

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

P.O. Box 418, Harrah, OK 73045

Fr. Alan J. Loth, Pastor

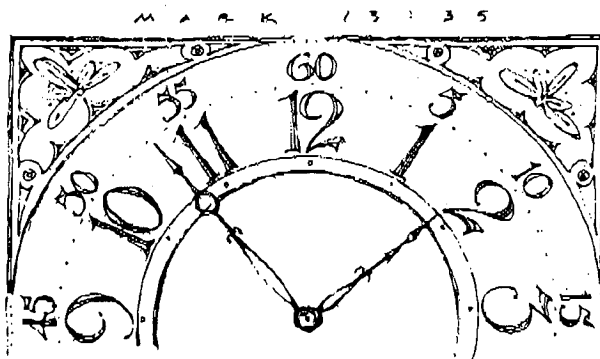
Office: 454-2819

Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center

454-9440

Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



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**Nov 29, 30, 2008**

**Parish Office hours: Tuesday 9 AM to 11AM**

**Wed 9-11-11:30 Thurs. 9-11:30**

**K of C and CDA Christmas party Dec. 6**

**Altar Society meeting Dec 7 2 PM**

**Parish Council Meeting Thurs, Dec. 4 7 PM**

First Sunday of  

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**Mass Intentions**

Sat, Nov 29 5:00 PM – Marion Wyskup by Joe and Marilyn Tytanic  
 Sun, Nov 30 8:00 AM – For the Parish  
 10:00 AM – Wayne Miles by Carolyn Miles

**No Masses during the week.**

Sat, Dec. 6 5:00 PM – For the Parish  
 Sun, Dec. 7 8:00 AM – Marion Wyskup by Anton & Cheryl Eleazor  
 10:00 AM – Joseph Amico by Joe & Marilyn Tytanic

**CONFESSIONS: To be arranged**

Collections: November 23, 2008 101 Adult envelopes \$3903.95 5 Youth envelopes \$5.35 Building Fund \$1103.00 Loose \$278.50 Total: \$5290.80 Building Fund on deposit as of November 23 (\$735,802.90)

**Readings for Dec. 1 to Dec. 7.** Mon. Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9; Matthew 8:5-11; Tues. Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Luke 10:21-24; 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; Matthew 7:21,24-27; Fri. Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1,4,13-14; Matthew 9:27-31; Sat. Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Psalm 147:1-2,3-4,5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8; Sunday Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 (8); 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the RE building. Anyone who needs assistance with food or utilities 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)

The Prayer Group will be meeting in the church Tuesday evenings at 7 PM to pray the Rosary for special intentions. Please note new day and feel free to join us.

**HEALTH UPDATE FROM FR. LOTH.** Fr. Loth is at St. Anne Retirement Center. You may visit him on Tuesdays, Thursday, and the weekend. He will be having dialysis on the other days. And you can send your cards to St. Ann Retirement Center, 7501 W. Britton Rd., OKC, OK 73132 Room 17 Thank you so much for your prayers and cards. He is very grateful.

**Scheduling corrections:**

**Lectors for December**

5:00 Jamie Stephens; 8:00 Greg Nowakowski; 10:00 Debi Wagner

**Servers for December**

5:00 Emily and Eric Futrell

8:00 Daniel Fijalka, James Spaeth

10:00 Grace Brzozowski, Zachary and Dylan Boyle

**Please note: Christmas scheduling is as follows:**

**December 8 Holy Day 7 PM**

**December 24 Christmas Eve 5 PM and 10 PM**

**December 25 Christmas Day 10 AM**

We will need three servers, one lector and three Eucharistic Ministers at each of these Masses. I would appreciate volunteers for these assignments. If a family would like to serve together, you need to call me asap. You may call my home at 454-2908 or email: [jscanina@msn.com](mailto:jscanina@msn.com). Thank you.

**Campaign for Human Development** Thank you! The national and diocesan offices of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development wish to thank you for your generosity in their year's Collection. Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers living below the poverty line right here in the United States and for the community groups funded by CCHD that work to end the cycle of poverty.

**Looking for a Daily Mass?** A parishioner suggests that you tune your TV to EWTN which is Cable channel 168 for a daily Mass at 7 and 11 AM.

*While Father is away, please do not send him email. If you need some information or something placed in the bulletin, please call Jude Delaney, 454-2908 or email: [jscanina@msn.com](mailto:jscanina@msn.com). Thank you very much.*

*During the renovation of the Parish Hall our facilities are limited for funeral dinners. Regretfully, a maximum of thirty people may be served at a funeral dinner during the renovation.*

**David Johnson, from the Archdiocesan Business Office will be at the Parish Council Meeting, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM. And will be available to answer parishioners' questions.**

Notes on Advent ( From Catholicism for Dummies)

According to the Catholic church calendar, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord all for the Christ Our Light theme. Advent, the season before Christmas, and Christmas itself occur in the winter when, in the Northern Hemisphere, the days are short and the light is often longed for. Candles decorate the Advent wreath—a wreath of evergreen with four candles, three purple or violet and one rose or pink. Each week of Advent, a candle is light until the fourth week when all four are ablaze. The colors correspond to the vestments the priest and deacon wear on the Sundays of Advent. Advent wreaths are used in Churches and private homes just to remind people to spiritually prepare for Christmas, to give light during these days of less daylight, and to remind the faithful that Jesus is the Light of the World.

As some Ministers have been informed their ministry schedules, the software used to make up the monthly schedules has partially crashed. It has dropped off each minister's preferences; those times they would like to serve and those times they cannot serve. If you are a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call me (454-2908) or email: [jscanina@msn.com](mailto:jscanina@msn.com) your preferences so that I can update the system. Thank you very much for your cooperation.