

St. Thomas More University Parish & Student Center

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 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. 14 **Third Sunday of Advent**

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn
1:6-8
Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tues: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 1:1-17
Wed: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thurs: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Fri: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Sat: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Sun: Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-
27/Lk 1:26-38



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Ministry Schedule December 20-21, 2008

Altar Servers

5 pm Saturday Mass Jack M., Michael M., Hannah G.
8:30 am Sunday Mass Rebecca G., Gabriella S., Valerie P.
11 am Sunday Mass Maya H., Cynthia O., Tyler K.
5 pm Sunday Mass Susan M., Sherritta H., Jonathon K.

Lectors

5pm Sat. Mass Tom B.
8:30 am Sun. Mass Frank F., Mick H. Becky F., K. D Jr., Mary S., John S.
11am Sun. Mass Kristen P., Casey P. Jim W., Chris D.
5 pm Sun. Mass R. C. D., Harold C. Corey G., Frank A.

Ushers

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Sat. Mass Louise K., Mary B., Stephen B., Valli M.
8:30 am Sun. Mass Janis H., Charles G., Patricia G., Amy M., Stacy S.
11 am Mass Rigo G., Susan S., Becky O., Dan L., Kathy H., Jody E., Doris E.,
Veronica E., Steve E.
5 pm Sun. Mass Sims B., Ben B., Joseph M., Bill H., Rick L., Beatriz H., Arn H.,
Susan M., Charito H.

See Third Page for Holiday Lector Schedule

Parish Schedule

Sunday Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass +*Fern Lawrence by Dan Lawrence*
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

Monday, December 15

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

Tues., Dec. 16

5:15 pm Mass +*Rey Marebe by Juanita Millsap*
6:30 pm Safe Environment Training in Library
7pm Journey of Faith in overflow
7pm Just Matters in Red House

Wed., Dec. 17

7:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers
7:00 pm College Night in Red House
9pm Student-led Mass

Thurs., Dec. 18

5:15 pm Mass *Thanksgiving and Personal Intention*
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 NO Fourth Day

Friday, Dec. 19

7:30 am Mass Intentions for Parish Family

Sat., Dec. 20

3pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass +*Edward Sanabria by Sanabria Family*

Sunday Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass + *Robert Keenan by his family*
NO RE CLASSES
11:00 am Mass *Special Intentions for Robert Quinett Jr. by Bob & Jean*
1:00 pm **Baptismal Seminar in Library**
5:00 pm **Student Led Mass** +*Vere Charles Manion*

Third Sunday of Advent

All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass @ 6 pm and Midnight Mass @ 12 am

December 25 Christmas Day

Mass @ 10 am

New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God

Mass @ 10 am

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.

Adorers of the Blood of Christ Associates:

No December Meeting

Next meeting: January 26 @ 6:30pm

Prayers for St. Thomas More Parish by the Sister Adorers of the Blood of Christ of the USA. A novena of Masses and a special Christmas novena will be offered for you during this blessed season. May the New Year bring peace to you and to all of God's people on this Earth! Sister Ursula Schones

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Make 2009 the year you put your marriage at the top of your priority list. Spend a weekend together and renew this most sacred sacrament. The "Marriage Encounter" weekend is: January 30-February 1, 2009. Please contact Dan or Jean Forgue 405-760-0390 or 405-760-0349 or email partspeople@att.net.

Holiday Bulletin Schedule! December 22 Bulletin must be submitted for publishing by noon on December 15th. Bulletins for December 28th & January 4th must be submitted at noon December 19th! Thank you for your cooperation.

As you donate items to the Campus Ministry Mission trip to Mexico, please do not donate clothing. We are unable to take boxes and all donations must be easily packed. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners: I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you who chose an ornament from the Angel Tree. I am so proud to be a staff member for a parish with such a large heart and amazing benevolence. Please know I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God Bless Each of You. Christy Meiser

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.

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 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).

ASCS News

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.

Gym Update—We have met the staff of the City of Norman for our pre-permit meeting. Our Civil, Geotech, Structural and Mechanical and Electrical Engineers are finalizing their reports. In the coming weeks, we will be applying for our building permit. Thank you Westerman Foundation for a \$10,000 donation to help with our building project. Help us over the top log on to www.allsaintsnorman.org and click on donate.

Share Christmas joy that lasts...

It is easy to confuse the Christian holy day of Christmas with the consumer holiday of the same name. Jesus is the star of our Christmas while Santa Claus runs the consumer one. Santa gives gifts if you have been good but Jesus' love is for everyone. Gifts that Santa brings are purchased, while Jesus' gifts are priceless and last forever. Try these ideas to give Jesus' day the focus.

Turn off commercials. To get ready for the holy day, turn off the television and avoid consumer hype and commercials. Instead, watch favorite Christmas movies that you rent or borrow from the library.

Tell the story on Christmas Eve. Turn on your Christmas tree lights, darken the room and read by candlelight. Star with Mary's surprising visitor, follow the trip to Bethlehem, and finish with Jesus' birth.

Give each person a religious gift. Giving children a religious book, medal, hat or t-shirt with Christian messages is a good way to highlight the fact that Christmas is about Christ.

Holiday & Year End Ministry Schedule

December 24 Christmas Eve 6pm

Altar Servers Susan M., Cynthia O., Risa W.
Lectors Ruth L., Laura J.
Ushers
Eucharistic Ministers Bobby M., Stacy S., Brigid B., Barbara F.

Midnight Mass

Altar Servers Joseph M., Janice W., Andres K.
Lectors Bill K., Dolores K.
Ushers
Eucharistic Ministers Amy M., Janis H.

Christmas Day 10 am Mass

Altar Servers
Lectors Charles K., Jean Q.
Ushers
Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 27 @ 5pm

Altar Servers Michael S., Arianna G.
Lectors Bob R., Jane S.
Ushers Corey P., Jackie P.
Eucharistic Ministers Louise K., Mary B., Stephen B., Cheri R.

Sunday, December 28 @ 8:30 am

Altar Servers Valerie P., Rebecca G., Gabriella S.
Lectors John M., Tom K.
Ushers K. D jr., Becky F., Heidi K.
Eucharistic Ministers Joe L., April A., Cathy F., John F., Jeanne C.

11 am Mass

Altar Servers Stephen O., Hannah J., Miranda J
Lectors Christopher K., Harold H.
Ushers Chris D., Jim W.
Eucharistic Ministers Jodie E., Doris E., Susan S., Rigo G., Steve E., Veronica E., Kathy H., Rick P., Caridad M.

5 pm Mass

Altar Servers Morgan B., Maddison B., Janice W
Lectors Bobby M., Joe W.
Ushers Corey G., Bill H.
Eucharistic Ministers Susan M., Arn H., Beatriz H., Rick L., Ben B., Sims B., Joseph M Bill H.

New Year's Day @ 10 am

Altar Servers Joseph M., Janice W., Andres K.
Lectors Allison P., Helen P.
Ushers Jim W., Steve P.
Eucharistic Ministers Sims B., Rick L., John F., Cathy F., Janis H., Amy M.