

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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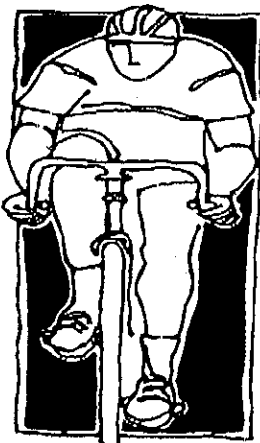
Office: 454-2819

Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center

454-9440

Masses Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8 &
10AM

HEBREWS 12:1



...with perseverance
the race
that is set
before us

August 18, 19, 2007

Mass Intentions

Sat, Aug 18 5:00 PM – Katrina Visnieski by C. & C. Werchan
 Sun Aug 19 8:00 AM– Larry Brimm by Bobbye Janowiak
 10:00 AM – Intention of Donor by D. & K. Kretchmar

No Weekday Masses

Sat, Aug 25 5:00 PM – Charlie & Virginia Benedix by Bud & Dora Kusek
 Sun, Aug 26 8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Bobbye Janowiak
 10:00 AM – Don Martin by JoAnn Martin

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 PM.

Collections: August 12 126 Adult envelopes \$4172.00 11 Youth envelopes \$12.35 Building Fund \$265.00 Catholic University \$226.00 Loose \$46.00 Total: \$4736.35 Building Fund Total (August 12 \$661,578.11).

Readings for this week Mon. Judges 2:11-19, Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43-44, Matthew 19:16-22; Tues. Judges 6:11-24a, Psalm 85:9,11-12,13-14, Matthew 19:23-30; Wed. Judges 9:6-15, Psalm 21:2-3,4-5,6-7, Matthew 20:1-16; Thurs. Judges 11:29-39a, Psalm 40:5,7-8,8-9,10, Matthew 22:1-14; Fri. Revelations 21:9b-14, Psalm 145:10-13,17-18, John 1:45-51; Sat. Ruth 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17, Psalm 128:1-2,3,4,5, Matthew 23:1-12; Sunday Isaiah 66:18-21, Psalm 117:1,2, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, Luke 13:22-30.

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

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 26 at 6 PM! Like last year. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert. Because of the heat, the meal may take place in the Hall. Enrollment for R.E. will be held at the same time.

Parish Web Site. www.stteresaharrah.org The email address is: info@stteresaharrah.org

St. Joseph Old Cathedral Parish is hosting its first CARNIVAL on Sunday, Sept 2 from 9 AM to 7 PM. There will be dances, games, delicious food, fresh fruit drinks; also a children's area with face painting, moon walk, clown, hot dogs, popcorn, etc. For more information, please call 235-4565

Building Fund Information: Because of an upcoming wedding reception in December, the Parish Council voted to put off any work on the Parish Hall pending approval by the Archdiocese until after the New Year

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

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 6th, 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.masstimes.org for location (with a map) and times

The Finance Committee has recommended a tuition charge for the Religious Education program beginning this fall. The parish spends \$22,000 on the RE Program and we currently receive \$1000 in donations. Tuition will be \$20 per student with a maximum of \$50 per family. If this presents a hardship, financial help is available. RE classes will begin the Wednesday after Labor Day.

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

Building project update: The preliminary plans for the building project were presented to Archbishop Beltran this past week and were approved. Our next step will be to contact the architect to draw up the blueprints which will be then presented to the Archdiocesan Building Committee for their approval

Holy Week in the Holy Land Father Price Oswalt, Associate Pastor from Church of the Epiphany in OKC has announced that he will lead a Pilgrimage to Israel for "Holy Week" from March 14-25, 2008. The itinerary includes 2 nights in Tiberius and 8 nights in Jerusalem. Cost is \$2999 per person and includes Round-trip air from OKC, Tulsa, Dallas-Fort Worth, Airport Taxes, Superior tourist class hotels, all fees and gratuities, Escorted guides, AirCond motor coaches, daily breakfast and dinners. Deposit is \$450 each with final payment by December 14, 2007. Only 36 seats are available and an early booking discount is provided. For additional information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, 1-888-544-4461

Are You or Someone You Know Interested in the Catholic Faith?...

RCIA (The Ritual of Catholic Initiation for Adults) will begin

September 11 at 7:00 PM in the RE Building

Call 454-2819 to register.

IRA Rollover Giving... The Federal Pension Protection act of 2006 provides an opportunity for individuals age 70 ½ and older to make a Charitable Distribution directly from their IRA account without incurring added income taxes on the withdrawal. This option is limited to a maximum gift of \$100,000 and is only available in the 2006 & 2007 tax years (unless Congress extends this Act) While these gifts count toward the required IRA distribution, they are not considered as income if distributed directly to a public charity. If you are taking mandatory IRA distributions, but do not need the income, consider a gift to St. Teresa Parish directly from your IRA account

**Servers Picnic August 11, 2007 sponsored by the K of C
(more photos on bulletin board in the Hall!)**

