

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 next meeting is September 8, 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. September 6

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

Mon. September 7

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**
Labor Day (Office is closed)

Tues. September 8

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Wed. September 9

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

Thurs. September 10

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Clara Roh for Peace & Healing*

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

Fri. September 11

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

Sat. September 12

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

Sun. September 13

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Children's Mass-Intentions Of the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*

Readings for the Week of Sept 6-13

- Sun: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 1:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 (128)
Mon: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)
Tues: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (66)
Wed: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26 (439)
Thurs: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38 (440)
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42 (441)
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)
Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131)

Ministry Schedule September 12 & 13

Altar Servers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Michael Scanlon, Arianna Garcia, Eamonn McElhaney

Sunday

- 8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Risa Davis, Jessica Trilli
11:00am Tyler Keupen, Maya Hoffman, Will Banowsky
5:00pm Sherritta Harris, Janice Wilson, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm Cindy O'Brien, Alex Sherman

Sunday

- 8:30am John Murray, R. C. Davis-Undiano
11:00am Dane Wilson, Susan Shaughnessy
5:00pm Cynthia Howard, Holly Barber

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am Amy McElhaney, Charles Gill, Patricia Gill, Gerry Whitman, Eleanor Barnes
11:00am Rigo Gutierrez, John Holter, Becky O'Dea, Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple, Jodie Edge, Doris Edge
5:00pm Bobby Meiners, Jennifer Grover, Ben Ballard, Michael Dupont, Jose Santiago, Rolando Chapa, David Banowsky, Matthew Rom, Ashleigh Arndt

Ushers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Pat Urell, Rae Quijano, Carolyn Houser, Jane Wrede

Sunday

- 8:30am Kelly McElahaney, Becky Fleming, Russell Koch
11:00am Chris Dalton, Joe Sher, Matt Bahar, Tim Marquis
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
9/13/09	Hinton & Corbett Families	Jeanne Aiken Jean Winters
9/20/09	Patrick Family	Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman

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.

There is, however, plenty of room in the Dismissal Class for 3-5 year olds. Cost is \$15.00

Catechists Still Needed for R.E. Program

There are still openings for substitute teachers. 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

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

Children's Mass Schedule:

September 13 @ 11 am Mass—Children of all ages, gift bearers and whoever is already on the altar serving list
October 11 @ 11 am Mass—Senior class (already Confirmed can be Lectors), 9th grade class, 1st and 2nd year Confirmation will be ushers/gift bearers, any teen (8th-11th grade) invited to sing offertory song.

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 months for about an hour this is the job for you! Please see Chelle after Mass or drop her an e-mail.

Attention Liturgical Ministers! In an effort to keep mailing and duplicating costs down for the church, we are asking anyone willing to receive their schedules via email to contact Dan Lawrence immediately! Please email him at dlawrence7@cox.net. Please send him a note as soon as you are able!

Join Us for the 17th Annual Birth Choice of Oklahoma, Inc. Celebration of Lift Life Walk '09

Sunday, October 4, 2009 at the Myriad Gardens, Downtown OKC. Life Walk is a one mile walk through beautiful downtown OKC and Bricktown. Registration begins at 1 pm and Life Walk begins at 2 pm. \$10 suggested minimum donation for individual and \$25 suggested donation per family.

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. Effective from now until the end of the semester.

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. 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 Tuesday, September 8 at 7 pm:

The topics for the first four sessions are:

Sept 8	The Torah, The Nevi'im, and the Ketuvim
Sept 15	The Good News of the New Testament

Primetimers Are Coming!

Attention Primetimers and Primetimers Wannabees Our next meeting will be in the STM atrium on **September 11, at 6:00 pm.** The meeting will be hosted by Rae, Carolyn, and Wanda. We are sure that, for this meeting, there will be no surprises to cap the evening. This will be a pleasant, stress-free, let it all hang out 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.

READINGS IN THEOLOGY—Deacon Tom is looking for five people to join him in reading and discussing some books on modern theology. The group would meet once monthly. Details and duration to be determined. If you're interested in participating, call (405)532-0700 or by email tom.schott@gmail.com

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.

Help Needed for the Holiday Bazaar

The Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 21 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and after the Masses on Sunday, November 22.** All of the proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to the poor of Norman. We need more people to be involved in order to make things happen.

There will be a wonderful bake sale, hand made gift items, white elephant and new gift booth, raffles for a quilt, baby quilt, wine and cheese basket, etc.

A planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, September, 10th at 7:00 pm in the overflow room.** Please come or call with your ideas, if you can help. For more information, please contact Pat at 447-1505. Thanks and God Bless.

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.

By the request of our parishioners, we would like to have people whose **last name is A through L bring items on the first two Sundays of the month** and those whose **last name is M through Z the last two Sundays of the month.** This by no means will mean that any donation will not be received with much gratitude. With thanks to all the generous people in the parish.

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

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

In today's readings, St. James stresses that “faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead”. Truly, our faith cannot be separated from our works. Each year, parishioners throughout our archdiocese put their faith into action by donating to the works of Catholic Charities. Your generosity helps thousands of people facing homelessness, poverty, natural disasters, loneliness and despair across central and western Oklahoma. Next weekend is the 2009 Annual Appeal. Please support Catholic Charities with your prayers and financial gifts.

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.

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.

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.

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

September 17th topic: Who's Your Daddy? Getting to know your Heavenly Father.

Questions? Call Mary Lacher at 401-4105 or Alison Giordano at 639-9787. This event is sponsored by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond.

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.

The Catholic Church of Saint Eugene—presents the 13th Annual Festival of the Americas—International, Sunday, September 13th from 11:30 am to 5 pm. Admission and Day Long Entertainment is free! Foods of the world will be on sale to benefit the church. Music, Multi-Cultural Entertainment—Fun and Fellowship. All are invited. For your delight, Edgar Cruz will be performing at 3:30 pm!

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 37 basket ideas for individuals, groups, friends or families unspoken for and here are a few:

- ◆ **All Things Game**—board games, Nintendo DS, DS case, DS games, Wii gaming system, Wii Fit, Wii games, Webkinz, Poker Chips, Poker table
- ◆ **All Things Lunch Money**—gift certificates to: McDonalds, Burger King, Subway, Chick-fil-a, Cane's Chicken, Chicken Express, Taco Bell, Taco Mayo, Taco Bueno, Van's, Passion Fruit, Jamba Juice, Jason's Deli, Rusty's Custard, Schlotzsky's, McAlister's, Texadelphia, Taco Cabana, JR's, City Bites, Qdoba, Arby's, Classic 50's, Sonic, Del Rancho, Goldies, J Pat's, Johnnie's, KFC, Long John Silver's, Penny Hill Subs, Quizno's, Sbarro, Souper Salad etc.
- ◆ **All Things Dinner Out**—gift certificates to: Benvenuti's, Applebee's, La Luna, Legend's, Asian Fusion, Outback, Victoria's, Chili's, The Mont, Blu, Ted's, Escondido, Tarahumara's, Logan's, Roadhouse, Cheddar's, Charleston's, Othello's, Louie's, Step Brother's, Yamato, Salt Grass, Red Robin, Cracker Barrel, Chelino's, Red Lobster, El Chico, Olive Garden, BJ's, Marie Calendar's, Johnnie Carino's, Interurban, On The Border, Coach's, Patsy's, Mooney's, Sake, 501 Ranch, Ton & Jerry's, Rococo, Sushi Neko, Red Primesteak, Shogun, Boulevard, Deep Fork, The Haunted House
- ◆ **All Things Christmas**—wrapping paper, bows, gift tags, ribbon, tape, gift boxes & bags, Christmas Cards, Christmas music, Christmas decorations, Nativity scene, Gift Card for Christmas dinner, Christmas Figurines, Christmas Village, Tickets to the Chickasha "Festival of Lights" and a gift certificate to Jake's BBQ or other area restaurant
- ◆ **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 Travel**—suit cases, toiletry bags, passport wallet, travel purse, backpack, travel pillow, Ipod with movie capability, Laptop case, alarm clock, tickets on the heartland flyer, maps

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 can donate towards a basket idea or if you want to simply donate money towards a basket item —PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. We want all of our donors to be recognized, no matter what the donation, so please get involved!

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.

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 suit 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.

Thank you for your support!