

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM

M A T T H E W 5:7

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL  
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN

Mercy

**February 2, 3, 2008**

**Note: K of C and CDA will not meet Sunday,**

**February 3. Altar Society will meet.**

**K of C Breakfast Sunday Feb. 3**

## Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 2	5:00 PM - For Our Parish Family
Sun. Feb. 3	8:00 AM - Mark A. Ross by Barbara Ross 10:00 AM - Bena Meany by Bud & Dora Lee Kusek
Tues. Feb. 5	8:00 AM - Special Intention
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
Wed. Feb. 6	8:00 AM - Mass & Ashes - Leon Drew by Louise Stramski 7:00 PM - Ashes
Thurs. Feb. 7	8:00 AM - Living and Deceased of the Altar Society by A S
Fri. Feb. 8	8:00 AM - David & Laverne McCorkle by Barbara Dull
Sat. Feb. 9	5:00 PM - John & Rosa Drew by Louise Stramski
Sun. Feb. 10	8:00 AM - For Our Parish Family 10:00 AM - Wayne Miles by C.K. Burghart

### CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 PM.

Collections: January 29 124 Adult envelopes \$4219.00 10 Youth envelopes \$15.85 Building Fund \$388.00 Minority Groups \$347.00 First Offering \$8.00 Loose \$105.75 Total: \$5083.60.  
Building Fund as of January 29 (\$725,159.36)

Readings for the week: Mon 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-3,4-5,6-7; Mark 5:1-20  
Tues 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,24-25a,30—19:3; Psalm 86:1-2,3-4,5-6; Mark 5:21-43; Wed. Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4,5-6ab,12-13,14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18; Thurs Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2,3,4 and 6; Luke 9:22-25; Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4,5-6ab,18-19; Matthew 9:14-15; Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2,3-4,5-6; Luke 5:27-32; Sunday Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

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](http://www.stteresaharrah.org) The email address is: [info@stteresaharrah.org](mailto:info@stteresaharrah.org)

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

**Catholic Charities Announcements:**

Father Frank Pavone, Moderator General of Missionaries of the Gospel of Life and Director of Priest for Life will speak at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway on **Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM**. Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Father Pavone discuss Life issues and what we can do to live the Gospel of Life. For more information contact the Office of Family Life at 709-2707 or email [susanlepak@yahoo.com](mailto:susanlepak@yahoo.com)

**Rose Day**, A Pro-Life Advocacy day at the State legislature, will be hosted on Wednesday, February 6. Father Frank Pavone, Priest for Life, will be the keynote speaker at 10:30 AM. Catholics are invited to join in this day of advocacy. For additional information, please contact Judy Reilly at 523-3009.

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual **World Day of the Sick** is planned for February 11, 2008. This day, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a day proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, to especially pray for those who are ill in our community. Many churches use a Sunday surround that day as a time to have a special anointing for those in need of healing. It is also a time used to bless the caregivers. For more information, contact the FCN office at 523-3006.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ***In the Father's Footsteps: Catholic Men's Conference*** will be held at Bishop McGuinness High School, February 16. The four speakers will present their lives in light of perseverance. Registration starts at 8:00; the conference ends with Mass at 5:30 PM. Advance Registration (due by February 4) is \$39. After Feb. 4, the fee is \$49; however student fee of \$15 can be paid at any time. For more information call 245-8042 or email: [ww.catholicmen.net](mailto:ww.catholicmen.net).

The season of Lent begins Wednesday, February 6. Mass and ashes will be at 8:00 AM, and ashes will be distributed again at 7 PM. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening at 7 PM, preceded by a Soup Supper at 6 PM. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence: abstaining from meat and eating only one full meal that day. During the season of Lent, the Wednesday Mass will be at 6:30 PM.

Please check your cemetery decorations and remove if they have become unsightly. Thank you. Joe Zawisza, Cemetery Chairman.

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.

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

**2007 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT:** The 2007 church contribution reports that requested by parishioners are in a box on the table 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'

Though the Beatitudes talk of the future, the fullness of life God will give in the time to come begins now. Trust in God and live righteously now and your happiness, now partial and interwoven with some suffering, will extend into God's future, where it will be complete.

#### 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.

Fr. Joseph Arledge, Pastor of Prince of Peace in Altus, will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy. October 13-24, the 12 days visit includes 5 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi, 1 night in Florence and 2 nights in Venice. Side trips are planned. Cost is \$3199 each. For information call John Tagnesi, 1-888-544-4461 (toll free).

#### **SAMARITAN MINISTRY – Grief-Related Training**

A faith-based ministry dedicated to providing resources for individuals and groups in order for them to offer spiritual, emotional and practical support to those who are experiencing Anticipatory Grief (during times of being homebound or suffering serious illness; Shock Grief (during the time of a funeral); and Lingering Grief (during times of bereavement) ) Training will take place at the Pastoral Center on February 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information call the parish office (454-2819) or Office of Family Life 721-8944.