

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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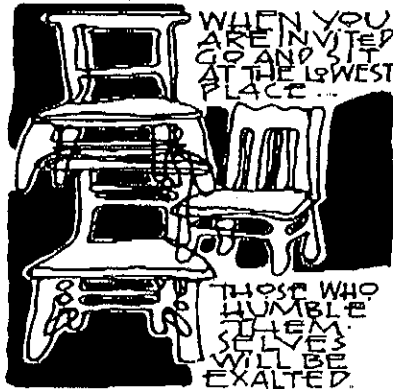
Fr. Alan J. Loth, Pastor

Office: 454-2819

Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center

454-9440

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



**September 1, 2, 2007**

**Note: K of C and CDA meet next week.**

**Parish Council Meeting Thurs, Sept 6 in the  
Parish Hall 7 PM**

## Mass Intentions

Sat, Sept 1 5:00 PM – Ven Stramski by Jim & Susan Stramski  
 Sun, Sept 2 8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Vernie Visnieski  
 10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family  
 Tues, Sept 4 8:00 AM – Elfriede Raught by the Hanna Family

**Note: no Masses Wed. and Thurs. – Clergy Study Days at the Pastoral Center**

Fri, Sept 7 8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Glen & Kathy Kiermeier  
 Sat, Sept 8 5:00 PM – Charles Stephens by Dan Coakley  
 Sun, Sept 9 8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family  
 10:00 AM – Katrina Visnieski by Vernie Visnieski

### **CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 PM.**

Collections: August 26 132 Adult envelopes \$4056.00 12 Youth envelopes \$16.70 Building Fund \$1163.00 Catholic Communications \$4. Assumption \$10.00 Loose \$143.00 Total: \$5392.70 Building Fund Total (August 26 \$665,909.11).

Readings may be found in the insert.

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 Web Site.** [www.stteresaharrah.org](http://www.stteresaharrah.org) The email address is: [info@stteresaharrah.org](mailto: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 235-4665.*

*If changes are needed in ministry schedules, please inform the office, 454-2918. Thank you*

**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 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.

Going to be on the road this summer? If you're looking for a local church, check out [www.masstimes.org](http://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 aid 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 Iberius 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.

**Attention Parents:** The Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will be offering a workshop "Sacramental Parenting: Raising a Faith-Filled Family" on October 6 from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Pastoral Center. Parents can learn practical skills for raising their teenagers using the Sacramental Life of the Church as a model. The cost is only \$10. Call the Office of Family Life at 721-8944 for more information or to register for this opportunity to nurture your family's faith.

In today's gospel according to Luke, Jesus says, "when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Catholic Charities invites you to come to the table to help the poor and all those in need. On the weekend of September 15, 16, parishioners will be asked to join in Christ's work by supporting the 2007 Annual Appeal. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities make a difference in the lives of so many across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit the website [www.catholiccharitiesok.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesok.org).

Catechesis aims "to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ" (National Directory for Catechesis, no. 19B). On the weekend of September 15-16, 2007, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme of our celebration is "Catechesis: Encountering the Living Christ." During our tribute we will commission 20 catechists during our Eucharistic celebrations. We will also recognize the role parents and guardians play in handing on the faith to the children and youth in our parish. Take a minute and thank our catechists for all they do to share the light of faith with our children, youth, and adults.



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