

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Masses Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): 5 PM and 10 PM

Christmas Day (Dec. 25): 10 AM

December 22, 23, 2007

Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec. 22 5:00 PM – Ven & Louis Stramski by J. & S. Stramski
Sun, Dec. 23 8:00 AM – Ramon Spaeth by Lou A. Spaeth
10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family
Mon. Dec. 24 5:00 PM - For the Parish
10:00 PM – Peter & Josephine Loth by Family
Tues, Dec. 25 10:00 AM – For the Parish
Wed, Dec. 26 **Please note: no Mass**
Thurs, Dec. 27 8:00 AM – Louise Stramski by J. & S. Stramski
Fri, Dec. 28 8:00 AM – Peter Loth by Family
Sat, Dec. 29 5:00 PM – Ven & Louise Stramski by J. & S. Stramski
Sun, Dec. 30 8:00 AM – Fr. John Scheller
10:00 AM – Joe & Genevieve Zawisza by J. & M. Zawisza

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

Collections: December 9 124 Adult envelopes \$2342.00 5 Youth envelopes \$8.35 Building Fund \$283.33 Retirement for Religious \$267.00 \$68.59 Total: \$2970.27

December 16 109 Adult envelopes \$3296.00 6 Youth envelopes \$25.00 Building Fund \$250.00 Retirement for Religious \$250.00 Loose 462.75 Total: \$2883.75
Building Fund total for both weeks plus interest \$704,761.39

Readings for the week: Mon. (5:00) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-3,4-5,27 and 29; Luke 1:67-79; Vigil Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 (2a); Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25; Tues. Isaiah 62:11-14; Psalm 97:1,6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20; Wed. Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3cd-4,6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10:17-22; Thurs. 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; John 20:1a,2-8; Fri. 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8; Matthew 2:13-18; Sat. 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6; Luke 2:22-35; Sunday Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Psalm 128: 1-2,3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the RE building. Anyone who needs assistance should call our number 343-2938. Will not meet on the holidays.

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 not meet until January 8. Scheduled topic is "Marriage and Holy Orders" The class meets in the R.E. Bldg at 7 PM.

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 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)

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!

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.

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.

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. Ticket sellers are Joe Zawisza, Don Zawisza and Charlie Werchan. As usual the K of C will provide the mixers for drinks. Please bring a finger food to share with the partygoers.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Don't wait, don't hesitate, start the New Year by attending a weekend with your spouse that will change your life together forever. January 18-20, 2008. OKC Contacts: Dave & Pat Cunningham 728-3259; John & Tena Franklin 209-3512.

A Christmas Prayer for Peace

Holy Spirit, you watch so lovingly over all the earth, waiting for us to open our hearts to your gift of Christmas peace.

We need your peace, Holy Spirit, and our wounded world needs your healing presence.

Only you can give us the true and lasting peace promised by our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Come to us, Blessed Creator, surround us with your love this Christmas Season and bless all nations with your peace.

Amen.

