

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. November 1

- 8:30 am **Mass** *Intentiond of the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *In Thanksgiving for my Family by Josephine Ouandji*
5:00 pm **Mass** *Intentions of the Parish Family*
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. November 2

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

Tues. November 3

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

Wed. November 4

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

Thurs. November 5

- 5:15 pm **Mass** *†Don Alan Jordan by Rufina Jordan*
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. November 6

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

Sat. November 7

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

Sun. November 8

- 8:30 am **Mass** *†Stafano Piro by the Parish Family*
11:00 am **Mass** *†Ida Butchko by the Parish Family*
5:00 pm **Mass** *†Christopher Roy by the Parish Family*

Readings for the Week of Nov 1-Nov 8

- Sun: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a (667)
Mon: Wis3: 1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40 (668)
Tues: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24 (486)
Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33 (487)
Thurs: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10 (488)
Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8 (489)
Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15 (490)
Sun: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 (155)

Ministry Schedule November 7 & November 8

Altar Servers

Saturday

5:00pm Arianna Garcia, Michael Scanlon

Sunday

8:30am Jessica Trilli, Rebecca Gunter, Gabriella Schreiner
11:00am Tyler Keupen, Maya Hoffman, Elizabeth Buckelew
5:00pm Risa Walters, Sherritta Harris, Janice Wilson

Lectors

Saturday

5:00pm Cindy O'Brien, Tom Burns

Sunday

8:30am Tom Koszoru, John Murray
11:00am Maria Dawson, Susan Shaughnessy
5:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

5:00pm Valli Marti, Stephen Bonner, Mary Bonner
Virginia Schultz, Greg Schultz

Sunday

8:30am Barbara Foley, Stacy Schrank, Amy McElhaney,
Janis Hereford, Brigid Brink
11:00am Veronica Edge, Steve Edge, Doris Edge, Jodie Edge,
Rigo Gutierrez, Kathy Heiple, Deanna Preble,
Terry O'Dea, Becky O'Dea
5:00pm Michael DuPont, Jose Santiago, Rolando Chapa,
David Banowsky, Matthew Rom, Susan Mecham,
Ben Ballard, Jennifer, Joseph Mecham

Ushers

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:30am Russell Koch, Drew Kershen, Kathy Kershen,
Heidi Koszoru,
11:00am Mike Tobin, Steve Patrick, Paul Buckelew,
Jonathan Buckelew
5:00pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington

Hospitality Schedule

8:30 Mass

11:00 Mass

PLEASE SEND ME A NEW SCHEDULE. THANK YOU.

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

November 1, 2009: All Saints

Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm: 24

2nd Reading: 1st John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Righteousness, acting rightly from a sense of justice, propels the saints of the past and those we know today. Saints with names recited in Eucharistic prayers and ones with names obscured through time. Their footprints hone the path for us to walk on our journey of faith. They hunger and thirst for hands of compassion working for justice. Through hope, they survive times of great disasters, longing to see God's face. Let their model assist us to take the love and peace of Christ we have in our hearts to bring peace and reconciliation with our brothers and sister of every nation, race, and religion. As children of God, we will rejoice and be glad as peacemakers.

Individual Reflection: Matthew 5:1-12

Write a letter of reconciliation to someone you need to make peace with.

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 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.

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

STM NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

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 or 292-1828 for more information.

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.

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!**

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
for	(preferred Baptismal dates
	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

Religious Education News

**NEXT SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING NOVEMBER 15
@ 12:30 pm in the library.**

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 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.

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery Open House & Prayer Service Sunday, November 1, 2009

The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the first Sunday in November as "**Catholic Cemetery Sunday**". The Catholic Cemetery is one of two spaces defined as a "**sacred place**" by the Code of Canon Law. It is blessed, consecrated ground which distinguishes it from other civil or fraternal cemeteries. It is the final resting place for the mortal remains of the bodies which we believe to be temples of the Holy Spirit. St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery will hold an Open House on Sunday beginning at Noon, concluding with a short Prayer Service at 3:00 pm. You are invited to join us.

Thanksgiving Dinner Women's Club

St. Joseph's Women's Club is sponsoring its **87th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 15, 2009, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm** at the Parish Center-421 E. Acres, Norman, OK. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$25.00 for families, \$3.50 for children 6-10, and free for children 5 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased at the parish office, located at 421 E. Acres, or tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the dinner. Please feel free to call me at 329-8887 or 623-2554 should you have any questions. Lilia Concannon

All Saints Catholic School News

Construction continues on our brand new gymnasium! Log on to our school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org 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 the 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 the website above. Thank you for all of your support.

ASCS News (cont'd)

The **All Saint's 4-H clubs** are working in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph's to collect coats for distribution at Food for Friends. Coats may be dropped off at All Saint's or St. Joseph's.

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

Support your parish school by saving designated coupons/labels from Campbell Soup, General Mills, Tyson, and Coca Cola. Collection boxes are in the school atrium or you may drop them off at the office at STM. Attention Homeland shoppers-register your One Card so that the school receives credit for your purchases. Our school code is: **62052**.

News in the Diocese

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>

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.

Catholic School Leadership at Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana is currently accepting applications for its program in educational administration designed especially for preparing Catholic school principals. The Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree is part of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. All certified teachers interested in the principalship are encouraged to apply. For more information, call (574) 631-4449, or visit <http://ace.nd.edu>. The online application is now available on this site.

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 Neahring at 526-2308** to volunteer or the **Adopt-a-Family Program at 523-3026** to sponsor a family.

Catholic Radio may now be heard on FM 96.5 in the metro Oklahoma City area! Tune in and listen form 2 pm until dusk.

*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!

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!

RAFFLE TICKETS! -Purchase raffle tickets after mass or in the office! Purchase a chance to win **\$150 worth of lottery scratch off tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.** For **\$10 a chance win two seats on a Kincaid Charter bus to Dallas, Texas to watch the Dallas Cowboys play on January 3, 2010!!** Hurry, only 300 chances will be sold for each prize, winners will be announced the night of the Gala and you do not have to present to win.

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 !!!!!!!!!!**

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.**