

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 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*

Mon. July 13

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. July 14

5:15 pm **Mass** *Pearl Sullens by Sharon Poe*

Wed. July 15

7:30 am **Mass** *Taegon Andrew Lee for Faith and Healing*

Thurs. July 16

5:15 pm **Mass** *Mass Of Thanksgiving Kerry John Wakulich By Jean Roegirs*

6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**

7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. July 17

7:30 am **Mass** *†Repose of the soul of Robert Alden Lies*

Sat. July 18

3:00 pm **Confessions**

5:00 pm **Mass** *† Edward Sanabria by The Sanabria Family*

Sun. July 19

8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

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

Readings for Week of July 12, 2009

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

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34---11:1

Tues: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

Thurs: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10---12:14/Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Ministry Schedule July 18 & 19

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Emily Soreghan, Valerie Pham, Rebecca Gunter
11:00am Stephen Ouandji, Andres Kenney, Tyler Keupen
5:00pm Joseph Mecham, Sherritta Haris, Risa Walters

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Jane Sarber, Tom Burns

Sunday

8:30am Mick Hinton, Tom Koszura
11:00am Dane Wilson, Jean Quinnett
5:00pm Harold Castano, Joe Walters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Brigid Brink, Cathy Fagan, John Fagan, Carole Baldwin, Gerry Whitman
11:00am Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge, Becky O'Dea, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Gail Anderson, John Holter
5:00pm Jim Fields, Linda Fields, Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson, Bobby Meiners, Susan Mecham, Sims Beeler

Ushers

Saturday

5:00 pm Pat Urell, Rob Gragg

Sunday

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

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass
7/12 Patrick Family
7/19 Jones Family
7/26 Sharon Poe
M. Fitzgerald

11 Mass
Holter Family
O'Dea Family
Jean Winters
Jean Aiken

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

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

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!

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.

Ms. Betty Hunt, Mr. Patrick Lannon, Ms. Linda Gregory & Mr. Robert Conner: your envelopes have been returned to the office. If you would be so kind as to drop by to confirm your address and pick up your envelopes, we will ensure this does not happen with the next batch. Thank you!!

Save the Date! St. Thomas More is hosting an art auction Friday, August 7 beginning at 6:30 pm at the church. Over 200 framed works of art by well-known and up-and-coming artists will be displayed for you to view before the auction begins. Wine, provided by Joe's Place Wine & Spirits, desserts provided by LaBaguette, cheese and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us for an extraordinary evening. All proceeds will benefit St. Thomas More.

All Saints Catholic School

Construction has begun on our school gymnasium! Log on to our school website at 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 and mail it to the school office. Limited space is available.

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!

News in the Diocese

Benedictine Sisters Red Plains Spirituality Center

Are you wanting to grow in your relationship with and commitment to Jesus Christ?

The Retreat in Daily Life, a seven month experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, is a blessed way for busy people to grow spiritually. The retreat extends from October through April and is sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters at Red Plains Spirituality Center at 728 Richland Road, SW in Piedmont, Oklahoma. It involves daily prayer, weekly group meetings, and individual spiritual direction. Register early in July. Call with any questions or to register: Annette Fisher, (405) 691-2177; Julianne Parker, (405) 872-1120.

Catholic Charities News

Thank you for being supportive of Catholic Charities efforts to serve the community. We could not do the work we do without your help and prayers. Please read the following:

Items needed for clients are:

diapers (any size), diaper wipes, diaper rash cream
Granola/cereal bars, fruit, unsweetened applesauce,
non-perishable individually wrapped food, water bottles,
juice, instant tea
Small or large fans
Laundry detergent
Pillows

Please take donated items to Catholic Charities at 1501 N. Classen Boulevard between 8-4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Please contact Cassie Neahrng at 526-2308 for volunteer opportunities or any questions.

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.

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.

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.

July 14 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

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.

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.

Parishioners and Priests of the Archdiocese:

Archbishop Beltran wishes to thank everyone for the continued prayers and concern. He has almost totally recovered from his recent stroke and should be able to continue his full schedule after some R & R. He is most grateful for the outpouring of love and support he has received during his recuperation.

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