

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 10

- 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*
6:00 pm **Last College Sunday Supper**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mon. May 11

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. May 12

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Anita Alvarez by Bea Henderson*

Wed. May 13

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

Thurs. May 14

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *+Louis Lebel by Brigid Brink*
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Bible Study**
7:30 pm **Communion & Liberation**
8:30 pm **Vespers in Chapel**

Fri. May 15

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

Sat. May 16

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** *+Edward Sanabria by The Sanabria Family*

Sun. May 17th

- 8:30 am **Mass** *+Ida Butchko by the Secular Franciscans*
11:00 am **Mass** *+All Souls Prayers By Charito Hersey*
5:00 pm **Mass** *+Vere Charles Manion By Candida Manion*

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 16-17

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter, Emily Soreghan
11:00am Miranda Johnson, Maya Hoffman, Elizabeth Buckelew
5:00pm Patrick Tchakounte, Janice Wilson, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Rob Gragg, Eric Anderson

Sunday

8:30am Al Patrick, Helen Patrick
11:00am Susan Shaughnessy, Miranda Shaughnessy
5:00pm Joe Walters, R. C. Davis-Undiano

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Barbara Foley, John Fagan, Cathy Fagan, Janis Hereford, Joe Lies
11:00am John Holter, Kathy Heiple, Becky O'Dea, Deanna Preble, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Rick Pendergraft
5:00pm Beatriz Henderson, Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Bill Huntington, Susan Schott, Bill Hersey, Arn Henderson, Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm None

Sunday

8:30 am Russell Koch, K. Denton, Jr., John Starceвич, Mary Starceвич
11:00 am Jim Weller, Paul Buckelew, Jonathan Buckelew
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

May 17th

8:30am Patrick Family

11:00am Jean Aiken, Jean Winters

May 24th

8:30am Jones Family

11:00am Przebinda Family

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

STM News & Announcements

Swine Flu and Liturgical Issues

A note from the Bishop:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a statement indicating that for the present time there does not appear to be any need for substantial changes in how we celebrate Mass in the U.S. However, they have strongly encouraged us to practice good hygiene. They stress that Ministers of Holy Communion should be encouraged to wash their hands before Mass begins or even use alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion. They also note that clergy and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should instruct people who feel ill not to receive from the cup. These guidelines echo those published in 2006 at the time of the avian (bird) flu and were developed in conjunction with the U.S. Center for Disease Control. I would encourage all those participating in public liturgies throughout our Archdiocese to follow these important guidelines. Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran

Food Pantry to stay open Thursday evenings

The Adorers of the Blood of Christ have decided to keep the St. Thomas More Food Pantry open on Thursday evenings from **4pm to 7pm beginning May 14th**. They are in need of volunteers to help. You can sign up to work from 4pm-5:30pm or 5:30pm to 7pm or do the entire shift from 4pm-7pm. Could you give 1 1/2 to 3 hours a month to help the poor? Please call Janne O'Donnell at 321-7101 to volunteer.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Sister Ursula will be having the **next meeting on Monday, May 18th at 7pm** in the Lounge.

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.

St. Thomas More Annual Parish Picnic

The St. Thomas More Parish Picnic will be Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 6pm to 9pm. This year the picnic will be held on the STM property, so bring your blankets and lawn chairs. The parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas/water and condiments. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts to share. It promises to be fun for everyone. In the coming weeks there will be sign-up sheets in the atrium for food and numbers attending so that we may plan accordingly. We hope you can attend this fun celebration.

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!

Financial Stewardship May 3, 2009

Weekly Amount	\$12,207.44
Weekly Budget	\$11,058.00
Excess	\$ 1,149.44
YTD Amount	\$536,369.34
YTD Budget	\$486,522.00
Excess	\$ 49,817.34

Religious Education News

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

Readings for the week of May 17, 2009

Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17
Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26---16:4a
Tues: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22---18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thurs: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/
Mk 16:15-20

Community News & Information

Memorial Day Mass At St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fr. Menasco will celebrate our traditional remembrance Mass on Monday, May 25, at 10:30 am. Following mass American flags will be blessed and made available for placement on loved ones graves. Bring your lawn chairs and join us in honoring our deceased veterans.

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 next presentation in this series will take place May 11th. The topic is "What the Arts May Teach Us About Death and Resurrection" presented by Fr. Thomas Boyer. For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at: 405-721-5651.

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.

Camp Subiaco—Calling all Boys Ages 9-13

It's Camp Time, Register Now! Camp Subiaco is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, tripler, go-carts, boating and tubing, climbing wall and more. The camp is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco. Camp is June 14-20 and June 21-27. The camp is located 50 miles east of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. You may sign-up at www.campsubiaco.org or call 479-934-1001.

Harvest Church to host Life Screening Tests

The Life Line Screening is on **Friday, May 15th**. 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.

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 Forgue— Jean's cell (405)760-0390 or Dan's cell (405)760-0349 or e-mail partspeople@att.net

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 FM 96.5**

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.

Blessed Is the Mother Who Walks with God