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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 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 the Parish Family
6:00 pm **College Sports and Snacks**

Mon. November 16

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

Tues. November 17

- 5:15 pm **No Liturgy-Fr. Out of town**

Wed. November 18

- 7:30 am **No Liturgy-Fr. Out of town**
9:00 pm **Mass Student Led**

Thurs. November 19

- 5:15 pm **No Liturgy-Fr. Out of town**
6:00 pm **St. Vincent de Paul in Library**
7:00 pm **Choir Practice in Sanctuary**
7:30 pm **Young Adult Group**

Fri. November 20

- 7:30 am **No Liturgy-Fr. Out of town**

Sat. November 21

- 3:00 pm **Confessions**
5:00 pm †Cheri Remington by the Parish Family

Sun. November 22

- 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 15-Nov 22

- Sun: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32 (158)
Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Lk 18:35-43 (497)
Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-3/Lk 19:1-10 (498)
Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
(499)
Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-2/Lk 19:41-44 (500)
Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45
(501)
Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40 (502)
Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
(161)

Ministry Schedule November 21 & November 22

Altar Servers

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am Jessica Trilli, Gabriella Schreiner, Rebecca Gunter
11:00am Hannah Johnson, Will Banowsky, Maya Hoffman
5:00pm Risa Walters, Janice Wilson, Joseph Mecham

Lectors

Saturday

- 5:00pm Jane Sarber, Alex Sherman

Sunday

- 8:30am Bill McNichols, Terry McNichols
11:00am Mary Holter, Harold Heiple
5:00pm Joe Walters, Jason Wiggins

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

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

Sunday

- 8:30am April Anderson, Lisa Lancaster, Barbara Crane,
Eleanor Barnes, Carole Baldwin
11:00am Doris Edge, Jodie Edge, Rigo Gutierrez, Kathy Heiple,
Terry O'Dea, Becky O'Dea, Deanna Preble,
Veronica Edge, Steve Edge
5:00pm Bea Henderson, Jennifer Grover, Ben Ballard,
Susan Mecham, Mathew Rom, David Banowsky,
Rolando Chapa, Jose Santiago, Michael DuPont

Ushers

Saturday

- 5:00pm Leila Kondo, Carolyn Houser, Rae Quijano

Sunday

- 8:30am Russell Koch, Kelly K. Denton, Jr., John Starcevich,
Mary Starcevich
11:00am Chris Dalton, Jim Weller, Tim Marquis,
Joe Sher
5:00pm Corey Gill, Bill Huntington, Frank Anderson

Hospitality Schedule

	8:30 Mass	11:00 Mass
Nov 22nd	Sharon Poe Maggie Fitzgerald	Jean Winters Jeanne Aiken
Nov 29th	Cachero Family	Marissa Cassidy Jay Coleman

Thank you to all our wonderful families!

St. Thomas More News and Announcements

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 15, 2009: 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Catholic Social Teaching: Care for God's Creation

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: 16:5, 8,9-10, 11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Will we learn a lesson from the fig tree? When its branches have soot from diesel trucks, will we learn to advocate for environmentally friendly transportation initiatives? When the leaves wither from lack of water, will we look at ways to conserve water at our homes? When the fig tree, scorched by the sun dies, will we take seriously the effects of global warming? By our actions in leading many to participate in environmental justice and helping the fig tree to live, we can abide in confidence that future generations will have an inheritance of Creation.

Individual Reflection: Daniel 12:1-3

Next Sunday is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection. Find a group in your community that received CCHD funding and contact them about volunteering for half a day.

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.

The Harvest Bazaar is Coming.....

The Harvest Bazaar, hosted by the Martha and Mary's Guild, will be Next Saturday and Sunday, November 21 & November 22 after the Masses. It will be in the Atrium Saturday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. There will be an opportunities to buy WONDERFUL baked goodies, made by our talented parishioners. Also available are HOLIDAY CRAFTS AND GIFTS, white elephants, LOVELY ELEGANT GIFTS, Holiday decorations, and a number of raffle items. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You will choose where you would like to place your tickets for a chance to win. There are the following items: a Queen-size quilt, made by STM quilters, a beautiful gray alpaca crocheted shawl, made by Marge Early, a baby quilt made by Pat Urell, a Wine & Cheese basket made by Barbara Foley, a celebration photo album, made by a St. Vincent de Paul client, a 7 piece set of Corning ware bake ware, and a Christmas basket made by Nancy Jones. WE NEED YOU TO COME AND PARTICIPATE, as customers, bakers, crafters, and people to donate gifts and white elephants. If you have any questions, please call Pat at 447-1505. Thank you and God bless.

P. S. YOU MAY BUY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ALL THE ITEMS AFTER MASSES STARTING THIS SUNDAY!

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)

To the people of St. Thomas More Church:

A big Thank-You to the three caring people who attended to me on Sunday, November 1st, and to the Lindsays who also gave of their time to help. It is wonderful how people come together so quickly in a crisis. To everyone, your prayers are much appreciated. Thank you to Father Ray for his special visit at the hospital to bless me and administer the Sacraments, thus bringing me much comfort.

Job Wanted:

Stephen Ouandji, 17, a young parishioner here at St. Thomas More, would be interested in any odd job that you may have. Gardening, raking, mowing, babysitting are all things he would be ready and willing to do. His transportation is a bike, so you would need to give explicit directions or be willing to pick him up. Please call him at (405) 701-8412.

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.

Religious Education News

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
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 (cont'd)

Next Children's Mass

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

THE NEXT SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING IS TODAY AT 12:30 PM IN THE Library.

There will be no RE classes on November 29, 2009 due to Thanksgiving Break.

The first weekend in December, **Epiphany Pageant practice will begin. The Epiphany Play will take place on January 3rd at 4 pm, before the 5 pm Mass.** Children from all the classes will be invited to participate in the pageant.

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

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>

November in National Awareness month-

And it is a special time to celebrate the gift of life that is shred when infants and children are welcomed into loving families. Adoption is the best option for women and families who are unable to welcome a child into their lives. For decades, our Catholic Charities has been a reliable source of help to provide the best care for children, mothers, and families in Oklahoma who choose adoption. Your support of the Catholic Charities' appeal helps to make adoption and maternity services possible. Please consider an annual pledge to Catholic Charities today. To donate, call 405-523-3000 or visit Catholic Charities on line at

www.catholiccharitiesok.org

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Families in poverty pay more than half of their income for rent or mortgage payments. Affordable housing is inaccessible to low-income people. Through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholics offer hope and help to families to overcome poverty. CCHD shares in Jesus' mission to "bring good news to the poor...release to the captives...and to let the oppressed go free..."(Luke 4:16) Support the national collection as you can.

From: Servants of the Heart of the Father

Last week, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops sent an e-mail to Catholic Churches in America asking that parishioners would be able to express their pro-life values to elected senators and congress people in Washington D. C. The Catholic bishops are asking that abortion should not be in the health care reform. The servants have chatted with parish personnel near and far. It seems like all church staff, we are stretched for time to make weekly activities happen. This may make it happen in your church.

Located on the table in our Atrium will be a form that you may send to your Senator and Representative. It may be extended or shortened at your discretion. This will at least let our representation understand what our views are about any type of abortion funding. Thank you and God Bless all of you at St. Thomas More.

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

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.

**Families are struggling.
Faith is calling.**

THE POVERTY LINE

Support the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
in your parish Collection.

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November 21st and 22nd

**Please give generously to this
wonderful cause which enables so
many people to help themselves.**