

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 8

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Stefano 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
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. November 9

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

Tues. November 10

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

Wed. November 11

- 8:15 am **Mass** ASCS/No Liturgy At St. Thomas More
9:00 pm **Mass** Student Led

Thurs. November 12

- 5:15 pm **Mass** Special Intention
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. November 13

- 6:00 pm **GALA-Embassy Suites**
7:30 am **Mass** Intentions of the Parish Family

Sat. November 14

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm **No Liturgy- OU game**

Sun. November 15

- 8:30 am **Mass** †Gary Denton by the Parish Family
11:00 am **Mass** †Mary Paul by the Parish Family
5:00 pm **Mass** †Vere Charles Manion By Candida Manion

Readings for the Week of Nov 8-Nov 15

- Sun: Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 (155)
Mon: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11,
16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671)
Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10 (492)
Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19 (493)
Thurs: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
(494)
Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)
Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
(496)
Sun: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32 (158)

Ministry Schedule November 14 & November 15

Altar Servers

Saturday

- 5:00pm No Liturgy-OU Game

Sunday

- 8:30am Jessica Trilli, Valerie Pham, Eamonn McElhaneey
11:00am Kelsey Robb, Will Banowsky, John Robb
5:00pm Risa Walters, Susan Murphy, Jonathan Kron

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm No Liturgy-OU Game

Sunday

- 8:30am Earl Whitman, Frank Friedman
11:00am Casey Partridge, Kristen Partridge
5:00pm Justine Summers, Pat Hyland

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

- 5:00pm No Liturgy-OU Game

Sunday

- 8:30am Charles Gill, Ashleigh Arndt, Joe Lies, Salva Gabert
Gerry Whitman
11:00am Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, Kathy Heiple,
Rick Pendergraft, Maria McKee, John Holter,
Dan Lawrence
5:00pm Bill Huntington, Bill Hersey, Jim Fields, Linda Fields,
Bea Henderson, Arn Henderson, Sims Beeler,
Bobby Meiners, Lauren Fuerst

Ushers

Saturday

- 5:00pm No Liturgy-OU Game

Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, Kelly McElhaneey
11:00am Chris Dalton, Jim Weller, Tim Marquis,
Thierry Ngansop
5:00pm Corey Gill

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 8, 2009: 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Net worth, asset value, disposable income—all terms of fleeting financial balance sheets. They define quantity, but lack substance, yet people scurry to gather sticks, soon consumed in the fires of anxiety, stress, and greed. Living in simplicity and trusting God to provide for our jar of flour and jug of oil, life does not become a treadmill of self-achievement. Self giving, forming a little cake, to leave impressions of justice, welcoming strangers and orphans and helping those blinded by success to embrace the common good goes beyond giving from our surplus to give from our livelihood. Take a day off work to stand in solidarity with workers seeking a living wage, help at a senior center, or visit those blinded by incarceration, for at the sanctuary of humanity we seek not a place of honor or recite lengthy prayers.

Individual Reflection: Mark 12:38-44

Read about the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Would you be willing to give 7/10% of your income?

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.

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)

November 11 is the day set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by our nation's military, both active and veterans. All military veterans are allowed and encouraged to wear their military awards and decorations with their civilian clothes so that our citizens can be aware of the number of their fellow Americans who have willingly given of themselves for the protection of our country. For all St. Thomas More veterans, please wear your military awards and decorations to Mass next **Sunday, November 15th**, so that we may all recognize your service and offer our gratitude.

Martha & Mary Guild

There is a meeting and craft session scheduled for **Thursday, November 12th at 7 pm in the Overflow room**. The Harvest Bazaar is fast approaching on Saturday, November 21st from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm and after the Masses on Sunday. For more information, please call 405-447-1505. Thanks and God Bless.

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!**

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

Religious Education News

Religious Education Confirmation Parent/Guardian Meeting November 8th at 10:00 am

Any parent/guardian that has a child in the Religious education program attending 1st or 2nd year of Confirmation class is welcome to attend a very quick meeting at 10 am in the library. Father Ray will be there to ask any questions you might have regarding the Confirmation process. Confirmation students/parents can ask their Sponsors to attend this meeting as well.

Religious Education Program Fall Semester Fundraiser cards-

The Religious Education Program will be selling Fundraising cards for \$10 each. These have 15 businesses in the local area that have offered

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discounts or a free item (when purchased with something else). Seven out of the 15 businesses are great places to eat that we probably go every once in a while. Each child in the RE program was given one to sell. Chelle will be there after the Sunday Masses in November and the last Saturday Mass in November to try and sell all 300. They will make great socking stuffers and are great ideas for college students. Profits from this event will help defray the costs for the Epiphany pageant preparation, set-up, costumes, and miscellaneous items needed for the Epiphany potluck dinner. Remaining profits will go towards the purchase of some awesome Bible learning games for the RE program. Hoping to some day have a Catholic and or Bible Jeopardy competition! Thank you for your support.

Next Children's Mass

The next Children's Mass will be December 13th at 11 am. The Third Sunday of Advent is **Gaudete Sunday**, the "pink" candle Sunday, the Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. Gaudete is the imperative plural form of the Latin verb gaudere (to rejoice).

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

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.

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.

We need 40 science fair judges! The 14th annual ASCS Science Fair will be held December 2-4 at the school. Judges are needed for various shifts on Thursday, December 3rd from 8:30 am until 2 pm. Most years, we have around 250 projects on display! Contact Dr. Bragg if you are willing to help at 447-4600 or tbragg@ascs.org

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>

Father Stanley Rother Television Special

Tuesday, November 10 at 9:00 pm, OETA will present a television special on the life of Father Stanley Rother.

The Vatican has granted Father Rother with the title **Servant of God** as his life and death are investigated in the canonization process. You won't want to miss this important television program about Father Rother, a native Oklahoma priest who was martyred while serving the peoples of our mission in Guatemala.

Fall Peace Festival

Come and Celebrate Peace and Freedom

Saturday, November 14th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Civic Center "Hall of Mirrors" 201 N. Walker, in Oklahoma City

Free Admission and Free Parking at Meters
Booths and Tables of Social Justice Groups, Artisans & Craftspeople, Live Music and Entertainment all day.
Fair Trade goods, homemade soaps & Candles, books, calendars, Central American fabrics, crafts pottery, African carving, organic coffees, live plants, handmade jewelry, T-shirts, bumper stickers, etc. There will also be a supervised Children's Activities Area.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

16 Million families are "working poor", meaning they have at least one family member who works full-time, but still cannot afford the basic costs of living. It's even harder to believe that 13% of homeless people in the United States are employed. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports programs that create jobs and training to help these families improve their lives. Support families by supporting the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development on November 21st and 22nd**.

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.

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.

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

*Some Enchanted Evening: A Night In Italy Gala
Friday, November 13, 2009 at Embassy Suites*

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.**

SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY!!!

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 !!!!!!!!!!!** We will not have the ability to keep the desserts refrigerated at the hotel, so please consider that when making your dessert choice. Desserts may be dropped off at the church from 7:30 am to 11:30 am on November 13th OR you may bring them to the Embassy Suites conference center until 5:00 pm. Once in the conference center there will be proper signage to find the Gala location. We will be utilizing a room North of the main conference center doors—second set of doors on the left.

The Gala Catalog should be ready to view early next week. We will accept sealed bids on anything listed in the silent auction or the masquerade masks. If you would like to view the basket before making a bid, please contact the office before November 12th. A catalog can be emailed to you if this is more convenient. The Mass baskets will be in the live auction, therefore sealed bids will not be accepted.

Thank you for your support !