

## 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.

**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 18

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*  
11:00 am **Mass** †*Mary Eugenia Curvin by Her family*  
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Dionicio Bigornia By Charita Hersey*  
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

### Mon. October 19

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

### Tues. October 20

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

### Wed. October 21

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

### Thurs. October 22

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *Taegun Andrew Lee For Faith & Healing*  
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**  
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**  
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

### Fri. October 23

- 7:30 am **Mass** *Father Cessario Special Intention*

### Sat. October 24

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**  
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Edward Sanabria by The Sanabria Family*

### Sun. October 25

- 8:30 am **Mass** †*Max Lawrence by Dan Lawrence*  
11:00 am **Mass** †*Bernard Arthur Curvin By his Family*  
5:00 pm **Mass** †*Felicidad Bineda By Dr. Nora Bineda*

### Readings for the Week of Oct 18-Oct 25

- Sun: Is 53:20-11/Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45  
Mon: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21 (473)  
Tues: Rom 5:12, 15b,17-19, 20b-21  
Lk 12:35-38 (474)  
Wed: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 (475)  
Thurs: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 (476)  
Fri: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 (477)  
Sat: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9 (478)  
Sun: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6  
Mk 10:46-52 (149)

## Ministry Schedule October 24 & 25

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday

5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Hannah Grillot, Eamonn McElhaney

#### Sunday

8:30am Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter, Valerie Pham  
11:00am Maya Hoffman, Tyler Keupen, Will Banowsky  
5:00pm Janice Wilson, Sherrita Harris, Risa Walters

### Lectors

#### Saturday

5:00pm Jane Sarber, Bill Urell

#### Sunday

8:30am Mick Hinton, Earl Whitman  
11:00am Ruth Loeffler, Laura Jones  
5:00pm Jason Wiggins, Holly Barber

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

8:30am Jeanne Cullen, Charles Gill, Carole Baldwin, Barbara Crane  
11:00am John Holter, Dan Lawrence, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Caridad Marchand, Rigo Gutierrez, Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Kathy Heiple  
5:00pm Jennifer Grover, Ben Ballard, Susan Mecham, Ashleigh Arndt, Matthew Rom, David Banowsky, Rolando Chapa, Jose Santiago, Michael Dupont

### Ushers

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

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

### Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
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 18, 2009: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11/ Psalm: 33

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Solidarity is an authentic moral virtue seeking the common good and not a vague feeling of compassion at the misfortune of many near and far. Structures of sin with dominate relationships between individuals and nations call the voice of solidarity to speak. Speaking in solidarity against borders guarded with bullets of exclusion or eight hundred miles of concrete and barbed wire, would instead create borders with welcoming opportunity. Economic and political dominance muffles sagas of despair and blocks the patient courage needed to step to the end of the line. Being at the front of the line allows us to run away from confronting needed modification of laws, market regulations or judicial systems. Walking behind those struggling, we clearly and visibly see their challenges in front of us, inviting us to be servant.

### 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)

### Primetimers Updates

The Parish Gala is on our regularly scheduled meeting night, that is November 13, so our November meeting will be at the Gala. We will see you there!

### AARP Driver Safety Program....

Will be presented on **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 20th and 21st, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm each day at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Family Life Center, 421 East Acres St.** Oklahomans who complete the 8-hour course will receive a certificate for presentation to automobile insurers for a reduction in automobile insurance premiums according to State Law. AARP developed the Driver Safety program to help Americans aged 50 and over avoid automobile accidents and the resulting injuries. The program consists of 8 hours of classroom instruction, auto-visual presentations, and student discussion, and is open to drivers of any age. Cost for this class is \$12.00 for AARP members, \$14.00 for non-members.

For more information and to register for the class, call Al Patrick at 360-4147.

### 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 sewing bindings for the Bazaar quilts, so bring your pins and needles. Join us for a day of good companionship and good deeds! Please call Ann Geiger if you have any questions. 408-4082

### Food For Friends Coming

It's time again for STM to serve at Food for Friends...

**Tuesday, November 3.** Remember that we need all the help that we can get! Preparation/cooking begins at 9 am in the Food for Friends kitchen located at 104 W. Comanche. We will be serving from 11 am to 12 pm. If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparation and serving, please sign up in the atrium in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please call Gerry Whitman at 360-1174.

### Intercessions for Life

#### **October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Or those who are blind to the genuine dignity  
Of each and every human person:

That the Lord may enlighten their minds and  
hearts

To recognize the inherent worth of every person:

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

### All Souls Day

All Souls Day is the Roman Catholic Day of remembrance for loved ones and friends who have passed away and is held on November 2nd of every year. If you have lost a family member during this past year, we would like to honor them at a Mass to be said for them in the month of November. The families of parishioners who have had their family member's funeral Mass at St. Thomas More will be contacted by a member of the Bereavement Committee, but if your loved one lived somewhere else or maybe attended a different parish, we would still like to honor and remember them with a Mass. Please contact Lisa Schmidt at [LSchmidt@ou.edu](mailto:LSchmidt@ou.edu) or 292-1828 for more information.

## 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

### October 25th- Safe Environment for R.E classes

First Communion/Reconciliation Class: Parent meeting at 10:00 am in the overflow room (2nd graders)  
Pre-K through 8th grade: 9:45-10:45 am  
High School: 1:30 pm for "Circle of Grace: training  
(Please fill out a refusal form, if not attending, and give to Chelle Breedlove)

### Youth Faith Formation Certification

Current and future Catechists for the Religious Education program or future Youth Ministers are invited to attain their Youth Faith Formation Certification here at our STM parish on Sunday afternoons. Classes will begin on November 8th at 1:30 pm. The initial certification process begins with St. Gregory's Adult Faith Enrichment booklets, the the first book in the series titled "Baptized and Confirmed". Each booklet costs \$6.00. Only 20 copies were ordered, so sign up today with Chelle Breedlove. Priority will be given to our Catechists, but we are welcoming anyone in the parish wishing to become a Catechist or Youth Minister in the future. Our Lead facilitator, Sims Beeler, has offered to be here on Sunday afternoons at a location still to be determined. A calendar for specific classes will be worked out on the first day of the meeting. Our goal is to have all Catechists, future Catechists, and Youth Ministers **certified** in accordance with the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

## All Saints Catholic School News

### The Skyline is rapidly changing at All Saints!

The excitement is building at the school. The 12,000 square foot facility that includes a gymnasium and multi-purpose 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

#### Parents Helping Parents

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet **Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm** at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman.

Guest speaker will be Chanel Read, B.A., C.M., with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service Services. Her topic will be the Children's Recovery Center, a state-operated facility located in Norman which provides inpatient treatment services for adolescent boys and girls across the state.

For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website:

[www.ParentsHelpingParents.info](http://www.ParentsHelpingParents.info)

#### 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).

#### 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>

## From the Office of Family Life

### 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.

### Catholic Charities' Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program Need Your Help

There is no greater gift than to help a family in need for the holidays. The Adopt-a-Family program was created to assist families with their Christmas celebration. Without the benefit of an adoption, these families otherwise would not be able to celebrate due to their hardships. Last year, volunteers and sponsors allowed Catholic Charities to provide presents to 286 families. This year, the goal is to provide presents for 350 families.

Sponsors come in many shapes and sizes. They can be families, individuals, small businesses or large corporations. Many sponsors find the experience so fulfilling that they participate in the program year after year. With the help of generous sponsors and volunteers like you, Christmas blessings will be shared with families throughout Oklahoma City to make Christmas 2009 a celebration they will never forget.

Catholic Charities thanks all of our past Adopt-a-Family sponsors and volunteers for your generosity. Please call **Cassie Neahrng at 526-2308** to volunteer or the **Adopt-a-Family Program at 523-3026** to sponsor a family.

*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 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!

**Bravo!!** A few of the Mass baskets have become HUGE! Please note that these will be showcased in the live auction.

**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 **WILL WIN A PRIZE !!!!!!!!!**

As the baskets are completed, they will be showcased in the atrium to keep **EVERYONE EXCITED ! THIS WILL BE COUNTDOWN TIME !!!**

**Keep Reading in the next few weeks.....**baskets will be opened up for early silent bidding. More information to come.

Please check out the Gala donation station board for basket sign up sheets. 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 per couple.**

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.**

**Thank you for your support !**