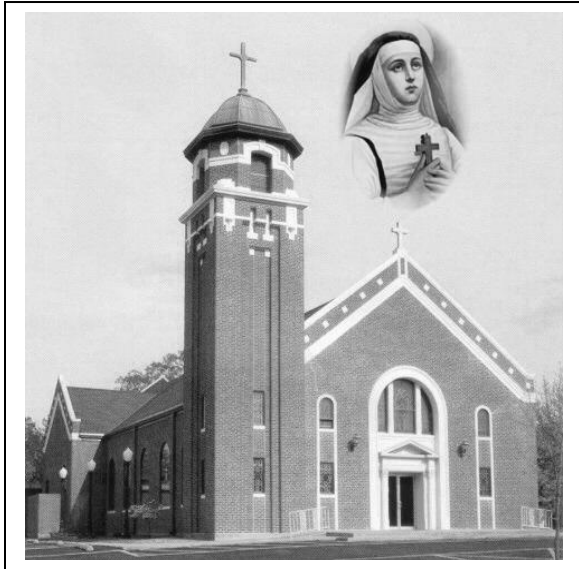


St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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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 17, 2017 - Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 16 4:00 pm	+ Kevin Voyles (by Joe Tytanic)
Sunday	Dec 17 7:30 am	+ George Allen Owings (by Owings Family)
	9:00 am	+ John Raught (by Frank & Diana Hanna)
Monday	Dec 18	No Mass
Wednesday	Dec 20 6:30 pm	+ Charlotte Nowakowski (by Barbara Dull)
Friday	Dec 22 9:00 am	+ Charlotte Nowakowski (by Carolyn Miles)
Saturday	Dec 23 4:00 pm	+ Tom Herzog (by Tammy Herzog)
Sunday	Dec 24 9:00 am	+ Al Dilis (by Catholic Daughters)
Sunday	Dec 24 6:00 pm	+ Ioma Meyers (by Kevin Terrell)
Christmas Vigil	11:00 pm	For the Parishioners

Readings for : Dec 18 to Dec 24:

Monday 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Collection – December 10: 110 Adult Env: \$6062.97 6 Children Env: \$27.00 Total: \$6089.97

Other Collections: Religious Retirement: \$2907.00 Immaculate Conception: \$1360.00

Building Fund: ___ Total Assets: \$4945.00



Mass Schedule for Christmas

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

Mass at Harrah at 11:00 pm

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

Mass at McCloud 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 McCloud.

Important Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you did not make the meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion last weekend, there will be one make-up session after the 9:00 am Mass on December 17. Call Doug Kretchmar with questions 405-640-0745.

Youth Group Christmas Party

St. Teresa Youth Group will hold their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for both Middle School and High School. Refreshments will be served, and we will play some of our traditional games along with something new. We will play a gift exchange game. Please bring an appropriate, wrapped gift with a maximum value of \$10 if you want to participate. Please RSVP to Kelly Trice by text (405-570-2003) or Facebook message to plan food quantities. Please call with any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

Father Prakash on Vacation

Father Prakash will be visiting his home in India from December 26 to January 26. If you need to visit with him before he leaves contact the office and set up an appointment.

First Friday Adoration is January 5 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will be no mass at 6:00 pm.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ioma Meyers who died Dec 7, 2017. Her funeral was Friday, Dec 15, 2017.

From the Pastor's Desk

- “Rejoice in the Lord,” for as miserable as life can seem at times, the reality is that God has clothed us “with a robe of salvation” that heals all our poverty, our broken hearts, our bondage. “He has mercy on those who fear him,” that is, those who fear only one thing: losing their relationship with the Lord. Therefore, “be preserved blameless for the coming of Jesus.” Even though in the troubles of life you may not recognize him, “the one who calls you is faithful.”
- John holds the lamp by which we see Jesus as the light of the world. He does not allow himself to cast any shadow on the Good News of the coming he proclaims; he stands out of the way and draws all the attention to the promised Christ. In Christ, not in ourselves, lies the source of all our joy in this Advent season—and always!



*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

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.

Beatification Mass DVDs now Available!

Are you looking for a special Christmas present or a memorable keepsake? The DVD set of the Beatification Mass of Blessed Stanley Rother is now available. Go online to <http://stanleyrother.org/shop>.

Advent Day of Recollection

Young men in high school or college, who are considering the priesthood, join together for a day of prayer and reflection, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 21. at the Catholic Pastoral Center in OKC. RSVP to (405) 721-9351 by Dec. 19.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Inside every marriage, there are treasures to unlock. Unlock the treasures of OUR marriage this Winter at the January 26-28 Marriage Encounter Weekend at Oklahoma City's Catholic Pastoral Center. Contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or rbfeller@gmail.com for information, or apply at <http://meoklahoma.org>. Apply by January 1 to receive 25% off your \$100 application fee (promo code: EarlyJan).

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.

Rother Heritage Gallery

The Heritage Gallery at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, features “The Shepherd Cannot Run: A Retrospective on the Life of Father Stanley Rother.” The free exhibit is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Special tours arranged by calling (405) 721-5651, Ext. 141.

Become a Better Version of Yourself in the ARTIST WAY CLASS

Are you discerning a new path in life? Looking to grow your Faith in 2018? Wanting to have a spiritual experience which will bring you closer to God, your Creator, by becoming more creative yourself? Wishing to make new friends and become much more focused on the beauty and enjoyment of your blessed life? Join us for the Artist Way Class, facilitated by by Katie Gordy who has been offering this course for almost two decades. The 10 week class will be in the Council Room in the basement at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edmond, from Thursday, January 11th -March 15th from, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Babysitting is available upon request at 204-0598. Cost of the class is \$100 for the 10 weeks and participants need to purchase the book *The Artist Way* by Julia Cameron at any bookstore. Enroll by contacting Katie at ktgktg1213@gmail.com or texting or calling 405-627-6954. This is an amazing, deeply spiritual and empowering experience you should give yourself!

Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast

The second annual Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m. Feb. 2 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. Join Archbishop Paul Coakley, Superintendent Diane Floyd, and educators from around the archdiocese to celebrate and support the 23 Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Lenten Mission

Save the date for a Lenten Mission with Fr. Joe Creedon – “Living Out Our Baptismal Commitment,” Feb. 19-21, at St. John, 900 S. Boulevard, Edmond. (405) 340-0691.

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 Gorzycza, 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

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 month. 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, Alaina Janssen, Ronny Jaro, Betty Johnston, Ann Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Don Lachance,, Kenneth Leslie, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B., 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