

## 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 October 6, 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. October 4**

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Andrew Kershen by the Breakfast Group  
11:00 am **Mass** Celebrate Father Ray on his birthday tomorrow  
5:00 pm **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family  
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

### **Mon. October 5**

#### **Happy Birthday to Father Ray Ackerman!**

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

### **Tues. October 6**

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

### **Wed. October 7**

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

### **Thurs. October 8**

- 5:15 pm **Mass** For Father Jennings Health and Well-being  
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**  
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**  
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

### **Fri. October 9**

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

### **Sat. October 10**

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

### **Sun. October 11**

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

#### **Readings for the Week of Oct 4-Oct 11**

- Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11  
Mk 10:2-16 (140)  
Mon: Jon 1:1-2:2,11/Lk 10:25-37 (461)  
Tues: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42 (462)  
Wed: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4 (463)  
Thurs: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13 (464)  
Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26 (465)  
Sat: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28 (466)  
Sun: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 (143)

## **Ministry Schedule October 10 & 11**

### **Altar Servers**

#### **Saturday**

- 5:00pm Hannah Grillot, Arianna Garcia

#### **Sunday**

- 8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Valerie Pham, Eamonn McElhaney  
11:00am Tyler Keupen, Maya Hoffman, Elizabeth Buckelew  
5:00pm Sherritta Harris, Janice Wilson, Katie Byers

### **Lectors**

#### **Saturday**

- 5:00pm Cindy O'Brien, Rob Gragg

#### **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 Steve Edge, Veronica Edge, John Holter, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, 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 Carolyn Houser, Rae Quijano, Jane Wrede, Pat Urell

#### **Sunday**

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

### **Hospitality Schedule**

	<b>8:30 Mass</b>	<b>11:00 Mass</b>
<b>10/11/09</b>	<b>Cachero Family</b>	<b>Jeanne Aiken Jean Winters</b>
<b>10/18/09</b>	<b>Hinton Family Corbett Family</b>	<b>Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman</b>

*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!

### 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 Thanks You For Your Support

Thank You for your generous support of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. If you haven't already returned your envelope, please drop it in the collection basket or mail it to Catholic Charities. The Lord calls each of us to be the *Servant of All* — to reach out to the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the lonely. We can share in Christ's Work by helping Catholic Charities help others in need. For more information about Catholic charities, visit the website at [www.catholiccharitiesok.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesok.org).

### Annual Lindsay Street Life Chain

Please share with family, friends, students, etc. that the annual Lindsey Street Life Chain is this Sunday October 4 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. We will pass out signs near the Planned Parenthood office and spread our east and west form there. Please tell as many people as you can, so no one misses this prayer opportunity. Please call Vince at 793-9923 if you have any questions.

### Communion and Liberation-Opening day 2009-St. Mark', Oct. 10, 2009 at 2 pm in Founders Hall

Communion and Liberation is an ecclesial movement within the Church which stresses the education of its members to the recognition of Christ's presence within our lives and circumstances. The Charism of CL stresses the unity of faith and reason. During the Opening Day meeting we will watch a video with Fr. Carron, leader of CL, as he sets the path of the educational journey for the year. This is a great opportunity to "check out" this fast-growing charism and learn more.

At 5:00 pm, we will join the parish for mass and conclude with dinner.

For more information please write Peter Keupen at [pkeupen@yahoo.com](mailto:pkeupen@yahoo.com) or call 255-6130.

### 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.

## 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) 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](mailto:dlawrence7@cox.net)

If, after trying this, you find it to be unsatisfactory, I can return you to the regular mail option.

### 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.

### 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?). In addition, Master Police Officer Jennifer Newell, Norman PD, will present a program on preventing financial exploitation of seniors. This will be very informative and useful for us all. 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 info please call Al Patrick at 360-4147.

**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.***

## Religious Education News

### 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.

### Safe Environment Training Offered:

Choir members, ushers, adult altar servers, Catechists, parents involved in the classrooms or events, and nursery volunteers are required to attend a Safe Environment training and complete a Safe Environment application and packet. Our next classes for **October 25th at 12:30 pm** in the library. Anyone considering a ministry involving or working with youth should attend this training.

### IN MEMORY OF.... Annie Spann

Annie Spann, St. Thomas More parishioner and nursery volunteer passed away three weeks ago. The family did not ask for anything in particular, but interested donors could donate to a Catholic Charity of their choice. In her honor, I found a charity that resembles her past as a nurse, **Faith Community Nursing**. This charity represents registered nurses who work in faith communities with the purpose of Ministering to the whole person-physically, socially, emotionally, and with special emphasis on the spiritual dimension.

If you are interested in donating to this charity, please mail a check to Catholic Charities at 1501 N. Classen Blvd., OKC 73106-6699. Include a short note saying: gift to benefit Faith Community Nursing in Honor of Annie Spann. I also will be collecting donations after Mass on Oct. 4 & 11th. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.  
Chelle Breedlove

## STM News & Announcements (cont'd)

### Intercessions for Life

October 4:

For all married couples:

that they may express ever more fully the generous love of God, especially by joyfully accepting the great blessing of children

### 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](http://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.

#### October 15th Topic: Sex and the City: The Truth about Men and women, and what God REALLY intended (Theology of the Body)

Guest speaker: Faith Riley for Our Lady's Cathedral It will be held at Pepe's Mexican Restaurant located at 1701 S. Broadway in Edmond.

#### 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.

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!

#### 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](http://www.jubileeusa.org/conference).

#### 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](http://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.

#### 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>

*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!

**WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

To date, we have 37 baskets (including the 4 Mass baskets) either completed or in the works! Each of these baskets are plentiful, fun and creative! If you haven't gotten involved and still want to, there are 15 struggling baskets that still need a few items to be complete. The office can tell you about each of them and as always, donations are accepted and appreciated!

**Sponsorships.....**this year sponsorships are down (as expected with the economy), however, if you would like information about sponsorship, please contact the office. The first \$5000 sponsor will receive an added benefit of a Knights of Columbus Casino night for your business holiday party or other event of your choice. The Knights will provide the gaming tables and the dealers for an evening of fun!

**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 tickets are on sale. Please look for the college students in the atrium after each Mass and you may always purchase tickets in the office.

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