

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Masses Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



First Sunday in Advent – The son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

December 1, 2, 2007

K of C and Catholic Daughters meet Sunday 5 PM

Altar Society Sunday 2 PM

Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 1 5:00 PM – Wayne Miles by Carolyn Miles
 Sun, Dec 2 8:00 AM – Martha Burl by Kusek Family
 10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family
 Tues, Dec 4 8:00 AM – Martha Burl by Kusek Family
 Wed, Dec 5 8:00 AM – Genevieve Kincaid by Family
 Thurs, Dec 6 8:00 AM – Jason Hinton by K of C
 Fri, Dec 7 8:00 AM – Debra Wagoner by K of C
 Sat, Dec 8 5:00 PM – For Our Parish Family
 Sun, Dec 9 8:00 AM – Eric Taylor by S. & C. Gorczyca
 10:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Barbara Dull

CONFESSIONS: Note: During Advent Confessions will be at 9 AM and 3:30 PM on Saturday beginning Dec. 1.

Collections: November 25 111 Adult envelopes \$3791.00 8 Youth envelopes \$7.35 Building Fund \$808.00 World Campaign for Human Development \$30.00 Loose \$116.84 Total: \$4,753.19 Building Fund Total (November 25 \$691,831.66).

Readings for the week: Mon. Isaiah 4:2-6, Psalm 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9, Matthew 8:5-11; Tues Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6; Matthew 15:29-37; Wed Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6; Matthew 15:29-37; Thurs Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mathew 7:21,24-27; Fri Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1,4,13-14; Matthew 9:27-31; Sat Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 26-38; Sunday Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will meet Tuesdays at 7 PM in the RE building. 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

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) scheduled topic for December 4 is "The Liturgical Year" The class meets in the R E Bldg at 7 PM.

Christmas Cards If you missed buying your Christmas cards during the Thanksgiving Bazaar, Youth Group has a selection left to choose from. If you are interested in buying cards, please call Kelly Trice at 570-2003. Thanks for your support of our youth.

Knights of Columbus Raffle for a beef half will be won December 23. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Ask any Knight for tickets.

Book signing and lecture. In December 2007, an important history focusing on the Catholic Church in Oklahoma will be released. **The Road to Renewal, Victor Joseph Reed and Oklahoma Catholicism, 1905-1971** by Jeremy Bonner examines the implementation of Vatican II at the diocesan level under Bishop Victor Reed, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa from 1958-1971. Mr Bonner will autograph copies of this new biography and lecture on this important period in the Catholic Church on **Wednesday evening, December 5 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Conference Center OKC and St. Gregory's Library, Shawnee, Thursday Dec. 6, 1:30 to 2:30 PM.** A limited number of copies will be available for purchase prior to the book signing. Additional copies may be obtained through the Catholic University of American Press at 1-800-537-5487 or <http://cuapress.cua.edu>

Anyone using the hall is requested to empty all the trash cans before they leave. Thanks.

Anyone wishing to remember a loved one during the Christmas season may do so with a donation for the Christmas Poinsettias. A memorial list of the loved one's names will be published in the bulletin. Donations may be given to Altar Society members Barbara Ross or Kathy Small. Thank you.

Trinity Gardens and Villa Isenbart Apartments are planning a craft fair and bake sale on Saturday, December 8 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. The craft fair will be held in the trinity Gardens Community Room at 3825 NW 19th in OKC. Anyone interested in having a booth or for more information about the event may contact Kathy Pitt at 947-4143.

New Year's Eve. The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to their New Year's Eve Bash. Our own Beckie's Porta Party will provide the musical entertainment. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be on sale beginning this weekend. As usual the K of C will provide the mixers for drinks. Please bring a finger food to share with the partygoers.

Birth Choice needs Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Ultrasonographers. Birth Choice needs medical volunteers to do ultrasounds on women who might be considering abortion. You can help save a live. Please call Pat for more information 330-2111. 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 Zawsza (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 Zawlsza (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).

The committee continues its excellent work: meeting with the architect Thomas Small this month to work on blue prints for the building/renovation project so these plans may be presented to the Archdiocesan Building Committee for their approval. Approximately 90 days are required for this phase. We are blessed to have so many talented members on the Building Advisory Committee!

An overwhelming THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Thanksgiving Dinner a tremendous success!! All the numbers aren't in yet, but we served about 900 people!! A special thank you to the youth who really stepped in and helped.

Ushers for December

5:00 Sam Wyskup, John Bacon, Joe Chicoine, Connie Backhus
8:00 James Breske, Russell Dull, John Nowakowski, Chris Beam
10:00 George Visnieski, Joe Wierzbic, Steve Stramski, Stan Malaske

Servers for December

5:00 Shaun & Jennifer Cunningham
8:00 Daniel Fijalka, James Spaeth
10:00 Dylan Boyle, Alex Hanna, Katrina Limon

Lectors for December

5:00 Ralph Jones: 8:00 Jamie Stephens: 10:00 Kevin Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers for December

5:00 Karen Manwell, Elenora Lipinski, Joe Balkenbush
8:00 Paul Cunningham, Rachel Espolt, Kent Spaeth
10:00 Neil Baltazor, Nancy Limon, Suzanne Visnieski