

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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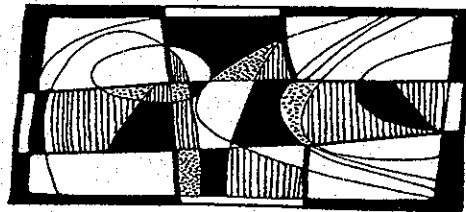
Fr. Alan J. Loth, Pastor

Office: 454-2819

Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center

454-9440

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



*WHOEVER
DOES NOT
CARRY THE
CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME
CANNOT BE
MY DISCIPLE.*

September 8/9, 2007

K of C Breakfast Sunday

K of C and CDA meet 7 PM Sunday

Altar Society meets 2 PM Sunday

**Parish Council Meeting Thurs, Sept 13 in the
Parish Hall 7 PM**

Mass Intentions

Sat, Sept 8	5:00 PM – Charles Stephens by Dan Coakley
Sun, Sept 9	8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family 10:00 AM – Katerina Visnieski by Vernie Visnieski
Tues, Sept 11	8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Glen & Kathy Kiermeier
Wed, Sept 12	8:00 AM – Katrina Visnieski by Backus Family
Thurs, Sept 13	8:00 AM – Special Intention by Raymond & Sue Nickel
Fri, Sept 14	8:00 AM – Debra Rice by K of C
Sat, Sept 15	5:00 PM – Rachel Zawisza by Charles & Carolyn Werchan
Sun, Sept 16	8:00 AM – Genevieve Lane by Mildred Galus 10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 PM.

Collections: September 2 116 Adult envelopes \$3608.00 9 Youth envelopes \$13.35 Building Fund \$530.00 Religious Education \$80.00 Peruvian Disaster Fund \$580.51 Loose \$127.50 Total: \$4939.36 Building Fund Total (Sept 2 \$666,439 11).

Readings for the week: Mon. Colossians 1:24—2:3, Psalm 62:6-7,9, Luke 6:6-11; Tues. Colossians 2:6-15, Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11, Luke 6:12-19; Wed. Colossians 3:1-11, Psalm 145:2-3,10-11,12-13, Luke 6:20-26; Thurs. Colossians 3:12-17, Psalm 150:1-6, Luke 6:27-38; Fri. Numbers 21:4b-9, Psalm 78:2-2,34-35,36-37,38, Philippians 2:6-11, John 3:13-17; Saturday 1 Timothy 1:15-17, Psalm 113:1-7, John 19:25-27; Sunday Exodus 32:7-11,13-14, Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32.

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 The email address is: info@stteresaharrah.org

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

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

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin

September 11 at 7:00 PM in the RE Building. Call 454-2819 to register.

Children's Hospital "Cuddlers". Our Parish has been invited to participate in a special project for the Children's Hospital in OKC. 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 entrance of the church. Checks can be made out to St. Teresa Catholic Church, Memo- Children's Hospital Baby Project. For more info, call Marilyn Tytanic 454-3556. Thank you.

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. When we have the required amount of cash and pledges we will be able to begin the project.

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.

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.

When Jesus spoke to the crowd in today's gospel (Luke 14:25-33) he asked them to renounce their possessions and follow him. This message reminds us to evaluate our priorities in life. Are we possessed by our possessions? Will this lead us to heaven? Or do we choose the higher road—loving the Lord, following God's commandments and practicing our faith through our actions. The works of Catholic Charities symbolize love, compassion and service to those less fortunate. Next weekend, please join Catholic charities in doing Christ's work—helping the poor, sick, tired and hungry. Your sacrificial gift to the 2007 Annual Appeal will allow the agency to continue to provide needed services across the Archdiocese. Thank you and God bless you. For more information visit the website 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.

OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CONFERENCE: For the first time the conference will feature a faith based tract, designed to educate and empower those within the faith community to understand and recognize relationship violence and be able to assist victims within the faith community. Archbishop Beltran is a featured speaker, October 3 & 4, Clarion Meridian Convention Center, OKC. Fee for the conference is \$35, CEU's available. Register online at www.regionline.com/121248 by Sept 26.

PRAYER OF A HUSBAND AND WIFE

KEEP US, O LORD, FROM PETTINESS,
LET US BE THOUGHTFUL IN WORD AND DEED.
HELP US TO PUT AWAY PRETENSE,
AND FACE EACH OTHER IN DEEP TRUST
WITHOUT FEAR OR SELF-PITY.
HELP US TO GUARD AGAINST FAULT-FINDING,
AND BE QUICK TO DISCOVER THE BEST
IN EACH OTHER AND IN EVERY SITUATION.
GUARD US FROM ILL TEMPER AND HASTY JUDGMENT;
ENCOURAGE US TO TAKE TIME FOR ALL THINGS,
TO GROW CALM, SERENE AND GENTLE.
HELP US TO BE GENEROUS
WITH KIND WORDS AND COMPLIMENTS.
TEACH US NEVER TO IGNORE, NEVER TO HURT,
NEVER TO TAKE EACH OTHER FOR GRANTED.
ENGRAVE CHARITY AND COMPASSION
ON OUR HEARTS.
IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY.
AMEN