

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 29, 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 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

Mon. September 28

7:30 am **Communion Service**
7:00 pm **Men of Honor/Women of Grace**

Tues. September 29

5:15 pm **Mass** Special Intention

Wed. September 30

7:30 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family
9:00 pm **Mass** Student Led

Thurs. October 1

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

Fri. October 2

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

Sat. October 3

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

Sun. October 4

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 27-Oct 4

Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43. 45, 47-48 (137)
Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50 (455)
Tues: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51 (647)
Wed: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62 (457)
Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Lk 10:1-12 (458)
Fri: Bar 1:15-22 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650)
Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24 (460)
Sun: 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 (140)

Ministry Schedule October 3 & 4

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schriener, Risa Davis, Brandon Montano
11:00am Hannah Johnson, Will Banowsky, John Robb
5:00pm Risa Walters, Susan Murphy, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Jane Sarber, Tom Burns

Sunday

8:30am R. C. Davis-Undiano, Frank Freidhoff
11:00am Miranda Shaughnessy, Jean Quinnett
5:00pm Pat Hyland, Justine Summers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Charles Gill, Amy McElhaney, Brigid Brink, Jeanne Cullen
11:00am Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, John Holter, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Maria McKee, Dan Lawrence, Rick Pendergraft, Deanna Preble
5:00pm Lindsay Hemingway, Arn Henderson, Bea Henderson, Sims Beeler, Joseph Mecham, Linda Fields, Jim Fields, Bill Hersey, Kaitlyn Willit

Ushers

Saturday

5:00pm Jane Wrede, Carolyn Houser, Leila Kondo,

Sunday

8:30am K. Denton, Jr., Leroy Montano, Kathleen Kershen, Drew Kershen
11:00am Matt Bahar, Susy Calonkey, James Robb, Steve Calonkey
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Corey Gill, David Allbritton

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

10/4/09 Sharon Poe
Maggie Fitzgerald

O'Dea Family

10/11/09 Cachero Family

Jeanne Aiken
Jean Winters

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

St. Thomas More News and Announcements

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

Congratulations to Janne O'Donnell and April Anderson from St. Thomas More and Frank and Jan Bruehl and Keith and Sandra Cagle from St. Andrew's Church in Moore for making your commitments last night at Mass. All the above individuals are living the best they can the charisms of our ASC community, the Adoring and Redeeming Love of Christ.

Sister Ursula Schones ASC

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!

Catholic Charities 2009 Annual Appeal September 26-27

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.

Secular Franciscans News

The St. Claire fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order which meets at STM is holding a special prayer service known as Transitus on **October 4, 2009 in the sanctuary at 1:15 pm**. The Transitus honors the transition of Francis from life on earth to new life in heaven with Christ. The fraternity would like to invite the parish to this celebration. After the service, the fraternity is showing a documentary about the Francis's life, ministry, and the orders he founded. We invite anyone with an interest in learning more about Francis's life and his way of living out the Gospel to come and share this time with us. For more information, **please call Mary at 527-0842**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Religious Education News

Religious Education registration is officially closed- If you have any questions, please call Chelle in the office.

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 of-fertory song.

Nursery Volunteers are still needed:

New volunteers are always 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.

STM NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

Liturgical Ministers Help!

Dan Lawrence has initiated an e-mail group for those who are willing to receive the bi-monthly ministry schedules via e-mail, rather than the USPS. The advantage for STM is that it saves copying, handling, and postage costs and time. The schedule and LM contact lists are sent out in Excel and MS Spreadsheet formats to each LM so requesting. If you are willing to receive future schedules (beginning with the Nov-Dec schedule) in this manner, rather than via regular mail, please let him know by sending an e-mail address at dlawrence7@cox.net
If, after trying this, you find it to be unsatisfactory, I can return you to the regular mail option.

Attention Primetimers and Primetimer Wannabees:

Our next meeting will be in the STM atrium on Friday, October 8, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be an OU Spirit meeting to prepare for the Baylor game (its not quite Texas, but what the hey?) So bring your favorite OU stuff and 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. We are sure, for this meeting, there will be no surprises to cap the evening (last meeting we had (nearly) all desserts for dinner. This will be a pleasant, stress-free, lit it all hang out meeting. You need not be retired to join in the fellowship and fun, after all, we are all young at heart. For more information, please contact Al Patrick at 360-4147.

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.

From the Office of Family Life

Single Again? There is help for the heartache of separation, divorce, and widowhood at a **Beginning Experience Weekend**. This weekend program helps deal with the natural grieving process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Trained team members who have suffered the loss of a loved one share their own experience as they lead participants through presentations, private reflections, and small group sharing. The next **Beginning Experience Weekend**, which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will take place at the Catholic Pastoral Center, **October 16-18, 2009**. Contact the Office of Family Life at 721-8944 for registration information.

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.

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>

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.

Please call the office with mass requests, funeral scheduling, sacramental ministries questions or if you are moving.

All Saints Catholic School News

The Skyline is rapidly changing at All Saints!

The first piece of steel was erected September 15th. By the end of the week, the steel for the single story portion of the gym was fully erected. On Monday, September 21st, the first section of steel for the taller gymnasium portion was put into place. The excitement is building at the school. The 12,000 square foot facility that includes a gymnasium and multipurpose space, a commercial kitchen, concession stands, a lobby, storage and PE facilities is set to be completed in Spring 2010. The school has raised \$1,000,000 of the \$1,250,000 budget. Help us over the final hurdle! Make your pledge or donation at our website: www.allsaintsnorman.org

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.

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.

40 Days for Life Campaign will be taking place from September 23 to November 1.

The 40 Days of Life campaign is part of a nationally coordinated pro-life campaign. It is the nation's largest united pro-life effort to hold peaceful prayer vigils outside of abortion facilities across the United States. Since its inception in 2004, the movement has spread across the United States borders to Canada and even around the world to places like Denmark. For more specific information on the 40 Days of Life, visit the official website at:

<http://www.40daysforlife.com>

The prayer vigils will run from September 23 through November 1 and will take place at the Warr Acres abortion facility located at 6112 NW 63rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73132 (It's across the street from the 7-11 on NW 63rd, west of MacArthur Blvd). Prayer vigils will take place all day long every day.

The more people are aware of this, the more people will sign-up to help, and the more human lives in the womb can be saved!

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.**

Jubilee USA Regional Conference, October 24th

Will be held at Oklahoma City University. Local Oklahoma residents will be joining experts on global poverty and hunger, including leading anti-poverty advocate and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, **Wahu Kaara** from Kenya, to explore connections between debt, immigration, global health, and the financial crisis. More than 55 million people will be forced into extreme poverty this year due to the global economic crisis. There are concrete ways that we can contribute to ending global poverty. For more information about the conference and to register, visit www.jubileeusa.org/conference. Early bird registration deadline is September 15th.

St. Gregory's Abbey in Shawnee, Oklahoma..

Will host the internationally acclaimed author, Rev. Michael Casey, OCSO, for a day of reflection on Benedictine spirituality to be held on **Saturday, October 10th.** The workshop, entitled "Beyond the Cloister; Benedictine Spirituality for the 21st Century", is open to the public. The program will begin at 9:30 am in the W. P. Wood Field House on the campus of St. Gregory's University, and will conclude at 3:00 pm. The registration fee of \$25.00 will include workshop materials, refreshments, and lunch. Advanced registration is required by Friday, October 2, and can be made by calling the Abbey Office at 405-878-5490, or through the St. Gregory's Abbey Website: www.monksok.org.

A Trappist monk from Tarrawarra Abbey in Australia, Father Casey is the author of numerous articles on prayer, spirituality, and the *Rule of Benedict*. His books include **An Unexciting Life: Reflections on Benedictine Spirituality** (2005), **Fully Human, Fully Divine: An Interactive Christology** (2004), **A Guide To Living The Truth** (2001), **Return to the Heart** (2001), **Truthful Living** (1998), **Sacred Reading** (1996), and **Toward God** (1996). He is a well-known retreat master and lectures internationally on monastic spirituality. He also serves as the superior and formation director for his monastery. Please join us for this special event.

*Some Enchanted Evening: A Night In Italy Gala
Friday, November 13, 2009 at Embassy Suites*

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 FIND YOUR BASKET REPRESENTATIVE!

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

To date, we have 25 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 let the office know what you have chosen. 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.

T h a n k y o u f o r y o u r s u p p o r t ! ! !