin, Jackie Potrin  
8:30 am Heidi Koszoru, Leroy Montano, Kathy Kershen, Drew Kershen  
11:00 am Susy Calonkey, Steve Calonkey, Mike Tobin, Steve Patrick  
5:00 pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington, David Allbritton

### Hospitality Schedule

**April 5th 8:30 am Hinton Family**  
**11:00 am Marissa Cassidy, Jay Coleman**  
**April 12th 8:30 am Patrick Family**

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

### **Readings for the Week of April 5-12, 2009**

**Sun:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39 (38)  
**Mon:** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)  
**Tues:** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)  
**Wed:** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)  
**Thurs:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15 (39)  
**Fri:** Is 52:13 53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42 (40)  
**Sat:** Readings as in Lectionary (41)  
**Sun:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41) or, at an evening Mass Lk 24:13-35 (46)

## STM News & Announcements

**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. 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.

**Did you also know** the St. Thomas More also has a Parish Library? The Library is adjacent to the Parish Office and is open during regular Parish Office hours. Books on a wide variety of religious subjects are available to read in the Library or to borrow. Materials to study and understand the Bible, Church history, biographies of the saints, Church doctrine, spirituality, coping with grief, biblical geography and history, religious education, and many other topics are available. If you have a favorite or especially meaningful religious, consider donating a copy to the Parish Library, or maybe you have materials that you have already read and might help others grow in their faith and understanding. Individuals who might be interested in helping to organize and maintain the Parish Library are invited to contact the parish Office at 321-0990 for more information.

### 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.

### Good Friday Collection

**On Good Friday**, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. **Please be generous.**

### Parish Council Elections Are TODAY !

Be sure to cast your ballot for the people of your choice.

**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!

## 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](mailto:william.g.banowsky-2@ou.edu)

### Way of the Cross on the campus of OU

St. Thomas More Campus Ministry and Communion and Liberation would like to invite all those interested to participate in a public **Way of the Cross** on campus on Good Friday. The procession will start at St. Thomas More Parish on Good Friday, April 10th at 3p.m. and will proceed to the campus. For more information, contact Campus Minister, Erin Cleto or Teresa Keupen at 366-8763.

### Save The Date! Campus Ministries 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**.

**Apr 3,4,5- RE Program Fundraiser here on St. Thomas More grounds/Asking donations for soda or 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.**

### 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](mailto:cbreedlove@stm-ou.org) or 321-0990 ext. 202.

### Come and Join the Secular Franciscans

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 5th, at 1p.m. in the Library. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-0842.

## 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...

#### Last chance to buy Roman Holiday Tickets!

This year's event will be held in Founder's Hall at St. Mark's on Saturday, April 18th. Tickets are \$45 each. Come and support the main fundraiser for your parish school. Enjoy silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing.

**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.

### Career Opportunity with the Knights

Due to the growth in the local area, the Knights of Columbus has a career opportunity available for an energetic, career-minded person.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact **Kevin Pierce, FICF, General Agent, toll free at 888-565-KOFC or [Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org](mailto:Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org)**

### ACCW Scholarship

The Oklahoma City Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women funds a \$500.00 scholarship to a senior high school student of their affiliated parishes. To qualify, a student must possess and maintain a 2.5 grade point average or better and/or pass a college entry exam, show a record of community and parish volunteer service, and show financial need. Please contact Dixie Stake at [ostake@pldi.net](mailto:ostake@pldi.net). **Deadline is April 15, 2009**

## CRS Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will take place on the weekend of April 11-12, 2009. The collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. The collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to the Catholic Relief Services, you give hope to many, many people.

**Celebrating Nurses:** The first week of May has traditionally been marked as a time to honor the nurses in our community. On Wednesday, May 13, Mercy Health Center, St. Anthony Hospital and Catholic Charities will sponsor an evening of appreciation for our many nurses. Mass will be celebrated beginning at 5:30p.m. at Christ the King Church, 8005 Dorset Drive. Dinner will follow in the Atrium of the Church. Though the evening is free, reservations are required by calling Mercy Community Outreach at 936-5226. Deadline for registrations is Friday, May 1.

## Anniversary Remembered

The April 19, 1995, Oklahoma City bombing changed our nation and our world. It was the costliest act of terrorism up to that time on American soil...168 people were killed, including 19 children...more than 700 injured...it involved thousands of rescuers. Seven days a week, National Park Service Rangers are on the site to explain this tragic event to visitors. On Sunday, April 19, 2009, the fourteenth anniversary of the bombing, one of the Rangers will be offering a program that will explain the symbolic nature of the site in the Spanish language. There is no charge and all are invited to attend. This talk will be conducted at the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial, at the Oklahoma City National Memorial's famous Survival Tree at 1:30 p.m.

## Summer Internship Available

Summer internship available for any U.S. Catholic, between the ages of 18-30, who is seeking professional opportunities in social justice fields, community development and economic development. The internship is 35 hours per week from June 1 to August 7, 2009. Internship is paid \$10.00 per hour and includes 3-day expense paid training in Washington, D.C. Contact Becky VanPool at Catholic Charities 523-3003 or [bvanpool@catholiccharitiesok.org](mailto:bvanpool@catholiccharitiesok.org)

## 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.