

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 13, 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 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
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. October 12

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

Tues. October 13

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

Wed. October 14

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

Thurs. October 15

- 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 16

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

Sat. October 17

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

Sun. October 18

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** †Mary Eugenia Curvin
By her Family
5:00 pm **Mass** †Dinico Bigornia by
Charita Hersey

Readings for the Week of Oct 11-Oct 18

- Sun: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 (143)
Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32 (467)
Tues: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 37-41 (468)
Wed: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46 (469)
Thurs: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 47-54 (470)
Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7 (471)
Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12 (472)
Sun: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 (146)

Ministry Schedule October 17 & 18

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Rebecca Gunter, Gabriella Schreiner, Jessica Trilli
11:00am Hannah Johnson, Andres Kenney, Kelsey Robb
5:00pm Joe Mecham, Susan Murphy, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Sharon Peelor, Alex Sherman

Sunday

8:30am Al Patrick, Helen Patrick
11:00am Dane Wilson, Michelle Breedlove
5:00pm Cynthia Howard, Joe Walters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Louise Kay

Sunday

8:30am Barbara Foley, Amy McElhaney, Stacy Schrank,
Salva Gabert, Joe Lies
11:00am Rick Pendergraft, Deanna Preble, Dan Lawrence,
Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, John Holter, Maria McKee
Caridad Marchand, Kathy Heiple
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Jim Fields, Linda Fields, Sims Beeler,
Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson, Bobby Meiners
Ben Ballard, Jennifer Grover

Ushers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am K. Denton, Jr., Russell Koch, Mary Starcevich,
John Starcevich
11:00am Tim Marquis, Thierry Ngansop, Jim Weller,
Mike Tobin
5:00pm Corey Gill, Frank Anderson

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
10/18/09	Hinton Family Corbett Family	Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman
10/25/09	Patrick Family	Holter Family

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

St. Thomas More News and Announcements

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.**

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Some dedicated ladies of our parish have been busy making Prayer shawls and throws to be given to those who are seriously ill. These are made with special prayers for healing and are blessed by Father Ray. If you know of anyone who needs the comforting thought of knowing prayers are being said for them, please contact Louise Kay at 364-8867. Also, volunteers would be welcomed to help with the crocheting.

The Word Feeding Justice

October 11, 2009: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm:90

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Kneeling, the rich young man paused from running in the worldly race of life to seek faith beyond commandments of obedience. He realized the hollowness of ritualistic action and yearned for the inheritance of faith. With prayer and prudence, may the spirit of wisdom lead us to kneel before Jesus. As we pause from self interest, let the words of Jesus resonate in our actions to release ourselves from the hold of possessions, attitudes and wasted time that fracture our focus on the message of eternity. His message is one of equality and compassion for human beings to fully fathom, but attainable when all good things come together in God's company.

Catholic Charities Needs Your Support

Thank you to all who have pledged to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. If you have not yet pledged, please consider making a donation toward the \$2.4 million goal. With the economy down, requests for charitable assistance are way up, and your gift is very important. If you would like more information about the appeal, please feel free to contact Catholic Charities at (405)523-3000.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is being visited regularly and is providing a helping hand to many people every month. We would like to ask that the following items be donated:

Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned fruits, vegetables and meat, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Lipton noodles, boxed meals, hamburger/tuna helper, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti, boxed potatoes, rice, beans, ramen noodles, applesauce, pudding, juice, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and brushes, soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc.

By the request of our parishioners, we would like to have people whose **last name is A through L bring items on the first two Sundays of the month** and those whose **last name is M through Z the last two Sundays of the month.** This by no means will mean that any donation will not be received with much gratitude. With thanks to all the generous people in the parish.

English as a Second Language Being offered again:

English Language Classes are offered at STM on Mondays and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information, call Mary Ellen Davis of the Norman Adult Education Program at 366-1059. Classes and materials are free. Hope to see you in class!

Mass Drivers Needed

Would there be anyone in the Parish who would like to volunteer to drive someone, occasionally, to Mass because they are unable to do so? Please call the office at 321-0990 if you would like to help with this. Thank you.

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

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.

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

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

Martha and Mary's Guild News

We will meet on Thursday, October 29th from 10 am until 3 pm in the overflow room. Bring a sack lunch. We will be making bazaar items, so pick up your machines, cutting mats, rotary cutters and rulers. Join us for a day of good companionship and good deeds! Please call Ann Geiger if you have any questions. 408-4082

Intercessions for Life

October 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all missionaries who have given up everything to serve Christ:

That their lives of joyful sacrifice may speak truth in the midst of cultures that value possessions over human life

October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all those who build a culture of life
By caring for the sick and the suffering:
That they may have hearts like Jesus, who willingly made himself the servant of all

Catholic Radio can now be heard on FM 96.5 in the metro Oklahoma City area! Tune in and listen Monday through 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 for information or to register

Students, Parents, Catechists of St. Thomas More High School Youth:

It is that time of year... The Oklahoma City Archdiocesan guidelines require that all children and young people participating in Religious Education in any parish or Catholic School receive instructions in protecting themselves and communicating potential to a parent or other responsible adult. The Safe Environment curriculum was just recently rewritten, and it is entitled the "Circle of Grace".

Sunday, October 25th: There is NO regular R.E. class The class time is moved to 1:30-4:30. The **Circle of Grace** instruction will be facilitated by Bill Huntington. (COG trained and Safe Environment coordinator for our parish), and assisted by other high school R.E. teachers from St. Thomas More. We will meet in the main church and then move to different classrooms. The class will be like a mini-retreat: activities, snacks, and drinks. We will end the class in time for the 5:00 pm Mass.

There are options available for parents. For information about this, please contact Chelle Breedlove at 321-0990, ext. 202. I hope you will consider letting your child/student attend this valuable training.

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

All Saints Catholic School News (cont'd)

Halloween Carnival at ASCS

The annual ASCS Halloween Carnival will be held **Friday, October 23rd from 3:30-6:30 pm** at the school. Come for an evening of fun, games, safe trick-or-treating, inflatables, and dinner!

A few openings still exist-Pre-K, Grade 1, Grade 4 and Grade 5. Interested families should download the application off our school website and contact the school for an admission interview.

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.

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.

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

The prayer vigils will run from 6 am to 8 pm 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). In Norman at The Abortion Surgery Center, 2453 Wilcox Drive. 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! 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>

Dinner and Corn Maze in Shawnee, Saturday October 17th

(with St. John the Baptist Single Adults Group)

We will meet in Edmond at 4 pm to carpool. First stop will be Chili's in Shawnee for dinner and then we will all head to Mickle's Family Farm for the Corn Maze! The cost of the Corn Maze is \$8 per person. Yes, this will be in the dark, but they will give you a glow stick to help guide us. We will pair up so if you get lost, you will not be alone. This price also includes the hayride and unlimited number of times through the maze. See their website for any other details. Miklesfamilyfarm.com.

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.

Stepping Into Marriage With Children?

Too often we assume that second marriages need little or no preparation, but 60% of second marriages end in divorce. This seems to be due, in part, to unanticipated problems and miscommunications. The issues highlighted in the program are: Communication, Stepfamily Structure, Step Parenting, Former Spouses, Handling Conflict, Money, Sexuality and Spirituality. Stepping Into Marriage With Children is held at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City. The cost for the day is \$40 per couple. The next program is scheduled for **November 7th**. To register, please call (405)721-8944.

Bazaar and Turkey Dinner

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Nicoma Park will be hosting its 38th annual bazaar and turkey dinner on **Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 10 am to 3 pm**. Come by and start your Christmas shopping! Booths will be open and a delicious turkey dinner will be served from 11 am to 2 pm. Dinner is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Come visit with friends, both old and new, and enjoy the Arts and Crafts sale, Attic Treasures booth, Christmas nook, Children's Games, Silent Auction, and the always popular Sweets Stand. Our Lady of Fatima is located at N.E. 23rd and Meyer Circle, Nicoma Park. For more information call 769-2490.

*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 ! ! !