

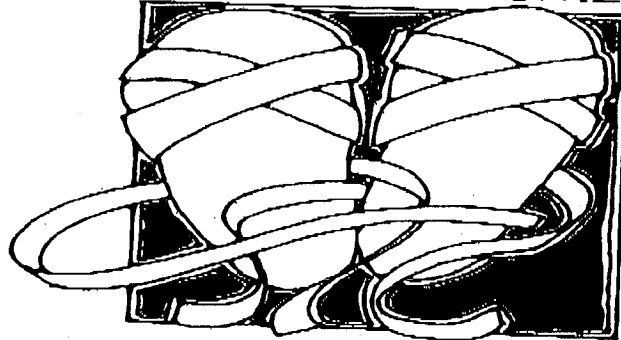
St. Teresa of Avila Church

P.O. Box 418, Harrah, OK 73045

Fr. Alan J. Loth, Pastor
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Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center
454-9440

Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,
Sunday 8 & 10 AM

THE ONE WHO IS
COMING AFTER ME



I AM NOT WORTHY
TO UNTIE THE THONG
OF HIS SANDAL. JOHN 1:27

Dec 13, 14, 2008
Parish Office hours: Tuesday 9 AM to 11AM
Wednesday 9 AM to 11:30

Third Sunday of



Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec. 13 5:00 PM – Bud Kusek by Backhus Family
 Sun, Dec. 14 8:00 AM – Marion Wyskup by his brothers and sisters-in law
 10:00 – For the Parish

No Masses during the week.

Sat, Dec. 20 5:00 PM – For the Parish
 Sun, Dec. 21 8:00 AM – Marion Wyskup by Backhus Family
 10:00 AM – Bill Dull by Roxanne & Steve Gershman

CONFESSIONS: To be arranged

Collections: December 7, 2008 119 Adult envelopes \$4779.50 9 Youth envelopes \$8.35
 Building Fund \$580.00 (\$100 in memory of Fr. Loth) Loose \$190.00 Total: \$5557.85
 Building Fund on deposit as of December 7 with interest (\$738,944.77)

Readings for Dec. 15 to Dec. 21. Mon. Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5,6-7, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27; Tues. Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Psalm 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23; Matthew 21:28-32; Wed. Genesis 49:2,8-10; Psalm 72:1-2,3-4,7-8,17; Matthew 1:1-17; Thurs. Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Matthew 1:18-25; Fri. Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4,5-6,16-17; Luke 1:5-25; Saturday Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6; Luke 1:26-38; Sunday 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16.

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.

Father requested donations to Catholic Charities and the St. Teresa Building Fund in lieu of flowers.

Parish Web Site. www.stteresaharrah.org The email address is: info@stteresaharrah.org

The Prayer Group meets in the church Tuesday evenings at 7 PM to pray the Rosary for special intentions.

Thank you to the generous donors who have provided the Religious Education program with a new DVD player and 10 bookshelves! You have blessed our students with your kindness.

**Please note: Christmas scheduling is as follows:
December 24 Christmas Eve 5 PM and 10 PM
December 25 Christmas Day 10 AM; New Year's Day 10 AM**

We will need three servers, one lector and three Eucharistic Ministers at each of these Masses. Some assignments have been made. Some are still open. 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. Thank you.

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.

This weekend, December 13 and 14th is the national annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Today, the majority of women and men religious are past age 60; a significant number are past age 80. In keeping with vows and traditions, all religious who are able continue to minister and to pray. Their religious institutes are now in need of funds to meet the rising costs of caring for their elderly populations. The religious institutions in the Archdiocese who receive funds make possible by this appeal are The Sisters of Benedict in Piedmont, The Benedictine Father in Shawnee, and the Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese in OKC. Please be generous. Thank you.

If you need some information or something placed in the bulletin, please call Jude Delaney, 454-2908 or email: jscanina@msn.com. Thank you very much.

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 your preferences so that I can update the system. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Joe Arledge, Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in OKC will lead a pilgrimage to Israel from Oct 5-14, 2009. The itinerary includes 3 nights in Tiberius and 6 nights in Jerusalem. Cost is \$2950 per person and includes roundtrip air fare. Deposit is \$450; final payment due June, 2009. For more information, contact John Tagnesi, 1-888-544-4461.

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.

Thank you so much! The members of G.I.F.T.S. Charities, Inc. Task Force, on behalf of the Mabel Bassett inmates, want to thank you for your generosity. Your donation of \$120 and 279 products has been used to fill the Holiday Sacks with things they can use and appreciate. With everyone doing her or his part we have brought a little cheer and living kindness to their holiday season. Thank you again for all your help.

Parishioners who would like to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one may do so by calling Barbara Ross, 391-2690, and Kathy Small 454-3812.

Craft and Bake Sale! Following each Mass Dec. 20 and 21st. Many items to choose from; great last minute gift ideas. Donations are still needed. To help or for more information, please call Mary Rodriguez, 454-6375.

A note for Advent:

*If, as with Herod, we fill our lives with things, and again with things;
If we consider ourselves so important that we must fill every moment of our lives with action:
When will we have the time to make the long, slow journey across the burning desert as did the Magi?
Or sit and watch the stars as did the Shepherds?
Or brood over the coming of the child as did Mary?
For each of us there is a desert to travel,
a star to discover and a being within ourselves to bring to life.*

by Father Jim Cusack