

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 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

Mon. August 24

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. August 25

- 5:15 pm **Mass** Todd Wilhelm for
employment and healing

Wed. August 26

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

Thurs. August 27

- 5:15 pm **Mass** Leslie Ford for healing

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

Fri. August 28

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

Sat. August 29

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** Intentions of the Parish
Family

Sun. August 30

- 8:30 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish
Family
11:00 am **Mass** †Joan Ivester by Ed &
Sarah Armon
5:00 pm **Mass** Intentions of the Parish
Family

Readings for the Week of August 23-30

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 18b/ Eph 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32
Mon: Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51 (629)
Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8/ Mt 23:23-26
(426)
Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13/ Mt 23:27-32
(427)
Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13/ Mt 24:42-51
(428)
Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8/ Mt 25:1-13 (429)
Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11 (430)/ Mk 6:17-
29 (634)
Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b
-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
(125)

Ministry Schedule August 29 & 30

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

11:00am Cynthia Ouandji, Hannah Johnson, Michelle
Breedlove

5:00pm Joseph Mecham, Susan Murphy, Sherritta Harris

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Annie Scanlon, Sharon Peelor

Sunday

8:30am Bill McNichols, Terry McNichols

11:00am Laura Jones, Ruth Loeffler

5:00pm Joe Walters, Lawrence Brown

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Lisa Lancaster, Cathy Fagan, John Fagan,
Stacy Schrank, Carole Baldwin
11:00am Caridad Marchand, Becky O'Dea, John Holter,
Rigo Gutierrez, Susan Schott, Dan Lawrence,
Gail Anderson, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Sims Beeler, Bea Henderson,
Joseph Mecham, Susan Mecham, Linda Fields,
Jim Fields, Bill Huntington

Ushers

Saturday

5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

Sunday

8:30am Russell Koch, Becky Fleming, K. Denton, Jr.

11:00am Jim Weller, Chris Dalton

5:00pm Frank Anderson, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
8/30	Sharon Poe	Holter Family
9/06	Cachero Family	O'Dea Family

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

Religious Education News

Religious Education is officially closed:

Registration will be taken on a case by case basis and space is very limited. 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 substitute 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. 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.

Catechists Picnic Coming Up !

New and returning Catechists are invited to a picnic on

September 5th @ 12:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the office or see Chelle after Mass.

Campus Ministry

Remember to ask the students about their trip to Ukraine and look for the article detailing the trip in an upcoming Sooner Catholic.

The college students are motivated and ready to work on the Gala. This year they have several responsibilities and are up for the challenge. In addition to preparing and serving a meal to the winning Mass, the students will be selling raffle & Gala tickets, helping spearhead the Sunday 5pm Mass's basket and are assisting with the coordination of at least one live auction item. See the last page of this bulletin for more Gala information.

STM NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parking Permits Available

Parking permits are now available for the Fall 09 semester.

The cost is \$50 and must be clearly displayed on the rearview mirror. Please come into the office to purchase one. Bring your car make/model and 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 at 9 am.** Remember, we need all the help that we can get! Preparation/cooking begins at 9 am in the Food for Friends kitchen located at 104 W. Comanche. We will be serving from 11 am to 12 pm. 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.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Sister Ursula will be having the next meeting on **Monday, August 24th at 7 pm in the Lounge.**

From the STM Bereavement Committee:

There are some items that many of you may have at home and no longer need that would be very useful to the parish's Bereavement Committee when we prepare to serve meals after funeral services, deliver meals to families' homes, and pack leftovers for families to take home after funeral meals.

"Gently used" plastic containers (preferably with lids) of all sizes; serving bowls of any size; serving utensils such as large forks and/or spoons and slotted spoons. Larger plastic serving utensils like one receives with take-out food can be especially useful. Maybe you will spot some of these items at garage sales, or see them on sale when you shop. Please just place them in a bag marked B.C. and leave them in the parish office. We will see that they are put to good use.

Also, if you would be interested in helping with this committee and haven't yet signed up, please contact Lisa Schmidt at lschmidt@ou.edu or at 292-1828 or 312-9468. We would love for you to be involved in this important ministry. Thank you!

RCIA begins August 25 at 7 pm

The topics for the first four sessions are:

Aug 25	Belief, Faith, and the Existential Journey
Sept 1	The Bible: Did It Fall out of the Sky?
Sept 8	The Torah, The Nevi'im, and the Ketuvim
Sept	The Good News of the New Testament

Prayers Needed For The Kairos Torch Retreat

There will be a Torch retreat for teenage girls in detention at Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC), Tecumseh, next weekend, August 28-30. Prayers are needed for the girls on the retreat, the team putting on the retreat, as well as all the people who work/or are in the treatment program. Closing will be at 2:30 pm Sunday, August 30. This is an opportunity to come and be a part of, as well as hear some of the experiences that the girls enjoyed. For more information as to how you can help or for directions to COJC, please call Bill or Pat Urell at 447-1505. Thanks and God bless.

Secular Franciscans Meeting scheduled

Come and join the Secular Franciscans. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, September 1 at 1 pm in the library.** If you have any questions, please call Mary at 527-0842.

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 a 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.

Mass Drivers Needed

Would there be anyone in the Parish who would like to volunteer to drive someone, occasionally, to Mass because they are unable to do so? Please call the office at 321-0990 if you would like to help with this. Thank you.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is being visited regularly and is providing a helping hand to many people every month. We would like to ask that the following items be donated: Spaghetti sauce and noodles, 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, toothpaste and brushes, soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.

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.

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.

All Saints Catholic School News

School has begun! Parishioners are always welcome to our all-school Masses on Wednesday mornings at 8:20 am at St. Mark's.

A few openings exist- Pre-K, Grade 1, Grade 4 and Grade 5. Interested families should download the application off our school website and contact the school for an admission interview.

ASCS seeks substitute teachers. A substitute teacher orientation will be held on August 31st from 9-10 am in Sunflower Hall. Please RSVP to 447-4600. Substitute teachers are paid \$55/a day for certified teachers and \$50/day for non-certified teachers.

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

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

Catholic Charities Series Continues

Dying Well in the Christian Tradition— a panel presentation on end-of-life issues will be held at the **Catholic Pastoral Center on Tuesday, September 15, from 7-9 pm**. The panel will include Dr. Dianne Gasbarra, board certified in palliative care and hospice medicine, addressing the physical aspects of the terminally ill; Reverend Joseph Jacobi, pastor of St. Eugene's Church, covering the Catholic Church's teaching; Richard Klinge, director of Parish Outreach, Advocacy, and Legal issues at Catholic Charities, providing information on legal documents needed at the end of life; and Mary Diane Steltenkamp, director of Faith Community Nursing at Catholic Charities, highlighting pastoral-nursing approaches during this stage of life. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Louie Lepak, director of St. Joseph's Counseling Center; and Church of the Epiphany of the Lord. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at (405)721-5651.

Red Plains Spirituality Center

728 Richland Road, SW Piedmont, OK 73078

Retreats for September are as follows:

St. Benedict's Spirituality Saturday, September 19, 2009 (9:30 am to 12:30 pm)

Spend time with St. Benedict. Learn some of the specifics of Benedict's life as given in the Dialogues of St. Gregory and explore his spiritual legacy of humility, hospitality, and work. Call (405)373-0804 To register by 9/16. Fee: \$25 Bring a sack lunch.

Come Away To The Silence, Saturday, September 26, 2009 (9:00 am to 12:30 pm)

Leave your notebook and your Holy Bible at home. You will be practicing an ancient prayer of simple presence to the Presence of God already within you and all about you. This is called centering prayer. Call (405)373-0804 to register by 9/23. Fee: \$25 Bring a sack lunch.

Intercessions for Life

August 23rd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all marriages:

That all married couples may be strengthened in faith and love

And 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 Charities 2009 Annual Appeal September 19-20

The Catholic Charities 2009 Annual Appeal will be conducted at masses in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City during the weekend of September 19-20.

More information will be coming in future weeks.

They depend upon everyone's support for this special fund. Please feel free to contact Jane Moon at (405)526-2317 or Tim O'Connor at (405)523-3018.

Catholic Radio can now be heard on FM 96.5 in the metro Oklahoma City area! Tune in and listen

Monday through Friday from 2 pm until dusk

Some Enchanted Evening: A Night In Italy Gala

All four masses have chosen their basket themes! Thank you so much for jumping on board and participating! If you have not discussed your mass's idea, please find your coordinator and get involved. There are still 38 basket ideas for individuals, groups, friends or families unspoken for and here are a few:

- ◆ **All Things BBQ**—grill, grill accessories/utensils, grill cover, marinades, spices, rubs, sauces, gift certificate to Omaha Steaks or for propane/charcoal, oven mitt, apron, steak knives, skewers, grill bags, cedar planks
- ◆ **All Things Golf**—club, glove, shirt, shorts, divot utensil, balls, hat, 2 person round with meal at Bellmar, OU, Westwood, Winter Creek, Purcell, Broadmore, Cobblestone Creek, Trails or Gaylord Texan (Arlington). If course is out of town maybe overnight accommodations.
- ◆ **All Things Beer from around the world:** 12 pack of Smithwickz, Heineken, Molson XXX, Stella, Chimay, Sapporo, Tecate, Red Stripe, Shiner Bock, Snow, Fosters, Galvanized bucket w/handles, mugs, beer salt, kuzies, cutting board, lemons & limes, funny beer hat, beef jerky, gourmet crackers, gourmet spreads, smoked pepperoni, summer sausage, roasted peanuts, mixed nuts, smoked gouda, hot pepper cheese, BREATH MINTS
- ◆ **All Things Margarita**—margarita machine, pitcher, glasses, paper umbrellas, strawberry mix, regular mix, salt, shot glass, Tequila, Tortilla chips & salsa, Mexican Restaurant gift certificate and Jimmy Buffet CD
- ◆ **All Things Fishing**—rod & reel, tackle box, lures, hat, vest, some kind of fishing excursion package, Bass Pro gift certificate
- ◆ **All Things Gardening**—tote, gloves, hat, loppers, hedgers, cultivator, soil scoop, transplanter, kneeling cushion, hand shovel, watering can, Miracle Grow products, fertilizer, hand sprayer, Gift certificate to a nursery.
- ◆ **All Things Chocolate**— assorted chocolates, Gift Certificate to Winans, chocolate candles, chocolate spa treatments, hot chocolate, chocolate fountain, cake, syrup, chocolate covered nuts, pretzels, raisins, chocolate dipped strawberries
- ◆ **All Things "Pampered Chef"**- Does anyone know a Pampered Chef distributor who would be willing to put together a basket?
- ◆ **All Things "Homemade Gourmet or Simply Tasteful"** - Again, does anyone know a distributor?
- ◆ **All Things Birthday**—Gift cert. to: Maggie Moos, Kidoodles, Toys R Us, for pizza, for a moon bounce, for a themed party, to Orr Family Farm, to Party Galaxy, Star Skate, Star Gymnastics, Bart Conner Etc.
- ◆ **All Things Book Lovers**— Gift cert to: Hastings, Borders, Barnes & Noble, bookmarks, bookends, reading lamp, night reading light, book bag or tote, audio book stuff

Please remember these are ideas and we are working hard to make this simple and fun for all who participate. If you do not want to or cannot tackle a basket, please donate cash for the cause and contact the office for information. Our goal is to have each of the baskets complete, which will help the Gala be successful and possibly get a lot of your Christmas shopping done at once!

If you are interested in learning more about being a sponsor or purchasing tickets, please contact the office. Ticket prices this year are \$55 for individuals and \$100 for couples. Dates or spouses are not required, if you would like to bring a friend or family member, everyone is welcome! The venue is the beautiful Embassy Suites and the Chef is custom creating a wonderful Italian meal to suite vegetarians and carnivores alike. Gala and raffle ticket sales will begin after Labor Day and continue until November 13th or tickets run out. Only 300 chances will be sold for each raffle item and you do not have to be present to win. Winners will be announced at the Gala. Good news for all you bakers! The silent auction will also include a dessert auction and the baker that creates the dessert with the highest sale will win a prize. As the baskets are completed, they will be showcased in the atrium to keep everyone excited! Please check out the Gala donation station board for basket sign up sheets and Gala information.

Thank you for your support!