

## 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 28**

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
11:00 am **Mass** †Teresa Moreno  
*By Nilzaneph Moreno*  
5:00 pm **Mass** †Vere Charles Manion  
*By Candida Manion*

### **Mon. June 29**

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**  
**Campus Ministry Leaves for Ukraine**

### **Tues. June 30**

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

### **Wed. July 1**

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

### **Thurs. July 2**

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**  
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

### **Fri. July 3**

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

### **Sat. July 4**

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

### **Sun. July 5**

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Louis Lebel from the  
*Egels and the McNichols*  
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
5:00 pm **Mass** *David DeWitt for Acceptance by Gail DeWitt*

Readings for the week of 6/28/09

Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43  
Mon: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
Tues: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27  
Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34  
Thurs: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8  
Fri: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17  
Sun: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

## **Ministry Schedule** **July 4-5**

### **Altar Servers**

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Michael Macon, Jack Macon, Hannah Grillot

#### **Sunday**

8:30am Eamonn McElhaney, Brandon Montano, Rebecca Gunter  
11:00am Cynthia Ouandji, Maya Hoffman, Hannah Johnson  
5:00pm Risa Walters, Katie Byers, Sherrita Harris

### **Lectors**

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Tom Burns, Sharon Peelor

#### **Sunday**

8:30am Mick Hinton, John Murray  
11:00am Dolores Kuriger, Bill Kuriger  
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Harold Castano

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Valli Marti, Virginia Schultz, Greg Schultz

#### **Sunday**

8:30am Jeanne Cullen, Barbara Foley, Salva Gabert, Margaret Vennoch, Stacy Schrank  
11:00am Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, John Holter, Kathy Heiple, Susan Schott, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, Gail Anderson  
5:00pm Bea Henderson, Susan Mecham, Joseph Mecham, Jim Fields, Linda Fields, Sims Beeler, Arn Henderson

### **Ushers**

#### **Saturday**

5:00 pm Thierry Ngansop, Rob Gragg

#### **Sunday**

8:30 am K. Denton, Jr., Leroy Montano, Kathleen Kershen, Drew Kershen  
11:00 am Mike Tobin, Jim Weller, Steve Calonkey, Susy Calonkey  
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, David Allbritton

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

**SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 7, 2009! St. Thomas More is sponsoring a silent art auction and it promises to be a wonderful event. All proceeds will benefit St. Thomas More Parish. More details in the coming weeks.**

## STM News & Announcements

### Food Pantry

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, diapers (size 3 & up) 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.

### Food For Friends

It is time again for STM to serve at Food for Friends... **Tuesday, July 7th.** Remember that we need all the help we can get! Preparation/cooking begins at 9am in the Food for Friends kitchen at 104 W. Comanche. We will be serving from 11am to 12pm. 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.

### Peter's Pence Collection Today

Today, we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection.

**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 the church. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who assist the needy of Norman and Noble. Thank You!

**Thank you to all who attended the Parish picnic! We hope everyone had a good time and look forward to improving upon it in coming years!**

## Religious Education News

### Religious Education Program Registration continues for the 09-10 school year

Registration packets will be available in the atrium on the display case. Fees for the classes are as follows: 1 child is \$35, 2 children are \$45, 3 children are \$55, and 4 or more children are \$65 with STM t-shirts included with each registration.

Deadline for registration this year is **August 1, 2009.** Discounts will also apply until **August 1, 2009.**

**Classes will begin September 13th from 9:45-10:45.**

Currently, there are no scholarships available, but we will, hopefully have a few donations before long. If you are interested in making a donation for a student to participate in Religious Education, please contact Chelle.

### Safe Environment class

All catechists, volunteers, and nursery workers must attend and complete applications for this class. Please contact **Chelle @ [cbreedlove@stm-ou.org](mailto:cbreedlove@stm-ou.org) or 321-0990 ext.202.** Also, **we have a call for Nursery volunteers workers and Catechists for 09-10 school year.** There are some openings in almost all the grade levels.

**Religious Education Meeting:** The R.E. Education Committee will meet on June 28 at 10:00am in the library. Main topic of discussion will be on the coming years school calendar/events and fundraising. We are still looking for a few more parishioners to become one of this team. Hope to see you there. Thank you.

### 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.

### 60th anniversary Celebration of the National Shrine of the Infant Jesus in Prague

Come celebrate the 60th Anniversary of The National Shrine of The Infant Jesus of Prague, Oklahoma. The celebration will be on Sunday, August 2, 2009. The day will begin with Mass at 11am followed by a delicious barbeque lunch. Enjoy talks by Mr. Matt Arnold. Pray the Novena in the Shrine at 5pm. Then, a light dinner. John Michael Talbot in concert will make our day complete. Located 18 miles south of 1-44 (Stroud exit) or 7 miles North of 1-40 (Prague exit).

**Please RSVP, if possible-it will help with making food arrangements. Contact Rhonda Bartos-Director at (405)567-3080 or on the internet at [shrine\\_iop@hotmail.com](mailto:shrine_iop@hotmail.com)**

**You are invited to join-** fellow Catholics in sidewalk prayer for the unborn at Norman's abortion mill located at the end of Wilcox, west of Braums at 24th Ave. and Lindsey. We are a peaceful, non-confrontational group praying the rosary and chaplet Tuesday through Friday mornings at 8:30am. Call Vince at 793-9923 for more information.

## 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.

### **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! Ages 21-121!

We meet the **3rd Thursday of every month.**

**8pm Happy 1/2 hour 8:30pm Lecture 9pm** questions and answers Stay afterwards for fellowship

Tap into Faith will be held at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant located at 1701 S. Broadway in Edmond.

**JULY 16th Topic:** What Makes Us UNIQUELY Catholic?

**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.

Family Life at: 405-721-5651.

*Have A Safe & Happy Summer!*

## **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 care giving to persons aged 50 or above. Care giving 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 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.**

## **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 **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. In recognition of the USCCB's **NFP Awareness Week July 19-25**, the Office Of Family Life will be offering an evening of reflection and prayer led by Fr. Shane Tharp at the Church of the Epiphany (7336 W. Britton Rd., OKC) on July 23, 2009 at 7pm. This evening will be a wonderful resource for couples who utilize NFP, who teach it, and those interested in learning more about NFP. **Free childcare will be provided for those who RSVP to the Office of Family Life by July 20.** Please call (405)721-8944 to RSVP or for more information.

## **Struggling after Abortion?**

For Men and Women. Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. **This retreat is also appropriate for those who have had a pregnancy loss from infertility treatments, RU486, morning after pill or contraception.** The retreat offers an opportunity to deeply enter into the grieving process and identify the ways your abortion may have affected you. Discussions, spiritual exercises, prayer and reflection are combined with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service honoring your child and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and tender compassion. Both men and women are invited to experience this therapy for the soul. The program is an apostolate of the Catholic Church, but those from other faiths are welcome to attend. **Next Retreat: Friday, July 17, 6pm to Sunday, July 19 at 4pm.** To register or for more information call Paulette at (405)623-3844.