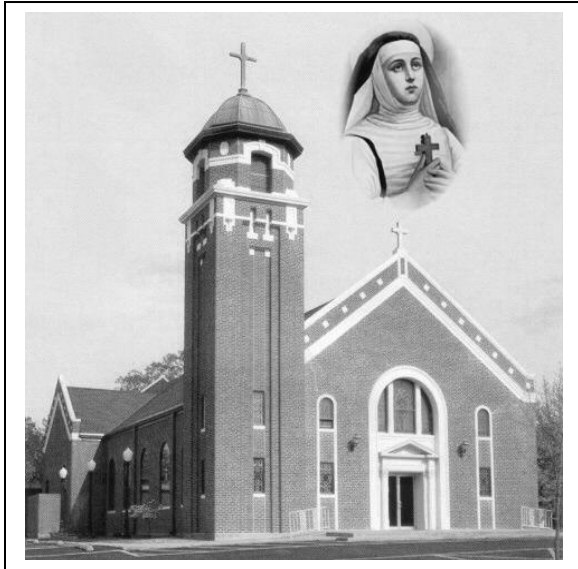


St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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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 24, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 23 4:00 pm	+ Tom Herzog (by Tammy Herzog)
Sunday	Dec 24 9:00 am	+ Al Dilis (by Catholic Daughters)
	6:00 pm	+ Ioma Meyers (by Kevin Terrell)
	11:00 pm	Father's Mass for the Parishioners
Monday	Dec 25 8:30 am	+ Harry Hornbeck (by Barbara Ross)
Saturday	Dec 30 4:00 pm	+ Charlotte Nowakowski (by Barbara Dull)
Sunday	Dec 31 7:30 am	+ Ed Brzozowski
	9:00 am	+ Jack Martin (by Janet Martin)
Monday	Jan 01 7:00 pm	+ Davaiah Madineni (by Kathy)

Readings for : Dec 25 to Dec 29:

Monday: (Night) Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
(Dawn) Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1,6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
(day) Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Darkness is scattered, for God's grace has been revealed, in the birth of the Messiah.
Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared, Light dawns for us all.
God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

Collection – December 17: 108 Adult Env: \$5809.00 5 Children Env: \$10.00 Total: \$5809.00
Other Collections: Religious. Ret: \$260.00 Immaculate Conception: \$5.00
Building Fund: ___ Total Assets: \$4945.00



*Wishing you and yours
a Blessed Christmas
and New Year!*

Christmas Mass Schedule

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 McLoud 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.

Mass on New Years Day, January 1st

Fr. Chuck Murphy will be celebrating Mass on New Years Day, January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, at 7:00 pm at Harrah.

Christmas Gift for Parishioners

After the Masses, December 24 & 25 a Christmas gift will be given, one to each family. The book is entitled "Kingdom of Happiness" by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD, (Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life).

Father Prakash on Vacation

Father Prakash will be visiting his family in India from December 26 to January 26. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe journey and keep his mother in your prayers for her health.

From the Pastor's Desk

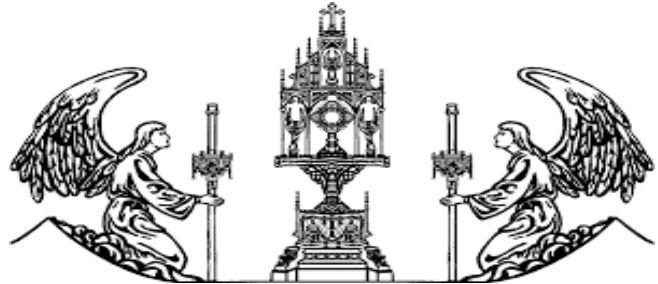
•"God's sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Exactly the same sign has been given to us...God's sign is simplicity...God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby – defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength, He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love, so he makes himself a child. He wants nonother from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his thoughts, and his will – we learn to live with him and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him... Christmas has become the feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul, and our mind to be touched by this fact." (Pope Benedict XVII)

First Friday Adoration is January 5

from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

There will be no mass at 6:00 pm.

Sign up sheet is in the foyer of the church.



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>.

Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative:

On January 7, 2018 Council #4598 will be accepting monetary donations at its monthly breakfast in support of the Knights of Columbus State Council Ultrasound Program. Since 2010 nearly 20 new ultrasound machines have been purchased and provided to Pro-life clinics throughout the state of Oklahoma through this program. These clinics are screened and approved by the Archdiocese of OKC and Diocese of Tulsa prior to being selected as a recipient of a machine. Statistics have shown that there is a 95% success rate of saving a baby's life once an expected mother has seen an ultrasound of her baby. The Knights of Columbus asks for your support in this program and the fight against abortion.

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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Mass

Join Archbishop Coakley at the MLK Day Mass at 5 p.m. Jan. 13 at Corpus Christi Church, 1616 N. Kelly Ave., OKC, with the tribute to follow Mass.

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.

Sanctity of Life Mass

The 2018 Sanctity of Life Mass is at 6 p.m. Jan. 17 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 3214 N. Lake Ave., OKC. There will be presentations after Mass for adults and high school youth. For adults: "A Culture of Witness: Cherishing the Vulnerable," by Debbie Espinosa, executive director of the Center for Family Love. For high school students: "I Have Called You Friends," by Fr. Brian Buettner.

Rose Day

The annual Rose Day Pro-Life Rally, which takes place inside the Oklahoma State Capitol each year, is set for Feb. 7. The day will feature Kay Coles James, founder and president of The Gloucester Institute, an organization which trains and nurtures leaders in the African American community, and the Most Rev. David Konderla, Bishop of Tulsa. Contact Catholic Charities, (800) 375-8514, www.bgco.org/roseday.

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.

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 Linda Parker, Susan Stramski, Kelly Trice
7:30 Stan DeLong, Rachel Espolt, Steve Gorczyca
9:00 Neil Baltazor, Anita Craiger, 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

Please 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, 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, Wes Painter, Trisha Parker, Fr. Lucas Pinapati, Fred Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Lee Roller, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek, Juanita Shaffer, Jo Sims, Brenda Smith, Daniel Smith, Tom & Aline Smith, Kaelyn Spradlin, Camy Stark, 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