

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 am & 5 pm

Monday Communion Service: 7:30 am

Daily Masses: Tues. & Thurs. 5:15 pm
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 am

Rosary: Following daily Mass

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 for 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.

STM Journey of Faith Fall/Spring '09-10 "COME TO THE WATER, THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE"

If you are interested in learning about what being a Catholic is about, or if you are **RE-**thinking becoming a Catholic, or if you are a baptized adult Catholic who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation, or if you simply desire to discover the existential meaning of your life, then the STM **RCIA** program is for you! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a **Journey of Faith** which runs from August to May, with meetings at STM each Tuesday at 7 pm. By attending, you are not committing yourself to baptism or to being received into the Catholic Church, but simply exploring your journey with Christ. If you would like to find out more, please contact **Deacon Pigott**.

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.



✠ **This Week at St. Thomas More** ✠

Sunday, April 11

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Jn 20:19-31 (45)

- 8:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
- 11:00 am **Mass** **STM Children's Mass**
People of the Parish
- 5:00 pm **Mass** *Thanksgiving Mass for*
Father Ackerman

Monday, April 12

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267)

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**
- 9:00 am **English as a Second Language**
in the overflow
- 6:00 pm **Student Choir Practice in the**
Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Men of Honor/Women of**
Grace in the overflow

Tuesday, April 13

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268)

- 12:00 pm **Overeaters Anonymous**
in the overflow
- 5:15 pm **Mass** *†Walter Grimes*
- 7:00 pm **RCIA in the overflow**
- 7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Wednesday, April 14

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**
- 8:15 am **ASCS Mass-St. Mark's**
- 9:00 am **English as a Second Language**
in the overflow
- 7:00 pm **College Night**

Thursday, April 15

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *†Judy Moline by*
Janne O'Donnell
- 6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
- 7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**

Friday, April 16

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)

- 7:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*

Saturday, April 17

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
- 5:00 pm **Mass** *People of the Parish*

Sunday, April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Rv 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or
21:1-14 (48)

- 8:30 am **Mass** *People of the Parish*
- 11:00 am **Mass** *Linza Mason for*
her Confirmation
- 5:00 pm **Mass** *People of the Parish*
- 6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Ministry Schedule for April 17 & 18

Altar Servers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Michael Scanlon, Hannah Grillot

Sunday

- 8:30am Valerie Pham, Gabriella Schriener, Risa Davis
- 11:00am Kelsey Robb, John Robb, Elizabeth Buckelew
- 5:00pm Janice Wilson, Risa Walters, Sherritta Harris

Lectors

Saturday

- 8:30pm Bill Urell, Rob Gragg

Sunday

- 8:30am Mick Hinton, R. C. David-Undiano
- 11:00am Kristen Partridge, Casey Partridge
- 5:00pm Joe Walters, Harold Castano

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

- 8:30pm Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner, Valli Marti,
Louise Kay

Sunday

- 8:30am Stacy Schrank, Cathy Fagan, John Fagan,
Ashleigh Arndt, Barbara Foley
- 11:00am Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Margaret Vennoch,
Kathy Heiple, Rigo Gutierrez, John Holter,
Deanna Preble, Becky O'Dea, Terry O'Dea
- 5:00pm Joseph Mecham, Bill Huntington, Bea Henderson,
Linda Fields, Jim Fields, Sims Beeler, Bill Hersey,
Bobby Meiners, Jose Santiago

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Saturday

- 8:30pm Leila Kondo, Carolyn Houser, Rae Quijano,
Jane Wrede

Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, K. Denton, Jr., Mary Starcevich,
John Starcevich
- 11:00am Joe Sher, James Robb, Jonathan Buckelew
Paul Buckelew
- 5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

Apr 11

Hinton, Corbett
Families

Jean Winters
Jeanne Aiken

Apr 18

Patrick Family

Holter Family

Thank you to all the wonderful families !

STM Food Pantry

The food pantry is being visited regularly and is providing a helping hand to many people every month. We would like to ask that the following items be donated: Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned fruits, vegetables and meat, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Lipton noodles, boxed meals, hamburger/ tuna helper, peanut butter & jelly, Spaghettios, boxed potatoes, rice, beans, ramen noodles, applesauce, pudding, juice, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and brushes, soap, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, etc. By the request of our parishioners, we would like to have people whose **last name is A through L bring items on the first two Sundays of the month** and those whose **last name is M through Z the last two Sundays of the month**. Many Thanks to all the generous people in the parish.

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations for the new years Parish Council will be taken after all Masses this Sunday. If you or someone you know is interested in running for the council, please put your nomination in the box in the atrium. A member of the Parish Council will be standing by the box. Please be sure and include the person's name and phone number so that they may be contacted. Any member of the Parish is invited to run for the Parish Council.

Help Needed for Kairos Retreat-

Prayer and cookies are needed for the women's retreat which will be held at Mabel Bassett, the women's prison in McCloud, OK, **April 15-18**. The prayer is needed for the 42 women who will attend the retreat, as well as the 20 "angels", inmate helpers, who have attended the retreat in the past. Prayer is also needed for the team members and families who are facilitating the retreat, which begins on Thursday afternoon and ends on Sunday afternoon. Cookies are needed for the retreat and also for the 1100 inmates at the prison who are given a dozen cookies each, as a sign of Christian love. You may also sponsor an inmate for the retreat which is \$125 or whatever you wish to donate. The cookies are needed by **Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00pm**. A box will be in the atrium to place the cookies in. Questions? Call Pat at 447-1505

All Saints Catholic School Families

You are invited to attend Mass on **Sunday, April 18th at 11:00 am St. Thomas More**. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Ray and immediately following we will have a potluck meal of fried chicken and drinks in the Knights of Columbus white house. We ask that each family bring a side dish or dessert to share. It is requested that the All Saints' students wear spirit wear or their dress uniforms. We hope you will join us for this celebration of our school community and for some food and fellowship! Please RSVP to Christy Macon at 872-7443 or 496-7074. Thank You.

Help Wanted to organize the Parish library

We are trying to make it useable for everyone. Tasks would include entering information into a computer, organizing shelves, and brainstorming ideas to make the library better. Anyone from high school and up who is comfortable with computers is welcome to help. Please contact Sarah at scrosencrans@ou.edu or 245-6565 if interested. Thank you for your help!
Sarah Rosencrans

Incense Usage at St. Thomas More University Parish:

Incense plays an important role in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church and is most often used during the celebration of the liturgy. St. Thomas More is very aware that incense can cause problems for members of the parish family who have allergies and respiratory issues. Therefore, we are taking this opportunity to advise and remind you of when incense will be used during the liturgy. It will be used Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil celebration, on Easter Sunday and on subsequent Sundays through Pentecost. It will also be used on the two Sundays following Pentecost. In order to accommodate all members of the parish family and be respectful of those who cannot tolerate the use of incense, St. Thomas More has designated the following liturgies as "smoke free". 5:00pm on Saturday and 8:30am on Sunday. Incense will be used at the 11:00am and 5:00pm Sunday liturgies. We have also gone to milder incense for this liturgical season and hope that it will be less irritating but just as pleasing.

Martha and Mary Guild

Martha and Mary Guild will have a book discussion on the book **Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson**, who will be speaking at OU on April 22. He has done wonderful work building village schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Some people have already signed up. We will meet for discussion on Monday, April 19 at 1:00pm. Or 7:00pm. We will have the meeting at the apartment complex beyond the red house in the first apartment. If you are interested, please call Pat at 447-1505. Thanks.

Help!

We really need help with our yard work. A student in need of some pocket money and who could work for a couple of days over a weekend would be most welcome. If you are that student, please contact Al Patrick at 360-4147.

Did You Know.....?

BC Clark Jewelers donates 3% of the total purchases made by anyone who fills out a church coupon with St. Thomas More's information? In order for STM to receive proper credit, you must request a church coupon at the time of your purchase, fill out the coupon and leave it with the clerk making sure to designate STM and include the address and zip code. The checks are sent out twice a year and 3% commission adds up fast! As Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, and wedding seasons approach, think about shopping at any of the BC Clark locations and make sure to fill out a church coupon!

Mass Drivers Needed

Would there be anyone in the Parish who would like to volunteer to drive someone, occasionally, to Mass because they are unable to do so? Please call the office at 321-0990 if you would like to help Thank you.†

Before you check the yellow pages, please check out our wonderful advertisers on the back of this bulletin! Thank You!

Please remember the poor.....

Please remember to drop a donation in the poor box as you exit the church. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who assist the needy of Norman and Noble.

Parish Council minutes can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil>

† Religious Education News

What's coming up in the weeks ahead...

- 4/10**– 2nd year Confirmation retreat at St. Joe's
- 4/10**– 1st year Confirmation service & retreat with the ONE team and Big Event 10am-5pm
- 4/14**– Confirmation practice at St. Mark's -6:00pm
- 4/16**– Confirmation at St. Mark's. Please be there at 5:30pm
- 4/17**– **10:00 am Banner Making Day for First Holy Communion Students**
- 6:00 pm-Confirmation Dinner 1st/2nd year students, parents, and families**
- 4/18**– **STM Children's Mass at 11:00 am**
- 4/24-First Holy Communion Practice**
Practice TBA. **Attendance is mandatory.**
- 5/2-First Holy Communion at the 11:00 am Mass.** A small reception to follow in the lounge/patio area.
- 5/9-Mother's Day**
RE classes is session
- 5/16-Last day of RE**
- At 6:00 pm-Catechist Appreciation Dinner**

Special thanks to Carol Hoffman, Bonnie Kloesel, and Renee Wegemer for donating baked good items for our Easter Treat Sale. R. E. raised a total of \$162.98. 10% of which will go the Abbott House to help with their needs in taking care of neglected and abused children.

Baptismal Seminar

The last Baptismal seminar of the school year will be May 18th at 6:00 pm. If you are planning a Baptism from now through September, parents and godparents should attend this seminar.

All Saints Catholic School News

All Saints has openings for Fall 2010! Limited openings are available in other grade levels. Families wishing to enroll for Fall should download a copy of the admission packet from the school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org and click Administration. Please return the admission packets at this time.

Construction Update: Sidewalks are being poured, inspections are being completed and the gym equipment is being installed. Continue to pray for good weather! Completion date is May 1st.

News in the Diocese

April 11, 2010 Second Sunday of Easter
Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-16

Psalm: 118

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Thomas proclaimed "my Lord, my God" when he doubted no more. The phrase he recited had been reserved for the Roman Emperor. So affirming those words in belief of Jesus, Thomas risked execution. Today, we are called to see Jesus in those without food, in jail, the infirmed or unjustly treated in the workplace. Can we recite the words, "my Lord, my God" in the face of ridicule for helping not ourselves but those in need, as we love our enemies or denounce a culture of violence? Through the eras, great numbers of men and women have seen signs and wonders, lived with faith and action to say "my Lord, my God" in giving thanks. They heard the words, as we hear today "Peace be with you". The peace to doubt no more, receive the fire of the Holy Spirit and to go beyond locked doors to resist systemic exclusion of those on the margins. For as the Father sent Jesus, our Lord sends us and we have life in His name.

Individual Reflection: John 20:19-31

Research about peace poles on the internet. These are about 5 feet tall with peace written on it in a variety of languages. Work to have one installed at your parish, neighborhood or community, with "peace" written in all the languages spoken by members of your community.

Villa Teresa School

Celebrates "The Spirit of 76" Spring Soiree on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 6-9:30pm at Remington Park. The dinner and live/silent auction benefits the school. Childcare is at the school for children ages 2-10 years old. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased through the school. Feel free to call for information at 232-4286.

Widowed, Divorced, and Separate

Hope for a new beginning. There is help for the heartache of separation, divorce, or widowhood at a Beginning Experience weekend. This weekend program helps with the natural grief process and offers the opportunity through God for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Trained team members who have suffered the loss of a loved one share their own experience as they lead participants through presentations, private reflections, and small group sharing. The next Beginning Experience Weekend to be sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will take place at the Catholic Pastoral Center from April 30th to May 2nd. Contact the Office of Family Life at (405)721-8944 for registration information.

Catholic Charities Event

Grab your favorite pair of boots and get ready for a night of fantastic wine, food, great music and bootscootin' fun at the 2nd annual "Reds, Whites, and Boots" celebration benefiting Catholic Charities Women's Development Center. The event is hosted by Stockyards City Main Street, Cattlemen's Steakhouse, and Glazer's Oklahoma. It will be Tuesday, April 27 from 5:30-8:30pm, at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse Special Event Center, 1325 S. Agnew, in historic Stockyards City. Tickets are \$40 each with \$30 of the ticket price considered a tax-deductible contribution to the Sanctuary Center which assists homeless women and children. You may buy tickets online at [Stockyards City.org](http://StockyardsCity.org) or call Jane Moon at Catholic Charities 526-2319 to arrange payment by check or cash.