

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. 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**

Mon. April 6

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

Tues. April 7

5:15 pm **No Mass**
7:00 pm **Journey of Faith in Overflow**

Wed. April 8

7:30 am **Mass** *+Members of the Morelli Family*
7:00 pm **College Night**
9:00 pm **Mass Student Led**

Thurs. April 9-Holy Thursday

Office Closes @ 12 noon

5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Mass**
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 10-Good Friday

Office Closed

7:30 am **Mass**
7:00 pm

Sat. April 11

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

Hospitality Schedule

April 12th 8:30am Patrick Family

11:00am Harris Family

April 19th 8:30am Jones Family

11:00am O'Dea Family

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

Ministry Schedule **April 9-12**

Altar Servers

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm M. Hoffman, S. Harris, N. Reneau, R. Walters

Good Friday

7:00 pm S. Ouandji, A. Kenney, P. Tchakounte

Holy Saturday

5:00pm H. Grillot, M. Scanlon

8:30pm J. Mecham, K. Byers, J. Wilson, H. Johnson

Easter Sunday

8:30am G. Schreiner, R. Gunter, E. McElhaney

11:00am C. Ouandji, M. Breedlove, M. Breedlove

5:00pm J. Kron, S. Murphy, C. Blackman

Lectors

Holy Thursday

7:00pm Christopher Krittenbrink, Holly Barber

Good Friday

7:00pm Mary Holter, Charles Kenney

Holy Saturday

5:00pm Jane Sarber, Bob Rivera

8:30pm Miranda Shaughnessy, Susan Shaughnessy

Easter Sunday

8:30am Helen Patrick, Alison Patrick

11:00am Dane Wilson, Jean Quinnett

5:00pm Cynthia Howard, Jason Wiggins

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Holy Thursday

7:00pm Rick Lane, Sims Beeler, Bobby Meiners, Arn Henderson, Beatriz Henderson, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Joseph Mecham

Good Friday

None

Holy Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Stephen Bonner, Mary Bonner, D'Neen Barbour

8:30pm Susan Mecham, Kathy Heiple, John Holter, John Fagan, Cathy Fagan, Amy McElhaney, Jennifer Grover, Carole Baldwin, Janis Hereford

Easter Sunday

8:30am Brigid Brink, Lisa Lancaster, April Anderson, Gerry Whitman, Salva Gabert

11:00am Caridad Marchand, Susan Schott, Dan Lawrence, Rigo Gutierrez, Maria McKee, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Rick Pendergraft, Pat King

5:00pm Jose Santiago, Ashleigh Arndt, Ben Ballard, Justin Linck, Rolando Chapo, Michael Dupont, Matthew Rom, Jim Fields, Linda Fields

Ushers

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Becky Fleming, Russell Koch, Kelly McElhaney

11:00 am Jesus Avila, Jim Weller, James Robb, Chris Dalton

5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

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.

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. 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.

Incense Usage

Beginning on Palm Sunday, incense will be used at the following liturgies: Palm Sunday-11:00am and 5:00pm Holy Thursday-7:00pm; Easter Vigil-8:30pm; Easter Sunday-11:00am and 5:00pm. Incense will be used throughout the Easter season from the First Sunday of Easter to Pentecost at the 11:00am and 5:00pm liturgies. It will also be used on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Most Holy Body of Christ, which are the two Sundays following Pentecost, at the 11:00am and 5:00pm liturgies. If you have allergies to incense or if the incense bothers you in any way, the 5:00pm Vigil liturgy on Saturday and the 8:30am liturgy on Sunday are smoke-free liturgies.

Parish Council Election

The Parish members have voted and the results in. **Congratulations** to Bill Huntington, Eric Anderson, and Sims Beeler for being elected to the Parish Council!

St. Vincent De Paul News

You are invited to join us.....

Have you ever considered becoming a member of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society?** It is a small organization of parish men and women who have joined together to help their neighbors in need. We have dedicated ourselves to visit homes of families in our area to assist them materially and spiritually. We would appreciate your help in aiding the poor.

A training class for new members will be held on Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30am to 3:30pm at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Moore. Call Fran Marsom at 485-2332 or Marilyn Wehling at 692-5455 for reservations.

Prime Timers

Attention: Our regular meeting in April falls on Good Friday. So, in the penitential spirit of the Day, we will not be meeting in April. Our usual meetings will resume in May. Thank you and God Bless. If you have any questions, please call Al Patrick at 360-4147.

Campus Ministry News

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.

April 17- Confirmation Classes Retreat at St. Thomas More

April 18- Banner Making Day/Holy Communion class practice

April 19- Confirmation with Archbishop Beltran at the 11:00am Mass

April 25 Holy Communion at the 5:00pm Mass

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Reverse Collection- Members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society wish to express their appreciation to everyone who contributed to making the Reverse Collection a success. The tremendous response reflects favorably on the Christian charity of our parish.

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**

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.

Spring Cleaning? We need your good household items for our annual Garage Sale on April 25th. Contact Margaret Luttrell for more information at 329-3531.

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**

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 dstake@pldi.net. **Deadline is April 15, 2009**

Parents Helping Parents continues:

The topic of the upcoming session will be **"Hope and inspiration: Alcohol/Drug Recovery"**.

This meeting, which is the series finale, will take place on Thursday, April 9th from 7:00-8:00pm at the Norman Public Schools Administration's Curriculum Building at 131 S. Flood, Norman. Call 278-1221 or e-mail PHPnorman1@yahoo.com for more information.

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

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.

Readings for the week of April 5, 2009

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1---15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5
-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7