

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 31-Pentecost Sunday

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Leslie and Kevin Loeffler
By Ruth Loeffler*
11:00 am **Mass** *†Irene Lawrence by
Dan Lawrence*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish
Family*

Mon. June 1

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. June 2

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Kristen Loeffler and
Family by Ruth Loeffler*

Wed. June 3

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

Thurs. June 4

- 5:15 pm **No Mass**
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. June 5

- 7:30 am **No Mass**

Sat. June 6

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

Sun. June 7

- 8:30 am **Mass** *All Souls Prayers by
Charito Hersey*
11:00 am **Mass** *†Iren Lawrence by Dan
Lawrence*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish
Family*

Readings for the week of May 31, 2009

Sun: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: 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
Mon:T b 1:3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12
Tues: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
Wed: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
Thurs: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34
Fri: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
Sat: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
Sun: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Ministry Schedule June 6-7

Altar Servers

Saturday Pentecost Vigil

5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Michael Scanlon

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Gabriella Schreiner, Valerie Pham
11:00am Miranda Johnson, Morgan Breedlove, Maddison Breedlove
5:00pm Risa Walters, Caton Blackman, Larry Brown

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Thierry Ngansop (French), Maria Kenny (Italian)

Sunday

8:30am Drew Kershen (Spanish), Stefan Valladier (French)
11:00am Josephine Ouandji (French), Maria Kenney (Italian)
5:00pm Harold Castano (Spanish)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Greg Schultz, Virginia Schultz, D'Neen Barbour

Sunday

8:30am Brigid Brink, Joe Lies, Cathy Fagan, John Fagan, Salva Gabert
11:00am Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, John Holter, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, Becky O'Dea, Kathy Heiple
5:00pm Bea Henderson, Susan Mecham, Joseph Mecham, Arn Henderson, Jim Fields, Linda Fields, Sims Beeler, Bobby Meiners

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm Corey Potrin, Jackie Potrin

Sunday

8:30 am Russell Koch, Becky Fleming, Kathy Kershen, Drew Kershen
11:00 am James Robb, Susy Calonkey, Steve Calonkey, Steve Patrick
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

June 7th

8:30am Cachero Family

June 14th

11:00am Marissa Cassidy, Jay Coleman

8:30am Hinton Family

11:00am O'Dea Family

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 St. Thomas More Food Pantry is now **OPEN 4pm to 6pm** every Thursday evening. Please call Janne O'Donnell at 321-7101 with any questions or to volunteer.

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.

Secular Franciscans Meeting

Come and join the Secular Franciscans. Our next Meeting will be **Sunday, June 7th at St. Thomas More in the library**. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-0842.

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!

Primetimers Meeting and Dinner

The next Primetimers meeting will be Friday, June 12th in the Atrium. We will meet at 6:00pm

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.

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.

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.

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

Weekend Appeal for Catholic Scholarship Fund

On the weekend of June 13-14, 2009, Rev. Louis Vander Ley, O.S.B., will be at the St. Thomas More University Parish speaking about St. Gregory's University and Catholic education. A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the Catholic Scholarship Fund benefiting Catholic students who attend St. Gregory's University. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be provided.

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.

Tap Into Faith

Interesting Topics! Great Company! Lively Conversations with Father Dan Letourneau! Come out for drinks/dinner, hear an interesting talk on important Catholic issues, and meet other Catholic adults! Bring your friends! Make it a date night!

We meet the **3rd Thursday of every month beginning June 18th. 8pm Happy 1/2 hour 8:30pm Lecture 9pm**

questions and answers Stay afterwards for fellowship

The First Tap Into Faith will be held at Interurban located at Danforth and Bryant in Edmond.

JUNE TOPIC: Discover your purpose and change the world!

Questions? Call Mary Lacher at 401-4105 or Alison at 639-9787.

This event is sponsored by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond.

All Saints Catholic School News...

The All Saint's Catholic School official groundbreaking for the **new school gymnasium addition** will be on **Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 3:30pm**. The ceremony will be held behind the school on north access road. The address is 4001 36th Avenue NW. We hope to see you there!

Uniform Exchange Day

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

Why is Pentecost also called Whitsunday in English-speaking countries?

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Today we celebrate Pentecost, the New Testament Greek term for fifty days after the Ascension, the resurrection, and ascension of the early Spirit in the lives of Christian.

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Pentecost is also the Jewish Feast of Weeks or Shavuot, which literally means "seven weeks," celebrating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, while the term, Whitsun, is the first form of the English name.

Pentecost is also known as Whitsunday in English-speaking countries. The origin of Whitsunday is uncertain but the most common explanation has Whitsunday originating in Old English as the term for "White Sunday," a reference to the white robes worn by those newly baptized at Pentecost. The early church traditionally baptized and anointed with Pentecost. Liturgical celebrations with strong baptismal themes.

Another common explanation is that Whitsunday originally meant "White Sunday," a term used to commemorate the giving of Wisdom celebrated on this day, an baptism, the primary gift of wisdom along with the other gifts of the Spirit descend upon the new church members they did not see spoken in the first Pentecost.

Whitsun is one of the oldest words for the Feast of Pentecost, the presence of the feast centers on the role of the Spirit as the source of our wisdom and guidance in our daily lives.

Today would be an excellent opportunity to gather with fellow Christians to thank God for the gift of the Spirit and to pray for wisdom and guidance in our daily lives.

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