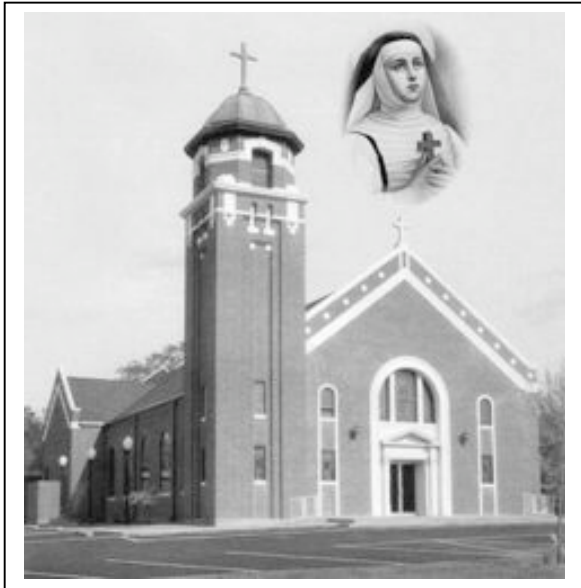


# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

PO Box 418, 1576 Tim Holt Drive  
Our Parish Web Site: [www.stteresaharrah.org](http://www.stteresaharrah.org)

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## Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

*Archbishop of Oklahoma City*  
**Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley**

**Father Prakash Madineni – Pastor**  
[mgprakash65@gmail.com](mailto:mgprakash65@gmail.com)

Cindy Newby, Secretary

**Office Hours: Wednesday – Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL: (405) 824-2304

### Mass Times

**Saturday ~ 4:00 pm**

**Sunday ~ 7:30 am & 9:00 am**

### Weekdays ~

Monday	Harrah	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	McLoud	8:30 am
Wednesday	Harrah	6:15 pm
Thursday	McLoud	8:30 am
Friday	Harrah	8:00 am

**Mass & Adoration ~** \*First Friday of each month  
6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Holy Days ~** As announced in the bulletin

**Confessions: Saturday – 3:00-3:45 pm**  
**Sunday – 7:00-7:20 am**

**Marriages ~** See pastor six months prior to wedding and baptism.

Please contact the parish office for questions.

### Parish phone listing

**Office:** (405) 454-2819

**Office Fax:** (405) 454-0981

**St. Teresa Parish Hall:** (405) 454-6076

**St. Teresa Cemetery:** (405) 620-1981

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** (405) 343-2938

**Religious Education Center:** (405) 454-9440

### Organizations & Meeting times:

**Altar Society ~** the first Sunday of the month  
1:00 pm (September – May)

**Catholic Daughters ~** the first Sunday of the month  
7:00 pm (August – May)

**Knights of Columbus ~** the first Sunday of the month 7:00pm

**Parish Council –** Meetings as announced

**St. Vincent de Paul ~** Monday (bi-weekly), 6:00 pm

**Religious Education Classes ~** Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

**Prayer Group ~** Tuesdays in the church at 6:00 pm

**RCIA Classes ~** Mondays at 7 pm in the Family Center

**Youth Group ~** Wednesday, 7:15 to 8:30 pm,

**High School Group ~** Sunday, 7:00 pm in Youth Center

**Evangelization Committee ~** First Friday of month at 7:15 pm

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 8, 2013

## Mass Intention

Saturday	12-07	4:00 pm – Adeline Jorski (Healing) (by Knights of Columbus) Miller Family (Special Intentions) (By Barnes Family)
Sunday	12-08	7:30 am – Bill Schravnel † (by Knights of Columbus) 9:00 am – Henya Lumbaluk † (by Barbara Dull)
Monday	12-09	<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday	12-11	6:15 pm – LaVerne Virginia (Toni) Senkowski † (by Kevin Terrell)
Friday	12-13	6:00 am – Walter Marshall † (by Rosalie Marino)
Saturday	12-14	4:00 pm – Ven and Louise Stramski † (Jim and Susan Stramski)
Sunday	12-15	7:30 am – Vincent Marino Sr. † (by Rosalie Marino) 9:00 am – Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus (by Knights of Columbus) Kevin Boyle † (by Gail Boyle and Family)

**Collections December 1, 2013 – 124 Adult Envelopes \$4,860.00 Loose \$770.00, 1 Child Env. \$ 2.26**

**Total \$5,632.26**

Retirement Fund \$15.00 All Saints \$5.00

**Building Fund Assets as of December 1, 2013**

\$1,025.00 **Total \$9,793.00**

**Readings December 9, 2013 to December 15, 2013**

**Monday** – Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12 Luke 1: 26-38;

**Tuesday** – Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 96: 1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13 Matthew 18: 12-14;

**Wednesday** – Isaiah 40: 25-31; Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10 Matthew 11: 28-30;

**Thursday** – Revelation 11:19a; 12 1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13: 18bcde, 19 Luke 1: 39-47;

**Friday** – Isaiah 48: 17-19; Psalm 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Matthew 11: 16-19;

**Saturday** – Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80: 2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13;

**Sunday** – Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11;



### *Penance Rite Schedule*

**CCD Advent Penance Rite: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00pm**

**Adult Advent Penance Rite: Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00pm**

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

**Harrah ~ Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. and Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.**

**McLoud ~ Christmas Eve 8:00 pm and Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.**

### **2014 PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for 2014 are in the entrance of the church. If there is anyone's name that does not appear on one of the box of envelopes or if you are new to the parish and have not filled out a census card, please contact the office. The envelopes and census cards provide important information for various record keeping functions of the parish, which includes important end of the year tax deduction information.

Please pick up your envelopes and please contact the office if you have any questions.

Note: The envelope numbers have changed this year.

### **POLISH MASS**

There will be a Polish Mass Celebrated by Father Peter Jandaczek pastor of Duncan, con-celebrated by Father Jaroslaw Topolewski pastor of Okeene and Father Prakash Madineni pastor of Harrah.

The Mass will be at Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 1576 Tim Holt Drive Harrah, OK 73045

### **THE ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Will be Sunday, December 8th at 6pm in the Family Center. Bring your favorite dish (veggie, salad, dessert, etc) to share for pot luck dinner, meat will be provided. For those wanting to play the "Dirty Santa" game please bring a \$20 wrapped gift-either for a man or woman. We will also be collecting unwrapped toys for Helping Hearts Toy Store.

Spouses are encouraged to attend even if they are not a KOC or CDA member and childcare will be provided.

If you have any questions call Maria Baltazor 208-1991 or Don Carpenter 454-6790.

### **LECTORS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS**

For those who would like to take part in the Christmas Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Mass.

For Midnight Mass we will need two Lectors, seven Communion Ministers and four Altar Servers.

Christmas Day Mass we will need two Lectors, seven Communion Ministers and three Altar Servers.

There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church, for any ministers who wish to serve

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



† *Second Sunday of Advent:* We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." See Matthew 3:10

† *Word of Life:* God ...preserved Mary from every stain of sin. In this way, in the Mother of Christ and our mother,

### SAVE THE DATES

Plans are under way for the new parish directory. January 14-22 will be the professional photography days provided by Life Touch. Every family photographed will receive a printed directory and you will have a chance to purchase beautiful once in a lifetime family portraits. Very soon you will be receiving a personal Kick Off announcement introducing the program and providing information on scheduling an appointment. If you have any questions please call Maria Baltazor 208-1991 or Maggie Zawisza 454-0630

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

The December meeting of the Altar Society will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

### CATHOLICISM ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

COMING SOON!! The *Catholicism Adult Faith Formation Program* DVD documentary series. Develop a deeper understanding of your faith and learn what we as Catholics believe and why we believe it through this engaging and interesting program that illuminates the timeless teachings of the Church.

**Thursday, December 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m. in the St. Teresa Family Center.**

Contact Stan DeLong, 454-3347 or visit [www.CatholicismSeries.org](http://www.CatholicismSeries.org) for more information.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHEDULE

**Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 18, 2012 @ 7:00 pm**

**Christmas Break ~ December 18, 2013, RE Class Resume ~ January 8, 2014**

### SEMINARIAN EDUCATION APPEAL

Catholic households in the Archdiocese will be receiving a direct mailing from the Vocation Office regarding our Seminarian Education Appeal (SEA). This is a direct request for a pledge toward the costs of educating our seminarians, along with a miniature version of our seminarian poster and a vocation prayer card. Please participate with a financial gift toward the cost of educating our future priests. Please also pray for our seminarians and for more young men to join them at the seminary. We appreciate your generosity. For more information please contact the Vocation Office @ (405) 721-9351.

### CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT

Open your heart and Home to a Catholic exchange student from Germany for the coming 2014-2015 school year. Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a nonprofit, educational exchange program. It is not too late to apply. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800- 67-8363 or visit our web site at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org).

### SOURCE AND SUMMIT

Catholic High School Youth Conference January 10-12, 2014 St. Gregory's University  
**Registration Deadline is Dec. 16th.**

"HELP SAVE LIVES"



WELCOME TO 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Rachel's Vineyard

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Are you suffering from an abortion? Or know someone who is? You are not alone. Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ at a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat December 6-8, 2013. The retreat offers a profound opportunity, with a team of trained companions, therapists and clergy, to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Participation is strictly confidential. The retreat is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life. For more information call 405-623-3844 or email: [rachelsvineyardokc@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardokc@gmail.com) The cost is \$75 for meals, a private room, and all retreat materials. Payment plans and financial assistance are available. For a description of the retreat and a complete list of other retreat dates and locations, call 1 877 HOPE 4 ME or visit the international website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### Respect Life Meeting

40 Days is over. We have plenty for which to be thankful. In order to continue the good work. The Respect life committee will meet Saturday, December 14, 2013 at noon at Our Lady's Cathedral, 3214 N. Lake Ave (N. W. 32 and Western) in the Mercy Center. We will plan a calendar and share information about the coming year. Please come and help with prayer and ideas because it takes all of us sharing our passion for LIFE to succeed. Everyone is invited and you can bring a friend.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

Learn the Sympto-thermal method of Natural Family Planning with Scott and Gail Hunt, certified instructors, on December 20 at St. John the Baptist Church, 9th and Boulevard, Edmond, OK, in the basement council room. You must register for the class online at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) and your materials will be sent to you. Free childcare is available upon request by contacting Dr. Harry Kocurek at 340-0691. ext 109.

**St. Teresa's Prayer Chain** - Our Parish has a prayer chain for our parish family concerns! You may call for prayer requests to either Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 or Marilyn Tytanic at 454-3556.

#### **Please pray for the intentions of the following:**

Marilyn Tytanic, Austin Brown, Tommy Bross, Ruth Mazzare, Frank and Alexander Hanna, Jennifer Engel, DeeJay Norfolk, Bill Laney, Amanda Ashley, David and Ann Mead, Fr. Chuck Murphy, Elsie Daniels, Sue Nickel, Fr. George Pupius, Ryder Davenport, Linda Parker, Sam Patton, John Keirnan, Tricia Bubenik, Barbara Wyskup, Jean Maddox, George & Margaret Olivier, Dee Gregory, Tom Barnes, Holley Vaughn, Jaime Kreikemier, Andy and Haley Browne, Juanita Shaffer, Henry Villarma, Joe Balkenbush, Nancy Montalvo, Brianna, Bryan, and Kaidence Anderson, Lila Dilis, Georgia Barajas, Ed Malaske, Katie Magott, Christopher Woods, Mary Beebe, Adeline Jorski, Trish Parker, Tonya Rego, Genele Nowakowski, Tammy Herzog (M), Jason Werchan (M), Fred Rodriguez, Cindy Brzozowski, Leo Nowakowski, Catherine Hornbeck, Leo and Doris Storemski.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*December 9th, - December 15th  
Donald Carpenter, Maria Baltazor,  
Neil Baltazor, Kambel Medich,  
Danguole Scalzo, Daniel Block, Vicki Dimmer,  
Phyllis Kubiak, Sue Thompson, Robbie Garland,  
Betty Johnston, Christine Nelson*

### Meetings

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** ~ Meeting Monday, December 16, 2013, 6:00p.m. @ St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, in Harrah, for info call 343-2938

**Knights of Columbus:** Monthly meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Catholic Daughters:** Monthly meeting are the first Sunday of the month at 7 pm.

**Jr. Catholic Daughters:** Monthly meetings are the first Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm

**Altar Society** ~ The first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm (September – May)

**Evangelization Committee** ~ The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 7:15 pm .