

# **St. Teresa of Avila Church**

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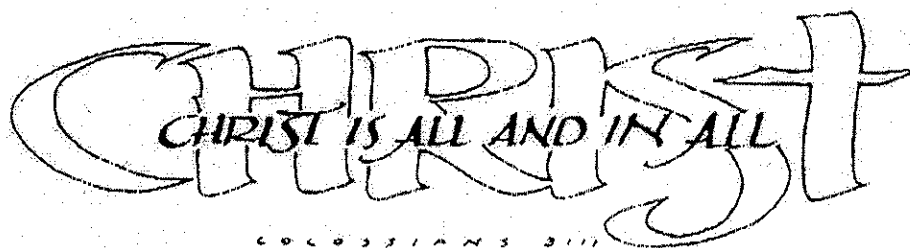
Office: 454-2819

Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center

454-9440

Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8 & 10AM



**August 4, 5, 2007**

**Knights of Columbus Mtg. Sunday 7 PM**

**Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline  
(405-720-9878)**

For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel. Calls to this number will be answered by the Archdiocesan Assistance Coordinator who will offer to meet with the caller in person, if the caller so desires. The Assistance Coordinator will also assist you in making a formal complaint to the Archdiocese, arranging a personal meeting with the Archbishop or his representative and in obtaining support and pastoral counseling.

Calls are confidential with the following exceptions:

Any allegation of sexual or physical abuse or neglect concerning those who currently are minors must be reported to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (1-800-522-3511) as required by Oklahoma laws and Archdiocesan policies.

Any allegation of sexual misconduct must be shared with the proper Archdiocesan authorities.

Local law enforcement agencies may also be contacted.

In addition, there are several things you may do.

Contact the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (1-800-522-3511). Contacting DHS is mandatory if the victim is a minor.

Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency (for example the local police).

Contact local child protection agencies, a private attorney or a support group.

Current Parish Council members are: Joe Tyranic, Susan Laughlin, Bill Lanie, Don Zawisza, Neil Baltazor, Jeff Wagner, and Carolyn Nowakowski. Current Building Advisory Members are Joe Zawisza, David McCorkle, Stan Malaske, John Bacon, Joe Balkenbush, Martin Wisniewski, Kelly Trice, and Michael Nowakowski. If you have questions about the building program, please contact them.

**Notes on the Text:** *If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above.*

Take caution note to see the second reading this week to mean "world=bad, heaven=good." Colossians says something much more. It spells out the implications of the freedom that comes from baptism. In baptism believers die to self-seeking behavior. Accepting Christ means rejecting allegiance to the "powers" that enslaved people to sin—hence the passage's calling these evil actions "idolatry"—and putting on a whole new self. This reorientation, though, is not yet complete. In somewhat mysterious words, "your life is hidden with Christ in God," the reading points to Christ's return; "then you too will appear with him in glory." Such renewal leaves behind the purposeless vanity Qoholeth speaks of and the possessiveness Jesus shows to be so empty in the parable.

-----Joel Schorn

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**Attention Altar Servers!** The annual Altar Server Appreciation Day has been



rescheduled for **Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. Food, fun & games will be provided beginning at 1 PM. Last year was a good time for all. Come join us again. Contact Neil Baltazor at 454-3651 or Jeff Wagner at 259-9966 with any questions.

**Children's' Hospital "Cuddlers"** Our Parish has been invited to participate in a special project for the Children's Hospital in OKC, involving DHS at risk newborn babies and their "Cuddlers." They are in need of receiving blankets, or baby flannel material 36" by 36" and also one piece used or new newborn sleepers. We are also asking for anyone who sews to hem this baby flannel into baby receiving blankets that will go out with the babies when they are adopted. If you could please call me with your name if you can sew, I will get you the flannel fabric. Your donations can be placed in the box at the back of the entrance of the church. Checks can be made out to St. Teresa Catholic church, Memo-DHS Baby Project. For more info, call Marilyn Tytanic 454-3556. Thank you.

Three international students are looking for host families. All three girls will be attending school in our area; Tonye from Norman, Luise from Brazil and Kristin from Germany. If you are interested in hosting either temporarily or permanently, please call Martha Montgomery at 454-6787 or cell: 306-9500.

**Birth Choice Information Session.** Birth Choice needs volunteers for 2 to 4 hours a week. They are currently in need of people to work the phones, serve as receptionists, those who have clerical skills, clothing room works and RN's. The next information session will be Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM to 8 PM at 4701 S. Western, OKC. To register and obtain more information, please call Marilyn at 799-7195.

**A VIEW FROM THE PEW:** What would you wear if the President of the United States invited you to dinner? Shorts and a tee shirt? Not likely! You are cordially invited to the Lord's Supper. Please dress appropriately.

Going to be on the road this summer? If you're looking for a local church, check out [www.massimes.org](http://www.massimes.org) for location (with a map) and times.

The Missionary group known as Jon Sternkowski Celebrant Singers will present a program at St. Vincent de Paul Church in McLoud, Thursday, August 9 at 7:30 PM. They will present a concern, evangelize, pray and take up a free will offering. All are welcome.

### Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug 4 5:00 PM - Tom & Adeline Jorski by K of C  
 Sun. Aug 5 8:00 AM - For Our Parish Family  
 10:00 AM - Larry Brimm by Backhus Family  
 Tues. Aug 7 8:00 AM - Katrina Visnieski by Vernie Visnieski  
 Wed. Aug. 8 8:00 AM - Larry Adams by K of C  
 Thurs. Aug. 9 8:00 AM - Sabrina Vasik (recovery) by D & K. Kretchmar  
 Fri. Aug 10 8:00 AM - Larry Brimm by C.K. Burghart  
 Sat. Aug 11 5:00 PM - Deborah Rice by C. & C. Werchan  
 Sun. Aug 12 8:00 AM - For Our Parish Family  
 10:00 AM - Katrina Visnieski by K of C

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM.**

Collections: July 29 116 Adult envelopes \$4130.00 13 Youth envelopes \$17.35 Building Fund \$381.33 Birth Choice \$10.00 Priests Welfare \$10.00 Loose \$88.00 Total: \$4,636.68 Building Fund Total (July 15) \$660,907.00

Readings for this week: Mon. Number 12:1-13, Psalm 51:3-7, 12-13, Matthew 14:22-36; Tues. Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23, Matthew 15:21-28; Wed. Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23, Matthew 15:21-28; Thurs. 20:1-13, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Matthew 16:13-23; Fri. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9, John 12:24-26; Saturday Deuteronomy 6:4-13, Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51, Matthew 17:14-20; Sunday Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Luke 12:32-48

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Anyone who needs assistance should call our number 343-2938

*Catholics are on the air in OK! KTLR AM 890 is broadcasting Archdiocesan programs Monday through Friday, 3-5 PM. KTLR 890 AM Catholic broadcasting is a lay initiative of faith and evangelization. It is supported by free will offerings from individuals, from Catholic parishes and other groups. Please share this information with your Catholic family and friends*

**Prayer Chain!** Our Parish has a prayer chain for our Parish Family concerns!! You can call for prayer requests to either Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 or Marilyn Tytanic at 454-3556.

**Parish Picnic August 25! Details later! Please note: Enrollment for R.E. will be held at the same time.**

The Feast of the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 8 AM and 7 PM.