

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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



September 15, 16, 2007
Confirmation Meeting 6 PM in the Parish Hall

Mass Intentions

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
 Tues, Sept 18 8:00 AM – Ali Jacobi by K. & G. Boyle and Family
 Wed, Sept 19 8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Bobbye Janowiak
 Thurs, Sept 20 8:00 AM – Special Intention by R. & S. Nickel
 Fri, Sept 21 8:00 AM – Frank Janowiak by Family
 Sat, Sept 22 5:00 PM – Martha Greenlee by Family
 Sun, Sept 23 8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family
 10:00 AM – Lena Martin by Debbie Birdsong

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 PM.

Collections: September 9 112 Adult envelopes \$4136.43 7 Youth envelopes \$15.35 Building Fund \$1681.66 Religious Education \$25.00 Loose \$143.00 Total: \$6001.44 Building Fund Total (Sept 9 \$668,120.77)

Readings for the week: Mon. 1 Timothy 2:1-6, Psalm 28:2,7,8-9, Luke 7:1-10; Tues. 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Psalm 101:1-2,2-3,5,6, Luke 7:11-17; Wed. 1 Timothy 3:14-16, Psalm 111:1-2,3-4,5-6, Luke 7:31-35; Thurs. 1 Timothy 4:12-16, Psalm 111:7-8,9,10, Luke 7:36-50; Fri. Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13, Psalm 19:2-3,4-5, Matthew 9:9-13; Saturday 1 Timothy 6:13-16, Psalm 100:1-2,3,4,5, Luke 8:4-15; Sunday Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113:1-2,4-6,7-8, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13.

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) meets Tuesdays in the RE Building, classroom 5 at 7:00 PM.

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Charities Asks Your Help with Annual Appeal. Our Father in Heaven exemplifies the love that is so evident in the prodigal son's father who loved both of his sons so deeply. He rejoiced when his son returned home even though he had squandered his inheritance. He also forgave the elder son for his self-righteous condemnation of his younger brother. As we reflect on this story in today's gospel, we are reminded of God's love for us and our need to ask our Father to instill in us a generous nature in both words and actions. This weekend, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, is kicking off its 2007 Annual Appeal with a goal of \$2.4 million. The proceeds from the Appeal are used to serve people in need across the Archdiocese. Thank you for your prayers and financial support in helping Catholic Charities' ministry in serving those who are poor, sick, hungry, hopeless, and unwanted. 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 handling 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

Our Catechists for this year are:

<i>PreK – Collette Corona & Julia Spaeth</i>	<i>Grade 6 - Jamie Owings & Perry Stephens</i>
<i>K – Stephanie McIlvoy</i>	<i>Grade 7 - Mark Seikel</i>
<i>Grade 1 – Debbie Opichka</i>	<i>Grade 8 – Neil & Maria Baltazor</i>
<i>Grade 2 – First Communion – Tracey Hartley</i>	<i>Grade 9 – Michele Elliot & Angie Brewer</i>
<i>Grade 3 – Sandra Sumaza</i>	<i>Grade 10 – Kelly Trice</i>
<i>Grade 4 – Katie & Loyd Hargrove</i>	<i>Grades 11 and 12 – Nancy Limon</i>
<i>Grade 5 – Don & Patty Corona</i>	<i>Confirmation – Doug Kretchmar</i>

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.

Oktoberfest is back! The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating Oktoberfest again! We will hold the celebration on Saturday, Sept 29 follow the 5:00 PM Mass. Brats with all the fixings! Tickets are \$10 per person and \$20 per couple. Tickets can be obtained from any Knight. Get 'em while they're hot!

A big thank you goes to Ashley Baltazor, Caleb Elliott, Jodi Haley, Jessi Haley, Kelsei Jones, Casey Jones, Adrianna Limon, Kat-Lyn Torres, Andrew Wagner, Hannah Zawisza and Daniel Zawisza for representing our parish on the St. Teresa Parish Float in the Harrah Daze Parade. They represented our parish as they greeted the crowds and passed out

candy supplied by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters

*Confirmation meeting
Sunday, Sept 16 at 6:00 PM
in the Parish Hall. All 9th –
12th grade students
preparing for confirmation,
parents and sponsors of 10th
grade students should
attend. Please call Doug
Kretchmar at 391-2728 for
more information*

Two candidates who have indicated interest in the building committee opening are Rudy Garcia and Marilyn Tytanic. Any other candidates please call the rectory before Friday, Sept 21. Voting will take place on the weekend of Sept 22 and 23.