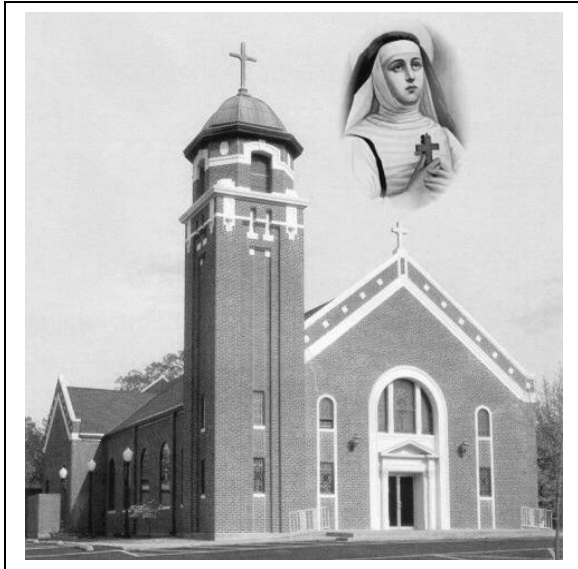


St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Priest Emergency Number: After hours line for serious medical emergencies (405) 824-2304

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am
9:00 am

Weekdays:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday McLoud 9:00 am

Wednesday Harrah 6:30 pm

Thursday McLoud 9:00 am

Friday Harrah 9:00 am

Adoration: First Fridays 8:am–6:pm Mass 6:00 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) 309-6416

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 ~ Sundays, 6 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, 4:30 pm

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

December 5, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 02 4:00 pm	+	Frank Saxton (by Evelyn Saxton)
Sunday	Dec 03 7:30 am	+	Frank Saxton (by Lavonne Biga)
	9:00 am	+	Wayne Miles (by Carolyn Miles)
Monday	Dec 04		No Mass
Wednesday	Dec 06 6:30 pm	+	Adeline & Tom Jorski (by John & Lorraine Thomson)
Friday	Dec 08 9:00 am	+	Charlotte Nowakowski (by Frank & Diana Hanna)
Saturday	Dec 09 4:00 pm	+	Tom Herzog (by Tammy Herzog)
Sunday	Dec 10 7:30 am	+	Carolyn Werchan (healing) (by Evelyn Saxton)
	9:00 am	+	Charlotte Nowakowski (by Frank & Diana Hanna)

Readings for : Dec 4 to Dec 10:

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15-29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: 5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Collection – November 26: 109 Adult Env: \$4875.00 5 Children Env: \$19.05 Total: \$4924.05

Other Collections: Campaign for Human Dev: \$10.00

Building Fund: ___ Total Assets: \$4945.00

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate conception is Friday,
December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be at 7:00 pm at Harrah.

“Kind Mother, let me rise above the things of this world so my
thoughts may be with you in Heaven.”

(Mother M. Angelica)



Penance Rite

The Advent Penance Rite for all Parishioners will be at Harrah on Wednesday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm.

Power Point Presentation

Fr. Prakash will give a power point presentation on his pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, Fatima, Portugal, and several other significant holy places. The presentation will be on Monday, December 11, at 6:30 pm in the Family Center at Harrah. Everyone is invited to come and watch this inspirational presentation.

Important Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be an important meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion after each of the Masses December 9 and 10. Please plan on attending. We will be receiving the schedule for 2018 and review some important issues. If you cannot make the meeting, there will be one make-up session after the 9:00 am Mass on December 17. Call Doug Kretchmar with questions 405-640-0745.

Parish Council Meeting

There is a Parish Council meeting Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in the Family Center.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers Michael Scalzo who passed away Nov 20, 2017. Funeral was Monday, Nov 27th.

From the Pastor's Desk

• At a certain point in life, the deep desires and cravings of our heart reach a point of eruption in us. Yet at the same time comes the awareness that we cannot bring about what we want – we do not have inside us what is needed to fulfill and satisfy our longings. And so, with our infinite yearnings we turn to the Infinite and cry, “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.” Our experience of helplessness before the fact of our boundless human need moves us to ask for fellowship with God’s Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. The nature of our desire assures us as we enter into Advent that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift as we wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. “the Lord of the house is coming.” “Be watchful! Be alert!”

Second Collection

Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund collection.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Vigil, Dec 24: Mass at McLoud at 6:00 pm.

Mass at Harrah at 11:00 pm

Christmas Day, Dec 25: Mass at Harrah will be at 8:30 am.

Mass at McLoud will be at 10:30 am

Changes on Mass Schedule for Sunday, December 24

Sunday, December 24: Only Mass at 9:00 am at Harrah.

No 7:30 am Mass at Harrah

No 11:00 am Mass at McLoud.

Knights of Columbus Angel Tree

Knights of Columbus Angel Tree-These "Angels" are economically challenged children and families that are in need of a little help at Christmas. Please be their Santa and sign-up to sponsor an Angel today. The tree and sign-up sheet will be in the family center. Detailed instructions are with each Angel. All gifts need to be brought in by Sunday December 17.

Please contact Frank Volpe at 405-219-8887 with any questions. Merry Christmas!

New Year's Eve Dance

Come ring in the New Year! St. Teresa's is hosting a New Year's Eve dance, Sunday, December 31, 2017, 9:00-12:30.

Admission is an appetizer to share potluck. Adults over 21 only. Babysitting will be available in the RE building.

Bring your own adult beverages. Tea, lemonade and soft drinks provided.

For more information, contact Tracy Hartley 405-760-7841.

Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Gregory's

Join us this Sunday, December 3rd for Advent Lessons and Carols. It is an evening of scripture readings and music that celebrates the season of Advent- the time of preparation for the yearly commemoration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. The

evening features the St. Gregory's University Schola Cantorum, Director Br. Damian Whalen, O.S.B., guest organist Nolan Patrick Reilly and keyboardist Dr. Joseph Mann. The concert begins at 5 p.m. in the St. Gregory's Abbey Chapel and is free and open to the public.

Reporting abuse/pastoral response hotline

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City through its programs, organizations and events, has numerous daily contacts with many children and young people. It is important all archdiocesan personnel – clergy, seminarians, religious, employees and volunteers – protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility of child abuse. Under Oklahoma law, all individuals MUST report an incident or suspicion of sexual abuse of a minor (person under age 18) to civil authorities.

The state Department of Human Services has established a statewide abuse reporting hotline – (800) 522-3511. This number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you feel a child is in immediate danger of harm call 9-1-1. For the safety of children and the healing of victims, the archdiocese provides an Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or present) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel – (405) 720-9878. The archdiocesan victims assistance coordinator, a licensed professional counselor, will respond to calls to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Response Hotline. A report to the archdiocese does not relieve the individual of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by state law. In Oklahoma, failure to report child abuse is a misdemeanor punishable by law.

Oklahoma Catholic Radio Radiothon

Oklahoma Catholic Radio will host a radiothon 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Dec. 5-6. Catholic radio is dedicated to answering the call of Saint John Paul II for a "new evangelization" by providing positive, wholesome and inspirational programming in Oklahoma. Listeners also can donate online at okcatholicbroadcasting.com.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Archbishop Coakley cordially invites your family to Advent Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. RSVP by Dec. 7 to RSVP@archokc.org or (405) 709-2745. Festive reception to follow in the Connor Center.

Catholic Men's Conference

The 22nd annual Catholic Men's Conference, "In The Father's Footsteps XXII," will be March 3 at Embassy Suites Conference Center, Norman. Visit www.catholicmen.net.

Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference

Registration is open for the 2018 Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference. The event will be at the new Edmond Conference Center March 10. Conference speakers include Immaculée Ilibagiza, María Ruiz Scaperlanda and Donna Heckler. Register at www.ocwconference.com or on the Facebook page.

Longest Married Couple Nominations

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is looking for the longest married couple in the United States. Visit wwme.org by Jan. 10 to nominate a couple or e-mail the name of the couple, their wedding date, where they live and contact information for the person nominating to bkberland@gmail.com; or mail to Bryan and Karen Berland, 530 S. Academy, Guthrie 73044, or call (405) 850-4274. National winners will be announced in February along with 50 state winners.

Ministry Schedule for December

Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 Denniece Knapp, Robbie Garland,
7:30 Kent Spaeth, Kevin Terrell, Brigitte Heath
9:00 Doug Kretchmar, Mark Seikel, Phillip Stramski, Neil Baltazor, Dean Schirf
Lectors:
4:00 Tracy Hartley
7:30 James "Kent" Spaeth
9:00 Dave McCorkle, Mark Seikel
Ushers:
4:00 Sam Wyskup, John Bacon, Joe Chicoine, Mark Hargrove
7:30 Bernadette Klimkowski, Stan Delong, Steve Gorzyca, Tony Nickel
9:00 George Visnieski, Joe Wierzbic, Steve Stramski, Stan Malaske
Altar Servers:
4:00 Jason Kaminski & Casey Jones
7:30 Mia & Charlie Pendleton, Connor Lay,
9:00 Thomas Staton, Nicole Herzog, Jordan Santa Elera,

Ministry Schedule for January

Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 Karen Manwell, Steve & Linda Nettleingham
7:30 Cindy Newby, Kent Spaeth & Kevin Terrell
9:00 Vicki Waldrip, Jackie Stafford, Debra Birdsong, Barbara Carpenter, Don carpenter
Lectors:
4:00 Ralph Jones
7:30 Stan Delong
9:00 Nancy Limon & Dean Schirf --
Ushers
4:00 Joe Zawisza, Charlie Werchan, Donnie Brim, George Landoll
7:30 Greg Nowakowski, Meko Block, Joe Balkenbush, Max Mullins
9:00 Ed Brzozowski, Doyle Thornton, A.J. Magott, Janet Magott
Altar Servers
4:00 Casey Jones & Kambel Madich
7:30 Ali Brzozowski, Alex & Izzy Karke
9:00 Anthony Opichka, Devin Birdsong Williams, Joshua Baltazor

Pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces!

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....

Andy Adams, Amanda Ashley, Jan Barnes, Tom Barnes, James Beam, Mason Bonilla, Anita Brimm, Ed Brzozowski, Sally Bugg, Barbara Davenport, J.C. Delamore, Loretta Dixon, John & Virginia Drew, Ron & Loretta Finley, Mary Ellen Fortleney, Simone Galvin, Leslie Gomez, Phillo Gravitt, Marilyn Gravitt, Kaelyn Hairell, Edna Hanmer, Marsha Helm, Duane Hiss, Norma Holloway, Martha Hopcus, Ronny Jaro, Betty Johnston, Ann Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Don Lachance,, Kenneth Leslie, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B.,Ioma Meyers, Greg Montalvo, Justin Moore, Paul & Charlotte Nickel, James Northcutt, Heather O'Connell, Darrell O'Neal, Trisha Parker, Fr. Lucas Pinapati, Fred Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Lee Roller, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Mike Scalzo, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Brenda Smith, Daniel Smith, Tom & Aline Smith, Kaelyn Spradlin, Logan Stephens, Sue Ann Thompson, Joe Tytanic, Henry Villarma, Tammy Wallinger, Irene Watkins, Carolyn Werchan, Chelsie Werchan, Vickie Wilson, Barbara Wyskup, Dorothy Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, George Yancy, Filex & Ann Zachare