

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Parish Hall & Religious Ed. Center

454-9440

Masses: Saturday 4:00 PM,

Sunday 7:30 & 9:00



Jan 3, 4, 2009

K of C, CDA Meeting 7 PM RE Building

Altar Society 2 PM RE Building

Parish Council Mtg. Thurs, Jan 15 7 PM RE Bldg.

Mass Intentions

Sat, Jan. 3 4:00 PM – Marion Wyskup by Clifton & Sandra McClure
 Sun, Jan. 4 7:30 AM – For the Parish
 9:00 AM – Fr. Loth by Debra Wagner
 Tues, Jan. 6 8:00 AM – Marion Wyskup by his nieces and nephews
 Wed. Jan. 7 6:00 PM – John & Madonna Pittman by Knights of Columbus
 Thurs. Jan. 8 8:00 AM – Rodney Gorczyca by Steve & Cynthia Gordzyca
No Mass Friday
 Sat, Jan. 10 4:00 PM – Bud Kusek by Joe & Marilyn Tytanic
 Sun, Jan. 11 7:30 AM – For the Parish
 9:00 AM – Fr. Loth by Greg & Nancy Montalvo

CONFESSIONS: To be arranged

Collections: December 28, 2008 101 Adult envelopes \$3847.00 8 Youth envelopes \$6.70 Building Fund \$11,395.00 (In Memory of Father Loth \$1,125.00) Seminarians \$641 Loose \$394.77 Total: \$10,487.77 Building Fund (PDLF) on deposit as of December 21 (\$738,944.77)

Readings for Jan 5. to Jan 11. Mon. 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7-8,10-12; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25; Tues. 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2,3-4,7-8; Mark 6:34-44; Wed. 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mark 6:45-52; Thurs. 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1-2,13-15,17; Luke 4:14-22a; Fri. 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13,14-15,19-20; Luke 5:12-16; Sat. 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2,3-4,5-6,9; John 3:22-30; Sunday Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11.

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.

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.

Attn; Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors; if you find that the new Mass schedules will require you to make some changes in your service, please let us know. Also, servers, please let us know quickly if you have a schedule change due to spring break, travel or a sports or work commitment. Thank you. You may call me (454-2908) or email: jscanina@msn.com. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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.

2009 Donation envelopes are in the back of the church. As you leave, names A – L are on the left of the door; name M – Z are on the right. Childrens envelopes are in the vestibule of the church on the table.

The beautiful Christmas flowers were purchased with donation from parishioners in memory of the following loved ones: Willie and Rosie Klimkowski, John Wyskup, Ed Lipinski, John and Elizabeth Klimkowski, Felix and Helen Klimkowski, Don Martin, Ray and Lena Martin, the loved ones of the Laughlin family, the Loved ones of the Rogers family, Josephine Russell, Polly Lane, Eva Klotz, Peter and Benia Nickel, Mark Ross, Harry and Ruby Hornbeck, Jim Hornbeck, Bub Babiak, Charles and Virginia Benedix, Bud Kusek, John, Hattie and Tony Jorski, Liz Kupczynski, and Martin and Sophie Kupczynski.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Make 2009 the year you put your marriage at the top of your priority list. Spend a weekend together and renew this most sacred sacrament. The Marriage Encounter weekend is January 30 – February 1. Please contact Dan or Jean Forgue 769-0390 or email partypeople@att.net.

The Sanctity of Life Committee invites all parishioners to attend the annual Mass to pray for an end to abortion. The event will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC on January 21 at 6 PM. Archbishop Beltran will preside. There will be separate sessions for the youth and the adults after the liturgy as well as pizza for the youth and finger foods for the adults. If you are unable to attend, please pray for the success of the evening.

Gathering

by Paul Turner

If friends invite you to dinner at 7, you understand that the meal may not begin till 7:30 or 8. Of course, you should get there close to 7 because what happens before the meal is an important part of the meal itself. We gather. We say hello. We settle in. We start to form a little community before we sit down to the table. If we've socialized a bit we will enjoy the meal and the company much more.

The Mass is very sensitive to this human need. The very first rubric instructs about the introductory rites: "The purpose of these rites is to help the assembled people to become a worshipping community and to prepare them for listening to God's word and celebrating the eucharist." Notice that before we listen to the word and celebrate the Eucharist we are to become a worshipping community. This is the primary role of the assembly.

The rubrics then offer a marvelous expression, "After the people have assembled" (notice who gets mentioned first among the ministries: the people), "the priest and the ministers go to the altar while the entrance song is being sung."

The assembling of the people is how Mass begins. In the parking lot, in the vestibule, in the pew, we gather to prepare ourselves for prayer by becoming a worshipping community. When you wave at your friends, nod to strangers, or hold open the door for another worshiper, you're already beginning Mass.

We assemble as one because we have a common mission. We are not like folks on an elevator, thrown together as individuals with separate missions, who do not speak during the ride. We form a community and join our prayer as one.

It's just like the time before a dinner party. We visit with one another before the food is served so the meal can celebrate unity. That's how important our time is before Mass.

Are there folks you worship with whose names you don't know? People you keep bumping into in the parking lot? Would you share a dinner with people whose names you don't know? Come to Mass early. Introduce yourself to people. Introduce a friend to a friend. Practice the names. Form a community. Assemble. Gather. Then worship. And eat.

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Father Lucas will be scheduling confessions, adorations and office hours later. Please make him welcome.