

# **St. Teresa of Avila Church**

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



**February 16/17, 2008**

### Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb. 16 5:00 PM – Louise Stramski by Backhus Family  
 Sun, Feb. 17 8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family  
 10:00 AM – Living & Deceased Members of Altar Society by A.S.  
 Tues, Feb. 19 8:00 AM – David Bacon by Barbara Dull  
**Note time change for Wednesdays of Lent**  
 Wed, Feb. 20 6:30 PM – Jasper Nickel Family by R. & S. Nickel  
 Thurs, Feb. 21 8:00 AM – In Thanksgiving  
 Fri, Feb. 22 8:00 AM – Special Intention  
 Sat, Feb. 23 5:00 PM – Fr. Eugene Marshall, OSB, (Anniversary 1950)  
 by V & R. Marino  
 Sun, Feb. 24 8:00 AM – Mary C. Hornbeck (recovery) by Backhus Family  
 10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family

#### CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 PM.

Collections: February 10 123 Adult envelopes \$3605.00 12 Youth envelopes \$19 81 Building Fund \$730.00 (\$500 in memory of Don Martin) First Offering \$30.00 Rice Bowl \$437.07 Loose \$91 80 Total: \$4913.68 Corrected Building Fund on deposit as of January 31 (\$723,821.51)

Readings for the week are found in the bulletin insert.

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)

Please note: The second collections during the Masses in Lent will be for Catholic Relief Services.  
 Thank you for your generosity

**Congratulations** to this year's Council and District champions in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Our parish is sending 5 contestants to the State Championships on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The winners are Hannah Zawisza, Katarina Hartley, Daniel Zawisza, Mackenzie Johnson and Marshall Hartley. Thank you to all the participants

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

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

We are most grateful to the loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Archdiocesan Development Fund Appeal. If you were not present or prepared to make a commitment last weekend, we invite you to do so today. 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 called John Tagnesi, 1-888-544-4461 (toll free)

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

St. Philip Neri Church, in Midwest City will be holding its Lenten Penance Rite on February 19 at 7 PM. St. Teresa in Harrah will have a Penance Rite on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

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

#### INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

What is the status of the Building Project?

Currently the Architect is in the process of drawing up the blueprints. When these are completed (in approximately 2 more months) the Project Manager can begin seeking bids to be approved by the Building Committee. After this process construction can begin. We appreciate your continued donations to the Building Fund.

**Cooks for the Soup Supper – February 22**  
**Dorothy Thompson, Barbara Dull, Kathy Colton, Irene Watkins**

**Jesus reminds us that facing temptation is the way we distinguish reality from illusion, sort out our true vocation from self-serving fantasy and ground our lives in the only truth that can endure a lifetime—the will of God.**

*Servers!! Please let us know your spring break schedule so that we may schedule the Masses! Thanks!*

**Solidarity with the poor – Rice Bowl Collections**

A small influx of resources can make a big difference. Tangare a resident in Mali (West Africa) couldn't earn enough as a tailor to support her family. With a small loan from Catholic Relief Services, she expanded her business and could ultimately purchase school supplies for her children. Meeting with other women in similar situations they help one another in emergencies. By contributing to the Rice Bowl Collection (second collection at all the Masses in Lent) you too are shouldering their burden and expressing solidarity with the poor.

**WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED DURING LENT?**

The covered statues help us focus more fully on the crucified Jesus during the season of Lent. They are also a reminder of Jesus time spent in the desert before beginning His public life. Our Lenten observances should help us reflect the person of Jesus. By meditating on his image we are given the opportunity to "fast" from distractions and "feast" on the sacrifice of Christ which has redeemed us.

*Dick Folger*

A college student was taking his final exam in Philosophy 101. On the test paper there was only a single line, which read: "Is this a question? Discuss."

After a short time, the student wrote: "If that is a question, then this is an answer."

He got an A on the exam.

Today's Gospel describes the transfiguration of Jesus, as the disciples witnessed the blinding light, the prophetic vision and the voice speaking from the cloud. If the disciples had any questions about this Jesus they were following, the Transfiguration was the astounding answer.