

St. Thomas More University Parish & Student Center

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2008

Weekend Mass Schedule

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
(cancelled during OU home games)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 11 am &
5pm (Student Led)

Communion Service: Mon. 7:30 am

Daily Masses:
Tues. & Thurs. 5:15 pm
Wed. & Fri. 7:30 am
Wed. 9 pm (Student Led)

Rosary: Following Daily Mass &
Before Student Led Mass
Wed. night

Vespers: Thursdays 8:30 pm

Nursery: Sunday 8:30 am & 11 am

St. Vincent de Paul: 329-5372

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

Readings for week of Dec. 7 **Second Sunday of Advent**

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Is 40: 1-11/Mt 18: 12-14

Wed: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Second Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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Ministry Schedule December 13-14, 2008

Altar Servers

5 pm Saturday Mass	Michael S., Arianna G., Hannah G.
8:30 am Sunday Mass	Rebecca G., Gabriella S., Eamonn M.
11 am Sunday Mass	Hannah J., Stephen O., Andres K.
5 pm Sunday Mass	Joseph M., Risa W., Katie B.

Lectors

5pm Sat. Mass	Jane S., Bob R.	Corey & Jackie P.
8:30 am Sun. Mass	Helen P., Allison P.	Becky F., Russell K., Kelly M.
11am Sun. Mass	Dane W., Charles K.	Susy C., Steve C., Steve P., Mike T.
5 pm Sun. Mass	Justine S., David G.	Bill H., Corey G., Frank A.

Ushers

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Sat. Mass	Paula G., Mary B., Stephen B., Cherri R., Valli M.
8:30 am Sun. Mass	Gerry W., Barbara F., Brigid B., Barbara C., Salva G.
11 am Mass	Rigo G., Caridad M., Becky O., Dan L., Kathy H., Pat K., Veronica E., Steve E., Rick P.
5 pm Sun. Mass	Sims B., Bobby M., Jim F., Linda F., Kaitlyn W., Rolando C., Michael D., Matthew R., Lindsay H.

Remember, Saturday Dec. 13 is the Children's Mass and servers are asked to be on standby.

Parish Schedule

Sunday Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass + *Muoi Vo by Thuy Pham*
9:45 am RE Classes
11:00 am Mass *Bob Quinnett for healing by Jean Quinnett*
5:00 pm Mass + *Father Timothy Maloney*
6:00 pm College Sunday Supper
7:00 pm College Bible Study

Monday, December 8

Office Closed

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Men of Honor/Women of Grace (Red House)

Tues., Dec. 9

5:15 pm Mass + *Esperanza Bernardo by Juanita Millsap*
7pm Journey of Faith in overflow
7pm Just Matters in Red House

Wed., Dec. 10

7:30 am No Mass
7:00 pm College Night in Red House
9pm Student-led Mass

Thurs., Dec. 11

5:15 pm Mass + *Father Timothy Maloney*
6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul in Library
7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary
7:30 pm Communion & Liberation
8:30 pm Vespers in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9:00 pm Fourth Day in Library

Friday, Dec. 12

7:30 am Mass Intentions for Parish Family
6:00 pm Prime Timers Social & Pot Luck—Atrium
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Christmas Fiesta & Potluck Supper @ Knights House

Sat., Dec. 13

2:30 pm Dress Rehearsal for Pageant
3pm Confessions
4:00 pm Christmas Pageant
5:15 pm Children's Mass

Sunday Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass
9:45 am RE Classes
11:00 am Mass *Intentions of the Knights of Columbus The Good Order*
25th Anniversary Following Mass
5:15 pm Mass Student Led
6:00 pm Last Sunday Supper for Semester
7:00 pm College Bible Study

Knightsly News

ALL HANDS ON DECK....Our Council has contracted to provide a Casino Night the evening of December 13th in OKC. This requires just about all our equipment and 42-45 volunteers. **We need your help.** Contact SK Huntington for more details.

Attention Alter Servers—The meeting and training scheduled for November 15, 2008 will now be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 1:00—2:30 pm in the STM sanctuary. This will give us a chance to go over some things and do some practices on the liturgy for those who feel they need the update. **One thing that will be focused on is the ringing of the Sanctus Bells.** I have been made aware that there are some occasional problems in this area. I will also go over the thurifer procedures with the current thurifers for the upcoming Christmas liturgies. If you want to learn to be a thurifer, you must attend this meeting. Again, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Finally, if you know anyone who would like to be an alter server, invite them to this meeting. They can be trained during it. You may contact me (Joe Mecham) @ jsmecham@cox.net or trekker56@gmail.com or my home phone 573-4979. I look forward to seeing you there.

Attention Lectors! All lectors need to pick up new liturgy books in the office. The cost is \$13. Anyone wanting to sign up to be a lector, please contact Ruth Loeffler @ 329-5358 or go by the office to fill out information sheet.

Martha & Mary Guild seeks donations of fabric, craft materials, yarn etc. Parishioners may also donate gift cards to Hobby Lobby, Michaels or Wal-Mart. Your support means so much to many. God Bless.

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.

Communion & Liberation Retreat December 13th
1pm—5pm in the Knights' House with Father Roberto Amoroso and all parishioners are welcome. You may email Fr. Roberto @ fatherroberto@gmail.com or if you have questions you may contact Carol Burns @ 209-1520.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. "When my eyes came to the enclosed check, I immediately prayed a "Glory Be" and was practically moved to tears," wrote an abbot at an Oklahoma monastery for benefits received from The Retirement Fund for Religious.

Religious give thanks. We are a small community with a median age of nearly 80. During the past year we found it necessary to engage home health aids....The care has been wonderful but the costs staggering. We deeply appreciate your assistance," writes a Michigan prioress for benefits made possible by your donation to the appeal for the Retirement for Religious.

Please give generously to next week's second collection, which benefits the many deserving religious who served our diocese, past and present, and who now need our help meeting the overwhelming cost of elder care.

Dear Parishioners: Please donate nonperishable items, towels, blankets or monetary donations to the office. A short form will be designed for documentation purposes and to attempt to avoid service duplication. If you have questions or concerns please contact me, Christy Meiser. Thank you!

STM RE NEWS

PLEASE note all catechists, volunteers and nursery workers must attend and complete applications for Safe Environment. SE Seminars are held @ STM library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm.

RE NEEDS....Volunteer(s) to build a portable stable for the Christmas Pageant—please contact Chelle as soon as possible!

Nursery News...Still need a few volunteers to work on Saturday, Dec. 13th for the pageant (4-5pm) and the Children's Mass (5-6pm).

Upcoming Dates:

December 7th— 9:50—10:30am Pageant practice for K-6th grade

December 7th— 1st, 2nd, & 3rd graders practice for children's mass 10:30 am—10:45 am

December 7th –Angels & Saints Store Open in Atrium

December 13

- 2:30 pm Dress Rehearsal for all children involved in pageant (ALL CHOIR, CHARACTERS, SCENE HELPERS & HS ASSISTANTS)
- 3:30 pm—quick break for a snack
- 4:00 pm—Pageant
- 5:00 pm—Children's Mass (1st—3rd grade will serve) All regularly scheduled lectors should be available for possible "no shows".

December 14

9:45 Last RE class until January 4th—Holiday Break

11 am Holiday Gathering in apartment classrooms for RE students and parents

December 21

1:30 Baptismal Seminar with Deacon Larry Roscow

December 22

10:00 am STM's Little Elves Choir Practice

10:45 am Deliver Cookies & Stockings to NRH & nursing home patients.

December 24

After 6pm Mass Live Christmas Nativity Re-enactment. Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and some animals? Outside, pending weather.

Jan 4

12:15 pm #1 of 5 RE Chili Bingo Meetings for all volunteers, including Confirmation students (meeting will count as one service hour).

Many, Many, Many Thanks—for all the RE Students, families & parishioners (Mr. & Mrs. Trimble, Kristin Partridge, Mrs. Allen-Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Heiple, Mark Krittenbrink, Rose Marie Sherry, Linda Zagzebski, Pam Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Fisher, Jean Claude Roegiers, Rick Pendergraft, Laura LeBlanc, Mr. & Mrs. Trepagnier, Andrea Meek, Gertrude Fournier, Courtney Henderson, Nancy Yoch, Mr. & Mrs. Doviak, Ruth Loeffler, Mr. & Mrs. Edge, CR Carey, Michael Renner, Mr. & Mrs. Kuriger, Tita Posa, Janice Wilson, Ann Geiger, Jane Baldwin, Carol Baldwin, Amanda Maccott, Janne O'Donnell, Isabel Martin, Jeane Winters and Vinay Joseph) who donated items or money to the 5 needy families for the Thanksgiving Basket Program. It was a success! Special thanks to Ellen Jones, Spencer Jones, McKenzie and Maddison Breedlove for organizing all the items. A HUGE Thank you to Jen Forehand for helping Chelle deliver the baskets all over Norman!

ASCS News

Seeking gently loved or new stuffed animals! The All Saints 4-H Club is again working with the Maguire Foundation to provide gift baskets to residents in mental health facilities around Oklahoma. Collection bins are at All Saints and the OU Extension Office at 601 E. Robinson.

All Parishioners are invited to our school Christmas Pageant and Concert at the Nancy O'Brien Performing Arts Center at Norman High School on Wednesday, Dec. 17th @ 6:30pm

Pre-enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year will begin soon. If you plan to enroll, please download a wait list application from the school website at www.allsaintsnorman.org and mail or fax it to the school. Admission applications will be sent to those on the wait list in early January.

Attention Baby-sitters!!

A few members of STM have called the office in search of baby-sitters for evenings & weekends. If you are interested, please call the Christy Meiser for more details.

Dear Parishioners: *In the spirit of giving, STM is providing Christmas assistance to needy families in partnership with Central Oklahoma Community Action Agency. COCAA will screen needy families and provide us with a list of needs. As we receive these lists we will place individual needs on an angel tree. These families will be those with children and our goal is to provide Christmas meals, as well as, toys or clothes or other needed items to 10 needy families. Our office will collect needed items until December 22nd and we will deliver to COCAA on the same day. The screening process has begun and we are waiting on lists this week. In this precarious financial time, we greatly appreciate anything you are able to give. Food basket items needed: ham or turkey, instant potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls, gravy, stuffing, cake mix w/icing or no-bake cheesecake or other dessert, 1/2 gallon of milk, eggs, small tub of butter or package of stick butter. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Christy Meiser. May God Bless All of You!*

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christian must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to who they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Attention to all who pass out the bulletins: please make sure you are handing out the bulletin for the correct weekend. The staff discards bulletins left in the atrium before the new bulletin is placed in the sacristy, but somehow this past weekend the bulletins were mixed up and many parishioners did not get Father's Advent letter. There are many copies on the atrium table for those who did not get one. Thank you!