

Welcome to the Faith Community of
ST. THOMAS MORE

ROMAN CATHOLIC

UNIVERSITY PARISH & STUDENT CENTER

100 East Stinson Street, Norman OK 73072

(SOUTH OF OU STADIUM ON THE CORNER OF JENKINS AVENUE & STINSON STREET)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 P.M. (CANCELED DURING OU HOME FOOTBALL GAMES)
SUNDAY MASSES	8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M. (STUDENT-LED MASS)
COMMUNION SERVICE	MONDAY, 7:30 A.M.
DAILY MASSES	TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 5:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY, 7:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, 9:00 P.M. (STUDENT-LED MASS)
ROSARY	FOLLOWING DAILY MASS & BEFORE THE STUDENT-LED MASS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT
VESPERS	THURSDAYS, 8:30 P.M.
NURSERY	SUNDAY, 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

OFFICE INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS (Monday-Friday)	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
LUNCH HOUR	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
OFFICE CLOSED	HOLY DAYS (CONSULT BULLETIN)
PHONE	(405) 321-0990
FAX	(405) 321-0964
WEB SITE	http://www.stm-ou.org
PRAYER LINE	(405) 447-7055
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHARITIES	(405) 329-5372
BULLETIN DEADLINE	TUESDAY, 12:00 Noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES. Classes are available for pre-school through high school youth. Currently, classes are already full. (See notes on Religious Education page of bulletin.)

MASS REQUESTS. To schedule a Mass intention, contact the Parish office.

FUNERALS. Please contact the Parish office to make arrangements with Father Ackerman.

NEWCOMERS. Welcome to St. Thomas More! Please complete a registration form located on the table opposite the Parish office in the Atrium.

MOVING. Please contact the Parish office with your new address.

PASTORAL STAFF

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

What is most striking about the landowner is the relentless way he himself goes out to find laborers (five times), his willingness to hire the "rejects," and his desire to pay them a full day's wage. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like this landowner. The love of heaven takes the initiative in seeking us out. The love of heaven chooses us despite our utter unworthiness. And the love of heaven is lavish in its self-gift to us. To love the kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life and "the way things should be" by a standard at odds with God. Instead, "seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near," because for us, "life is Christ."

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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.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENANCE). Saturdays, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., or by personal appointment. (Canceled during OU home football games)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. Parents requesting infant baptism must be *active* registered members of the Parish for at least six months and must contact the Parish office to schedule an appointment.

DEFINITION OF ACTIVE PARISHIONER. Must be registered and active in volunteering time, talent, and treasure towards helping to build up God's Kingdom (the Catholic Church suggests that half of the 10% tithe recommended in Sacred Scripture should go toward the workings of the Universal Church, which includes: Parish support, Catholic Charities, Archdiocesan Development Fund, St. Vincent De Paul, Peter's Pence and other special collections).

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the Parish office. Contact Deacon Tom Schott at tom.schott@gmail.com or our Parish Nurse, Kathy Heiple, at (405) 321-7863, to arrange for visits and/or reception of Holy Communion.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY. Couples must be *active* members registered in the parish for at least six months, and must contact Reverend Ray Ackerman six months prior to the proposed wedding date. All engaged couples are urged to contact the Office of Family Life at (405) 721-8944 to register for the *required* Marriage Preparation Course (Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter).

JOURNEY OF FAITH / RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is the formation process for educating and initiating adults who either would like to become Catholic, or desire to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches. RCIA sessions are held **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Overflow room**. For further information, please contact Deacon John Pigott at jpigott@ou.edu.

VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED LIFE. Those who feel called to this life are invited to contact the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at (405) 721-9351; or Reverend Ray K. Ackerman at the Parish office.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY † SEPTEMBER 21 † 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** † JEAN DOWDELL by *Fr. Ackerman* (Sanctuary)
COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS [CATECHETICAL SUNDAY THEME: "SUMMON THE LABORERS"]
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** Intentions of MINDI McELWEIN by *Jean Quinnett* (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-12] (Gather in Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. **RED MASS** Intentions of the PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. College Sunday Supper (Knight's White House: 1511 Jenkins Avenue)
- 7:00 p.m. College Bible Study (Red House)

MONDAY † SEPTEMBER 22 † WEEKDAY

- 7:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language (Overflow)
- 7:00 p.m. Men of Honor / Women of Grace (Lounge)

TUESDAY † SEPTEMBER 23 † WEEKDAY (*Pio of Pietrelcina, priest*)

- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Journey of Faith [R.C.I.A.] (Overflow)
- 7:00 p.m. JustMatters (Red House)

WEDNESDAY † SEPTEMBER 24 † WEEKDAY

- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m. English as a Second Language (Overflow)
- 6:30 p.m. 4TH Degree Knights of Columbus (Knight's White House)
- 7:00 p.m. College Night (Overflow Room)
- 9:00 p.m. STUDENT-LED **MASS** (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY † SEPTEMBER 25 † WEEKDAY

- 1:30 p.m. Martha & Mary Guild Craft Session (Overflow)
- 5:15 p.m. **MASS** † VERE CHARLES MANION by *Candida Manion* (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Council (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Communion and Liberation (Lounge)
- 8:30 p.m. **VESPERS** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- 9:00 p.m. 4TH Day (Red House)

FRIDAY † SEPTEMBER 26 † WEEKDAY (*Cosmas and Damian, martyrs*)

- 7:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY † SEPTEMBER 27 † WEEKDAY (*Vincent de Paul, priest*)

CONFESSIONS & MASS CANCELED: OU FOOTBALL HOME GAME [OU VS. TCU]

- 7:45 a.m. CATECHETICAL CONGRESS (Catholic PASTORAL CENTER: 7501 NW Expressway, OKC)
- 8:30 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul WALK FOR THE POOR
(ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 4001 36TH Avenue N.W., Norman)

SUNDAY † SEPTEMBER 28 † 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** † EDWARD SANABRIA by *Maria Sanabria* (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-12] (Gather in Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** † FR. JOHN FUTRELL by *Fr. Ray Ackerman* (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Student-led **MASS** Intentions of the PARISH FAMILY (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. College Sunday Supper (Knight's White House: 1511 Jenkins Avenue)
- 7:00 p.m. College Bible Study (Red House)

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Sue & Mick Hinton
- 11:00 a.m. Gail & Eric Anderson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

ALTAR SERVERS

- SATURDAY MASS
- 5:00 p.m. **CANCELED:** OU Football Home Game [OU VS. TCU]
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. Will Banowsky, Gabriella S., *TBA*
- 11:00 a.m. Tyler K., Maya H., Andrés K.
- 5:00 p.m. Nathan Reneau, Sherritta H., Risa W.

LECTORS

- SATURDAY MASS
- 5:00 p.m. **CANCELED:** OU Football Home Game [OU VS. TCU]
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. Mick Hinton, Earl Whitman
- 11:00 a.m. Mary Holter, Jean Quinnett
- 5:00 p.m. Holly Barber, Jason Wiggins

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- SATURDAY MASS
- 5:00 p.m. **CANCELED:** OU Football Home Game [OU VS. TCU]
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. Lisa Lancaster, Barbara Foley, Jeanne Cullen, Amy McElhany, Janis Hereford
- 11:00 a.m. Peter Keupen, Jodie & Doris Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, Rick Pendergraft, Caridad Marchand, Eric Anderson, Steve & Veronica Edge
- 5:00 p.m. Ashleigh Arndt, Marie McKee, Austin Ross, Beatriz Henderson, Jim & Linda Fields, Jennifer Grover, Matthew Rom, Charito Hersey

USHERS

- SATURDAY MASS
- 5:00 p.m. **CANCELED:** OU Football Home Game [OU VS. TCU]
- SUNDAY MASSES
- 8:30 a.m. K. Denton, Jr., Russell Koch
- 11:00 a.m. Jim Weller, *Volunteer Needed*
- 5:00 p.m. Corey Gill, Bill Huntington

In order to alleviate confusion, effective immediately, the bulletin will reflect the MONTHLY Financial Stewardship in view of the fact that Parish Pay withdrawals are made on the fifteenth of each month. All questions or concerns may be directed to our Business Manager, Christy Meiser, at 405.321.0990.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2008

YTD BUDGET AMOUNT	YTD COLLECTIONS	EXCESS
\$121,638.00	\$134,152.17	\$12,514.17

At last weekend's Masses, you heard how Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City continues to help those in need. As the **2008 ANNUAL APPEAL** begins, Catholic Charities turns to people in all the parishes to ask for prayers and financial support. *As you do for others, you do for Christ.* In today's Gospel, the owner of the vineyard shows his generosity to the workers in the field. The message, *"The Last Shall Be First and the First Shall Be Last"* inspires us to serve those in poverty, despair, and loneliness. Thank you for answering God's call of generosity by giving to this year's Annual Appeal. **Please fill out your pledge card today.** Your support will harvest hope to so many in need.

SPIRITUAL HEALING & ENRICHMENT

INNER CHILD RETREAT, Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:00 a.m. Marie Ballmann, OSB, and Jeannete Bollman. Here is a chance to come away to a safe place to begin healing the wounds of your childhood. Feel the healing touch of Jesus on this sacred journey with your inner child. **PLACE:** Monastery Library of Red Plans Monastery, SW of Piedmont. **CALL** 405.373.0804 to register. **FEE:** \$125 residential, \$75 commuter (\$25 deposit required.)

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE. *This is a ministry to help cope with the traumatic experiences of losing a loved one through separation, divorce, or death.* Beginning Experience is carried out by a trained team of volunteers done at special weekend gatherings, which encourage participants to share their need and deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. The next **Beginning Experience Weekend** is scheduled for **October 17-19** at the Catholic Pastoral Center (7501 NW Expressway, OKC). For further information &/or to register, please contact the Office of Family Life at 721.5651 Ext. 108.

THE TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM: HEALING THE MIND, BODY & SPIRIT—A FAITH BASED RESPONSE TO WORKING WITH SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. Presented by Sharon Froom, MA, LLP and Fr. Ken Schmidt, MA, LPC, NCC, on **Wednesday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-12 Noon**, at the Catholic Pastoral Center (7501 NW Expressway, OKC, OK 73132). *This workshop would be a great asset for clergy, pastoral associates and others involved in parish ministry and education as well as licensed professionals.* CEUS are available for licensed professionals. The cost is \$75 which includes a training manual (and your right to make copies) certificate of attendance, LPC and LMFT CEU's (10 hrs) have been applied for. For more information or to register call Jennifer Goodrich at 1.405.721.5651. *Sponsored by the Office of Safe Environment and the Office of Family Life.*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. *"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."* Jesus asks us to love Him and one another. The next Worldwide **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is **October 24-26**. Early registration is recommended to ensure your spot for the weekend. For further information, visit www.meoklahoma.org or call Dan or Jean Forgue at 405.760.0390.

STRUGGLING AFTER ABORTION? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. *This retreat is also appropriate for those who have had a pregnancy loss from infertility treatments, RU486, morning after pill or contraception.* The retreat offers an opportunity to deeply enter into the grieving process and identify the ways your abortion may have affected you. Discussions, spiritual exercises, prayer and reflection are combined with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service honoring your child and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and tender compassion. Both men and women are invited to experience this therapy for the soul. The program is an apostolate of the Catholic Church, but those from other faith backgrounds are welcome to attend. **Next retreat: Friday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m.** Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$75 for materials, lodging and meals. *Financial assistance is available.* Space is limited. Registration must be finalized by October 24. To register or for more information, call Paulette at 405.623.3844 or email okcrachel@yahoo.com or check out www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Q. *What is Paul's message to the community he founded in Philippi?*

A. Paul, experiencing prison hardships in Ephesus, writes the letter to the Philippians around AD 56. The letter's overall tone is one of joy and thankfulness, despite the hardships being endured. For Paul, hardships undertaken for the sake of Christ become opportunities for great joy and hope.

We read from Philippians during the 25th through the 28th Sundays of Ordinary Time of Lectionary Year A. The selections chosen focus our need to model ourselves on Christ, conducting our lives in a way worthy of the Gospel, reassured that we can do all things in Christ, who strengthens us on our journey.

Paul encourages this community to rejoice always because the Lord is near. Everything else is rubbish except knowing Christ and living in accordance with Christ's mind-set and modeling. That attitude is best displayed in the well-known passage, the kenosis hymn of chapter 2:5-11. This year we hear that passage proclaimed three times: Palm Sunday, last Sunday and next Sunday.

Paul encourages the Philippians to "have in you the same attitude that is in Christ." Christ did not hold on to divinity but emptied himself (kenosis), taking on humanity with all of its difficulties, hardships and unknowns. He lived in fidelity to God's word and values, leading to conflict with others and to his death. God raised him up, affirming the infinite value of Jesus' life and actions as a model for all to follow.

Reflect on how you will heed Paul's message in your life.

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RELIGIOUS VOCATION RETREAT

ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE WOMEN! There is a great retreat for those considering the convent as a nun or sister coming up at the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth **September 26-28**, in Williamsport, PA. Get clarity for your vocation and meet a lot of new friends in Jesus! Please join us. **NO CHARGE.** Food and room are free! If you wish to take a bus or plane to Williamsport, PA, we will even pick you up at no charge. Call 1.800.221.1807 for more information.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

DON'T MISS THE YOUNG ADULT MASS & COOKOUT WITH ARCHBISHOP BELTRAN (ANYONE 18-39, SINGLE OR MARRIED), scheduled for **Sunday, September 28, from 2:30 to 7:00 PM.** This year's theme is *"Faithful Citizenship."* Join us at the Catholic Pastoral Center (7501 NW Expressway, OKC) in Conference Room 3. For information, call Erin Cleto at 321.0990 Ext. 205; or, the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office at 405.721.9220.

SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

WALK FOR THE POOR

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is proud to announce the first **"WALK FOR THE POOR."** This event will take place at **All Saint's Catholic School next Saturday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m.** Registration forms will be provided on the table in the Parish atrium after Mass. If you have any questions please call our **"Walk for the Poor"** Parish representative, Joe Walters, at 405.812.7634.

CLEVELAND COUNTY CROP WALK

TO STOP HUNGER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2 PM
Food & Shelter for Friends

104 W. Comanche
Proceeds benefit Food & Shelter for Friends and Relief & Development projects of the Church World Service in over 80 countries.

CONTACT: Brenda at 405.620.1305 or brendawheelock@cox.net

BIRTH CHOICE 16TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE, Sunday, October 12, at the Myriad Gardens, Downtown Oklahoma City. Featuring: **LifeWalk** through **Bricktown**; Teen Fearless Factor Follies competition; Raffle for 25" LD HDTV/VHS player; Free Moon Walk and Slide; Face Painting and other children's activities; T-shirts; Reminder wristbands; and, Music, food and free balloons. For more information, please call Jan O'Neill at 606.8426 or to download a brochure, visit our website: www.watchfortheunborn.org.

NURSERY NEWS. The nursery will be open today for all Sunday Masses. Nursery Volunteer applications located in the Parish atrium are still being accepted.

DISMISSAL CLASS. All children ages 3-5 are welcomed to attend the Dismissal class. Father Ackerman will call all children up to the altar for Dismissal. Please enroll your child (ren) for this opportunity by filling out the required Religious Education registration forms located in the atrium on the back table. Classes are approximately 25-minutes in duration. The cost has been reduced to \$15.00 to allow more children to participate. *Scholarships are available.* See Chelle Breedlove after Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES have begun. Currently, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 7th / 8th Grade R.E. classes are FULL. Registrations can still be accepted, but students wishing to be in these particular classes, will be placed on a waiting list.

PLEASE NOTE: All grade level classes will meet in the Sanctuary (main church) at 09:45 a.m. Students should be seated by 09:45 a.m. We will all pray together, then the catechists will walk your children to their perspective classrooms. Parents should pick up their children at their classrooms no later than 10:50 a.m.

R.E. CLASS LOCATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Kindergarten: Nursery
1st grade: Main room of Apt 1526 (follow sidewalk through the Red House breeze-way, look for the signs on the Apartment windows/doors)
2nd grade: Room 1 (next to Nursery)
3rd grade: North room (Apt 1528)
4th grade: South room (Apt 1526)
5th Grade: North room (Apt 1526)
6th grade: South room (Apt 1528)
7th- 8th grade: Room 2 in Church (one closest to the street)
9th/10th grade (1st year Confirmation Registration Deadline: Oct. 1): Knight's White House
10th/11th grade (2nd Year Confirmation Registration Deadline: Oct. 1): Library
Seniors: Parish Office Staff Work room
RCIC: R. E. Coordinator's Office

PLEASE NOTE: Any volunteer catechist or nursery aide *must* attend a *Safe Environment Seminar* and fill out the required application. **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SEMINARS** are held at Saint Thomas More in the **Parish library** on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** The next one will be held **Tuesday, October 14.** R.E. Coordinator will personally assist with the application process to ensure all the requirements for the archdiocese are met and completed in a timely fashion.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES (MARK YOUR CALENDARS!)

Sat., 27 Sep 08: **CATECHETICAL CONGRESS,** Pastoral Center, OKC, 7:45 a.m. to 12 noon (For all Catechists)

Sunday, 28 Sep 08: **Crop Walk, 2:00 p.m.**
 (Food & Shelter for Friends: 104 W. Comanche), Community Service Choice for Confirmation candidates 1st & 2nd year students. *Please meet at STM at 1:30 p.m.*

Saturday, 04 Oct 08: **ONE Retreat Youth Group Activity Event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
 Any high school student may sign-up. Please call or e-mail Chelle Breedlove if interested.

Saturday, 11 Oct 08: **Mandatory Training for all High School Catechists** at the Catholic Pastoral Center in OKC., 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, 25 Oct 08: **Happy Harvest Festival/Pumpkin Olympics, 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.,** Church Grounds for all R.E. children and their families. More information to come regarding parent volunteers.

Sunday, 26 Oct 08: **First Children's Mass, 11:00 a.m.**
 More information to follow regarding which classes will be participating.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is actively involved in overseeing that those who work with youth are formally trained, continue to give updated training, and are provided with means of deepening their own faith. The revised Code of Canon Law states:

"Lay persons who devote themselves to special service in the church are obligated to acquire appropriate formation that is required to fulfill their function properly and to carry it conscientiously, zealously and diligently" (CN 776).

Please contact Chelle Breedlove to review the options that are available for catechetical certification. One of the options are a series of five Youth Faith Formation workshops, held on Saturdays throughout the year from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Consider attending the **2008 CATECHETICAL CONGRESS** on **Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Catholic Pastoral Center.**

DISCOVER SUBIACO ACADEMY

Subiaco Academy, a Catholic boarding/day college preparatory school for grades 8-12, in western Arkansas (east of Ft. Smith) is offering the opportunity for prospective students and parents to visit and experience Subiaco life for a weekend... **FREE!**

Come for **Discovery Weekend, October 31-November 2, 2008.** For more information and to make your reservation, contact the Academy at **1.800.364.7824** or **admissions@subi.org.**

See us at www.subi.org

REGION 10 CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

"Be Bold, Be Proud, Be Catholic"

November 21-23, 2008

Amarillo, Texas for YOUTH 9TH -12TH GRADE

Cost of the trip is \$210 which includes registration, lodging, transportation by bus, t-shirt, insurance, solidarity fee and most meals. Keynote Speakers include Steve Angrisano and Mike Patin. For more information call the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office at 405.721.9220.



"Gaze not upon the beauty of another's wife" (Sirach 9:8). "Praise not a man for his looks" (Sirach 11:2). It's fine to have friends of the opposite sex but be cautious, especially with work relationships. Agree with your spouse on acceptable boundaries. For daily marriage tips visit: www.ForYourMarriage.org.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The **ASCS Halloween Carnival** will be held **Sunday, October 26.** Come and join in the fun!

Final call to purchase personalized pavers for the new gymnasium! Pavers may be purchased to honor or in memory of a loved one. Corporate pavers are welcomed too! Contact Carolyn Schmidt or the school office at 405.447.4600 for more information.

We are nearing completion of our gymnasium campaign. The groundbreaking date will be announced soon! Help us over the top by making your donation today. Log-on to www.allsaintsnorman.org and click on "donate."

PARISH NEWS, NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **MARTHA AND MARY'S GUILD** will meet **Thursday, September 25, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Overflow room. Bring needles and white thread. We'll be making scented sachets.

KNIGHTLY NEWS. If you've attained full Knighthood of the 3rd Degree, be advised that there is a 4th Degree ceremony scheduled for **Oct. 25th** in Lawton. Be the best you can be; join the 4th Degree. If you are a member in the 1st Degree, call SK Huntington for information regarding the time and place of your next step in your journey.

September Brain Twister. Our Deputy Grand Knight gave our Grand Knight as many dollars as the Grand Knight started out with; the Grand Knight then gave the Deputy Grand Knight back as much as the Deputy Grand Knight had left. The Deputy Grand Knight then gave the Grand Knight back as many dollars as the Grand Knight had left, which left the Deputy Grand Knight broke and gave the Grand Knight a total of \$80.00 (that's why he is the Grand Knight). How much did the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight each have at the beginning of their exchange? Submit your name and answer to Gloria in the Church office. The winner will be drawn from the correct responses during our October Business meeting.

Football parking volunteers unite and be ready for the next home game, **Sept. 27th** against TCU. Our Council is fortunate to have such a fundraising opportunity, let's make the most of it--Come and help. Can't help on game day; how about an hour on the Friday evening before or on the Sunday morning before the 8:30 Mass? Neither requires a lot of time, but just as important to this fundraising project as game day parking. Call SK Sher, 360-0007, for Friday roping details and SK McElhane, 360-1768, for cleanup details.

What would you suggest for an **October Family Fun Event**. Miniature golf? Ice cream social? A cook out? Come on, guys, get your eyes off the NFL and ask your wife and/or kid(s) what they think would be fun.

Plans are underway for our **Council's 25th Anniversary Celebration** in conjunction with this year's Founders Day. Watch for details and plan to attend. Nominations for **Knigh of the Year** should be submitted to SK Huntington anytime prior to the Nov. 5th business meeting.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS. Don't forget to mark your calendars for **October 24, 2008**, when we will dance with the stars! *"Some Enchanted Evening: Dancing with the Stars"*, is the theme of our **2008 Gala**, benefiting campus ministry at the University of Oklahoma. Tickets to the gala are **\$65 per person or \$125 per couple**. If you buy your ticket *before* Oct. 1, you will receive 2 hours of ballroom dancing lessons to make you a true dancing star. Campus Ministry is also having a **RAFFLE** as a part of it's gala. For only **\$10 a ticket**, you can purchase the opportunity to win a Sony 32 inch flat screen HDTV along with a 42" wood console to put it in. Purchase your Gala and Raffle tickets after Mass today! For further information, contact Debbie at 405.321.0990 Ext 206. If you can't attend, would you please consider making a donation to Campus Ministry?

OKC THUNDER TICKETS - THE HOTTEST TICKETS IN TOWN. Thunder tickets are hard to get unless you attend this year's Gala. We will auction off tickets at the Gala. The only way you can bid on them is to buy a ticket and to attend the Gala. So buy one after Mass. Come to the Gala on the **October 24th**. Have fun and bid on these great tickets. If you aren't the winning bidder for Thunder tickets, then buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win the 32 inch Sony High Definition television to watch the games at home.

THIRSTY? Quench your thirst for God by visiting our Parish website at <http://www.stm-ou.org>. Spiritually insightful links and upcoming Parish events are just a few clicks away. Take a moment to share your thoughts with your elected Parish Council members and Pastoral staff by dropping your comments in the **SUGGESTION BOX** located in the Parish atrium.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every day, in hospitals and churches of all denominations across the country, meetings are held to provide a means of support to those fighting the terrifying grip of addiction. At those meetings, there is never an issue as to the age of the attendees. Perhaps a person late in life has finally decided to do something about a lifelong problem; or perhaps a young person attends, hoping to avoid a lifelong problem. Either way, both are welcomed unconditionally; their goal and their reward are the same.

Today's Gospel reading gives us the parable of the landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. As the day went on, he continued to bring laborers to his fields even up to the last hour of the day, yet all were paid the same wage. Those who had readily agreed to work all day for a certain wage--their reward--were not thrilled that those who had only worked an hour were given the same wage, the same reward. If our reward for believing in God is eternal life, what is the point of bringing others into the light if they shouldn't expect the same reward?

Of all of the characteristics of the human soul, one stands above the rest--hope. **The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we as faithful followers of God are given the hope of glory in heaven if we love him and do as he directs through his word, his Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (CCC 1821).** In the parable of the landowner and the vineyard workers, we are given witness to hope; those laborers who were still waiting at the end of the day for a job were hopeful that they might work even for a short time in hopes that they could provide for their families. We stand at the altar with hope and faith that God will provide eternal life.him?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a / Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8 / Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28 / Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Mt 21:28-32

REMEMBER IN PRAYER. It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. Listed below are people who have requested our prayerful intercession. *Call our Prayer Line to add or delete someone from the prayer list at 405.447.7055.* If there is an **EMERGENCY**, and you need to reach a priest, please dial **405.321.0990 Ext. 208.**

LET US KNOW. Please notify the parish office when a family member is in the hospital or home-bound. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises, and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the telephone calls, pastoral visits, bringing the Holy Eucharist, and praying for them at Mass that we would like to share. Please contact the Parish office if there is a concern in your family or another parish family (with their permission).

VISIT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL AND PRAY FOR... The preservation of the dignity and sanctity of all life; victims and survivors of violence; troubled marriages; vocations (*Mariana Schwartz*); peace; justice; our service men, women and their families (*Colleen Dennison, Matthew Ghigliotti, Luke T. Landis, Michael Scanlon and Clint Wilson*); the hungry; the homeless; the abused; the unemployed; and our youth; **THE SICK...** Marge Earley, Harold Heiple, Joan Ivester, Rufina Jordan, Susan Lepak, Sharon Poe, Barbara Muir, Patricia Murray, Ignacio & Maria Ruiz, Lisseth Schwartz, Dar Vickers, Sallie Wallace, and Luisa Whitman; **THOSE IN MOURNING...** The Farnan, Johnson, Okvist, Walsh, and Weimer families; **THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF...** Mary Lee Farnan, the Okvist twins, Patrick Walsh, and Victoria J. Weimer.

Understanding the Parable of the Workers Hired Late

When he sees the luxurious residence or the charming country house of a wealthy person, a poor workingman often asks himself: "Why is there such inequality in the world?"

How many volumes have been written about equality among men! How much blood has been spilled for this ideal! And yet, in spite of it all, we still have the rich and the poor...

Let us imagine that one day all the inhabitants of the world would assemble to put into effect this sharing of all goods; and that in fact each person, granted that the world is very big, received an exactly equal portion of the wealth existing on earth.

Then what? That very evening one man might say, "Today I worked hard: now I am going to take rest." Another might state, "I understand this sharing of goods well; so let's drink and celebrate such an extraordinary happening." On the other hand, another might say, "Now I am going to set to work with a will so as to reap the greatest benefit I can from what I have received." And so, starting on the next day, the first man would have only the amount given him; the second would have less, and the third would have increased his.

Then what do we do? Start redistributing the wealth all over again?

Even if everybody began to work right away with all his might and at the same time, the results would not be identical for all. There are, in fact, different kinds of work which are unequally productive; nor do all workers enjoy the same identical capacities. This leads to a diversity of results achieved, and consequently to differences in people's profits.

What would have to be imposed so that, once the division of goods was accomplished, people could continue to live on a basis of equality understood in this sense? All workers would have to perform the same tasks, all possess equal intelligence and ability, have similar professional training, the same degree of health and strength, and especially the same ability and desire to put forth the necessary efforts. All of this is quite utopian.

To continue the argument, even if there were only two persons in the world, they would not succeed in maintaining absolute equality; for in the whole universe there are no two things completely identical in every respect...

In spite of this, the human mind still desires to bring about certain equality among men. Is there any possibility that this can happen? Yes, no doubt. Every man, whoever he is, whatever he possesses and whatever he is capable of doing, owes all this to God the Creator of the universe. Of himself man is nothing. From this point of view all of us are absolutely equal.

Furthermore we all possess free will, which makes us masters of all our actions. This too constitutes the basic equality of all men on earth. But the use made of our free will is not the same in all cases; it depends in fact on each man's own determination, on the extent to which he makes use of this precious gift; for not all do so to the same degree. It follows that not even after death will perfect equality be achieved; it will not in fact exist, because every man will receive a just reward or punishment according to his deeds, good or evil. -**SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE** (+ 1941) was a Polish Conventual Franciscan priest who was martyred in Auschwitz.

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

Alternate Friday Penance?

Q. I've been told that when the Church began allowing us to eat meat on Fridays outside of Lent, we were nevertheless still obliged to observe some alternate penance on every Friday we chose to eat meat. Is that true? If so, is failing to observe either abstinence from meat or an alternate penance on a Friday a grave sin? -*J.F., Chicago, Ill.*

A. Here's a reply from The Catholic Answer columnist, Fr. Francis Hoffman, J.C.D.:

You're right. Fridays are to have a penitential flavor for Catholics. Today we're allowed to eat meat on Fridays, except during Lent. On all other Fridays, however, if we do not abstain from eating meat (and interestingly enough, abstinence from meat is still the preferred penance on a Friday, according to the USCCB Complementary Norms of November 18, 1966), we are to substitute "other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety" (canon 1253).

Failure to observe some penance on a Friday would not be a mortal sin unless such a failure was done out of spite for Church teaching on that subject.

In addition to Fridays and the season of Lent, in the United States we are called to do penance on January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) "for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion" (see GIRM, 373).

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Q. THE THIRD SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER IS REFERRED TO AS **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THAT TERM?

A. Catechetical Sunday highlights and celebrates the catechetical ministry of the people of God, namely to hand on the values and traditions of our Catholic faith. This Sunday is given a particular theme each year, focusing on a key aspect of catechesis. This year's theme is "*Summon the Laborers.*"

Catechesis comes from a Greek word meaning "*to echo.*" It challenges all of us to develop a Catholic identity molded and modeled on Jesus. We learn this from those who handed down that faith to us. We echo that back by the living example of our lives. Catechesis is handing down that tradition to others, hoping that others can echo that back in their own lives. The presumption is that we do have something to hand on to others. This calls each of us to grow in depth of faith and knowledge, and to reflect on how we share that with others.

Whether or not we literally teach, all of us are teachers in the way we live. What are we echoing? St. Francis is attributed with the following statement which speaks to the heart of Catechetical Sunday: "[Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.](#)"

Most parishes use this occasion to commission all those who catechize in the parish. Each of us is called to renew our own commitment to grow in faith and knowledge, making seriously our mission together as the pilgrim people of God. © 2006 Liturgical Publications Inc., New Berlin, WI 53151