

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 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*

Mon. August 17

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. August 18

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Wed. August 19

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Thurs. August 20

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**

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

Fri. August 21

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

Sat. August 22

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** *†Edward Sanabria by the Sanabria Family*

Sun. August 23

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

Readings for the Week of August 16-23

- Sun: Prv 9:1-6/ Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58 (119)
Mon: Jgs 2:11-19/ Mt 19:16-22 (419)
Tues: Jgs 6:11-24a/ Mt 19:23-30 (420)
Wed: Jgs 9:6-15/ Mt 20:1-16 (421)
Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a/ Mt 22:1-14 (422)
Fri: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/ Mt 22:34-40 (423)
Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;4:13-17/ Mt 23:1-12 (424)
Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17,18b/ Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69 (122)

Ministry Schedule August 22 & 23

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am Eamonn McElhaney, Valerie Pham, Gabriella Schreiner
11:00am Stephen Ouandji, Tyler Keupen, Kelsey Robb
5:00pm Risa Walters, Janice Wilson, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm Bill Urell, Jane Sarber

Sunday

- 8:30am Earl Whitman, Tom Koszuru
11:00am Christopher Krittenbrink, Charles Kenney
5:00pm Joe Walters, Lawrence Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am Patricia Gill, Charles Gill, April Anderson, Joe Lies, Amy McElhaney
11:00am Rigo Gutierrez, Susan Schott, Dan Lawrence, Becky O'Dea, Rick Pendergraft, John Holter, Deanna Preble, Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Bea Henderson, Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Bill Hersey, Linda Fields, Jim Fields, Kaitlyn Willit

Ushers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Corey Gill

Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, K. Denton, Jr., Becky Fleming
11:00am Jim Weller, Chris Dalton,
5:00pm Frank Anderson, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
8/23	Jones Family	Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman
8/30	Sharon Poe Maggie Fitzgerald	Holter Family

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

STM News & Announcements

Parking Permits Available

Parking permits are now available for the Fall 09 semester. They are \$50 and must be displayed on the rearview mirror. Please come into the office to purchase one. Bring your car tag number. They will go into effect on August 24th.

Food for Friends

It is time again for STM to serve at Food for Friends... **Tuesday, September 1.** Remember that we need all the help we can get! Preparation/cooking begins at 9am. in the Food for Friends kitchen located 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 contact Gerry Whitman at 360-1174.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is being visited regularly and is providing a helping hand to many people every month. Thank you for your generous support!

Save the Date for The Walk For The Poor

Saturday, September 26th is this year's date for the Walk for the Poor. This is a combined **St. Vincent de Paul fund raising event** by our five Cleveland County parishes to serve the increasing needs of poor and low income families in our community. The Walk sign-up registration forms will be available each weekend after Mass beginning August 15/16. Walkers can be part of a team or walk as a family or individuals. Donations will be received beginning September 12/13. Sponsorship forms for Businesses and Organizations will also be available. Any questions may be referred to Paul Munding at 820-2825 or Earl Whitman at 360-1174.

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:

Registration packets are still available in the atrium on the display case until the deadline of **August 21st.** Classes are filling up so, please do not delay in registering your child/children. Fees are: **1 child: \$40, 2 children:\$50, 3 children: \$60, and 4 or more children are \$70. T-shirts are now \$5.** **Classes begin on September 13th @ 9:45 am.**

Catechists Still Needed for R.E. Program

There are still openings for 2 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 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 **5** new volunteers are needed to keep the nursery schedule running well. 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

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

A Lifeline for Marriage- **Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i)** helps couples through difficult time in their marriage. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery.

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 conversation about our Catholic Faith!

Come out for drinks or dinner, hear an interesting talk on important Catholic issues, and meet other Catholic adults. Bring your friends. Single or married. Ages 21-121! We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month. 8pm Happy 1/2 hour 8:30pm Lecture 9pm Q & A Stay afterwards for fellowship.

Tap into Faith will be held at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant located at 1701 S. Broadway in Edmond.

August 20th Topic: God Is Here! I Just Know It!: Experience God through Adversity

Questions? Call Mary 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 23th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all marriages:

That all married couples may be strengthened in faith and love

And that through their reverence for Christ be at the service Of life;

We pray to the Lord:

August 30th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all political leaders:

That they may honor God with their hearts by honoring God's law

And protecting the most vulnerable in our society;

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.