

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 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**

Mon. April 27

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

Tues. April 28

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *+John R. Barresi by Father Ray*
7:00 pm **Journey of Faith in Overflow**

Wed. April 29

- 7:30 am **Mass** *James Michael Quinnett For Health & Well-being By Bob & Jean Quinnett*
7:00 pm **College Night**
9:00 pm **Mass-Student Led**

Thurs. April 30

- 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. May 1

- 7:30 am **Mass** *+John R. Barresi by Ben Baressi*

Sat. May 2

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

Readings for the week of May 10, 2009

- Sun: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8 (53)
Mon: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)
Tues: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)
Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)
Thurs: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)
Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)
Next Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 44-48/1 Jn 4: 7-10 Jn 15:9-17 (56)

Ministry Schedule May 2-3

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Michael Macon, Jack Macon

Sunday

8:30am Emily Soreghan, Brandon Montano, Jessica Trilli
11:00am Will Banowsky, Cynthia Ouandji, Hannah Johnson
5:00pm Caton Blackman, Katie Byers, Patrick Tchakounte

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Rob Gragg, Jane Sarber

Sunday

8:30am Earl Whitman, Fred Freidhoff
11:00am Laura Jones, Ruth Loeffler
5:00pm David Gagne, Justine Summers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Virginia Schultz, Greg Schultz

Sunday

8:30am April Anderson, Lisa Lancaster, Brigid Brink, Amy McElhane, Barbara Crane
11:00am Caridad Marchand, John Holter, Kathy Heiple, Becky O'Dea, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, Deanna Preble
5:00pm Kaitlyn Willit, David Banowsky, Phillip Smith, Sims Beeler, Bobby Meiners, Arn Henderson, Matthew Rom, Lindsay Hemingway, Bill Hersey

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm Corey Potrin, Jackie Potrin

Sunday

8:30 am K. Denton, Jr., Leroy Montano, Kathleen Kershen, Drew Kershen
11:00 am Jesus Avila, Steve Patrick, Steve Calonkey, Susy Calonkey
5:00pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington

Hospitality Schedule

May 3rd

8:30am Cachero Family

11:00am Marissa Cassidy, Jay Coleman

May 10th

8:30am Hinton Family

11:00am Anderson Family

Please call the office with mass requests, funeral scheduling, sacramental ministries questions or if you are moving. Thank you!

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.

STM News & Announcements

Congratulations! TO ALL WHO RECEIVED SACRAMENTS DURING THIS EASTER SEASON

Catechumens:

Brogan A'Neal
Michael Allen Calhoun
Dorothy Louise Smith Ghahremani
Kelli Rae Holman
Candace Palmer
Andrea Wilson

Candidates:

Scott Albert Beck
Elizabeth Jo DeLaCruz
Tracy Lee Howe
Mindy Renee Kenney
Jan Elizabeth Melton
Susan Titus
Kimberly Alfaro
Tiffany Drake
Linda B. Elliott Gregory
Jordan Moody
Nicole Rachel Newhart
Tracy Elizabeth Stetson
Keisha Marcelle Wood
Emma Jane Lawrence

St. Thomas More 2009 Confirmation Class

Jane Baldwin
Bridget Burns
Colleen Burns
Mariana Colin
Rani Cozad
Corey Gill
Tyler Howe
Seamus Hunt
Ellen Johnson
Ellyn Jones
Melanie Kuriger
Katie McElhaney
Brittany Montano
Cynthia Ouandji
Parker Rice
Clifford Vennochi

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.

Bible Study

Dr. Neal Judisch, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, is leading a 7-week Bible study. The next meeting will be, April 30th 7pm to 8:30pm in the Overflow.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ

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

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. If you have any questions, please call Gerry at 360-1174.

All Primetimers and Primetimers Wannabees:

Our next meeting will be in the STM atrium on Friday, May 8, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be hosted by Helen and Al Patrick. There will be a few games for group solution to cap the evening. This will be a pleasant, stress free meeting. Come, join us, bring your favorite libations (beverages) and your favorite covered dish (with food in it) to share. You will find that we are quite a jolly group and all parishioners are welcome. You need not be retired to join in the fellowship and fun. For more information, contact Al Patrick at 360-4147.

Knights of Columbus

Each year, the Knights of Columbus sponsors a fund-raising drive for those with special needs. The Center of Family Love, in Okarche, OK, was the original reason for this funding drive in Oklahoma. The center is a non-denominational home, school, and work-place for people with intellectual disabilities founded by the Knight of Columbus of Oklahoma. The drive also benefits the J. D. McCarty Center here in Norman which helps children with developmental disabilities. Knight will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations after all masses on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. Please consider donation to this worthwhile cause.

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!

Secular Franciscans Meeting

The next Secular Franciscans Meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd, at 1:00pm in the STM library. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-6677.

Campus Ministry News

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**.

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.

Cantor Recital

Susan Adams-Johnson, The St. Thomas More cantor, will have a Recital here at church on April 29th at 4:30pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Community News & Information

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.

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**

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)

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**