

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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



September 29/30, 2007

Parish Council Meeting Oct. 4th, 7 PM

In the Hall

**Confirmation classes meet Sunday at 7 PM in the
Hall (note time change)**

Mass Intentions

Sat, Sept 29	5:00 PM – Larry Brimm by Barbara Brimm
Sun. Sept 30	8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family 10:00 AM – Lena Martin by John & Pat Bacon
Tues, Oct 2	8:00 AM – Marguerite Saxton by E. Saxton
Wed, Oct 3	8:00 AM – Joe Storzyszyn by Barbara Dull
Thurs, Oct 4	8:00 AM – Marion Wyskup by K of C
Fri, Oct 5	8:00 AM -- Bud & Doralee Kusek by K of C
Sat, Oct 6	5:00 PM – Tom & Adeline Jorski by K of C
Sun, Oct 7 0	8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by B. Janowiak 10:00 AM – Bill Dull by Barbara Dull

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

Collections: September 23 125 Adult envelopes \$3490.00 11 Youth envelopes \$10.35 Building Fund \$715 00 Religious Education \$40.00 Retired Priests \$20.00 Loose \$59.00 Total: \$4334.35 Building Fund Total (Sept 23 \$675,888.28)

Readings for the week: Mon. Zechariah 8:1-8, Psalm 102:16-18,19-21,29,22-23, Luke 9:46-50; Tues Zechariah 8:20-23, Psalm 87:1-7, Matthew 18:1-5,10; Wed Nehemiah 2:1-8, Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6, Luke 9:57-62; Thurs. Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12, Psalm 19:8-11, Luke 10:1-12; Fri. Baruch 1:15-22, Psalm 79:1-2,3-5,8,9, Luke 10:13-16; Saturday Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29, Psalm 69:33-35,36-37, Luke 10:17-24; Sunday Hebrews 1:2-3,2:2-4, Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, Luke 17:5-10

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Anyone who needs assistance should call our number 343-2938. **The Society is currently helping a local family who are in need of basic household items: bed frames, mattresses, chairs, dresser, etc.** If you have items such as these or want more information please call 391-5723.

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

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will meet Tuesday, Oct 2nd at 7 PM in the RE Building, classroom 5. The topic will be "A Walk through the Mass."

Please inform the office of any changes in the Ministry Schedules. Thank you

The Parish Council members are anxious to hear your concerns, do not hesitate to contact one of them: Joe Tytanic (454-3556), Don Zawsiza (454-0630), Susan Laughlin (454-2783), Jeff Wagner (259-9966), Neil Baltazor (454-3651), Bill Lanie (277-3651), Charlotte Nowakowski (454-3002).

Building Advisory Committee: Joe Zawisza (454-2759), David McCorkle (454-2764), Stan Malaske (391-6425), John Bacon (391-4983), Joe Balkenbush (390-3324), Marvin Visnieski (454-3171), Kelly Trice (570-2003), and Michael Nowakowski (454-3002) welcome the new member to the committee: Rudi Garcia (454-6199).

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.

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.

Catholic Charities Asks Your Help with Annual Appeal.

We recall God's love for us and our need to ask our Father to instill in us a generous nature in both words and actions. Catholic charities, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, 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

Your helping hands make a difference! Volunteers at St. Anthony Hospital selflessly give of their time, lending hands to patients, family members, doctors and nurses. Serving lifts spirits and aids in the healing process. If you'd like to help, become a volunteer at St. Anthony Hospital and make a difference. Call 272-6266.

The ministry of **GREETERS**, in welcoming people as they come to Mass on the weekend, can help make us a more friendly community, especially for newcomers and visitors. Often the Ushers are busy distributing worship programs or finding available seating and would appreciate those who will stand outside the church and say a word of welcome. Next week sign up sheets will be available for those who wish to participate.

St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day

October 15 is the feast day of our patroness St. Teresa of Avila. We will celebrate this feast on Sunday October 14th with a covered dish dinner after the 10 AM Mass. Meat, bread and refreshments will be provided. Families are asked to bring a salad, vegetable dish or dessert.

HOW GREEN IS YOUR FAITH?

The environmental catastrophe that scientists agree await us won't be averted unless people of faith see conservation as a truly religious duty. We Catholics are blessed in October with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4), whose Canticle of the Sun announces not only love for the natural world but dependence on it as well: "Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all weather. Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure. Be praised, My Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs."

One doesn't have to wonder what the man who thanked God for the weather would say about climate change, or how he might lament the pollution of precious Sister Water. St. Francis is called the patron of ecology for good reason, and he would no doubt weep over the slow murder of the Earth as he would mourn for his human sisters and brothers. Perhaps he will be our companion on the hard road ahead.

Pope Benedict XVI recently urged Catholics to "listen to the voice of the Earth. We cannot simply do what we want with this earth of ours, with what has been entrusted to us."