

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

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 24-The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am **Mass** †*Stefan Piro by the Secular Franciscans*
11:00 am **Mass** †*Louis Label by Father Ackerman*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Mon. May 25

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. May 26

5:15 pm **Mass** †*Louis Label by Brigid Brink*

Wed. May 27

7:30 am **Mass** *Leslie Ford by Father Ackerman*

Thurs. May 28

5:15 pm **Mass** *Leslie and Kevin Loeffler By Ruth Loeffler*
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Bible Study**
7:30 pm **Communion & Liberation**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. May 29

7:30 am **Mass** †*Louis Label by Father Ackerman*

Sat. May 30

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

Sun. May 31

8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** †*Iren Lawrence by Dan Lawrence*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Readings for the week of May 24, 2009

Sun: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Mon: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tues: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thur: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sun: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;16:12-15

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ministry Schedule May 30-31

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Arianna Garcia

Sunday

8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Gabriella Schreiner, Emily Soreghan
11:00am Maya Hoffman, Tyler Keupen, Andres Kenney
5:00pm Jonathan Kron, Janice Wilson, Patrick Tchakounte

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Eric Anderson, Rob Gragg

Sunday

8:30am Earl Whitman, John Murray
11:00am Kristen Partridge, Casey Partridge
5:00pm R. C. Davis-Undiano, Joe Walters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Barbara Foley, Gerry Whitman, Patricia Gill, Charles Gill, Amy McElhaney
11:00am Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Susan Schott, Rick Pendergraft, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Deanna Preble, Dan Lawrence, Caridad Marchand
5:00pm Beatriz Henderson, Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Bill Huntington, Arn Henderson, Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Bill Hersey

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm None

Sunday

8:30 am Russell Koch, K. Denton, Jr., Becky Fleming
11:00 am Jim Weller, Chris Dalton
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

Hospitality Schedule

May 31st

8:30am Sharon Poe, Maggie Fitzgerald

11:00am Harris Family

June 7th

8:30am Cachero Family

11:00am Marissa Cassidy, Jay Coleman

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

STM News & Announcements

Everyone in the Parish is invited to the 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. We are working on fun activities for the kids and it promises to be fun for everyone. In the coming weeks there will be sign-up sheets in the atrium for food being brought and numbers attending so that we may plan accordingly. We hope you can attend this fun celebration.

Cross International Catholic Outreach †

This is an excerpt from the letter Father Ray received from Reverend Antony Savarimuthu:

Dear Parishioners,
I would like to thank you for your generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach during my visit on February 14-15, 2009. Your donations of \$8,385.00 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely,
Reverend Antony Savarimuthu

Food Pantry 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 6pm**. They are in need of volunteers to help. You can sign up to work from 4pm-5pm or 5pm-6pm or do the entire shift from 4pm-6pm. Could you give 1 to 2 hours a month to help the poor? There will be announcements as to what the pantry needs in the coming weeks. Please call Janne O'Donnell at 321-7101 to volunteer.

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.

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!

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Our Parish will soon be launching a **"Prayer Blanket Ministry"**. These are small fleece throws made by the Ministry members, with special prayers said and blessed at Mass to be given to anyone in our parish who is seriously ill. We are in need of people to do some single crochet work. The work of many hands will make the labor light. Please notify Teresa in the office at 321-0990 if you are willing to help.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Program Registration for the 09-10 school year will begin May 24th....

Registration packets will be available in the Atrium. Chelle will be present for questions after the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses. Discounts will apply until Aug. 1.

Religious Education Advisory Council Meeting

The first meeting will be May 24 at 10:00 am for the 2009-10 school year. The council should only need to meet quarterly unless event meetings are necessary. For more information please contact Chelle @ cbreedlove@stm-ou.org or 321-0990 ext. 202

Safe Environment class has been extended

The next class will be held **June 14th at 10:00 am in the library**. There will be no classes in July. In August, there will be three. The times and dates TBA. All catechists, volunteers, and nursery workers must attend and complete applications for this class. Please contact Chelle @ cbreedlove@stm-ou.org or 321-0990 ext. 202.

Summer Nursery Hours

The Nursery will be open for the summer except for the first two weeks of July. The schedule is posted on the nursery door. We are looking for more volunteers to work this summer and next fall. Call the parish office at 321-0990 if you be interested.

Financial Stewardship May 17, 2009

Weekly Amount	\$11,271.11
<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>\$11,058.00</u>
Excess	\$213.11

YTD Amount	\$565,118.71
<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$508,668.00</u>
Excess	\$56,451.71

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

ON THIS

MEMORIAL DAY!

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF

YOU!

Community News & Information

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, **Sept. 15th- "Dying Well in the Catholic Tradition"; Nov. 9th-"The Road to the Father's House: The Last Four Things.** For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at: 405-721-5651.

8th Annual Catholic Foundation Golf Tourn.

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.

A Parish Approach for Caregivers

According to research, statistics compiled by the Family Caregiver Alliance and the National Family Caregivers Association, nearly one of every four households in the United States is involved in family caregiving to persons aged 50 or above. Caregiving can be a roller coaster of love and commitment, but exhaustion, inadequate resources, and continuous caring can lead to stress and burnout. The focus of this four-week educational series is the caregiver's physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Please join for all or any part of this series.

Dates: June 23, June 30, July 7, and July 14
Time: 6:30pm—8:00pm

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
1901 NW 18th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

Please call Mercy Health Center at 405-752-3600 to place your reservation.

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

The Forever for Real program is **Saturday, May 30, 2009.** The day begins at 9:30am with sign-up and the program is from 10:00am to 4:00pm. **There is no cost!**

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your relationship, whether married, single, or as a continuation of marriage preparation. It will be at the Catholic Pastoral Center.

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)

All Saints Catholic School News...

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

Uniform Exchange Day

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

7th Sunday of Easter Reflection

Within the bylaws of nearly every corporation in this country, you will find a company's mission statement. Most are fairly generic, self-serving proclamations that the company will serve its clients with unwavering ethics and integrity. And if you've ever found yourself needing to search for a job, career advisors will tell you that no resume is complete without a personal mission statement. These personal mission statements should convey your core values and beliefs. In that sense, God's love is the ultimate corporate mission statement, and our love for one another is our personal mission statement written by the Holy Spirit.

It is perhaps one of the most personal and selfless prayers of love by Jesus recorded in the Bible. John tells us that in the final hours before his persecution and trial, Jesus turns to his heavenly Father and asks for God to watch over all of us as we set about to go out into the world and tell of the good news that is Jesus Christ. We are commissioned in this prayer; he asks for our protection, he asks that our eyes and hearts be opened to the truth. We are given the greatest mission statement ever written. The Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman once wrote: "God has created me, to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "the ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make men share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love" (CCC 850). Each one of us has been granted a gift, individual to us, which is to be used for the purpose of unification of all in Christ. Are you ready to accept your mission?