

## 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. July 5

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Louis Lebel by the Egles  
And McNichols Families  
11:00 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish  
Family  
5:00 pm **Mass** David Dewitt for  
Acceptance by Gail  
Dewitt

### Mon. July 6

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**  
**Office Is Closed**

### Tues. July 7

- 5:15 pm **Mass** †Quirico Posa by  
Tita Posa

### Wed. July 8

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

### Thurs. July 9

- 5:15 pm **Mass** †Anita Alvarez by  
Bea Henderson  
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**  
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

### Fri. July 10

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

### Sat. July 11

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

### Sun. July 12

- 8:30 am **Mass** Celebration of the  
50th Wedding  
Anniversary of Jim and  
Phyllis Mattek  
11:00 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish  
Family  
5:00 pm **Mass** Intentions of the  
Parish Family

Readings for the Week of July 5, '09

Sun: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk  
6:1-6a

Mon: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

Tues: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-  
24a/Mt 10:1-7

Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-  
5/Mt 10:7-15

Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt  
10:24-33

Sun: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or  
1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

## Ministry Schedule July 11-12

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Arianna Garcia, Hannah Grillot

#### Sunday

8:30am Emily Soreghan, Valerie Pham, Gabriella Schreiner  
11:00am Elizabeth Buckelew, Kelsey Robb, John Robb  
5:00pm Susan Murphy, Jonathan Kron, Janice Wilson

### Lectors

#### Saturday

5:00pm Jane Sarber, Rob Gragg

#### Sunday

8:30am Earl Whitman, Frank Freidhoff  
11:00am Susan Shaughnessy, Jean Quinnett  
5:00pm R. C. Davis-Undiano, Lawrence Brown

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti

#### Sunday

8:30am Patricia Gill, Charles Gill, Janis Hereford, April  
Anderson, Lisa Lancaster  
11:00am Susan Schott, Kathy Heiple, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge,  
Deanna Preble, Becky O'Dea, Rick Pendergraft, Pat  
King, Caridad Marchand  
5:00pm Bea Henderson, Susan Mecham, Joseph  
Mecham, Bill Huntington, Bobby Meiners, Linda  
Fields, Jim Fields, Arn Henderson, Bill Hersey

### Ushers

#### Saturday

5:00 pm Jane Wrede, Leila Kondo

#### Sunday

8:30 am Russell Koch, Becky Fleming  
11:00 am Jonathan Buckelew, Paul Buckelew, Steve Patrick,  
James Robb  
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

**Please call the office with mass requests, funeral sched-  
uling, 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.**

**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!

## 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.

### 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.

**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.

### From: Rev. Joachim Spexarth, O. S. B.

A note of "Thank You" to the pastor and parishioners of St. Thomas More University Parish from the monks of St. Gregory's Abbey and the Faculty, Staff, and Students of St. Gregory's University for allowing one of the Benedictine Monks to speak in your parish and your generosity to the Catholic Scholarship Fund. The amount of \$1885.62 was received. Again, Thank you!

### Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of the worldwide proceeds for this collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.

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

### Attention Prime Timers and Wannabes:

Our next meeting will be in the STM atrium Friday, July 10 @ 6:30 pm. The meeting will be hosted by Peggy Lies, Barbara Foley and Fr. Ray Ackerman. We are sure that there will be a few surprises to cap the evening. This will be a pleasant, stress free meeting. Come and join us, bring your favorite libations and your favorite covered dish to share. You will find that we are quite a jolly group and all parishioners are welcome. You need not be retired to join the fellowship and fun, after all, we are all young at heart. For more information contact Al Patrick at 360-4147.

## 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.

### 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 in 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.**

### All Saints Catholic School

Construction has begun on our school gymnasium! Log on to our school website at [www.allsaintsnorman.org](http://www.allsaintsnorman.org) for a link to a photo slide show of the progress! We are raising funds for the final phases of our project. This includes the final build out of the interior spaces as well as gymnasium equipment.

Pre-enrollment for '09- '10 school year continues. If you wish to apply for admission, download an admission packet from [www.allsaintsnorman.org](http://www.allsaintsnorman.org) and mail it to the school office. Limited space is available.

## 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.

### **Help Wanted:**

Sacred Heart Catholic School In Oklahoma City has an opening for a part-time After School Care Director for the 2009-2010 school year. The hours are 3pm to approximately 5:45pm Monday through Friday when school is in session. The usual number of students participating in the after school care program is 20. Please contact Joana Camacho for an application at (405)634-5673.

## A Parish Approach for Caregivers

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: 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.**

### **Grant Workshop**

Grant Funding is available for parish and Catholic school projects that address the root causes of poverty and empower those in poverty to improve their lives. A workshop at Catholic Charities on **Wednesday, July 8 at 6pm** will provide valuable assistance for those interested in applying for a grant. Contact Becky VanPool at (405)523-3009 or [bvanpool@catholiccharitiesok.org](mailto:bvanpool@catholiccharitiesok.org).

### **Summer NFP Class**

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.