

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



January 12/13, 2008

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan 12 5:00 PM – Pete & Bena Nickel by R. & S. Nickel
 Sun, Jan. 13 8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family
 10:00 AM – Harriet Marshall (recovery) by K of C

Note: No Weekday Masses

Sat, Jan. 19 5:00 PM – Otis Greenlee by Martha Greenlee
 Sun, Jan 20 8:00 AM – Vincent Marino Jr. by Vince & Rosalie Marino
 10:00 AM – For Our Parish

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 PM

Collections: January 8 130 Adult envelopes \$3672.48 6 Youth envelopes \$11.35 Building Fund \$745.00 (\$75 in honor of McCorkle Anniversary) Solemnity of Mary \$1,049.00 Seminary \$20.00 Seminary \$20.00 First Offering \$589.00 Loose \$178.46 Total: \$6,310.29
 Building Fund as of January 6, 2008 with interest (\$722,121.03)

Readings for the week: Mon. 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Psalm 116:12-13,14-17,18-19; Mark 1:14-20; Tues 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7, 8abcd; Mark 1:21-28; Wed 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Psalm 40:2 and 5,7-8a,8b-9,10; Mark 1:29-39; Thurs 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11,14-15,24-25; Mark 1:40-45; Fri. 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a; Psalm 89:16-17,18-19; Mark 2:1-12; Sat. 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a; Psalm 21:2-3,4-5,6-7; Mark 2:13-17; Sunday Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10 (8a,9a); 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

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.

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 January 15. Scheduled topic is "Marriage and Holy Orders" The class meets in the R.E. Bldg at 7 PM.

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

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.

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 UPDATE

The architect is currently working on construction documents which will be presented to the Archdiocesan Building Committee for their approval. The survey of the property has been completed which was necessary to determine where new sewer lines will be needed. We anxiously await the "go ahead" from the architect, Thomas Small. Your continued contributions to the Building Fund ensure that we will be able to meet our financial obligations as the project unfolds. Thank you for all who have helped us reach this point.

A small gold charm was found after the New Year's Eve party. It looks like a baby shoe with a birthstone. It will be in our Lost and Found in the bookcase in the entrance of the Church.

On Feb 2nd at 6 15 PM St Teresa's parish will have their annual Spaghetti Dinner supporting a seminarian from the OKC archdiocese Mr William "Billy" Lewis will once again receive the proceeds donated by the parish. He is in his final year of preparation and is set to be ordained this spring (May/June). Please join us to support this blessed man after Mass and enjoy some food and fellowship sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Parish Outreach Announcements

An ecumenical Prayer Vigil to mourn the 35th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade will be led by Archbishop Beltran on **Tuesday, January 22nd** at the Oklahoma State Capitol. It will be held at 10 AM on the Fourth Floor Rotunda. The **Sanctity of Life Mass** will be held on **Wednesday, January 23**, at the Cathedral of our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6 PM. Two separate presentations will follow for teens and for adults on life issues. Refreshments will be served.

Please note. Monday is Father's day off and the Church Office is closed Thank you.

On February 9, the Office of Family Life will be providing a workshop from 9:00 to 3:30 at the Catholic Pastoral Center entitled "The Samaritan Ministry" The participants will be instructed on how to assist the ill and the homebound, as well as during times of death and the bereavement that follows, providing training and organization.

The training will assist in organizing a caring ministry, offering a support and comfort to the grieving with trained volunteers, how to work harmoniously with existing services within your community, making use of support systems and community services and suggesting methods to recruit and train volunteers

The cost of the day will be \$10 per person. Each parish will need to purchase a manual and six training guides that total \$85.00 These can be duplicated for internal use once purchased. To register, please call the Office of Family Life at 721-8944.

2007 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT: If you wish to have a report of your 2007 church contributions please sign (legibly) one of the pages provided on the tables in the back of the church.

There will be no Mardi Gras white elephant bingo this year since the Sunday before Lent begins has been designated 'Super Bowl Sunday'

If you have blessed Palms left over from last year's Palm Sunday liturgy you may bring them to church and place them in the basket provided in the vestibule. The dried palms are burned to provide the ashes for the Ash Wednesday liturgy (February 6th).

Archdiocesan Development Fund

The annual pledge drive for the support of the work of the Church throughout central and western Oklahoma will take place on the weekend of February 2/3. Our parish goal for 2008 is \$20,000. With participation from each member of the parish this goal can be easily realized.

Thank You from Helping Hearts

Thanks you to St. Teresa parish for letting us use your building for our toy store this year. Everyone was so helpful and gracious. We were able to serve 117 families with 345 children.