

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	<a href="http://www.stm-ou.org">http://www.stm-ou.org</a>
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

**Pastor:** Reverend Ray K. Ackerman • [oklarka@yahoo.com](mailto:oklarka@yahoo.com) • Ext. 204

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 5, 2008

The landowner who planted a vineyard presupposes that hired tenants can be trusted, that additional servants will be able to obtain his produce, and that, when all else fails, treacherous people will respect the sacrosanct relationship of father and son. In short, the man is looking only for common decency. But in us even that fails. That is why Saint Paul pleads: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me." For at one time, he was like those murderous servants. But, converted to what is true, honorable, just, pure, and gracious, he proclaims that we are the cherished vineyard to whom the Father sends his Son.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

SUNDAY † OCTOBER 5 † TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER ACKERMAN!

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** in Thanksgiving of Fr. ACKERMAN by *Parishioner* (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-12] (Gather in Sanctuary)
- 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Students Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** in Thanksgiving of DR. JAMES YOCH by Fr. *Ray Ackerman* (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 p.m. Secular Franciscans (Northcliff Gardens: 1301 Northcliff)
- 5:00 p.m. **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 † OCTOBER 6 † WEEKDAY (*Bruno, priest; Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin*)

- Oct. 6-9 Fr. Ackerman on Priest Retreat (Montserrat Retreat Center, TX)
- 7:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Men of Honor / Women of Grace (Lounge)

TUESDAY † OCTOBER 7 † WEEKDAY (*Our Lady of the Rosary*)

- 9:00 a.m. Food for Friends (104 W. Comanche)
- 5:15 p.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. JustMatters (Red House)
- 7:00 p.m. Journey of Faith / R.C.I.A. (Overflow)

WEDNESDAY † OCTOBER 8 † WEEKDAY (*Yom Kippur begins at sunset*)

- 7:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. College Night (Overflow Room)
- 9:00 p.m. STUDENT-LED **MASS** (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY † OCTOBER 9 † WEEKDAY (*Denis, bishop, martyr and companions*)

- 1:30 p.m. Martha & Mary Guild Craft Session (Overflow)
- 5:15 p.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Communion and Liberation (Lounge)
- 8:30 p.m. **VESPERS** (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- 9:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Red House)

FRIDAY † OCTOBER 10 † WEEKDAY

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

SATURDAY † OCTOBER 11 † WEEKDAY (*Francis of Assisi, religious*)

- 3:00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS** (Reconciliation Room)
- 5:00 p.m. **VIGIL MASS** (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY † OCTOBER 12 † TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

### VOCATION AWARENESS

- 8:30 a.m. **MASS** (Sanctuary)
- BAPTISM:** GWENDOLYN AURIANA WEAVER
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes [Grades K-12] (Gather in Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Parent Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. **MASS** † NATIVIDAD GARCIA by *Milagros Ireland* (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 p.m. LifeWalk / Birth Choice (Myriad Gardens, OKC)
- 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

OCTOBER 12, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Steve & Carolyn Jones
- 11:00 a.m. Jean Winters, Jeanne Aiken

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2008

### ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 p.m. Hannah G., David Pickens, Michael Scanlon
- 8:30 a.m. Emily S., Eamonn M., Substitute Needed
- 11:00 a.m. Tyler K., Hannah J., Miranda J.
- 5:00 p.m. Sheritta H., Janice Wilson, Jonathan K.

### LECTORS

- 5:00 p.m. Tom Burns
- 8:30 a.m. Frank Freidhoff, Tom Koszoru
- 11:00 a.m. Harold Heiple, Laura Jones
- 5:00 p.m. Heather Stout, Eric Hunt

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5:00 p.m. Louise Kay, Mary & Stephen Bonner, Cheri Remington, Paula Graham
- 8:30 a.m. Lisa Lancaster, Charles & Patricia Gill, Carole Baldwin, Salva Gabert
- 11:00 a.m. Gail Anderson, Dan Lawrence, Becky O'Dea, Jodie & Doris Edge, Eric Anderson, Caridad Marchand, Rigo Gutierrez, Pat King
- 5:00 p.m. Ashleigh Arndt, Arn Henderson, Susan & Joseph Mecham, Sims Beeler, Kaitlyn Willit, Justin Linck, Bobby Meiners, Lindsay Hemingway

### USHERS

- 5:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed
- 8:30 a.m. Becky Fleming, Russell Koch, TBA
- 11:00 a.m. Jesus Avila, James Robb, Steve Patrick, Mike Tobin
- 5:00 p.m. Corey Gill, Bill Huntington, Frank Anderson

**ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!** Mark your calendars for the **Parish Liturgical Training Workshop** scheduled for **Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!** 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 321.0990 Ext. 212.

**REFUGEE AND RESETTLEMENT NEEDS FURNITURE.** Catholic Charities' Refugee and Resettlement needs donated furniture and other items for refugees who will be arriving soon in Oklahoma City. Household items needed are: **Twin size mattresses, box springs and frames (we will take separate pieces); Dining room tables and chairs; Couches, living room chairs and coffee tables and lamps; Dressers; Pots and Pans and kitchen items.** To donate, please contact the Refugee Department at 405.523.3002.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEEKING CHRISTMAS GIFT SPONSORS.** Catholic Charities is seeking gift sponsors for the annual *Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program*. The program matches anonymous sponsors with families in need throughout the greater Oklahoma City area. Each sponsor receives a Christmas wish list for the "adopted" family, including each family member's first name, age and clothing size. Sponsors wrap the gifts individually. Cash donations also are accepted for the purchase of gift cards for families in need. Families in need are referred to the program from parish-based St. Vincent de Paul groups. Individuals or groups interested in sponsoring families, or anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the gift drop-off and pick-up process, may call Allison Craig, Catholic Charities Family Support Services at 405.523.2328. Interested sponsors are asked to contact the office by **November 7**.

## SPIRITUAL HEALING & ENRICHMENT

**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.

**ANGER, CONFLICT & FORGIVENESS, Sat., Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,** MARIE BALLMANN, OSB. This spiritual approach helps you to identify the unresolved anger and conflicts that affect your relationships. Learn the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation and let go of the pain. **Place:** Monastery Library of Red Plains Monastery, SW of Piedmont. Call 405.373.0804 to register. **Fee:** Send in your \$40 to reserve a place. Bring a sack lunch.

**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.** 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](http://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. 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 [ok-crachel@yahoo.com](mailto:ok-crachel@yahoo.com) or check out [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

## IS MATTHEW'S GOSPEL ANTI-JEWISH?

Matthew's Gospel has been used to justify hatred of Jews, centered primarily on the charge of deicide, the killing of God (Jesus). Matthew 27:25 quotes the Jewish mob agitating for Jesus' crucifixion as saying, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Taken out of historical context, the verse has caused untold bloodshed of Jews by Christians. So is Matthew's Gospel anti-Jewish?

Matthew is a Jew writing for a primarily Jewish community that has accepted Jesus as the Messiah. It is struggling for existence within a Pharisaic-dominated Judaism that has chosen not to accept Jesus as Messiah. Matthew's community seems to be persecuted by other Jews for believing in Jesus as Messiah and legitimate Torah-interpreter. Matthew assures his community that it is on the right track in accepting Jesus.

The Gospel is written as a defense of those Jews who accept Jesus, in response to the criticism of fellow Jews who do not. The defense gets heated (Matthew 23) as charges of hypocrisy, false pride and legal wrangling are leveled against primarily Pharisaic Jews who reject Jesus as Messiah.

The historical context situates these intense arguments among Jews who disagreed over the significance of Jesus. Distinctions between Jew and Christian have yet to occur. This is Jewish in-house disagreement and tension. Only when taken out of their historical context can these words be mistaken as anti-Jewish. Matthew's Gospel is not anti-Jewish in any sense, although it has been interpreted to be so for centuries.

Reflect on how we can develop better understanding between Christians and Jews.  
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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**YOU can help save lives!** This fall, from **September 24 - November 2**, our community will be one of more than 170 cities in 45 states joining together for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history -- the *40 Days for Life* campaign. *40 Days for Life* is a focused pro-life effort that consists of: **40 days of prayer and fasting; 40 days of peaceful vigil; 40 days of community outreach.** We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city -- and throughout America. **QUESTIONS? [WWW.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM/OKLAHOMACITY](http://WWW.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM/OKLAHOMACITY) OR CONTACT [OKC40DAYSFORLIFE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OKC40DAYSFORLIFE@GMAIL.COM) OR 405-593-9041.**

## CELEBRATE LIFE

### LIFE CHAIN RALLY

**Dates: TODAY, October 5, 2008**

**Time: STARTS: 2:00 PM ENDS: 3:00 PM**

**Location: Lindsey at 24th Ave (just east of I-35)**

For more information see [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net) or call 405.721.5651



**BIRTH CHOICE 16<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.watchfortheunborn.org).

# ST. THOMAS MORE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



## SAINT THOMAS MORE'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### HAPPY HARVEST FESTIVAL & PUMPKIN OLYMPICS

#### *Donations requested:*

#### 1. PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS AND MORE PUMPKINS!

LARGE ONES FOR DECORATIONS

MEDIUM ONES FOR PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

SMALL ONES FOR PUMPKIN OLYMPICS

TINY ONES FOR THE OLYMPICS AND DECORATING CONTEST

#### 2. CRAFT ITEMS TO DECORATE PUMPKINS: PAINT, GEMS, GLITTER,

YARN, MATERIAL, CRAFT GLUE

#### 3. BALES OF HAY: FOR PUMPKIN PATCH AND OLYMPICS

#### 4. CUTE OR HAPPY PUMPKINS FACES PAINTED ON WOOD STICKS TO DECORATE PUMPKIN PATCH (MAIN GROUNDS NEAR APARTMENT CLASSROOMS)

#### 5. "HAPPY" OR CUTE BAKED GOODS FOR BAKE SALE

#### 6. HAPPY OR CUTE DECORATED CAKES FOR THE CAKE WALK

#### NEED (ANY) ALL ITEMS DONATED

*(or intent to donate baked goods)*

**BY FRIDAY, 24 OCT 08.**

CALL CHELLE 405.321.0990 EXT 202 FOR DONATION DROP-OFF AREA!

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

#### *Adult Volunteers Needed to:*

1) WORK TICKET BOOTH

2) COOK HOT DOGS ON GAS GRILL

3) JUDGE COSTUME CONTEST AND PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

4) ASSIST YOUTH GROUP IN SET-UP, ORGANIZING GAMES AND CLEAN-UP

**NURSERY NEWS.** The nursery will be open for 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses in October. Nursery Volunteer applications located in the Parish atrium are still being accepted. See Chelle Breedlove after Mass.

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> 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 OCTOBER

**Kindergarten:** Nursery

**1<sup>st</sup> grade:** Main room of Apt 1526

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade:** Room 1 (next to Nursery)

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** North room (Apt 1528)

**4<sup>th</sup> grade:** South room (Apt 1526)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** North room (Apt 1526)

**6<sup>th</sup> grade:** South room (Apt 1528)

**7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Room 2 in Church

**9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade:** Knight's White House

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade:** Library

**Seniors:** Parish Office 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** The next one will be held **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**. 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!)

**Sunday, 12 Oct. 08:** **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting, 10 a.m.** (Sanctuary)

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

**Saturday, 25 Oct 08:** **Happy Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Olympics, 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.,** (STM Church Grounds). All R.E. children and their families are invited. Information regarding parent volunteers will be forthcoming.

**Sunday, 26 Oct 08:** **First Children's Mass, 11:00 a.m.**  
7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders will serve Mass (i.e. *lector, offertory gift bearer, usher, choir*).

**CHELLE BREEDLOVE**  
Religious Education Coordinator  
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## ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

† The **ASCS Halloween Carnival** will be held **Sunday, October 26 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.** 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. Our total has topped **\$801,000**. The groundbreaking date will be announced soon! Help us over the top by making your donation today. Log-on to [www.allsaintsnorman.org](http://www.allsaintsnorman.org) and click on "donate."

### NORMAN PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

During the 08-09 school year, Norman Parents Helping Parents ([www.parentshelpingparents.info](http://www.parentshelpingparents.info)) will host a six-part speaker series entitled "*Choices and Challenges of Early High School and Beyond*", focusing on the substance abuse problem among our youth.

The topic of the upcoming session (second in the series) will be "**Prevention: The Risk Factors and Tipping the Odds**" Panelists include Norman Assistant City Attorney Jeanne Snider, NAIC's Associate Director of Prevention and Development Tiffany Couch, and local psychiatrist Joseph Ripperger, M.D.

This session will take place on **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Norman Public Schools Administration's Curriculum Building at 131 S. Flood, Norman. Call 405.278.1221 or e-mail [PHPnorman@yahoo.com](mailto:PHPnorman@yahoo.com) for more information.

## PARISH NEWS

**FOOD FOR FRIENDS.** **Tuesday, Oct. 7,** is St. Thomas More's turn to prepare and serve the needy in Norman. Cooking will start at **9:00 a.m.** in the Food for Friends Kitchen (104 W. Comanche). We will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. ***We do need your help!*** If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparing and serving, please sign up in the Atrium in the coming week. Thank you!

The **MARTHA AND MARY'S GUILD** will meet **Thursday, Oct. 9, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Overflow room for a craft session. Bring your sewing machines, scissors and thread for hand bags.

## KNIGHTLY NEWS

**Football Parking.** Are you ready for the next home game, **Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** against Kansas. 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, 405.360.0007, for Friday roping details and SK McElhane, 405.360.1768, for cleanup details.

**October Brain Teaser.** Three Knights on their way to the State Officers' Meeting check into a motel for the night and the clerk tells them the bill is \$30, payable in advance. So, they each pay the clerk \$10 and go to their room. A few minutes later, the clerk realizes he overcharged the trio by \$5. He asks the bellhop to return \$5 to the 3 Knights (from Stillwater) would have a tough time dividing \$5 evenly among them; so he decides to tell them that the clerk made a mistake of only \$3, giving a dollar back to each of the Knights. The bellhop pockets the leftover \$2 and goes home for the day! Now, each Knight gets a dollar back, thus they each paid \$9 for the room which is a total of \$27 for the night. We know the bellhop pocketed \$2 and adding that to the \$27, you get \$29, not \$30 which was originally spent. Where did the other dollar go???

Submit your name and answer to the Parish Business Manager, Christy Meiser, at 321.0990 Ext. 212. The winner will be drawn from the correct responses during our November Business meeting.

**October Family Fun.** Sunday afternoon, **Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **1 P.M.** we will be picnicking at Reeves Park near the playground area. Fried Chicken will be provided and we will "pot luck" the fix'ns. To make sure we don't have to do any last minute plucking, please call SK Sher (405.360.0007) to indicate what dish and how many folks you are bringing.

Plans are underway for our Council's **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** in conjunction with this year's Founders Day. Watch for details and plan to attend. Nominations for **Knight of the Year** should be submitted to SK Huntington *prior* to the **Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.** 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 24<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

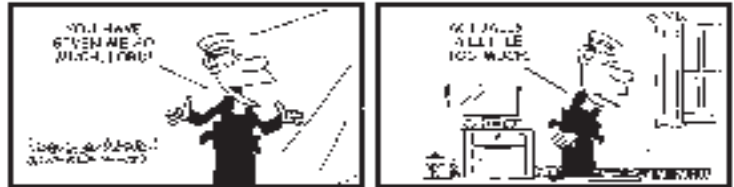
## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There are few things more hurtful than a love that is rejected. Early on, we learn rejection; you've waited all year to work up the nerve to ask that cute girl to the big dance, only to have her tell you that she's already going with someone else. You date someone for months, even years, and dare to dream that this might be forever, only to have your heart broken as you go your separate ways. The one who vowed to love you until death decides that he or she doesn't want to wait that long. Yes, it hurts, but do you stop loving?

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reading from Matthew tells of a very generous vineyard owner who gave his tenants everything they would ever need to survive. And how did they repay him? By killing not only the servants who went to the field to help, but also the owner's son. Clearly, Jesus was again foretelling of God's gifts to us and our rejection of his love, of his early messengers, and the rejection of his Son. God so loved us that he would give us Jesus Christ; not even our rejection, however, staves off God's love. It is enduring, clear, and for all times.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that even in the face of the greatest moral evil—the rejection, persecution and death of Christ—God brought by his grace the greatest of goods: the glorification of Christ and our redemption (CCC 312).** Throughout our lives, time and again we will suffer rejection and the pains of unrequited love. To be truly in communion with God, the love in our hearts for each other must never diminish; it is a flame that cannot be extinguished. ©2008 Liturgical Publications Inc

## 2008 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2008

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43  
**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29 / Lk 11:27-28  
**Next Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**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*).

**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.**

## 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, Susan Lepak, Sharon Poe, Patricia Murray, Lisseth Schwartz, Dar Vickers, Sallie Wallace, and Luisa Whitman; **THOSE IN MOURNING...** The Bianco, Farnan, Fisher, Johnson, Okvist, Walsh, and Weimer families; **THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF...** Elvira Bianco, Mary Lee Farnan, Hannah Joy Okvist, Christian Bailey Okvist, Patrick Walsh, and Victoria J. Weimer.

WHAT THE EVIL TENANTS  
NEEDED TO REMEMBER

Let the soul remember that she owes her first love to God and her second to neighbor, and that all her affections must be directed by this rule, that she should not withdraw from the worship of the Lord nor from usefulness to the fellow servant. How is God worshiped unless what pleases him pleases us also, and unless our affections never resist his rule? If we want what he wants, our weakness will take strength from the one from whom we receive our very will power. As the Apostle says, "For it is God who, in his good will toward you, causes you both to will and to act." Human beings will not be inflated by pride nor broken by despair if they use the goods divinely given them for the glory of the Giver, and recall their desires from those things they know to be harmful. Abstaining from the malignity of hatred, from the laxity of indulgence, from the disturbance of anger, from the desire for vengeance, they will be purified by the sanctification of the true fast, and will feed on the pleasures of incorruptible delights. Through spiritual practice they will know how to transform even earthly wealth into heavenly possessions, not by hiding for themselves what they receive, but by multiplying more and more what they give out.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

*Saint Leo the Great (+ 461) reigned as pope from 440 to 461. He is a Doctor of the Church.*

QUESTION  
OF THE DAY*Divine Activity Before Creation?*

Q. What was God doing in the time before He created the universe?  
-K.K., Manassas, Va.

A. Did you know that people were asking this same question at least sixteen centuries ago? In his Confessions, St. Augustine of Hippo (325-430) notes that he had been challenged to answer it.

His answer was rather impish: Before He created the universe, Augustine said, perhaps God was busy creating hell for people who are too curious about such matters!

Of course, he was joking — just one more piece of evidence that the saints have a fine sense of humor. But the truth is that we can't truly speak of a "time" before the creation of the universe, because that act of the Almighty included the creation of time itself.

Nevertheless, we can say that even in the absence of a created universe, God would have been doing what it is His nature to do: to love and enjoy. "God is love," 1 John 4:8 tells us, and joy is the fruit of love.

Without creatures to love, you might ask, what would have been the object of God's love? Within the Triune Godhead, from before all eternity, the Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved the Father, with a Love that is in fact a divine Person himself: the Holy Spirit. Just think of the abyss of joy flowing within that infinite Trinity!

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*Cut-off date for reservations is December 23.*

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## NOVENA PRAYER FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
help us to conquer the menace of evil,  
which so easily takes root in the hearts of  
the people of today,  
and whose immeasurable effects  
already weigh down upon our modern world  
and seem to block the paths toward the future.  
From famine and war, deliver us.  
From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction,  
from every kind of war, deliver us.  
From sins against human life from its very beginning,  
deliver us.  
From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the  
children of God, deliver us.  
From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both  
national and international, deliver us.  
From readiness to trample on the commandments of God,  
deliver us.  
From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of  
God, deliver us.  
From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.  
From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.  
Accept, O Mother of Christ,  
this cry laden with the sufferings of  
all individual human beings,  
laden with the sufferings of whole societies.  
Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin:  
individual sin and the "sin of the world,"  
sin in all its manifestations.  
Let there be revealed  
once more in the history of the world  
the infinite saving power of the redemption:  
the power of merciful love.  
May it put a stop to evil.  
May it transform consciences.  
May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope.  
Amen. -POPE JOHN PAUL II

## PRAYER FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,  
let your Spirit be with us today.  
Hear our prayers,  
and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.  
Help us to draw on the resources of our faith  
as we use the opportunities of our democracy  
to shape a society more respectful  
of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person,  
especially the poor and vulnerable.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
Amen.  
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