

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. May 3

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Manueldo Costa By Olga Costa*
5:00 pm **Mass** *+Gregorio Cater By Charito & Bill Hersey*
6:00 pm **College Sunday Supper**

Mon. May 4

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

Tues. May 5

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

Wed. May 6

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

Thurs. May 7

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Sister Miriam Lee for Faith & Health*
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 8

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

Sat. May 9

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

Sun. May 10th

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Pearl Sullens by Sharon Poe*
11:00 am **Mass** *+Juanita Hersey by Charito & Bill Hersey*
5:00 pm **Mass** *+Vito Benvenuto*

Readings for the week of May 10, 2009

- Sun: Acts 9:26-31/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)

Ministry Schedule May 9-10

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Michael Scanlon

Sunday

8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Gabriella Schreiner, Valerie Pham
11:00am Tyler Keupen, Maddison Breedlove, Morgan Breedlove

5:00pm Susan Murphy, Sherritta Harris, Risa Walters

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Tom Burns, Alex Sherman

Sunday

8:30am Mick Hinton, Tom Koszuru
11:00am Mary Holter, Christopher Krittenbrink
5:00pm Pat Hyland, Lawrence Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner

Sunday

8:30am Eleanor Barnes, Charles Gill, Patricia Gill, Salva Gabert, Gerry Whitman
11:00am Caridad Marchand, John Holter, Kathy Heiple, Becky O'Dea, Maria McKee, Rigo Gutierrez, Dan Lawrence, Susan Schollt, Pat King
5:00pm Susan Mecham, Jennifer Grover, Joseph Mecham, Jose Santiago, Ben Ballard, Justin Linck, Rolando Chapa, Michael Dupont, Beatriz Henderson

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm None

Sunday

8:30 am Russell Koch, Becky Fleming, Heidi Koszuru
11:00 am Jim Weller, Tim Marquis, James Robb, Mike Tobin
5:00pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington, Frank Anderson

Hospitality Schedule

May 10th

8:30am Hinton Family

11:00am Anderson Family

May 17th

8:30am Patrick Family

11:00am Jean Aiken, Jean Winters

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 THEIR** **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** **SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

Emelyn Arthur
Rebecca Cline
Sue Ellyn Corbett
Risa Davis
Bernadette Donovan
Colette Donovan
Ashlyn Dembinski
Nathan Fiebrich
Alex Irwin
David Jernigan
Madeline Judisch
Normadie Natson Junglen
Gracie Moody
Kelsey Robb
Robert Purcell
Arnold Sison
Jeffy Stout
Andrew Kim
Gabriella Fisher
Quinn Fisher

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser is this weekend after all the Masses

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 nondenominational home, school, and work-place for people with intellectual disabilities founded by the Knights of Columbus of Oklahoma. The drive also benefits the J. D. McCarty Center here in Norman which helps children with developmental disabilities. Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations after all the Masses this weekend. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

Birth Choice collection on May 10th **As requested by Archbishop Beltran**

Please give generously to this pro-life mission by the Archdiocese.

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.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Sister Ursula will be having the **next meeting on Monday, May 18th 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.

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!

Religious Education News

Baptismal Seminar Coming up

The next Baptismal seminar will be **May 5th at 6:30 pm.** in the Library. All parents who are anticipating having a child Baptized soon are required to attend. Please contact Chelle @ 321-0990 ext. 202.

PLEASE note all catechists, volunteers and nursery workers must attend and complete applications for **Safe Environment.** The final meeting for this school year will be **May 19th at 6:30 pm.** We will resume regular monthly meetings in the Fall.

Baccalaureate Mass—May 17th @ 11:00 am Mass

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of our High School and College graduates at this Mass. Please wear your cap and gown to Mass. Notify Chelle (High School) or Erin (College) if you are planning to attend. There will be a reception following the 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.

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.

Harvest Church to host Life Screening Tests

The Life Line Screening is on **Friday, May 15th**. The screening will be performing tests for Stroke, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) and Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). Blood tests for Complete Lipid Panel, Diabetes, and High Sensitivity C-Reactive protein and a bone density screening to evaluate your risk for osteoporosis are also available. Package pricing varies depending on what tests you are interested in. You must pre-register for these important screenings by calling 1-800-324-1851.

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 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)

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.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter...

Spring brings renewed growth to the church and all living creatures. Bring this same renewal to your marriage. Join us for a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** and make the first step toward a remarkable journey with your spouse. **The next weekend will be in Oklahoma City June 12-14, 2009**. Please contact Dan or Jean Fogue- Jean's cell (405)760-0390 or Dan's cell (405)760-0349 or e-mail partspeople@att.net

Office of Family Life

A topic that affects everyone, "**Embracing Our Journey Home: The Christian Perspective of Death and Dying**" Series, is designed to look at the mystery of death and dying in a variety of ways. Each presentation will be held from 7pm to 9pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 NW Expressway. The topics and dates are **May 11th**- What the Arts May Teach Us About Death and Resurrection; **Sept. 15**-Dying Well in the Catholic Tradition; **Nov 9**-The Road to the Father's House: The Last Four Things. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at (405)721-5651. The presenter will be Father Tom Boyer from St. Mark the Evangelist Church on May 11.

All Saint Catholic School News...

Graduation Dinner

The graduation dinner for All Saint's Catholic School will be at St. Joseph's Church on May 14th at 6:00 pm

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

Uniform Exchange Day

The uniform exchange will take place at ASCS on **June 13th**. It will be in Sunflower Hall.