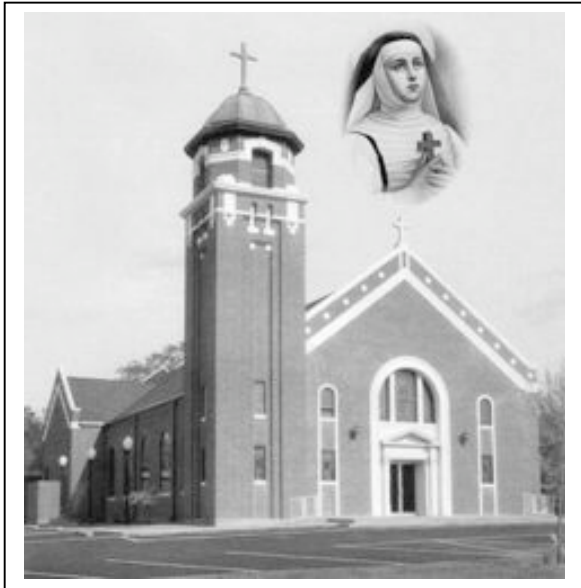


St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

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

Father Prakash Madineni – Pastor
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 ~ Harrah

Monday	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday (Christmas Midnight Mass)	11:00pm
Wednesday (Christmas Mass)	9:00 am
Thursday	<i>No Mass</i>
Friday	<i>No Mass</i>

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

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2013

Mass Intention

Saturday	12-21	4:00 pm – Velma Ruth Kubiak † (by Jones Family) Frank and Mary Hopcus † (by Martha Hopcus)
Sunday	12-22	7:30 am – George Owings† (by Owings Family) Sue Nickel (Recovery) (by Nickel Family) 9:00 am – Rosanne Foster † (by Knights of Columbus) Patricia Henthorn (Recovery) (by Dutch Henthorn)
Monday	12-23	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday	12-24	10:30 pm – St. Teresa Choir Christmas Concert 11:00 pm – Our Parish (Christmas Midnight Mass)
Wednesday (Christmas)	12-25	9:00 am – Father Eugene Birthday (by John and Harriet Marshall)
Friday	12-27	<i>No Mass</i>
Saturday	12-28	4:00 pm – Ven & Louise Stramski † (by Becky and Allison Moore) Leon and Kevin Hopcus † (by Martha Hopcus)
Sunday	12-29	7:30 am – Paul Brands (Healing) (by Knights of Columbus) 9:00 am – Marge Kohler † (by Joe and Marilyn Tytanic) Patricia Henthorn (Recovery) (By Dutch Henthorn)

**Collections December 15, 2013 – 134 Adult Envelopes \$5,009.00 Loose \$588.00, 4 Child Env. \$ 4.00
Total \$5,506.00** Immaculate Conception \$95.00

Building Fund Assets as of December 15, 2013 \$60.00 Total \$9,978.00



Readings December 23, 2013 to December 29, 2013

Monday – Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24; □ Psalm 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 □ Luke 1: 57-66;
Tuesday – Isaiah 62: 1-5; □ Psalm 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 □ Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 □ Matthew 1: 1-25;
Wednesday – Isaiah 52: 7-10; □ Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 □ Hebrews 1: 1-6 □ John 1: 1-18;
Thursday – Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 57-59; □ Psalm 31: 3cd-4, 6-8ab, 16bc & 17 □ Matthew 10: 17-22;
Friday – 1 John 1: 1-4; □ Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12 □ John 20: 1a & 2-8;
Saturday – 1 John 1: 5—2: 2; □ Psalm 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 □ Matthew 2: 13-18;
Sunday – Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; □ Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 □ Colossians 3: 12-21 □ Matthew 2: 13-15a, 16a;

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

ST. TERESA'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Teresa's choir will present a 30 minute concert before the 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. In addition to the choral music, Audrey Heise-Fijalka will be performing on harp assisted by Lindsey Fijalka on flute. Midnight Mass will begin with Gary Marshall chanting The Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus. Daniel Heise on trumpet will assist with the singing of O Come All Ye Faithful and Joy To The World.

January 1, 2014 Mass Schedule

Harrah, Wednesday 9:00am and McCloud, Wednesday 11:00am

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24th and Christmas Day, December 25th.

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.

MASS AND EVENT CANCELATION DUE TO BAD WEATHER

For parishioners in doubt about St. Teresa Catholic Church Closing and event cancelations,

Please view the local TV stations for church closing listing.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



† *Fourth Sunday of Advent:* When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

† *Word of Life:* At Christmas we contemplate God make man, divine glory hidden beneath the poverty of a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, the Creator of the universe reduced to the helplessness of an infant. Once we accept this paradox, we discover the Truth that sets us free and the Love that transforms our lives.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BOOKS "ROME SWEET HOME"

"Rome Sweet Home - Our Journey to Catholicism" is written by Scott and Kimberly Hahn
The Gift Books are available in the Foyer of the church, free of charge.
One per family, Please.

11:00 pm DECEMBER 24th CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Altar Servers: Megan Kaminski, Daniel Kaminski, Adrianna Limon, Elizabeth Sumaza
Lectors: Joe Zawisza, David McCorkle
Communion Ministers: Nancy Limon, Doug Kretchmar, Kristi Kretchmar, Kevin Terrell, Mark Seikel,
Jackie Stafford and _____
Ushers: A.J. Magott, Kevin Terrell, _____, _____

9:00 am DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Altar Servers: _____, _____, _____
Lectors: Stan DeLong, Steve Stramski
Communion Ministers: Steve Gorczyca, Neil Baltazor, Evelyn Saxton, _____, _____,
_____, _____
Ushers: _____, _____, _____, _____

PARISH DIRECTORY

By now you all have received a phone invitation from Fr Prakash to be included in our St Teresa of Avila pictorial directory. The photography dates will be January 14-22 and will take place in the Family Center with Lifetouch professional photographers. By participating you will receive a printed directory and have a chance to purchase those beautiful lasting memories. Appointment times are filling up fast so if you have not done so please schedule your appointment by going to our church website stteresaharrah.org and look for the Lifetouch link or if you prefer you can call Maria Baltazor 208-1991 to schedule your time. Our directory will not be complete without you!

CATHOLICISM ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Adult Education *Catholicism* DVD documentary series will not meet again until **Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Teresa Family Center.
Contact Stan DeLong, 454-3347

2013 DONATION LETTERS FOR TAX PURPOSES

If you need a letter from the church with your 2013 donations for tax purposes, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church.
You may also call the office Wednesday – Friday 9 am and 2 pm or put a note in the collection basket.

"HELP SAVE LIVES"



WELCOME TO 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Rachel's Vineyard

SANCTITY OF LIFE MASS

The Sanctity of Life Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 15th, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6 p.m. Celebrant Reverend William Novak, V.G. Following mass, Debi Wagner will present "Choose Life: it's more than just a saying on a bumper sticker", for adults in the Cathedral. A program for high school youth, in Connor Center, will be facilitated by Brian Boeckman, "R-E-S-P-E-C-T is not just a song you're your parents' youth. Without respect for yourself and others, who will respect you?" More information and to register your group call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (405) 721-9220

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND FEBRUARY 7-9, 2014

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give the gift of your time and love by taking him or her to a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Space is limited, so apply today for the February 7-9 Weekend at the Catholic Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Rick and Bev Feller, (405) 323-9119 or rbfeller@gmail.com, or apply at <http://www.meoklahoma.org>.

Christmas Card Addresses For Parishioners in Nursing Home

Helen Mayers , Rm #372
Fountain Brook Assisted Living
11510 S.E. 15th Street,
MWC, OK 73130

Mary Catherine Hornbeck
Arbor House of MWC, Rm # 122
9240 East Reno Avenue
Midwest City, OK 73130

Katie Magott Rm # 10
Harrah Nursing Home
2400 Whites Meadow Dr.
Harrah, OK 73045

Edward . Malaske
Harrah Nursing Home, # 71
2400 Whites Meadow Dr.
Harrah, OK 73045

Leo Fortelney
Harrah Nursing Home
2400 Whites Meadow Dr.
Harrah, OK 73045

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, Bill Laney, Amanda Ashley, David and Ann Mead, Elsie Daniels, Sue Nickel, Ryder Davenport, Linda Parker, John Keiman, Babarba Wyskup, Jean Maddox, Tom Barnes, Holley Vaughn, Jaime Kreikemier, 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, Tonya Rego, Genele Nowakowski, Tammy Herzog (M), Jason Werchan (M), Fred Rodriguez, Cindy Brzozowski, Leo Nowakowski, Catherine Hornbeck, Leo and Doris Storemski.



December 23rd - December 29th
Aubrie Klapper, Stephanie McIlvoy,
Lousie Seward, Jerome Brzozowski, Nelson Slack,
Mary Jude Delaney, Trisha Parker, Kody Wilson,
Martin "Liam" Harke, Tama Parker,
Philip Stramski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul Society ~ Meeting Monday, January 6, 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 4th 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 1nd Friday of the month at 7:15 pm .