

## 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 15, 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 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*

### Mon. September 14

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

### Tues. September 15

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

### Wed. September 16

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

### Thurs. September 17

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**  
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

### Fri. September 18

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

### Sat. September 19

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

### Sun. September 20

- 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 Sept 13-20

- Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131)  
Mon: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638)  
Tues: 1 Tm 3:1-13 (444)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639)  
Wed: 1Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35 (445)  
Thurs: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 7:36-50 (446)  
Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)  
Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)  
Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4.3/Mk 9:30-37 (134)

## Ministry Schedule September 19 & 20

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Valerie Pham, Gabriella Schriener  
11:00am Hannah Johnson, Kelsey Robb, Elizabeth Buckelew  
5:00pm Risa Walters, Joseph Mecham, Susan Murphy

### Lectors

#### Saturday

- 5:00pm Sharon Peelor, Bill Urell

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Earl Whitman, Mick Hinton  
11:00am Kristen Partridge, Casey Partridge  
5:00pm Jason Wiggins, Heather Stout

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Lisa Lancaster, April Anderson, Joe Lies, Salva Gabert, Barbara Crane  
11:00am Rigo Gutierrez, John Holter, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Rick Pendergraft, Deanna Preble, Dan Lawrence, Pat King, Maria McKee  
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Bill Hersey, Jim Fields, Linda Fields, Susan Mecham, Beatriz Henderson, Sims Beeler, Arn Henderson, Lindsay Hemingway

### Ushers

#### Saturday

- 5:00pm Jane Wrede, Carolyn Huser, Rae Quijano, Leila Kondo

#### Sunday

- 8:30am Becky Fleming, K. Denton, Jr., John Starceвич, Mary Starceвич  
11:00am Jonathan Buckelew, Pau; Buckelew, Mike Tobin, Thierry Ngansop  
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

### Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
9/20/09	Patrick Family	Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman
9/27/09	Jones Family	Holter 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.**

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

### **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:

**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](mailto:cbreedlove@stm-ou.org) for information or to register

### **Next Children's Mass:**

**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 Liturgical schedules via email to contact Dan Lawrence immediately! Please email him at [dlawrence7@cox.net](mailto: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. Thank you!

### **Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ**

The Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ (ASC) are very pleased to have six individual who will make commitments to be Associate Adorers of the Blood of Christ at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 26. Janne O'Donnell and April Anderson are the two from St. Thomas More and Frank and Jan Bruehl and Keith and Sandra Cagle from St. Andrew's Church in Moore. We have been very proud of the following Associates that make their commitments in 2007. They are: Sharon Corcoran, Liz Gilmore, Janis Hereford, Becky O'Dea, Maria Ozment, Thuy Pham and Janice Wilson. All the above individuals are living the best they can the charisms of our ASC community, the Adoring and Redeeming Love of Christ. Please join us. You might like it.  
Sister Ursula Schones ASC

### **RCIA Tuesday, September 15 at 7 pm:**

The topics for the next session is:

**Sept 15            The Good News of the New Testament**

### **Thank You for your help with the Sunday 8:30 am Mass Gala Basket!**

We will be taking donations until October 4th. If you have any questions, please call:

The McNichols Family at 329-8175 or the Murray Family at 329-3675 or the Eges Family at 321-7570. You are truly appreciated.

**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.

### **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.

If you have any questions, please call Pat at 447-1505.

### **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.

### **English as a Second Language Being offered again:**

English Language Classes are offered at STM on Mondays and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information, call Mary Ellen Davis of the Norman Adult Education Program at 366-1059. Classes and materials are free. Hope to see you in class!

### **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.

***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](http://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.

### An Invitation to keep your faith alive!!!

A new season of the Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study begins in September. Join us on a sacred journey as we study the book of John. Meeting time and place are: Room 102, located off the Lake Room at; St. Mark's the Evangelist Catholic Church, Norman. Wednesday's gathering @ 9:45 am and starting @ 10:00 am sharp. **Visitors Day is Wednesday, September 23 @ 9:45 am.** All are welcome. For more information, please call Christy at 872-7443 (h)/ 496-7074 (c) or Donna @ 831-7711. You can see our website at : <http://www.thecornerstonescripturesstudy.org>  
Hope to see you there!

### News in the Diocese 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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.

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 Adult Singles ages 35-55

Want to have fun and get some exercise in too? On **Saturday, September 26, we will bike around the Oklahoma River.** We will need at the Oklahoma Boathouse around 3:00 pm. They rent bikes for \$10 and this includes a helmet, too. We will bike for about an hour, return the bikes, and then head to dinner a Coach's in Bricktown. OSU is playing that night, so we should be able to catch the game there. Sponsored by Company, a Catholic Adult Singles group, at St. John the Baptist Parish.

### Birth Choice in Need:

Is your church, youth group, or other organization looking for a project? **Birth Choice** is in need of items for layettes given to each new Mom. Items included are: 1 heavy blanket, 2 receiving blankets, 20 newborn diapers, 1 package wipes, 2-4 onesies or t-shirts, 2-4 sleepers, 2 outfits, 1 wash cloth & hooded towel, Baby magic bath or shampoo or lotions, 2 bottles, 1 pacifier, 2 bibs, 1 toy, 1 book, 2 pairs of socks and 1 infant hat. For more information, please call Juli Mollman at 606-8431.

### Divine Liturgy of the Byzantine Catholic Church Sunday, September 27th at 6 pm

While the Eastern Catholic Church expresses the faith differently from the ways of the Roman Catholic Church, they are in communion with the Bishop of Rome and are part of the "all embracing" Church of Jesus Christ. The Eastern Churches with the Western Churches or Roman Catholic Church are the wholeness of the Catholic Church. Together the 22 Church "families" make up the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. While this may be confusing it is good to remember that the Catholic churches are expressions of the all embracing love of the Holy Trinity for all peoples and all nations.

On Sunday, September 27 at 6 pm the Divine Liturgy (the Eucharist or Mass) of the Byzantine Catholic Church will be celebrated in St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Norman. Rev. Phil Seeton of St. Charles parish will preside. A reception will follow with refreshments and Q & A in the Lake Room. For more information, Chris Thomas at 306-5287

## *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 Family Fun**—OKC Zoo passes, Frontier City Passes, Whiter Water passes, Andy Alligators passes, Hey Day, Perfect Swing, Little River Zoo, Star Skate, Blazer's Ice Skating
- ◆ **All Things Pizza**—gift certificates to: Hideaway, Mazzio's, Pizza Hut, Pisa By the Slice, ToTo's, Wal-Mart for at home pizza making, pizza stone, pizza slicer, pizza mixes
- ◆ **All Things Canine**—dog toys, dog clothes, dog treats, doggie spa treatment, dog grooming services, dog house, leash, dog food, dog dishes
- ◆ **All Things Feline**—cat toys, cat clothes, cat treats, cat scratching post, cat grooming services, cat dishes
- ◆ **All Things Grandparents**—photo frames, "I Love Grandpa or Grandma" mug, t-shirts, overnight bags, sleeping bags, gift certificate to Build a Bear workshop, Grandparent's memory book
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **All Things Dessert**— Gift Certificates to: La Baguette, Fancy Cakes, Maggie Moos, Braums, ice cream maker with supplies, dessert cookbooks, secret family recipes, cake mixes, Gift certificate to cake decorating classes
- ◆ **All Things Music** —gift certificate to Hastings & Blockbuster, CD player, portable CD player, iPod, portable sound/dock system, iTunes card, tickets to musical events
- ◆ **All Things Patio**—decorative planters, yard décor, tiki torches, outdoor fire pit, outdoor candles, garden lighting, picnic set, outdoor heater, bird feeder/bath/supplies, outdoor dishes, outdoor furniture, porch swing

**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!*