

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 26

8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Vere Charles Manion Family*

Mon. July 27

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. July 28

5:15 pm **Mass** †*Maria Orozco Fuentes By the Salcido Family*

Wed. July 29

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

Thurs. July 30

5:15 pm **Mass** *Kristen & Joe Bates & Family by Ruth Loeffler*

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

7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. July 31

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

Sat. August 1

3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Maria Delores Cedergren By her Family*

Sun. August 2

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 the Week of July 26, 2009

Sun: Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

Tues: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thurs: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Ministry Schedule August 1 & 2

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Michael Macon, Jack Macon

Sunday

8:30am Emily Soreghan, Rebecca Gunter, Eamonn McElhane

11:00am Tyler Keupen, Stephen Ouandji, Michelle Breedlove

5:00pm Sherritta Harris, Katie Byers, Larry Brown

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Rob Gragg, Jane Sarber

Sunday

8:30am Al Patrick, Helen Patrick

11:00am Mary Holter, Harold Heiple

5:00pm Harold Castano, Bobby Meiners

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner, D'Neen Barbour, Greg Schultz, Virginia Schultz

Sunday

8:30am April Anderson, Charles Gill, Patricia Gill, Stacy Schrank, Barbara Crane

11:00am Susan Schott, Caridad Marchand, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Gail Anderson, Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, Kathy Heiple, Dan Lawrence

5:00pm Sims Beeler, Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson, Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Linda Fields, Jim Fields

Ushers

Saturday

5:00pm Jane Wrede, Thierry Ngansop

Sunday

8:30am K. Denton, Jr., Becky Fleming, Drew Kershen, Kathy Kershen

11:00am Steve Patrick, Susy Calonkey, Steve Calonkey, Mike Tobin

5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

8/2

Cachero Family

Holter Family

8/9

**Hinton Family
Corbett Family**

O'Dea Family

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

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.

New Lectors Training

There will be a training session for all new Lectors on Saturday, August 1 at 4:00 pm. Ruth Loeffler will be teaching this session. If you have questions, please call the Church office at 321-0990.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Program Registration for the 09-10 school year

Registration packets are 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. Please contact Chelle with any questions.

The Nursery will re-open as scheduled:

The schedule is posted on the nursery door. We are looking for more volunteers to work this fall. Call the parish office at 321-0990 if you be interested.

Safe Environment Training!

Any volunteer at STM is required to attend this training And have a complete background check. We encourage any parent of a student in R.E. to also attend this 40 minute class. The next classes available are as follows:

Aug 8 @ 3:30 pm **Aug 15 @ 3:30 pm**
Aug 23 @ 12:30 pm **Aug 30 @ 12:30 pm**

Please join us for this training. Thank you.

Please call the office with mass requests, funeral scheduling, sacramental ministries questions or if you are moving. 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 La Baguette, cheese and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please join us for an extraordinary evening. All proceeds will benefit St. Thomas More.

Secular Franciscans Meeting Scheduled

Come and join the Secular Franciscans. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, August 2 at St. Thomas More in the library at 1:00 pm.** If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-0842.

Attention Prime timers and Prime timer Wannabes

Our next meeting will be in the STM atrium on **Friday, August 14, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be hosted by a surprise host/hostess**, unfortunately, Fr. Ackerman has only agreed to host one of our meetings. We are sure that there will be a few surprises to cap the evening. This will be a pleasant, stress-free meeting. Come, join us, bring your favorite libations (beverages) and your favorite covered dish (with food in it) to share. You will find that we are quite a jolly group and all parishioners are welcome. You need not be retired to join in the fellowship and fun, after all, we are all young at heart. For more information, contact Al Patrick at 360-4147.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ Meeting

The Adorers of the Blood of Christ will meet on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 pm in the Lounge area of STM. All associates and anybody who wants to be spiritually enriched are invited to attend.

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

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!

All Saints Catholic School News

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.

News in the Diocese

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.

Catholic Charities-Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Did you know that Catholic Charities serves as a disaster relief agency for natural and man-made disasters in the Oklahoma City Archdiocese? Catholic Charities has provided aid to communities who have had been affected by tornadoes, floods, ice storms, and hurricanes.

We are currently seeking volunteers in the following areas:

**Intake Specialists
Data Entry Staff**

**Donations Liaisons
Logistics Staff**

Volunteer Orientation and Disaster Training will be: Tuesday, July 28, 2009
6-8 pm at Catholic Charities

**Please call Cassie Neahring at 405-526-2308
Or e-mail at cneahring@catholiccharities.org**

First Annual Women of Faith/Women of Action Conference Headlining EWTN Speaker Marcelino D'Ambrosio

Register today for an outstanding first annual Women of Faith/Women of Action Conference at our website <http://okaccw.tripod.com/woa/omdez/html>. Or call Karen at 350-2239. For General information contact Chris Thomas at thmaschristl@sbcglobal.net or call **306-5187**. Registration is \$30.00. After August 1 it is \$40.00. This conference is being held at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman on Saturday August 22, 2009. **The conference is open to both men and women.**

Catholic Radio can now be heard on FM 96.5 in the metro OKC area! Tune in and listen Monday-Friday for 2 pm until dusk.

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. Please call (405)721-8944 to RSVP or for more information.

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.

Villa Teresa in Moore, 13501 S. Western, Oklahoma City has an opening for an Early Childcare certified teacher for Pre-K (transitional Kindergarten).

Contact Ann Grover at 691-7737.

You CAN help your marriage-

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

The September program begins with a weekend at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City on September 11-13, 2009. Six post weekend sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons in Tulsa. Call (918) 695-7010 for more information or visit the website at

www.helpourmarriage.com

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.

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.