

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 22, 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 20

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Betty Fox by Mr. Shea*

Mon. September 21

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Tues. September 22

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**

Wed. September 23

- 7:30 am **Communion Service**

Thurs. September 24

- 5:15 pm **Communion Service**
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. September 25

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

Sat. September 26

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Edward Sanabria by the Sanabria Family Commitment of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ*

Sun. September 27

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

Readings for the Week of Sept 20-27

- Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4.3/
Mk 9:30-37 (134)
Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643)
Tues: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
(450)
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)
Thurs: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)
Fri: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 (453)
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
(454)
Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-
43, 45, 47-48 (137)

Ministry Schedule September 26 & 27

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Hannah Grillot, Michael Scanlon, Eamonn McElhaney

Sunday

8:30am Valerie Pham, Rebecca Gunter, Jessica Trilli
11:00am Maya Hoffman, Tyler Keupen, Andres Kenney
5:00pm Janice Wilson, Sherritta Harris, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Richard Messner, Marcia Messner

Sunday

8:30am John Murray, Tom Koszuru
11:00am Harold Heiple, Mary Holter
5:00pm David Gagne, Tyler Lofgren

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Barbara Foley, Carole Baldwin, Stacy Schrank,
John Fagan, Cathy Fagan
11:00am Rigo Gutierrez, Steve Edge, Veronica Edge,
John Holter, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge,
Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple, Becky O'Dea
5:00pm Ashleigh Arndt, Matthew Rom, David Banowsky,
Rolando Chapa, Jose Santiago, Michael Dupont,
Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover, Bobby Meiners

Ushers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Becky Fleming, K. Denton, Jr., Russell Koch,
Heidi Koszuru
11:00am Tim Marquis, Joe Sher, Jim Weller
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
9/27/09	Jones Family	Holter Family
10/4/09	Sharon Poe Maggie Fitzgerald	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.

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 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. 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.

Catholic Charities 2009 Annual Appeal **September 19-20**

At today's mass, you will hear how Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City continues to help those in need across central and western Oklahoma. As the 2009 Annual Appeal begins this weekend, Catholic Charities turns to people in all the parishes to ask for prayers and financial support. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches, *"If anyone wishes to first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all"*. Will you serve the poorest among us? Catholic Charities provides the framework and resources for Catholics to answer Christ's invitation to serve those in poverty and despair. Thank you for answering the call by giving to this year's Annual Appeal. Please fill out your pledge card today. Your support gives hope to so many in need.

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.

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

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.

Parish Council minutes can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stm-ou.org/parishcouncil>

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. Walkers can be a part of a team or walk as a family or individuals.

Please join the fun at the **Walk for the Poor.** A Silent Auction will be included offering such items as autographed OU Men's and Women's basketballs, with dinner and game tickets, 2 other groupings of OU items, baskets of Arbonne, a basket of wines, jewelry, Avanti, and much more. You need not be a walker to bid.

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 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

St. Joseph's Early Childhood Development Center

Come one! Come All! We are hosting our annual **Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26 from 4-7 pm at the St. Joseph's Parish Center gym and surrounding grounds located at 421 E. Acres.** There will be pony rides, exotic petting zoo, inflatables, and a silent auction. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for everyone. It will be fun for the entire family!

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.

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.

Attention Golfers:

It's time to test your prowess on the links at **John Conrad Municipal Golf Course**, the site of this year's Knights of Columbus Council 8204 charity golf tournament. The four-person, select shot scramble is scheduled for **Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 1:30 pm: It will be a shotgun start.** The cost is \$65.00 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, and dinner following the tournament. Proceeds will be used for the Knight's of Columbus 8204 scholarship programs, support of a NW Oklahoma City free clinic, seminarian support, and parish activities. To register or for additional information, please call **Pat Determan at 728-8614 or Al Hoch at 521-1155.** We will also be offering a refund of \$10.00 to home council for any current Knights of Columbus member that participates. We hope many of them will! Hope to see you there.

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 meet 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 at 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 yet to get involved, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR AN ITEM FOR YOUR MASS BASKET on the atrium table!

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

To date, we have 19 baskets (including the 4 Mass baskets) either completed or in the works! Each of these baskets are plentiful, fun and creative! To have an exciting silent auction, we are shooting for at least 35 different baskets. **PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE GALA BOARD for more basket ideas or contact the office. If you take an idea from the board, please sign your name and provide contact information on the sign up sheet. 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. 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 **w i l l w i n a p r i z e** . As the baskets are completed, they will be showcased in the atrium to keep **e v e r y o n e e x c i t e d** ! Please check out the Gala donation station board for basket sign up sheets **a n d G a l a i n f o r m a t i o n** .

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!