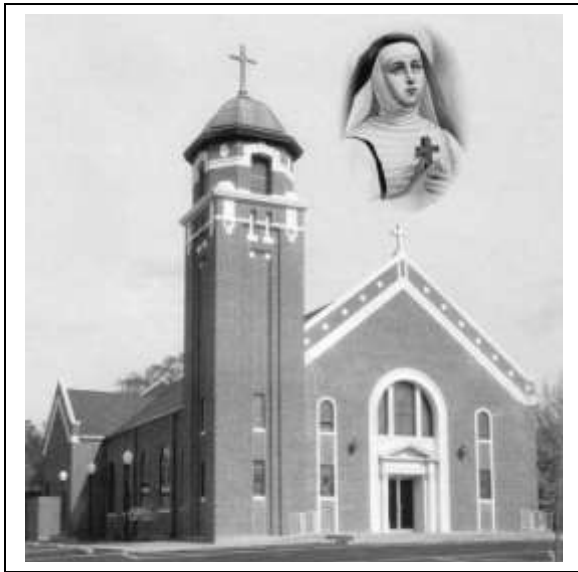


# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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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 McCloud 6:30 pm

Wednesday Harrah 6:30 pm

Thursday McCloud 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

**Adult Education** ~ Mondays 7 p.m.- R.E. Building

**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** ~ First Thursday of the month

**St. Vincent de Paul** ~ MEETING 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 7pm in the family center

**Youth Group (Grades 6-8)** ~Sunday 6:30pm to 8pm

**High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)** Sundays, 5:00 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.

**Women's Bible Study**~ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 6:30 pm Parish Hall

*December 30<sup>th</sup>, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec. 29	4:00 pm	†Joe and Genevieve Zawisza- Joe and Mert Zawisza
Sunday	Dec. 30	7:30 am	†Ida May Scalzo- Steve and Danguole Scalzo
Sunday	Dec. 30	9:00 am	†Alaina Janssen- Gary and Darlene Ernst
Wednesday	Jan. 2	6:30 pm	†
Friday	Jan. 4	6:00 pm	†Tammy Schirf- Dean and Suzanne Schirf
Saturday	Jan. 5	4:00 pm	†Rachel Zawisza- Joe and Mert Zawisza
Sunday	Jan. 6	7:30 am	†Mike Scalzo- Steve and Donguole Scalzo
Sunday	Jan. 6	9:00 am	†Anasante and Guiseppa Carone – Paul Carone

### Readings this week

December 31 - January 6, 2019

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Tuesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### Offerings for December 16th

**Adult Env: \$5289.00**

**Children Env: \$5.00**

**Priest Retirement\$ 100.00**

**Total: \$5394.00**



### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**December 31st, 2018. – Solemnity**

**of Mary**

**Mass is at 7 pm**

**Adoration is Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>-**

**Please spend an hour with the Eucharist**

## **THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

The Feast of the Holy Family is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, commemorating their life together in Nazareth and calling us to focus on Catholic family life.

The feast is celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, unless Christmas falls on a Sunday, in which case it is celebrated on December 30. According to the [Fisheaters website](#) this feast is placed where it is on the calendar because “in Old Testament Law, a child wasn’t a son of Abraham or a true part of the family until his circumcision at 8 days of age, an event of Christ’s life that we celebrated on 1 January (from 25 December to 1 January are 8 days).” The feast was placed on the general calendar of the Roman Rite on October 26, 1921, by the Congregation of Rites under Pope Benedict XV.

The Church presents the Holy Family to us as a model for our own family life. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family and provided for Mary and Jesus with the work of his hands. He was obedient to the angel who told him to take Mary as his wife, what to name the new child and again when told to flee with them to Egypt. He taught Jesus the carpentry trade and what it was to be a man in the society in which they lived.

Mary took care of her family in the home. It was she who would have taught Jesus the Scriptures and prayers of their people when he was very young. It was through her example of managing the home that Jesus would formulate many of the examples he would later use in his teaching. Jesus saw work sanctified through the example of his earthly parents, who did all things well in the ordinary circumstances of daily life.

As far back as St. John Chrysostom, Christians were urged to make of their home a *family church* in which the family members would find their sanctification. That was to be accomplished by putting Christ at the center of all individual and family life, by working and praying together, reading the Scriptures and worshipping as a unit.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris consortio*, 60, **Pope John Paul said:**

*“Do you teach your children the Christian prayers? Do you prepare them, in conjunction with the priests, for the sacraments that they receive when they are young – Confession, Communion and Confirmation? Do you encourage them, when they are sick, to think of Christ suffering, to invoke the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the saints? Do you say the family Rosary together...? Do you pray with your children, with the whole domestic community, at least sometimes? Your example of honesty in thought and action, joined to some common prayer, is a lesson for life and an act of worship of singular value. In this way you bring peace to your homes: Pax huic domui. Remember, it is thus that you build up the Church.”*

**Father Prakash will be out of town from  
January 14<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need to  
have an appointment with him please make  
sure to call the office as soon as possible.**

**New Year's Eve Dance December 31<sup>st</sup>**

St. Teresa's will be hosting a New Year's Eve dance December 31st from 9 PM to 12:30 AM in the Family Center. All adults ages 21+ are invited to attend. The cost of entry is a snack item to share. Soft drinks will be provided, please feel free to bring your own beverages beyond that. Due to lack of use last year, childcare will not be provided. For questions, please contact Philip Stramski (405) 625-776.

**Catholic Daughters Meeting TIME CHANGE January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Catholic Daughters. For the winter months we have moved our meeting one hour earlier. On Sunday, Jan 6th, our meeting will begin at 6 pm with our monthly potluck beginning at 5 pm. All women are invited. Come see and hear about all the charitable and spiritual gifts this group participates in.

**Adult Education January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Classes will resume Monday January 14, 2019, at 7pm in the hall. We will use a new series from Augustine Institute titled "Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist".

Mark the date and come learn more about your faith.

**Center of Family Love Wish List until Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6th grade RE class is collecting items for The Center of Family Love  
from November 14- January 23.**

**The following are examples of what is on the wish list. The full lists are available at the back of the church.**

For example:

Balls, Basketball and Soccer

Board Games Sorry, chutes and ladders and checkers

Card Games: Uno, Skip Bo, Go Fish

Crafting Supplies

Lego's, Play Do and Building blocks

Flash Cards and anything related to basic math and cognitive skills.

**There will be a box in the welcome center of the church for items.**

**The Center of Family Love is a nonprofit organization that provides quality care to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, at no cost to the families.**

# Local Catholic Events

## Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference February 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Oklahoma Catholic Women's Conference will be Feb. 23 at Embassy Suites in Norman. Visit [www.ocwconference.com](http://www.ocwconference.com).

## Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference March 9<sup>th</sup>

The Oklahoma Catholic Men's Conference will be March 9 at Embassy Suites in Norman. Visit [www.catholicmen.net](http://www.catholicmen.net).

### Liturgical Roles for January

#### **Saturday 4 P.M.**

##### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

Michael Brown  
Karen Manwell  
Megan Marshall  
Linda Parker

##### **Lectors**

Ralph Jones

##### **Ushers**

George Landoll  
Charlie Werchan  
David Zawisza

#### **7:30 A.M. Sunday**

##### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

Stan DeLong  
Rachel Espolt  
Steve Gorczyca

##### **Lectors**

Stan DeLong

##### **Ushers**

Joe Balkenbush  
Meko Block  
Max Mullins  
Greg Nowakowski

#### **9:00 A.M. Sunday**

##### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

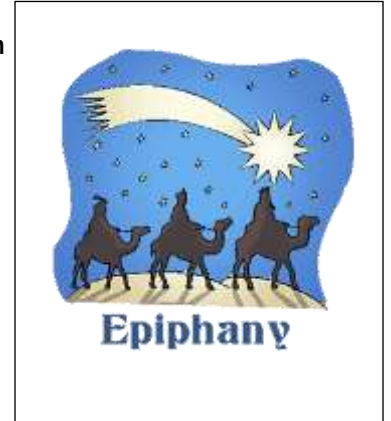
Maria Baltazor  
Maria Baltazor  
Debra Birdsong  
Jocelyn Payne  
Shawn Payne

##### **Lectors**

Nancy Limon  
Kyle Foster

##### **Ushers**

A.J. Magott  
Janet Magott  
Doyle Thornton



**Altar Servers: Please check your email for scheduling or contact Melanie Rivera @ 405-534-7700**

### St. Teresa's Prayer List

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....

Howard Anderson, Brad Anglin, Amanda Ashley, Brittany Baltazor, Kaitlin Baltazor, Jan Barnes, Tom Barnes, Chris & Stacie (Martin) Boone, Tommy Breske, Anita Brimm, Sally Bugg, Easton Carpenter, Lois Chicoine, Tiffany Cleveland, Barbara Davenport, Rebecca David, Mary Jean Dellaquilla, Loretta Dixon, John & Virginia Drew, Kathleen Duggins, Ron & Loretta Finley, Mary Ellen Fortleney, Dana Pattison-Garcia, Marilyn Gravitt, Mike Gravitt, Stella Hartig, Janet Holder, Martha Hopcus, Ronny Jaro, Ann Jones, Betsy & Jerry Jorski, Billy Keller, Matthew Keller, David Kreikemeier, Don Lachance, Rob Lawrence, Maria Leslie, Elanora Lipinski, Michelle Lynch, Rev. Eugene Marshall O.S.B, Harriett Marshall, Evadne Mathews, Bob Maxey, David McKinney, Curtis Meyer, Corine Miller, Justin Moore, Paul & Charlotte Nickel, Darrell O'Neal, Linda Parker, Trisha Parker, Fred Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Fred and Donna Roller, Marjorie Royal, Carol Rudek, Carolyn Rudek,, Juanita Shaffer, Ruth Shaw, Jo Sims, Brenda Smith, Daniel Smith, Kim Spradley, Logan Stephens, Wesley StillSmoking, Madison Tytanic, Henry Villarma, Samuel Visniski, Carolyn Werchan, Charlie Werchan, Chelsie Werchan, Candace Wietelman, Vickie Wilson, Barbara Wyskup, Louise Wyskup, George Yancy, Filex & Ann Zachare, Joe Zawisza