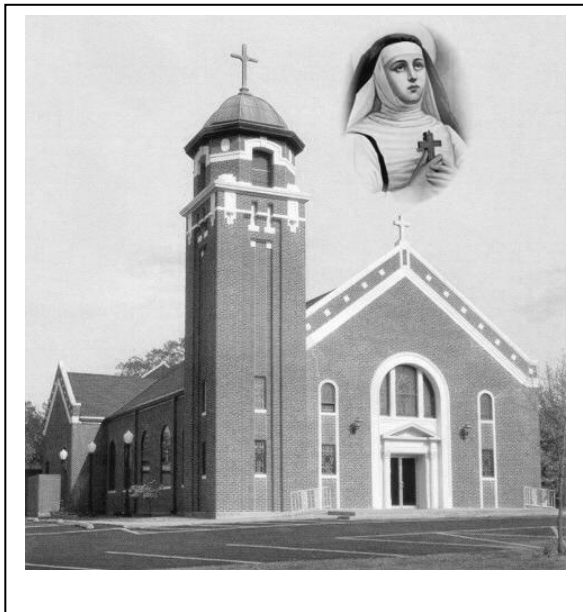


St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

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

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am
9:00 am

Weekdays:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	McCloud 8:30 am
Wednesday	Harrah 6:15 pm
Thursday	McCloud 8:30 am
Friday	Harrah 8:00 am

Adoration: First Fridays 8:am–6:pm Mass 6:15 pm

Holy Days: As announced in the bulletin

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

Baptism: Contact Parish Office for Appointment.

Marriage: See pastor six months prior to wedding.

(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 (Sep-May)

Catholic Daughters ~ the first Sunday of the month 7:00pm

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

Parish Council – Meetings as announced

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

Religious Education Classes ~Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

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

RCIA Classes ~ Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Family Center

Youth Group (Grades 6-8) Wednesday, after RE until 8:45 pm

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) Sundays, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Jr Catholic Daughters ~ First Sunday of month, 7:00 pm

Inquiry Sessions ~ The 1st Monday of each month, 7:00 pm.

SVDP Food Bank open Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

March 19, 2017 – Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Mar 18 4:00 pm + Helen Mayer
Sunday	Mar 19 7:30 am + George Allen Owings (by the Owings Family) 9:00 am + Jimmy Cook (by the Backhus Family)
Monday	Mar 20 No Mass
Tuesday	Mar 21 8:00 am + Frank & Frances Magott (by Martha Hopcus)
Friday	Mar 24 7:00 pm + Leon & Mary Sue Strough (by Martha Hopcus)
Saturday	Mar 25 4:00 pm + Frank & Mary Hopcus (by Martha Hopcus)
Sunday	Mar 26 7:30 am + The Poor Souls in Purgatory 9:00 am + Jimmy Cook (The Backhus Family)

Readings for : Mar 20 to Mar 26:

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Collection – March 12:	Adult Env: \$5769.06	6 Children Env: \$14.90	Total: \$5888.96
Other Collections:	Ash Wednesday: \$105.00	Minority Groups: \$1323.00	
Building Fund:	Total Assets: \$4945.00		

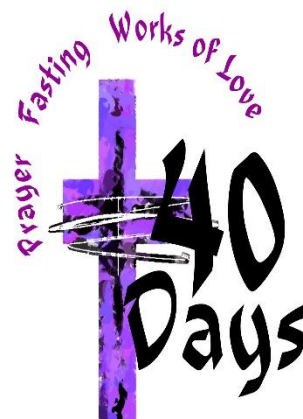
Why the number 40?

A Lenten Moment

40 has always been a significant time period in the Bible.
Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
Elijah spent 40 days and nights walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
God sent 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood (Genesis 7:4)
The Hebrew people wandered 40 years in the desert (Numbers 14:33)
Jonah's prophecy of judgment gave 40 days to the city of Nineveh to repent or be destroyed (Jonah 3:4)
Jesus fasted in the desert 40 days (
And we spend 40 days during Lent praying, fasting, and doing acts of charity.
Why the number 40? As you look at the examples in the bible, they are all times of trial or struggle.
Although we do not wish to struggle, remember God uses suffering and trial to bring us closer to Him.

Side note: What else takes 40 weeks? A baby! A pregnant woman is considered full term at 40 weeks.
(Think God did that on purpose?)

Pray for those who are pregnant, struggling to get pregnant, or waiting to adopt a baby. And pray for
Those considering an abortion, that their hearts may be changed as they consider the life God created within them.



Video of Community Hall Blessing & Jubilee Anniversary

Fr. Prakash invites you to view the Blessing of the new Community Hall and his Jubilee Anniversary celebration
in his village Katrapadu, India, in a video on YouTube. Type in the following
Information: 'Katrapadu-Jubilee celebration, Fr. Prakash'.

Discovering God Together Family Festival

The "Family Festival" is happening on April 22nd at St Gregory's University, and the whole family is invited. The theme is "Discovering God Together." There will be sessions for parents, with Dr Greg and Lisa Popcak, whom we hear on Catholic Radio. There will be sessions for teens, led by Cooper Ray. There will also be special sessions for children. There is a flyer (in the bulletin/in your pews/you can pick up after Mass) with all the information. There is an early bird rate "right now", but it won't last forever! Hopefully there will be a good contingent from our parish!

Prayer Request

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Jorski who passed away on Tuesday, March 13.
His funeral was Friday, March 17

From the Pastor's Desk

• Pope Benedict XVI once said that “when one has the grace to sense a strong experience of God it is as though seeing something similar to what the disciples experienced during the Transfiguration: For a moment they experienced ahead of time something that will constitute the happiness of paradise. In general, it is brief experiences that God grants on occasions, especially in anticipation of harsh trials.” It was this grace of a strong experience of God that filled Abram with the conviction to go forth from the land of his kinsfolk to a completely unknown land that God himself shows him. We, too, can bear our hardships for the Gospel, because through the grace of the Transfiguration we have been given “the strength that comes from God.” The grace we need in order to go where God directs us has been “made manifest through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus.”

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament During Lent

At Harrah, every Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

At McLoud every Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sign up sheets will be located in the foyer of the churches..

(As Jesus has given All He has to us, can we give at least one hour of our week to thank Him.)



St Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. ”Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Consider donating food for the food pantry this Lenten season. We have plenty of vegetables but are low on canned fruits, spaghetti & sauce, water only biscuits and gravy or corn bread mixes, chili, stew, tuna, chicken spam and crackers, breakfast cereal, rice and raw beans. Know that your donation is multiplied by those of your fellow parishioners and give a clear message of God's boundless love to the needy.

St Teresa Blood Drive

Oklahoma Blood Institute will be here this Sunday, March 19th from 9am-12:30 pm in the parish hall.

All donations go towards our parish blood bank. If you is ever in the need for blood and you are a member of St Teresa's the cost will be zero or greatly reduced.

If you would like to schedule your appointment ahead of time please call Maria Baltazor at 208-1991.

Daily Mass Times During Lent

Harrah	Tuesday	8:00 am
	*Friday	7:00 pm (Stations of the Cross & Mass)
McLoud	Wednesday	6:00 pm (Stations of the Cross & Mass)
	Thursday	8:30 am

***Soup Supper at Harrah will be at 6:00 pm hosted by the Knights of Columbus**

Adult Education

Meetings will resume on Monday evening, March 20, at 7:00 pm in the RE building.
We will watch an interview with Bishop Barron.

Penance Rite for Lent

There will be a Penance Rite for Lent on Wednesday, April 5th beginning at 7:00 pm at Harrah.
This is for all parishioners and RE students of St. Teresa's and St. Vincent's.

Encounter with God's Call

A seminary discernment retreat at Conception Seminary College April 1-3 for high school juniors through college-age men curious about seminary. Contact (660) 944-2886, vocations@conception.edu or go online to www.ewgc.org.

Beginning Experience Weekend

There is help for the heartache of separation, divorce, and widowhood at a Beginning Experience Weekend. Trained team members who have suffered the loss of a loved one share their experience and lead participants throughout the weekend March 31 - April 2 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact the Office of Family Life, (405) 721-8944, www.archokc.org.

Catholic Advocacy Day

Join your fellow Catholics for Catholic Advocacy Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Thursday, March 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Blue Room on the 2nd floor. This annual event provides Catholic voters the opportunity to visit with lawmakers about proposed legislation that affects Oklahoma communities and those in need. Archbishop Coakley and Bishop David A. Konderla will speak on the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church and the influence it should have on legislation. David Blatt, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Policy Institute, will provide insight to the state's budget. To register for Catholic Advocacy Day, visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesok.org/events>. Contact your legislator and let them know you will be in attendance. For questions about Catholic Advocacy Day, contact Becky VanPool at [405-523-3000 ext. 245](tel:405-523-3000) or bvanpool@ccaokc.org.

Oklahoma Catholic Broadcasting radiothon

The radiothon will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 28 – 29. Listeners will hear from people whose lives have been changed because of Catholic radio. Radiothon call-in number is (800) 891-8589. Archbishop Coakley will be interviewed on Tuesday, March 28, at 10 a.m.

21st Annual Catholic Man's Conference

The *21st Annual In the Father's Footsteps Catholic Men's Conference* will be held April 1, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in Norman, OK. This year's theme is, "Come, Follow Me." Early Bird cost for all activities is \$59 if mailed or registered online through March 6; \$69 afterwards. High School students can register anytime for \$29 and college students for \$39. Brochures will be available in the Parish Hall. Register and view further details at www.catholicmen.net. Questions, see Glenn Nead at 405-317-1147.

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

March 25, 2017, 8:00 am meet Conference Center 750 Will Rogers Rd, Midwest City Oklahoma The conference will include a morning Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, and a vendor area. Registration is \$40 through March 1, and includes lunch. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or register online at www.OCWConference.com.

Ministry Schedule for March

Ministry Schedule for April

Ministers of Holy Communion: 4:00 Linda Parker, Susan Stramski, Pat Bacon 7:30 Rachel Espolt, Steve Gorczyca, Cindy Newby 9:00 Maria Baltazor, Neil Baltazor, Naancy Limon, David McCorkie, Evelyn Saxton	Ministers of Holy Communion: 4:00 Kim Johnson, Robbie Garland, Mark Garland 7:30 Kent Spaeth, Kevin Terrell, Brigitte Heath 9:00 Dean Schirf, Mark Seikel, Phillip Stramski, Kristi Kretchmar, Doug Kretchmar
Lectors: 4:00 Joe Zawisza 7:30 Bernadette Klimkowski 9:00 Phillip Stramski, Amelia Stramski	Lectors: 4:00 Karen Manwell 7:30 Greg Nowakowski 9:00 Steve Stramski,
Ushers: 4:00 Scott Dull, Sammy Martin, Dewain Manek, Maartin House 7:30 Gerald Visnieski, Mike Sweeney, Steve Gorczyca, Tony Nickel 9:00 Frank Saxton, Glen Nead, Thomas "TJ" Nead, Sstan Malaske	Ushers 4:00 Michael Visnieski, Ralph Jones, Scott Manwell, John Cook 7:30 Felix Magott, Michael Nickel, Erick Nickel, Kevin Terrell 9:00 Ed Freeman, Dan Lay, Neil Baltazor, Ed Brzozowski
Altar Servers: 4:00 Jason Kaminski, Casey Jones 7:30 Connor Lay, Alex Harke, Izzy Harke 9:00 John Boyle, Kiera Boyle, Malachi Rivera	Altar Servers 4:00 Kambel Medich 7:30 Mia Pendleton, Charlie Pendleton 9:00 Daniel Boyle, Jesse Baltazor, Devin Birdsong Williams

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 Debra Birdsong at 650-4662. The prayer list is updated every three months. Please contact us if a name should be relisted.

Please pray for the Intentions Of....

Michelle Anderson, Bay Lea Atkins, Sally & Joe Balkenbush, Jan Barnes, Tom Barnes, James Beam, Vickey Boorshes, Benjamin Boyd, Anita Brimm, Jenny Bruns, Sally Bugg, Jan Coleman, Jody Cook, Barbara Davenport, Al Dilis, Loretta Dixon, John & Virginia Drew, Mary Flisnik, Carlos Frey, Simone Galvin, Patrick Grannon, Danny Gravitt, Marilyn Gravitt, Kaelyn Hairell, Tom Herzog, Janet Holder, Larry & Ann Henthorne, Norma Holloway, Martha Hopcus, Martin House, Alana Jansen, Ronny Jaro, Ann Jones, Eddie Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Tom Jorski, Don Lachance, Dial Libel, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B., Leta Overton, Rosalie Marino, Bruce Moates, Linda Morrel, David & Ann Meed, Ioma Meyers, Bruce Moates, Greg Montalvo, Madonna Montalvo, Justin Moore, Paul & Charlotte Nickel, Sue Nickel, James Northcutt, Charlotte Nowakowski, Darrell O'Neal, Romeo Opichka, Trisha Parker, Fr. Lucas Pinapati, Linda Raly, Odest Raly, Fred Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Lee Roller, Don Ross, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Mike Scalzo, Terrah Showers Alom Self, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Tom & Aline Smith, Brenda Smith, Kaelyn Spradlin, Logan Stephens, Danny Sweeney, Angie Terrell-Wagner, Greg Thompson, Joe Tytanic, Henry Villarma, Olivia Voyles, Irene Watkins, Carolyn Werchan, Chelsey Werchan, Scotlyn Kay Whiteman, Olivia Whitfield, Vickie Wilson, Bob Wood, Barbara Wyskup, Dorothy Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, Filex & Ann Zachare