

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 9

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Special Intention for Fr. Ackerman*
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Nieves Posa by Jose Posa*

Mon. August 10

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. August 11

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Special Intention*

Wed. August 12

- 7:30 am **Mass** *Dorothy Imm and children*

Thurs. August 13

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Special Intention*

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

Fri. August 14

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

Sat. August 15

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Irene & George Tomaszewski*
By Family and Friends

Sun. August 16

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Jeanne & Jean-Claude Roegiers*

Readings for Week of August 9-16

- Sun 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51 (116)
Mon 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618)
Tues Dt 31:1-8/Mt 8:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)
Wed Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 (415)
Thurs Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-119:1 (416)
Fri Jos24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 (417)
Sat Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/1Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622)
Next Sun Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:16-20/Jn 6:51-58 (119)

Ministry Schedule August 15 & 16

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Eamonn McElhaney, Rebecca Gunter, Emily Soreghan
11:00am Cynthia Ouandji, Maya Hoffman, Andres Kenney
5:00pm Larry Brown, Sherritta Harris, Susan Murphy

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Sharon Peelor, Robb Gragg

Sunday

8:30am Mick Hinton, John Murray
11:00am Miranda Shaughnessy, Eric Anderson
5:00pm Harold Castano

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Mary Bonner, Stephen Bonner

Sunday

8:30am Jeanne Cullen, Barbara Foley, Gerry Whitman, Salva Gabert, Eleanor Barnes
11:00am Rigo Gutierrez, Susan Schott, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Dan Lawrence, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Gail Anderson, Pat King
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Bea Henderson, Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Arn Henderson, Linda Fields, Jim Fields

Ushers

Saturday

5:00pm Thierry Ngansop, Pat Urell

Sunday

8:30am Becky Fleming, Russell Koch, Mary Starcevich, John Starcevich
11:00am Jim Weller, Chris Dalton
5:00pm Frank Anderson, Corey Gill, Bill Huntington

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
8/16	Patrick Family	Jeanne Aiken Jean Winters
8/16	Jones Family	Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

STM News & Announcements

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!

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>

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 until August 21. Classes are filling up so please do not delay in registering your child/children. Fees are now: **1 child: \$40, 2 children: \$50, 3 children: \$60, and 4 or more children \$70. T-shirts are now \$5.** Registration can be mailed in or left at the office if you miss Chelle, but please do not leave cash in the Atrium. **Classes will begin September 13th from 9:45-10:45.** Please contact Chelle with any questions.

Catechists Still Needed for R.E. Program

There are still openings for 3 assistant teachers and 1 primary teacher. If you are interested and are willing to go through the very easy and painless Safe Environment process and background check, please contact Chelle at 321-0990 ext. 202

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 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 16th 12:30 pm in Library
(for any summer Baptism)**

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 Volunteers are still needed:

Approximately **6** new volunteers are needed to keep the nursery schedule running well. Our current volunteers have worked almost through the entire summer. If you are willing to be Safe Environment trained and love to be around children aged 9 mos-25 mos for about an hour this is the job for you! Please see Chelle after Mass or drop her an e-mail.

All Saints Catholic School News

School starts THIS week!

All families are asked to attend Back-To-School night on Tuesday, August 11th beginning at 5:00 pm at the school. School begins at 8:20 am on Thursday, August 13th.

To track our progress on our school gym, please go to our website: www.allsaintsnorman.org or <http://www.allsaintsnorman.org>. This will show a photo slide show of all we have accomplished this summer. We are raising funds for the final phases of our project. This phase includes the final build out of the interior spaces as well as gymnasium equipment. If you wish to give over the next 12 months—click on “donate” on the school website and then click on Healthy Futures.

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 \$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.

Office of Family Life

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.

4 Stages of Marriages

The 4 stages of marriage are (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, please contact Retrouvaille.

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

Villa Teresa Catholic School is hosting an Open House on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Serving the Oklahoma City community for over 75 years, Villa Teresa offers a fantastic academic program and compassionate childcare for ages 2 1/2 to fourth grade. There still spaces for fourth graders. Specifically meeting the needs of working parents, the school is open from 6:30am to 5:45pm throughout the year. If you are interested, please call Sr. Veronica at 232-4286 and definitely plan to attend our Open House at 1216 Classen Drive.

Parents helping Parents

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on **Thursday, August 13th at 7:00pm** at the Education Center of Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter, in Norman.

Intercessions for Life

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:

August 16th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all priests and seminarians:
That they may more deeply appreciate the gift of their vocation
And be bold in proclaiming the Gospel of Life
Through their daily partaking of the living bread that comes down from heaven;
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.