

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 19

8:30 am **Mass** +*Robert Cullen by Jean Cullen & Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *In appreciation of Fr. Ray Ackerman*
5:00 pm **Mass** +*Dr. Nilo Cater by Charito Hersey*
6:00 pm **College Sunday Supper**

Mon. April 20

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

Tues. April 21

5:15 pm **Mass** +*Louisa Maria Guilbot By the Whitman Family*
7:00 pm **Journey of Faith in Overflow**

Wed. April 22

7:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
7:00 pm **College Night**
9:00 pm **Mass-Student Led**

Thurs. April 23

5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Bible Study**
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 24

7:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Sat. April 25

3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** +*Mrs. Smurlo Sr. by Barbara & Charles Barb*

Sun, April 26

8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Joan Smurlo for Health & Healing by Barbara & Charles Barb*
5:00 pm **Mass** +*Vere Charles Manion By Candida Manion*
6:00 pm **College Sunday Supper**

Ministry Schedule April 25-26

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter
11:00am Stephen Ouandji, Maya Hoffman, Miranda Johnson
5:00pm Susan Murphy, Jonathan Kron, Janice Wilson

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Tom Burns, Eric Anderson

Sunday

8:30am Earl Whitman, John Murray
11:00am Harold Heiple, Mark Krittenbrink
5:00pm Harold Castano, Tyler Lofgren

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Janis Hereford, Carole Baldwin, Cathy Fagan, John Fagan, Barbara Foley
11:00am Becky O'Dea, Kathy Heiple, John Holter, Caridad Marchand, Susan Schollt, Dan Lawrence, Rigo Gutierrez, Rick Pendergraft, Maria McKee
5:00pm Michael Dupont, Rolando Chapa, Justin Linck, Ben Ballard, Ashleigh Arndt, Jose Santiago, Joseph Mecham, Jennifer Grover, Susan Mecham

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm None

Sunday

8:30 am K. Denton, Jr., Becky Fleming, Russell Koch
11:00 am Tim Marquis, Jim Weller, Chris Dalton
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

**April 26th 8:30am Sharon Poe
Maggie Fitzgerald**
11:00am Johnson Family
May 3rd 8:30am Cachero Family
**11:00am Marissa Cassidy
Jay Coleman**

Readings for the week of April 19, 2009

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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

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

Reverse Collection— Member 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.

Prime Timers

Our usual meetings will resume in May. Thank you and God Bless. If you have any questions, please call Al Patrick at 360-4147.

Bible Study

Dr. Neal Judisch, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, will be leading a 7-week Bible study beginning Thursday, April 16th from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Overflow Room. For more information, contact Neal Judisch at: (405) 701-1610

Martha & Mary Guild

We will be meeting on **Thursday, April 23rd at 7pm** in the Overflow room. See you there.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Sister Ursula will be having the **next meeting on Monday, April 27th at 7pm** in the Lounge.

Campus Ministry News

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!

Annual Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Yard Sale** scheduled for May 2nd from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Donations are accepted NOW! Please bring donations to the office during regular business hours. Items needed are:

- * used furniture
- clothing/shoes
- appliances
- Books
- Anything else that you might think would help make our garage sale a success

Volunteers are needed. Please sign up after all the Masses. For more information, contact Jennifer Grover jennya@ou.edu or (405) 974-1954

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**.

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.

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!

Looking for Work:

I received this in my e-mail from a young man in the parish who is willing to work. TM Hello, My name is Stephen Ouandji. I am 16 and a senior at Norman North High School. I am also an alter server at St. Thomas More. I am interested in any odd jobs (gardening, mowing, babysitting, etc.) that are available in order to make some money. Please contact me at (405) 701-8412. Thank you.

St. Thomas More & Food for Friends

It is time again for STM to serve at Food for Friends—Tuesday, May 5th. Remember we need all the help we can get! Preparation/cooking begins at 9am in the Food for Friends kitchen (104 W. Comanche). We will serve from 11 am to 12 noon. If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparation and serving, please sign up in the atrium in the coming weeks. Thank you!

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**

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**

Forever for Real Re-scheduled

Due to the inclement weather we experienced Saturday, March 28, we postponed our Forever for Real program for **Saturday, May 30, 2009**. For more information, please contact Lisa at (405) 709-2709 or Kristin at (405) 848-2171 or visit **[Forever For Real.com](http://ForeverForReal.com)**

8th Annual Catholic Foundation Golf Tournament

Save the Date for the 8th Annual Catholic Foundation Golf Classic benefitting **Catholic Education** on **Monday, June 8th** at Twin Hills Golf & Country Club in Oklahoma City.

- * Shotgun start at 12 noon
- ☛ Wine & Cheese for spouses at 4:00pm
- ☛ Dinner & Auction following Tournament play
- ☛ Win the Archbishop's Traveling Trophy
- ☛ Play for the Hole-in-One prize: 2009 Pontiac Solstice from Rick Jones Buick GMC Pontiac
- ☛ Numerous other awards & contest prizes

Brochures/Entry Forms are available in the Atrium or online at **www.cfook.org** by using The Annual Catholic Foundation Golf Classic link. You may obtain more information by contacting the Catholic Foundation at 405-721-4115 or **h@catharchdioceseokc.org**.

All Saint Catholic School News...

The All Saint's Catholic School garage sale has been **postponed** until **June 6, 2009**.

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.

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 26, 2009

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
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 or St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26---2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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John revolves around such rich themes as love, light, darkness, sin and truth.

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