

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 am & 5 pm

Monday Communion Service: 7:30 am

Daily Masses: Tues. & Thurs. 5:15 pm
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 am

Rosary: Following daily Mass

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 for 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.

STM Journey of Faith Fall/Spring '09-10 "COME TO THE WATER, THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE"

If you are interested in learning about what being a Catholic is about, or if you are **RE**-thinking becoming a Catholic, or if you are a baptized adult Catholic who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation, or if you simply desire to discover the existential meaning of your life, then the STM **RCIA** program is for you! The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a **Journey of Faith** which runs from August to May, with meetings at STM each Tuesday at 7 pm. By attending, you are not committing yourself to baptism or to being received into the Catholic Church, but simply exploring your journey with Christ. If you would like to find out more, please contact Deacon Pigott or better yet, just show up! **The first meeting is August 25, 2009.**

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. June 14

- 8:30 am **Mass** †O. Ray Sullens by Sharon Poe
11:00 am **Mass** Janet and Steve Terrones for healing
By Barbara Barb
5:00 pm **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family

Mon. June 15

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. June 16

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Wed. June 17

- 7:30 am **Mass** Special Intention

Thurs. June 18

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. June 19

- 7:30 am **Communion Mass**

Sat. June 20

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** †James Triana
By Barbara Barb

Sun. June 21

- 8:30 am **Mass** For Father Ackerman
11:00 am **Mass** David Jackson for perseverance
5:00 pm **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family

Readings for the Week of June 14, 2009

Sun: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Mon: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
Tues: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
Fri: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Sat: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sun: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Ministry Schedule June 20-21

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Risa Walters

Sunday

8:30am Valerie Pham, Gabriella Schriener, Rebecca Gunter
11:00am Miranda Johnson, Tyler Keupen, Maya Hoffman
5:00pm Risa Walters, Janice Wilson, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Tom Burns, Eric Anderson

Sunday

8:30am Bill McNichols, Terry McNichols
11:00am Ruth Loeffler, Laura Jones
5:00pm Lawrence Brown, Harold Castano

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner, D'Neen Barbour

Sunday

8:30am Charles Gill, Patricia Gill, Gerry Whitman, Carole Baldwin, Barbara Crane
11:00am Susan Schott, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, John Holter, Kathy Heiple, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge
5:00pm Bea Henderson, Susan Mecham, Joseph Mecham, Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Arn Henderson

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm Jackie Potrin, Corey Potrin

Sunday

8:30 am Becky Fleming, K. Denton, Jr., Mary Starcevich, John Starcevich
11:00 am Chris Dalton, Jim Weller
5:00pm Frank Anderson, Bill Huntington, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

June 21

8:30am Patrick Family
11:00am Johnson Family

June 28

8:30am Jones Family
11:00am Anderson 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.

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.

The Food Pantry is being visited regularly and we would like to ask that the following items be donated: spaghetti & sauce, canned fruits, vegetables and meat, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Lipton noodles, boxed meals, hamburger/tuna helper, peanut butter/jelly, spaghetti, boxed potatoes, rice, beans, ramen noodles, applesauce, pudding, juice, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, paste, soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies etc.

Attention Food Bank Volunteers:

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic response to this ministry. Now volunteering is easier than ever. Just check the food bank schedule in the parish office to sign up for the Thursday that you can work. We would like two workers on each day.

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.

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.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

Election of Officers for Father Elmer Robnett Assembly #2233 for 2009-2010 will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Knight's house of St. Thomas More Parish. If you are interested in holding an office and would like your name to be placed in nomination, please contact Sk Joe Sher, at 360-0007, or if you just want to make sure your name is not entered in nomination you should attend. If you have ever said to yourself "I'll hold a 4th Degree office when "pigs fly", let me remind you that news of "swine flu" have been reported all around the world. Mark your calendars:

Elections-7pm Wednesday June 24th at the Knight's house.

HELP WANTED!!! The STM library needs your help. It has been some time since the library functioned as a true library. We need individuals knowledgeable in library science to help us get it running again. If you are able to help call Teresa 321-0990. Thank you!

Parish Council Minutes can be found on the Parish website at <http://www/stm-ou.org/parishcouncil.html>

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

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 28th after the 11am Mass 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

St. Joseph's Church, Norman
TOTUS TUUS July 19th—July 24th, 2009
Presented by a Team of Diocesan Seminarians
And College Students

Vacation Bible School

For: Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students (Completed 1st grade through Graduated 12th graders)

Theme: The Virtues and Beatitudes and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

Cost: \$20 per child: 3 or more students in family
\$50 per family

Daytime Program

Who: Grades 1-8

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm—Mon. through Fri.

Activities: Songs, games, lessons, friends, snacks, sack lunch, daily Mass and opportunity for Reconciliation, Friday afternoon water games, and lots of FUN!

Wednesday Night Potluck Dinner

Evening Program

Who: High School

Time: 8:00 to 10:00 pm—Sun. through Thurs.

Activities: Fellowship, small group discussions, instruction, meditation, prayer, Thursday night social, and college student mentors/instructors.

There will be a sign-up after all Masses the weekend of June 27th and 28th in the EDDC Building at St. Joseph's Catholic Church 421 E Acres Street

Mass times: Sat 5:30 pm and Sun 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 1:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

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.

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.

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.

Summer NFP Class

Natural Family Planning can help postpone a pregnancy or achieve a pregnancy. It is an ongoing observation and interpretation of the symptoms presented by the body each month and can be used throughout all the fertile years. The couples tell us that each spouse feels special and not taken for granted.

Learn the **Sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning** with Jeanne Blasi, certified instructor, on **Wednesday night, June 24, July 22, and August 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist, 9th and Boulevard, Edmond, OK, in the basement council room.** The cost of the supplies is \$135.00. **Free childcare is available upon request.** For more information and registration call Dr. Harry Kocurek at 340-0691, ext. 109.