

St. Thomas More University Parish & Student Center

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2008

Weekend Mass Schedule

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
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)
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Please contact the office with mass requests, funeral scheduling, sacramental ministries questions or if you are moving. Thank you.

Readings for week of Dec. 21 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tues: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wed: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Thurs: Vigil: Is: 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11;8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Ministry Schedule December 27-28, 2008

Altar Servers

5 pm Saturday Mass Michael S., Arianna G.
8:30 am Sunday Mass Rebecca G., Gabriella S., Valerie P.
11 am Sunday Mass Stephen O., Hannah J., Miranda J.
5 pm Sunday Mass Morgan B., Maddison B., Janice W.

Lectors

5pm Sat. Mass Bob R., Jane S.
8:30 am Sun. Mass John M., Tom K.
11am Sun. Mass Christopher K., Harold H.
5 pm Sun. Mass Bobby M., Joe W.

Ushers

Corey P., Jackie P.
Becky F., K. D Jr., Heidi K.
Jim W., Chris D.
Corey G., Bill H.

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Sat. Mass Louise K., Mary B., Stephen B., Cheri R.
8:30 am Sun. Mass Joe L., April A., Cathy F., John F., Jeanne Cu.
11 am Mass Jody E., Doris E., Susan S., Rigo G., Steve E., Veronica E., Kathy H. Rick P., Caridad M.
5 pm Sun. Mass Susan M., Arn H., Beatriz H., Rick L., Ben B., Sims B., Joseph M., Bill H.

See Third Page for Holiday Liturgical Schedule

Parish Schedule

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 Quinnett Jr. by Bob & Jean

1:00 pm Baptismal Seminar in Library

5:00 pm Student Led Mass +Vere Charles Manion

Monday, December 22

7:00 am Communion Service

Tues., Dec. 23

Office Closes @ noon

5:15 pm Mass +Father Alan Loth for repose of the soul

Wed., Dec. 24

Office Closed

6:00 pm Vigil Mass

12:00 am Midnight Mass Nativity of the Lord

Thurs., Dec. 25

Office Closed

10:00 am Mass Nativity of the Lord

Fri., Dec. 26

Office Closed

No Mass

No Confessions

Sat., Dec. 27

Sun., Dec. 28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am Mass +Father Alan Loth for repose of the soul

11:00 am Mass Special Intentions for Robert Quinnett Jr. by Bob & Jean

5:00 pm Student Led Mass Intentions for Father Ackerman

If you have questions regarding regularly scheduled weekly meetings—check with your contact person.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

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.

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 Fargue 405-760-0390 or 405-760-0349 or email partspeople@att.net.

Attention Parishioners! If you have your house blessing kits from years past, please bring them to Mass with you January 4th The Epiphany of the Lord. Thank you!

Food & Shelter for Friends—Tuesday, January 6th is STMs turn to prepare and serve food for the needy in Norman. Cooking will start @ 9am in the FFF Kitchen (104 E. Comanche). We will serve from 11am to 12 noon. **We do need your help!** If you can bring a dessert or help with the preparing and serving, please sign up in the atrium in the coming weeks. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners: Thanks again to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree, it was a HUGE success and you should take great pride in what you were able to accomplish! You provided for 11 families inclusive of 28 children and 5 adults. You provided, not only gifts, but food for each family. I want each of you to know how much I appreciate you participating. With one family's permission, they wanted me to let you know a little bit about their family and who you helped: a mother with MS, disabled father due to a roofing injury, 18 year old daughter who is pregnant with a boy, 12 year old daughter, 17 year old son and 2 year old granddaughter battling cancer. St. Thomas More should be very proud. Please know I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Blessings. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

December 21

1:00 Baptismal Seminar with Deacon Larry Rossow

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

he 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.

Readings for the Week of December 28th

Sun. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Mon. 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tues. 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wed. 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thurs. Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Fri. 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:29-34

Sat. 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Sun. Is 60:1-6Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

A Christmas Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, Light of the World, Prince of Peace and Beloved Savior; come into our hearts this Christmas and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy. Thank You for "gifting" us with Your presence among us. With Mary and Joseph, we rejoice and thank God for You. With the angels and saints in heaven we sing, "Glory to God in the highest." With the Magi and the shepherds we bow before You with hearts full of wonder. Dear Jesus, help us to follow You faithfully and to share the good news of Your coming with everyone we meet.

Amen.

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.