

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. 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*

Mon. August 3

7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. August 4

5:15 pm **Mass** †*Nieves Posa by Tita Posa*

Wed. August 5

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

Thurs. August 6

5:15 pm **Mass** *Victoria Claravel for Faith & Healing by Tita Posa*

6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
 7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. August 7

7:30 am **Mass** †*Judith Posa by Tita Posa*

Sat. August 8

3:00 pm **Confessions**
 5:00 pm **Mass** †*Anita Alvarez By her Family*

Sun. August 9

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 August 2, 2009

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

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tues: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thurs: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Fri: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30---5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Ministry Schedule August 8 & 9

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Valerie Pham, Brandon Montano

11:00am Hannah Johnson, John Robb, Elizabeth Buckelew

5:00pm Jonathan Kron, Janice Wilson, Risa Walters

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Sharon Peelor, Cindy O'Brien

Sunday

8:30am Earl Whitman, Frank Freidhoff

11:00am Mark Krittenbrink, Jean Quinnett

5:00pm Lawrence Brown, Joe Walters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti

Sunday

8:30am John Fagan, Cathy Fagan, Brigid Brink, Lisa Lancaster, Janis Hereford
 11:00am Susan Schott, Caridad Marchand, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Deanna Preble, Rigo Gutierrez, Rick Pendergraft, Becky O'Dea, John Holter
 5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Bea Henderson, Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Bill Huntington, Linda Fields, Jim Fields, Bill Hersey

Ushers

Saturday

5:00pm Rob Gragg, Leila Kondo

Sunday

8:30am Becky Fleming, Russell Koch, Leroy Montano, Kelly McElhaney

11:00am Jim Weller, Chris Dalton, Jonathan Buckelew, Paul Buckelew

5:00pm Frank Anderson, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
8/9	Hinton Family Corbett Family	O'Dea Family
8/16	Patrick Family	Jeanne Aiken Jean Winters

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

STM News & Announcements

The Art Auction is upon us!

Please join us this Friday, August 7th beginning at 6:30 pm.

The artwork will be displayed in the Sanctuary. There will be over 200 works of art by well-known and up and coming artists displayed for you to view before the auction begins. Wine tasting will be generously provided by Joe's Place Wine & Spirits. Cheese and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Dessert generously provided by La Baguette. Please join us for a very pleasurable and extraordinary evening. All of the proceeds will benefit our Parish.

We hope to see you there!

Attention Prime Timers and Prime Timer Wannabees

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 libation (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.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is being visited regularly and we would like to ask that the following items be donated: rice, beans, spaghetti and sauce, canned fruits, vegetables, and meat, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Lipton noodles, boxed meals, hamburger/tuna Helper, peanut butter/jelly, spaghetti, boxed potatoes, ramen noodles, applesauce, pudding, juice, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, Cleaning supplies, diapers (size 3 & up), etc. Thank you for your generous support!

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. The work of many hands will make the labor light. Please call Teresa in the office at 321-0990 if you would be willing to help.

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!

Parish Council minutes can be found on the Parish website at [http:// www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil](http://www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil)

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

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.

Classes will begin September 13th from 9:45-10:45. Please contact Chelle with any questions.

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.

Baptismal Seminars Schedule for 2009-2010

All parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptismal seminar. St. Thomas More will offer Baptismal seminars on the following dates:

September 8th 6:00 pm in Library
(for the Fall and Advent Season)

December 20th 12:30 pm in Library
(preferred Baptismal dates for
the Christmas season are
Dec. 27th and Jan. 10th)

February 21st 12:30 pm in Library
(for any Baptism during the
Easter season)

May 9th 12:30 pm in Library
(for any summer Baptism)

Seminar dates or times are subject to change, but any changes will be posted in the Church bulletin. Proper notice will be given to those who register in advance. Registration is required for any seminar. Please call Chelle Breedlove at 321-0990 ext 202 or e-mail her at cbreedlove@stm-ou.org for information or to register

Nursery News

The schedule is posted on the nursery door. We are looking for more volunteers to work this Fall. Call or e-mail Chelle if you would be interested.

All Saints Catholic School News

Construction has begun on our school gymnasium! 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

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.**

A catered box lunch will be provided for an additional \$10.00. Speakers also include: Maria Scaperlanda, author of numerous books about Mother Mary; Father Juan Molina of the National Catholic Relief Services Office; and Eunice Washa, 2nd V.P. of Regional National Council of Catholic Women. In addition, attendees will have their choice of three breakout sessions in the afternoon on "Spirituality", "Service", and "Leadership".

Doors open: 7:45 am Music/Prayer Service Begin: 8:15 am

Conference Begins: 9:00 am

Closing Conference Mass: 5:30 pm

Red Plains Spirituality Center

728 Richland Road, SW Piedmont, Ok 73078
(405) 373-0804

These are the lectures and retreats that will be coming up in August:

Doing Away with Shame

Saturday, August 22, 2009 (9:00 am—2:00 pm)
Maria Ballmann, OSB

Come to a safe environment to take another look at the guilt and shame that you may still be carrying from past events. Learn to tell the difference between these two emotions. Realize that they each have a healthy expression and an unhealthy or toxic expression. You will also learn how to begin or continue the healing process as you welcome and accept God's unconditional love for you.

**Place: Library at Red Plains Spirituality Ctr
Call (405)373-0804 to register by 8/19. Fee: \$30**

Bring a sack lunch.

Lectio Divina Retreat

Joanne Yankauskis, OSB

Come away to a monastic setting and experience the voice of God in the quiet through the ancient Art of prayerful reading. Listen to the texts of Scripture in conversation with Christ— read, respond, and rest. There will be time for practice, silence and sharing.

Place: Same as above- Call (405)373-0804 to register by 8/26/ Fee: \$25

Bring a sack lunch.

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.

Intercessions for Life

August 2nd 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all who promote the culture of death:

That through Jesus Christ the law of the spirit of life

May set them free from sin and death;

We pray to the Lord:

August 9th 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For women in crisis pregnancies:

That they may see the goodness of the Lord

In the support they receive from their loved ones

And from the Church, and so choose life;

We pray to the Lord:

Catholic Radio can now be heard on FM 96.5 in the metro Oklahoma City area! Tune in and listen Monday though Friday from 2 pm until dusk.