

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8 & 10AM



Ask and it will be given you...



July 28, 29, 2007

**Parish Council Mtg. Aug 2 7 PM in the R.E.
Building**

Furniture Donations Needed. The Refugee Resettlement Department at Catholic Charities is in need of furniture donations for several families who will be arriving this summer. Items needed include bed frames and mattresses of all sizes, dining room tables and chairs, and dressers. Please contact the Refugee Department at 405-523-3002 to arrange for pickup of your donations.

Volunteer Foster Parents Needed to Care for Infants. Catholic Charities' Adoption Program is seeking volunteer foster parents to assist with newborn babies. Foster parents may be asked to take care of an infant for only the first few weeks of the baby's life, or up to several months. The time period depends on the adoption process. For more information on foster parents or adoption, call Sabra Ruminer, Catholic Charities Adoption Services at 405-523-3012.

Diabetes Seminar set for Aug. 14. The third session in the health series titled "A Parish approach to Diabetes" will be held Tuesday, August 14 from 8:30 PM to 8 PM in the parish Hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 1901 NW 18th Street, OKC. The presentation will focus on diet, exercise, monitoring of blood sugar, and appropriate measures for foot care. Program presenters are registered nurses and certified diabetes educator Glenda Bronson and registered dietician Diane Moore, both from Mercy Hospital. There is no fee, but you must register by calling Catholic Charities Parish Nurse Coordinator Mary Diane Steltenkamp at 523-3009.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW: Please don't disturb your fellow parishioners' time of worship, please mute your cell phones or turn them off. Thank you.

Going to be on the road this summer? If you're looking for a local church, check out www.masstimes.org for location (with a map) and times.

P *Prayer is a conversation in which the Word of God takes the initiative and we can at first be only listeners. And this is the most important thing, that we perceive the Word of God, and that from his Word we might find a way to respond.*

--HANS URS VON BALTHASAR
(1905-1988)

Notes on the text

I *tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.* Jesus tells series of brief stories to illustrate God's relationship to human beings, especially in terms of prayer. The friend who visits at midnight gets what he needs through his "persistence," just as God will hear those who persist in prayer. The next stories illustrate how ridiculous it would be to think that God might do something like give stones for bread or a scorpion for an egg. Rather, God responds to the needs of God's children. All people have to do is ask. But this knocking at God's door does not mean God will grant our every wish. Jesus puts *asking* together with *seeking*. To seek God requires much more commitment than a simple request. Intercession flows from a total relationship to God.

--Joel Schorn

Mass Intentions

Sat, July 28	5:00 PM – Deborah Rice by K of C
Sun, July 29	8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by R. & S. Nickel 10:00 AM – For Our Parish Family
Tues, July 31	8:00 AM – No Mass
Wed, Aug 1	8:00 AM – Frank & Hattie Janowiak by Family
Thurs, Aug 2	8:00 AM – Larry Brimm by B Janowiak
Fri, Aug 3	8:00 AM – Kristi Kretchmar by K of C
Sat, Aug 4	5:00 PM – Tom & Adeline Jorski by K of C
Sun, Aug 5	8:00 AM – For Our Parish Family 10:00 AM – Larry Brimm by Backhus Family

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 PM.

Collections: July 22 114 Adult envelopes \$3148 00 10 Youth envelopes \$10 34 Building Fund \$550 00 Catholic Communications Campaign \$2 00 Loose \$103 00 Total: \$3,813 68 Building Fund Total (July 15 \$660,525 67)

Readings for this week: Mon. Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, Psalm 106:19-20,21-23, Matthew 13:31-35; Tues. Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9,28, Psalm 103:6-13, Matthew 13:36-43; Wed. Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99:5,6,7,9, Matthew 13:44-46; Thurs. Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38, Psalm 84:3,4,5-6,8,11, Matthew 13:47-53; Fri. Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27,34b-37, Psalm 81:3-4,5-6,10-11, Matthew 13:54-58; Saturday Leviticus 25:1,8-17, Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8, Matthew 14:1-12; Sunday Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23, Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17, Colossians 3:1-5,9-11, Luke 12:13-31

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Anyone who needs assistance should call our number 343-2938.

Catholics are on the air in OKI KTLR AM 890 is broadcasting Archdiocesan programs Monday through Friday, 3-5 PM. KTLR890 AM Catholic broadcasting is a lay initiative of faith and evangelization. It is supported by free will offerings from individuals, from Catholic parishes and other groups. Please share this information with your Catholic family and friends.

Prayer Chain! Our Parish has a prayer chain for our Parish Family concerns!! You can call for prayer requests to either Kristi Kretchmar at 391-2728 or Marilyn Tytanic at 454-3556.

St. Teresa Youth – Gather up your Youth Bucks! A back-to-school Youth Auction will be held on Wed, Aug 1 at 7 PM. Any questions, please call Kelly at 570-2003.

Parish Web Site: www.stteresaharrah.org The email address is: info@stteresaharrah.org

Attention Altar Servers! The annual Altar Server Appreciation Day has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 12th. Food, fun & games will be provided beginning at 1 PM. Last year was a good time for all. Come join us again. Contact Neil Baltazor at 454-3651 or Jeff Wagner at 259-9966 with any questions.



St. Gregory's Abbey will be again be hosting a retreat this summer. Fr. Charles Buckley, O.S.B., will present a retreat on the Desert Fathers: "Growing in the Spirituality of Imperfection" August 3 to 5. Brochures are available in the office. For reservations or more detailed information about the retreats, write: Summer Retreat Program, St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, OK 74804, or contact Fr. Charles at (405) 878-5462 or cjbuckley@st.gregorys.edu

Children's' Hospital "Cuddlers". Our Parish has been invited to participate in a special project for the Children's Hospital in OKC, involving DHS at risk newborn babies and their "Cuddlers". They are in need of receiving blankets, or baby flannel material 36" by 36" and also one piece used or new newborn sleepers. We are also asking for anyone who sews to hem this baby flannel into baby receiving blankets that will go out with the babies when they are adopted. If you could please call me with your name if you can sew, I will get you the flannel fabric. Your donations can be placed in the box at the back of the entrance of the church. Checks can be made out to St. Teresa Catholic church, Memo-DHS Baby Project. For more info, call Marilyn Tytanic 454-3556. Thank you.

Three international students are looking for host families. All three girls will be attending school in our area; Tonye from Norman, Luise from Brazil and Kristin from Germany. If you are interested in hosting either temporarily or permanently, please call Martha Montgomery at 454-6787 or cell: 306-9500.

Are you wanting to grow in your relationship with and commitment to Jesus Christ? The Retreat in Daily Life, a seven month experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, is a blessed way for busy people to grow spiritually. The retreat extends from October through April. It involved daily prayer, weekly group meetings, and individual spiritual direction. Register during July. Call with questions or to register: Marie Ballmann OSB 373-4739, Joe Proehle 341-2515, and Mary Ann Henderson 969-3090. Additional information and a list of Retreat Directors are posted on the bulletin board in the Hall.

Birth Choice Information Session. Birth Choice needs volunteers for 2 to 4 hours a week. They are currently in need of people to work the phones, serve as receptionists, those who have clerical skills, clothing room works and RN's. The next information session will be Thursday, September 6th, 6 PM to 8 PM at 4701 S. Western, OKC. To register and obtain more information, please call Marilyn at 799-7195.