

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

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

OFFICE INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS (Monday-Friday)	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LUNCH TIME	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
OFFICE CLOSED	HOLY DAYS
PHONE	(405) 321-0990
FAX	(405) 321-0964
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PRAYER LINE	(405) 447-7055
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITIES	(405) 329-5372
BULLETIN DEADLINE	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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2008

When Philip "proclaimed the Christ" to the crowds, "with one accord" they "paid attention to what was said." Their full acceptance of the word of God provoked Peter and John to go to them and lay hands on them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. This fulfills what Jesus promised us the night before he died: "The Father will give you the Spirit of truth. He will be in you." The "reason for our hope" is a Person we have met: Christ the Lord whom we sanctify in our hearts and whose commandments we keep. Just as the crowds today are transfixed by the attraction of Philip, so we are captivated by the One who has loved us and revealed himself to us. It is the source of "great joy".

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SCRIPTURE VERSE. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." - JN 14:15-17

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.

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 27 † SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

VOTE: PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY!

FOURTH SUNDAY: WEEKLY COLLECTION

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS: ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION / ORTHODOX EASTER

- 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-8th]
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** † RICHARD HARRISON [LOUISE HARRISON] (Sanctuary)
Dismissal for Children's Liturgy [3-5 year olds]
- 3:30 p.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades 9th- 12th]
- 5:00 p.m. **MASS** † REVEREND ERNEST A. FLUSCHE [Rev. Ray K. Ackerman] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. End-of-Year Cookout (White House: 1511 Jenkins Avenue)

MONDAY † APRIL 28 † EASTER WEEKDAY

Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; Louis Mary de Montfort, priest

- 7:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Men of Honor (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Associate Adorer's of the Blood of Christ (Overflow)
- 6:30 p.m. Just Faith (Lounge)
- 9:00 p.m. Women of Grace (TBA)

TUESDAY † APRIL 29 † EASTER WEEKDAY

Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** SPECIAL INTENTIONS [Anonymous] (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 p.m. College Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY † APRIL 30 † EASTER WEEKDAY

Pius V, pope

- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** SPECIAL INTENTIONS [Anonymous] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Last College Night (Overflow & Reaves Park)
- 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Seminar (Library)
- 8:30 p.m. College Rosary (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- 9:00 p.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY † MAY 1 † EASTER WEEKDAY

Joseph the Worker (Ascension of the Lord transferred to Sunday)

- 1:30 p.m. Martha & Mary Guild (Overflow)
- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** † MADISON CORBETT [Mick Hinton] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Communion & Liberation (Lounge)
- 8:30 p.m. **VESPERS** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)



FIRST FRIDAY † MAY 2 † EASTER WEEKDAY

LAST DAY OF OU CLASSES

JEWISH OBSERVANCE: YOM SHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** SPECIAL INTENTIONS [Anonymous] (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Faculty Appreciation Dinner (OU Memorial Union)

FIRST SATURDAY † MAY 3 † ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Philip and James, apostles

- 3:00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS** (Reconciliation Room)
- 5:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS** † BIRL MARTI [Valli Powell-Marti] (Sanctuary)
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: CHASE MASON & CARSON MOHR
- 6:30 p.m. Catechists' Appreciation Dinner (Overflow)

SUNDAY † MAY 4 † ASCENSION OF THE LORD

WORLD DAY PRAYER for VOCATIONS

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. Last Religious Education Classes [Grades K-8th]
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** † WILLARD SCHMIDT [THE SCHMIDT FAMILY] (Sanctuary)
BAPTISM: DIANDRA ABOH TSALA
- 1:00 p.m. Secular Franciscans (Lounge)
- 3:30 p.m. Last Religious Education Classes [Grades 9th- 12th]
- 5:00 p.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE



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| | MAY 4 | MAY 11 |
| 8:30 a.m. | The Hinton Family | The Patrick Family |
| 11:00 a.m. | The Johnson Family,
E. Kernal | The Holter Family |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 3 & 4, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. Michael Scanlon, Arianna G.
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. Gabriella S., Samantha B., Emily S.
 - 11:00 a.m. Timo K., Jacob K., Thomas W.
 - 5:00 p.m. Sherritta Harris, Susan Murphy, Katie Byers

LECTORS

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. Jane Sarber, Bob Rivera
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. Frank Freidhoff, Peter Caudle
 - 11:00 a.m. Kristen Partridge, Casey Partridge
 - 5:00 p.m. Joe Walters, Harold Castano

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen & Mary Bonner, Valli Marti, D'neen Barbour, Cheri Remington
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. John & Cathy Fagan, Jeanne Cullen, Amy McElhany, Salva Gabert
 - 11:00 a.m. Rigo Gutierrez, Eric Anderson, Doris & Jodie Edge, Peter Keupen, Caridad Marchand, Becky O'Dea, Louise Kay, Susan Schott
 - 5:00 p.m. Maria McKee, Ashleigh Arndt, Austin Ross, Beatriz Henderson, Jim & Linda Fields, Matthew Rom, Kaitlyn Willit, Lindsay Hemmingway

USHERS

SATURDAY MASS

- 5:00 p.m. *Volunteers Needed*
- SUNDAY MASSES**
- 8:30 a.m. K. Denton, Jr., Becky Fleming, Kathleen & Drew Kershen
 - 11:00 a.m. Jesus Avila, Mike Tobin, Steve Patrick, James Robb
 - 5:00 p.m. Bill Huntington, Noel Brown, David Allbritton

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION: APRIL 19 & 20, 2008

Weekly Amount	\$ 8,601.23	YTD Amount	\$ 415,453.38
Weekly Budget	<u>\$10,300.00</u>	YTD Budget	<u>\$ 433,300.00</u>
DEFICIT	<\$ 1,698.77>	DEFICIT	<\$ 17,846.62>

Thank you for your continued support!

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. 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.



STEWARDSHIP



Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Sunday, April 27

6:00 PM: FREE MEAL *after* the 5 PM Sunday Mass
(White House).

Monday, April 28

6:00 PM: MEN OF HONOR (Parish library)
9:00 PM: WOMEN OF GRACE (TBA)

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 PM: COLLEGE NIGHT: Hot dogs & Puppy dogs
(Meet in Overflow Room and head to Reaves Park)
9:00 PM: MASS

Thursday, May 1

8:30 PM: VESPERS (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

Friday, May 2

6:00 PM: APPRECIATION DINNER (OU Memorial Union)

Calling All OU Faculty and Administrators! The St. Thomas More Student Center and University Parish cordially invites you to an **APPRECIATION DINNER** to celebrate your dedication to education and the formation of our young men and women who are the future of our community. The dinner will be held on **Friday, May 2** at the OU Memorial Union at **6:00 PM**.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to the many parishioners who generously donated and/or purchased salable items for the Campus Ministry Yard Sale. We also wish to extend a big thank you to the college students who helped to set up and close down the sale. Our yard sale would not have been possible without the help of these students and our faithful parishioners. Proceeds of the sale will be applied towards our Campus Ministry Program and our World Youth Day 2008 Pilgrims.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39)!

You're invited to

THEOLOGY ON TAP

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

May 22: BOB WALDROP: *"The Care of Creation & The Catholic Response"*

For information, please e-mail Rachel Swenson at rachel@minister.com or call at 405.384.3807.

YOUNG ADULT INFORMATION FROM CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Christ the King is sponsoring a **YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUAL RETREAT** on **July 25, 2008** for youth ages 21-39 at Our Lady of the Lake. Please contact Willy Fontanez at Christ the King Parish (405.842.1481) if you are interested in attending. Christ the King and St. Charles Borromeo Churches are sponsoring an **ADULT RETREAT AND CRUISE** on **July 11, 2009**. A \$700.00 non-refundable (*transfereable*) fee and \$100 deposit is **due May 1, 2008** and the balance is due over the next 10 months.

ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE WOMEN! The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Wichita, Kansas are hosting an exciting Live-in Vocational retreat on **May 16-18, 2008**. Pray and work with the community and hear the informative vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. There is no cost, but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to Wichita, the Sisters will pick you up. Call 1.800.221.1807 for more dates and information.

Q *What is the Ascension? Why has its celebration shifted from Thursday to the following Sunday in most US dioceses?*

& The feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter, has traditionally been celebrated on Ascension Thursday. Since many people find it difficult to get to Mass on a workday, the feast has been moved to the following Sunday in most US dioceses.

A The first reading from Acts and the third reading from Luke's Gospel have their source in Luke, the author of both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Both readings narrate an account of the Ascension. Luke's Gospel account ends by presenting Jesus' ascension as closure to his earthly ministry. Jesus will no longer be physically present to his followers. They are to wait for empowerment from God before continuing Jesus' mission.

Luke begins Acts by retelling Jesus' ascension. Here, the Ascension takes place forty days after Easter, a time during which the Risen Christ has continued to instruct his followers. In Acts, the Ascension is understood not as the end of Jesus' ministry, but rather as the beginning of the disciples' ministry. Jesus must depart so his disciples can take full ownership of Jesus' ministry.

That ownership will be sealed with the gift of the Spirit that God will send as soon as Jesus returns to the Father. The Spirit manifests the new form of Jesus' presence with his followers. Empowered by that presence, they will be strengthened and guided to carry on Jesus' ministry. Reflect on how you experience Jesus' presence in your life.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

FAITH IN ACTION – A NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

Faith In Action – a Parish Social Ministry regional training program, will feature speakers from across the United States who will share their knowledge to develop, support, and expand parish social ministries. The training workshop, which is open to the public, will be held **May 2-4** at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. To register, contact Becky Van Pool, Parish Outreach and Program Development of Catholic Charities, at 405.523.3009 or popd@catholiccharitiesok.org. The workshop brochure can be accessed at www.catholiccharitiesok.org.

CELEBRATING NURSES. The first week of May has traditionally been marked as a time to honor the nurses in our community. On **Tuesday, May 13**, Mercy Health Center and Catholic Charities will sponsor an evening of appreciation for our many nurses. Mass will be celebrated beginning at 5:30 pm in the chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway. Reservations are required by calling Donna Bullock, Catholic Charities Parish Outreach, at 405.523.3009. Seating is limited. **Deadline** for registrations is **Wednesday, May 7**.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE BASIC PREPARATION COURSE SET.

Registration is under way for "The Basic Preparation Course for Faith Community Nursing" to be held **May 15-17 and June 5-7, 2008** at Our Lady of the Lake Retreat Center in Guthrie. Both weekends are required to complete the course. The course is open to registered nurses of all faith traditions. Payment includes lodging, board, course materials, and 32 nursing CEU. \$525 includes lodging; \$485 is without lodging. Cancellation received before May 13 will be refunded minus \$50 deposit. No refund after May 13. Contact Marilyn Seiler for registration forms at 405.523.3006 or mseiler@catholiccharitiesok.org.

ADOPTION SEMINAR SET FOR MAY 17.

Catholic Charities extends an invitation to anyone interested in learning more about adoption to register for a **free** seminar sponsored by Oklahoma Adoption Coalition and Hope Ministries. The seminar is set for **Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Crosspointe Church (2601 24th Avenue, SE) in Norman. Sessions on foster care, domestic adoption, international adoption, legal issues, and other topics will be offered. To register, go to www.oklahomaadoptioncoalition.org. Catholic Charities can also be contacted about adoption at 405.523.3012.

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 4:

Last R.E. Classes, 9:45-10:45
(Grades K-8th); 3:30-4:30 (Grades 9th-12th)
No Dismissal for 3-5 year-olds.
Pray for Miss Nancy as she will be studying
for her final exams.

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.

FATHER ACKERMAN will meet with all classes on **Sunday, May 4**, for a talk on **VOCATIONS**. We will gather in the Sanctuary and students can be picked up from there. Parents are welcome to come and listen as well!

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 **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** The next one will be held **Tuesday, May 20**. (*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 1st 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.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2008-09 RE year are being sent home with all students today. There will be a \$5.00 discount for families registering **BEFORE May 30** (\$30 for 1 child, \$50 for 2 children, \$70 for 3 children, and \$85 for 4 or more children). You can turn in your forms and fee to your RE teachers, or drop them off in the parish office.

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 and click on "**Summer Camp 2008.**"

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Thank you to everyone who supported the annual ASCS garage sale! It was extremely successful thanks to you!

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've topped \$710,000 for our capital campaign! Please keep our campaign in your prayers as our campaign team members approach foundations and corporations. Help us reach our goal of \$1.5 million by making your pledge today.

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 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 (click on *administration*). A record enrollment is expected and only a limited number of positions are available. Apply today!

SUBIACO ACADEMY, a Catholic boarding/day college preparatory school for boys grades 8-12, in western Arkansas (east of Ft. Smith), is offering the opportunity for prospective students and parents to visit and taste Subiaco life. For a **Discover Day, June 8**, contact the Academy at 1.800.364.7824 or admissions@subi.org. Learn how you can afford the best for your son. For more information visit our website at www.subi.org.

BIRTH CHOICE is a pro-life organization helping women with unexpected pregnancies since 1973. *Has God been calling you to help the unborn?* Birth Choice needs phone volunteers, field volunteers, people with clerical skills, clothing room workers, receptionists and Registered Nurses (Ultrasound Program & Prenatal Assessment Clinic). Please answer God's call and come to an **INFORMATION SESSION** on **Tuesday, May 13, from 6-8 p.m.** at 4701 S. Western in Oklahoma City. To register and/or obtain more information, please call Marilyn at 405.799.7195.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - YOUR GIFT TO EACH OTHER. "*Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.*" Jesus asks us to love Him and one another. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **June 6-8 and October 24-26**. Early registration is recommended to ensure your spot for the weekend. For further information, visit our website at www.meoklahoma.org or call 405.760.0390.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR

Andrew Wickersham's Ordination Reception to be held at *St. Mark the Evangelist Church* on **Saturday, May 31**, immediately following the celebration of his first Mass at St. Thomas More at 5:00 p.m. If interested in helping, please contact Gloria at 405.321.0990.



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

NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION is the **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**. It supports missions here in the United States. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal offers Catholics across our country a wonderful opportunity to help fellow Catholics to practice their faith in such rugged areas as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the dusty Southwest, Puerto Rico, and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean. Please give generously today to assist fellow Catholics here in America. It's one practical way that our parish community can be good stewards of God's gifts and make a difference. The Appeal is a concrete way for our parish to share its faith and resources with the Mission Church here at home. Over 95 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes directly to the missions to keep church doors open, to support pastors in their priestly ministry, and to provide basic pastoral services like religious education for children. Please give generously today to assist fellow Catholics here in America. It's one practical way that our parish community can be good stewards of God's gifts and make a difference.

ASSOCIATE ADORERS OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST will meet **Monday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.** Anyone interested in contacting Sister Ursula Schones, facilitator, may email her at schonesu@adorers.org.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN NEWS. In prayer, and service, and joy, St. Francis of Assisi followed Christ. Members of the Secular Franciscan Order strive to carry on Francis' ideals in the modern world. All are welcome to attend their meeting **Sunday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish lounge. Social follows at 3:00 p.m. in the parish kitchen.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS. **Tuesday, May 6,** is St. Thomas More's turn to prepare and serve the needy in Norman. Cooking will start at **9:00 a.m.** in the Food for Friends Kitchen (104 W. Comanche). We will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. ***We do need your help!*** If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparing and serving, please sign up in the Atrium in the coming week. Thank you!

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., our bulletin publisher, will have Dominic Vitale, our parish representative, visiting our parish within the next few weeks to service our bulletin. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad and thereby placing continuing their support of our parish. **FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PLACING A NEW AD, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.** To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact Dominic directly at 1.800.950.9952 Ext. 2607. ***Keep in mind, our advertising sponsors make our bulletin possible.***

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We have many voices within us. When faced with a difficult situation, the voice of cowardice may say, "I can get away with it." The voice of greed asks, "How can I benefit by it?" Lust may say, "This will make me happy." But the most important voice, the one that usually speaks first and should be listened to first, is the voice of our conscience. It will see your situation and ask, "Is it right?"

In today's Gospel reading from John, Jesus refers to our inner conscience as an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. The Holy Spirit within us guides us in every aspect of our daily lives, but as Jesus also points out, the world around us will not accept its reality because such a world cannot see it or hear it. The voice of the Holy Spirit is our gift, the one true guide to living a life with Jesus Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that a person's moral conscience enables him or her to do the right thing at the appropriate time. It also judges the decisions we make, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil (CCC 1777). Today, we are called to listen to our conscience, because when we do, we are truly listening to the voice of God.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2008

(Sixth Sunday of Easter / Ascension Thursday)

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
Next Sunday: **Ascension of the Lord:** Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

REMEMBER IN PRAYER. 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...** Harold Heiple, Rufina Jordan, Susan Lee, Susan Lepak, Sharon Poe, Bob Quinnett, Sr. Paulette Schiffelbaum, Elizabeth Strategos, and Louisa Whitman; **THOSE IN MOURNING...** The Dillard, Flusche, McNeal and Schones families; **THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF...** Robert Creedon, Jamie Dillard, Reverend Ernest A. Flusche, and Geraldine McNeal.

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.**

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!

ANGER, CONFLICT AND FORGIVENESS, Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Sister Marie Ballman, OSB. This spiritual approach helps you to identify the unresolved anger and conflicts that affect your relationships. Learn the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation, and let go of the pain. Come to the Library at Red Plains Monastery, SW of Piedmont. Call 405.373.4739 to register. Send in your \$35 to reserve a place. Bring a sack lunch.

A LABYRINTH RETREAT, Saturday, May 3, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sister Melissa Anna Letts, OSB. We each have a sacred center of God within us. Enter the sacred circle of the Labyrinth on a pilgrimage to your center and into the Heart of God. Learn how to let go of the obstacles that prevent you from starting or continuing your sacred journey. Come to the Art Barn at Red Plains Monastery, SW of Piedmont. Call 405.373.4739 to register. Mail in \$35 to reserve your place. Bring a sack lunch.

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