

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**

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

**OFFICE INFORMATION**

<b>OFFICE HOURS</b> (Monday-Friday)	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<b>LUNCH TIME</b>	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>HOLY DAYS</b>
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<b>FAX</b>	(405) 321-0964
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<b>PRAYER LINE</b>	(405) 447-7055
<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITIES</b>	(405) 329-5372
<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>	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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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 6, 2008

*The disciples on the road to Emmaus hear the Scriptures interpreted in a way that had never occurred to them before. It causes their hearts to burn within them; it is what they have been waiting to hear all their lives. It moves them to beg the Stranger, "Stay with us." Our hearts burn as we hear Peter interpret Psalm 16 with the same striking authority. It is as if the words that speak of Christ's resurrection - "You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence" - have totally revived Peter's own life. The Word, the breaking of the eucharistic bread, the companionship of other followers are what make us realize how truly we have been "ransomed from all our futile conduct."*

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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. The next seminar will be **Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish library.

**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. For information, contact Deacon John D. Pigott at [jpigott@ou.edu](mailto: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.

# MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY † APRIL 6 † THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST SUNDAY & BUILDING FUND: WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

- 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-8<sup>th</sup>]
- 10:00 am. First Holy Communion Practice (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** † EARL NICHOLS [Randy Jeary] (Sanctuary)  
**BAPTISM:** GABRIELA DULCE BECK  
*Dismissal for Children's Liturgy* [3-5 year olds]
- 1:00 p.m. Secular Franciscans (Lounge )
- 3:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>]
- 5:00 p.m. **MASS** † EUFRACIA LLAPITAN [Bill & Charito Hersey] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. College Sunday Supper (White House: 1511 Jenkins Avenue)

## MONDAY † APRIL 7 † John Baptist de la Salle, priest

- 7:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Men of Honor (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. JustFaith (Lounge)
- 9:00 p.m. Women of Grace (TBA)

## TUESDAY † APRIL 8 † EASTER WEEKDAY

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** † JEANNE SOMJA [Jeanne Roegiers] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. R.E. Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Overflow)
- 8:30 p.m. College Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## WEDNESDAY † APRIL 9 † EASTER WEEKDAY

- 10:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul South Central District (Library)
- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. E.S.L. (Overflow)
- 7:30 p.m. College Night: **HOLY HOUR** (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 p.m. College Rosary (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 p.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY † APRIL 10 † EASTER WEEKDAY

- 1:30 p.m. Martha & Mary Quilt Guild (Overflow)
- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** † MARTHA RIVERA [Anonymous] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Catholicism 101: "Sacraments & Sacramental Theology" (Overflow)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (Library)
- 7:30 p.m. Communion & Liberation (Lounge)
- 8:30 p.m. **VESPERS** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

## FRIDAY † APRIL 11 † EASTER WEEKDAY

*Stanislaus, bishop, martyr*

- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Prime Timers Social & Dinner (Atrium)

## SATURDAY † APRIL 12 † EASTER WEEKDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Banner Making Day (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS** (Reconciliation Room)
- 5:00 p.m. **ASSOCIATE ADORERS OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST COMMITMENT MASS** † GERALDINE MCNEIL [Anonymus] (Sanctuary)

## SUNDAY † APRIL 13 † FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### SECOND SUNDAY & ASCS FUND: WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)  
*Dismissal for Children's Liturgy* [3-5 year olds]
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-8<sup>th</sup>]
- 10:00 am. First Holy Communion Practice (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** Intentions of THE PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)  
*Dismissal for Children's Liturgy* [3-5 year olds]
- 3:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>]
- 4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group (Kitchen)
- 5:00 p.m. **MASS: Student-led** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. College Sunday Supper (White House: 1511 Jenkins Avenue)

# HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE



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|            | <b>APRIL 13</b>        | <b>APRIL 20</b>                       |
| 8:30 a.m.  | S. Poe & M. Fitzgerald | The Cachero Family                    |
| 11:00 a.m. | The Harris Family      | M. Cassidy, J. Coleman,<br>J. Summers |

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 12 & 13, 2008

### ALTAR SERVERS

- SATURDAY MASS**
- 5:00 p.m. Michael M., Matthew M., David Pickens
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. Lauren S., Brandon M., Gabriella S.
- 11:00 a.m. Elizabeth B., Bella C., Christianna C.
- 5:00 p.m. Susan Murphy, Janice Wilson, Hannah R.

### LECTORS

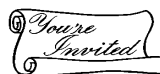
- SATURDAY MASS**
- 5:00 p.m. Bob Rivera, Jane Sarber
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. Helen & Allison Patrick
- 11:00 a.m. Mary Holter, Mark Krittenbrink
- 5:00 p.m. Holly Barber, Eric Hunt

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- SATURDAY MASS**
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen & Mary Bonner, Cheri Remington, Valli Marti, Paula Graham
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. Amy McElhany, Jeanne Cullen, Cathy & John Fagan, Lisa Lancaster
- 11:00 a.m. Jesus Salas, Eric Anderson, Rigo Gutierrez, Rick Pendergraft, Dan Lawrence, Steve & Veronica Edge, Pat King, Deanna Preble
- 5:00 p.m. Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover, Joseph Mecham, Sims Beeler, Matthew Rom, Linda & James Fields, Rick Lane, Charito Hersey

### USHERS

- SATURDAY MASS**
- 5:00 p.m. *Volunteers Needed*
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. Russell Koch, Kelly McElhaney, Leroy Montano
- 11:00 a.m. Steve & Susy Calonkey, Jonathan B., Paul Buckelew
- 5:00 p.m. Jonathan Updike, Bill Huntington, Frank Anderson, Cody Moore



## ADORERS OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST ASSOCIATE COMMITMENTS

We Adorers of the Blood of Christ invite you to attend the **5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 12, 2008.**

There are nine individuals becoming Associate Adorers of the Blood of Christ as well as other Associates from St. Andrew's in Moore renewing their Commitment.

These individuals are committing themselves to grow in their Adoring and Redeeming Love of Christ. We pray that you will join this enrichment program.

**Sister Ursula and all Sister Adorers of the Blood of Christ and Associates**

### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION: MARCH 29 & 30, 2008

Weekly Amount	\$ 8,870.60	YTD Amount	\$ 382,947.67
Weekly Budget	\$10,300.00	YTD Budget	\$ 402,400.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>&lt;\$ 1,429.40&gt;</b>	<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>&lt;\$ 19,452.33&gt;</b>

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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**Thank you to everyone who donated to the Operation Rice Bowl this Lent!** We raised \$428.00! 25% of this (\$107.00) will remain within the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to help fund local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts, and the rest will go to Catholic Relief Services and help fund development projects designed to increase food security in communities in over 40 countries around the world. Thank you again for your generous contributions!

### Wednesday, April 9

7:30 PM: Join us for a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration** (Sanctuary). There will be guided meditations, praise and worship, and we will pray the **Rosary**.

9 PM: **Mass** (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, April 10

7 PM: **Catholicism 101** (Overflow)- Erin will be going over the sacraments and sacramental theology.

8:30 PM: **Vespers** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

Please keep the **One Team** in your prayers! They will be leading a retreat on **Apologetics for the first and second year Confirmation students at St. John Nepomuk in Yukon** this Saturday.

The STM High Schoolers have invited the college students out for a night of **Laser Tag and big fun on Friday, April 18**. Please **RSVP to Will** ([William.G.Banowsky-2@ou.edu](mailto:William.G.Banowsky-2@ou.edu)) by **Wednesday, April 19**.

### ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39)!

You're invited to

#### THEOLOGY ON TAP

4TH Thursdays, 8:00 p.m., Belle Isle Brewery

For information, please e-mail Rachel Swenson at [rachel@minister.com](mailto:rachel@minister.com) or call at 405.384.3807.

### 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**

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*What are the key themes of 1 Peter, the New Testament letter proclaimed as the second reading during the Easter Season?*



1 Peter, usually attributed to the apostle Peter, was likely written in the late first century, addressing Christian communities in Asia Minor. It is an exhortation on the meaning of baptism, the "new birth" in Christ. Such new birth is examined both for its privileges, along with its corresponding responsibilities. Baptism bonds us to the Christian family while challenging us to live a moral life, remaining faithful and steadfast in Christ.

A significant section of the letter (2:11-3:12) exhorts Christians on how to live in a hostile world. **Baptismal commitment calls Christians to live a lifestyle that is often at odds with the values of those around them.** This presents significant challenges to Christians attempting to be faithful to their baptismal call.

Rejection and suffering often result from such clashing. 1 Peter exhorts Christians to be faithful, no matter what the cost. **By aligning their suffering to that of Christ, they bring redemptive meaning to their suffering. Perseverance in the midst of rejection and suffering is to be the hallmark of true baptismal commitment.**

Resistance to the devil who continually goes about trying to devour weak and lazy Christians (5:8-11) is an exhortation that Christians of any age need to heed. 1 Peter offers exhortations and guidance that are as relevant today as they were at the end of the first century.

How do you persevere and remain steadfast when others challenge or reject you for your different values?

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### YOU'RE INVITED!

*The 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 tables may be purchased for \$250 each. For additional information, contact Becky VanPool, Catholic Charities at 405.523.3009.



### SUPREME KNIGHT CARL ANDERSON HOSTS PANEL OF PAPAL EXPERTS ON PROGRAM AIRING APRIL 13.

The Knights of Columbus has announced that it will sponsor a nationally-broadcast television discussion program previewing Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April.

The broadcast on Sunday, April 13 will feature a lively discussion of Benedict's three eventful years as Pope, his long career as a renowned theologian, and a look at the themes he is likely to stress during his trip to America, which begins on April 15. The show - entitled *A Journey of Hope* - airs two days before Benedict arrives in Washington.

The half hour show will air on Sunday, April 13 on CBS stations in the four largest U.S. markets: on New York's WCBS-TV at 1 p.m. EDT; in Washington, D.C., on WUSA-TV at noon EDT; in Chicago on WBBM-TV at noon CDT; and in Los Angeles on KCBS-TV at 9 a.m. PDT. It will also air nationally on the Fox Business Channel at 5:30 p.m. EDT/2:30 p.m. PDT.

In addition, the program will air on a variety of Catholic television outlets, including EWTN, the Catholic cable network, and local and regional Catholic cable channels and over-the-air Catholic programs. A complete listing is available at [www.papaltrip.com](http://www.papaltrip.com), the Knights of Columbus interactive site dedicated to coverage of the Pope's trip to the United States.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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### CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH & APRIL

- April 6: R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8<sup>th</sup>);  
3:30-4:30 (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- April 12: *Banner Making Day, 10:00 a.m.* (Sanctuary)
- April 13: R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8<sup>th</sup>);  
3:30-4:30 (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- April 19: *Photo shoot of First Holy Communicants, 4:00 p.m.*  
*First Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m.*  
(Sanctuary)
- April 20: R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8<sup>th</sup>);  
3:30-4:30 (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- April 27: R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45 (Grades K-8<sup>th</sup>);  
3:30-4:30 (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Deacon Larry Rossow will facilitate our next **BAPTISMAL SEMINAR** at 7:00 p.m., **Wednesday, April 30**, in the Parish library. This will be our **last** seminar until July, so if you are expecting a child, or would like to have your child baptized *before* August, **YOU MUST ATTEND**. Contact Cindy O'Brien (405.321.0990, Ext. 202) to sign up, receive forms, and booklet.

### YOUTH GROUPS

**THERE WILL BE TWO JOINT YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS** in April to finish out the year. **Sunday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m.** we will meet in the Kitchen to prepare our last Sunday Supper this semester for the college students. Hope to see you then!

~~TO CELEBRATE THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR~~ we will go to **Hey Day Family Fun Center** in Moore on **April 18** for an evening of Laser Tag, arcade games and FOOD! We will meet at STM at **6:30 p.m.** and carpool to Moore. You must let me know by **April 8 at 2:00 p.m.** if you plan to attend, so that reservations can be made!

**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**, or check out the website at [www.catharchdioceseokc.org](http://www.catharchdioceseokc.org) and click on "**Summer Camp 2008.**"

The **Knights of Columbus Council 8523** are accepting **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** from high school seniors and college students. Applications are available in the atrium, or contact Kelly McElhaney (405.360.1768) or Paul Buckelew (405.329.7338). For consideration, application must be received by **APRIL 30**.



## 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.

We need your stuff! The **annual All Saints Garage Sale** will be held **Saturday, April 19**, in Sunflower Hall. We need clothing, household items, furniture, toys, games, sporting goods, books and other re-saleable items. For pick-up information, contact Margaret Luttrell at 405.579.9174.

**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](http://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!

Pre-enrollment for the 2008-09 school year has begun! An admission packet can be downloaded from our school website at [www.allsaintsnorman.org](http://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.

**NORMAN PARENTS HELPING PARENTS** ([www.parentshelpingparents.info](http://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 [PHPnorman1@yahoo.com](mailto:PHPnorman1@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.

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](http://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 at 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.

## NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. THOMAS MORE IS SEEKING A **PART-TIME BUSINESS MANAGER** to coordinate the functions and operations of the Parish office and its ministries. Hours are flexible with the possibility of full-time in the future. Send resume and letter of application to: Office Manager Position, St. Thomas More Parish, 100 East Stinson Street, Norman, OK 73072 by **Wednesday, April 9, 2008**. Arrange to have two letters of recommendation sent to the same address. For information, contact Gloria Olivero at 321.0990 or e-mail at [glory@stm-ou.org](mailto:glory@stm-ou.org).

### 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 sixteen, 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.*

### SAVE YOUR ITEMS FOR THE PARISH YARD SALE

The Annual Parish Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, April 26th**. The proceeds of the yard sale will be used by our Campus Ministry Program. *Please save your salable items as we will begin collecting them from Monday, April 21 to Friday, April 25.* More information will be provided at a later date. In the meantime, please save your good stuff for the sale. *This Yard Sale is a vital fund raiser for the Campus Ministry Program and your support is needed and will be greatly appreciated.*



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.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

There is a line from the movie *Evan Almighty* in which God, played by Morgan Freeman, explains to Evan what prayer should mean. He tells him that when people pray for patience, for example, God doesn't give them patience but rather the opportunity to be patient. Our problem is in recognizing these opportunities. It is just as true that we should recognize the opportunity to live with Christ in our lives.

On the very day in which Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and the others found the empty tomb following Jesus' crucifixion, two followers were returning to their homes in Emmaus. Obviously distraught over the events of the past few days, they were joined by another traveler who explained to them how the events had fulfilled all of the promises of the Scriptures. They did not recognize their fellow traveler as Jesus; only when he broke bread with them were their eyes opened.

**By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples (CCC 645). But the failure to recognize him immediately teaches us that we must look for him more deeply in others; the homeless man asleep beneath a bridge, the single mom trying to feed her children, the quiet co-worker who goes home alone every night.** To live and love as Christ we must recognize the opportunity to see him in others, as well.

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### WEEKLY READINGS

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2008

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a / Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

### 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, Susan Lee, Susan Lepak, Bill McNichols, Sharon Poe, Bob Quinnett, Ignacio Ruiz, Sr. Paulette Schiffelbaum, June Silva and Gino Starita; **THOSE IN MOURNING...** The Creedon, Dillard, Schones and McNeil families; **THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF...** Robert Creedon, Jamie Dillard and Geraldine McNeil.

**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**.

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Ministry



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 April Anderson, Stephen Ministry Chair, at 405.360.0274.

**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!

The **MARTHA & MARY QUILTERS** will meet **April 10 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Overflow room. We will be showing off our current projects, completed we hope, and discussing options for the next quilt. Anyone may join our group, though some sewing experience is needed. Don't know how to quilt? We'll teach you! Come and join the fun! For information, call Ann at 405.408.4082.



The next **PRIME TIMERS** meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 11**. Prime Timers are a jolly group of parishioners who are retired, who are thinking about retirement or who wish that they were retired. We especially welcome new parishioners or any who have not joined us before. Come on, get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy the fellowship of the evening. Bring a container or several containers of your favorite drinks and a covered (or uncovered) dish and join us for a great potluck dinner party. **Social at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.** For those needing a ride or for more information, contact Al Patrick, 405.360.4147.