

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM,

Sunday 8 & 10 AM



**June 7, 8, 2008**

**St. Teresa Youth Group Bake Sale this weekend to raise funds for**

**Region 10 Catholic Youth Conference in Amarillo.**

**Parish Council Mtg. Thursday, June 12 7 PM**

### Mass Intentions

Sat, June 7 5:00 PM -- For Our Parish Family  
 Sun, June 8 8:00 AM -- Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Society by A.S.  
 10:00 AM -- Special Intension

**Note: No Mass Tues., Wed., Thurs., due to Clergy Study Days**

Fri, June 13 8:00 AM -- Hank & Jodi Steciak by K of C  
 Sat, June 14 5:00 PM -- Judy Skorkowsky by E & G. Brzozowski  
 Sun, June 15 8:00 AM -- For Our Parish Family  
 10:00 AM -- Donald Heck by J & M. Tytanic

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 PM.**

Collections: June 3 107 Adult envelopes \$3359.00 6 Youth envelopes \$10.60 Building Fund \$578.33 Birth Choice \$106.00 Cemetery Fund \$959.00 Priests' Welfare \$196.00 Loose \$78.75 Total: \$5287.68 Building Fund on deposit as of June 3 (\$727,249.06)

**Readings for June 9 to June 15.** Mon 1 Kings 17:1-6; Psalm 121:1bc-2,3-4,5-6,7-8; Matthew 5:1-12; Tues. 1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4:2-3,4-5,7b-8; Matthew 5:13-16; Wed. Acts 11:21b-26; 13:2-3; Psalm 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4,5-6; Matthew 5:17-19; Thurs. 1 Kings 18:41-46; Psalm 65:10,11,12-13; Matthew 5:20-26; Fri. 1 Kings 19:9a,11-16; Psalm 27:7-8a,8b-9abc,13-14; Matthew 5:27-32; Sat 1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,9-10; Matthew 5:33-37; Sunday Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-2,3,5 (3c); Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the RE building. Anyone who needs assistance with food or utilities should call our number 343-2938.

**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.

**Parish Web Site.** [www.stteresaharrah.org](http://www.stteresaharrah.org) The email address is: [info@stteresaharrah.org](mailto:info@stteresaharrah.org)

Much appreciation to **Carol Rudek** for her excellent sewing skills in making the new tabernacle altar cloth. Thank you, Carol!

A nomination has been received for the opening on the Parish Council. The nominee is Mary Rodriguez.

The Parish Building Committee will meet with the Archdiocesan Building Committee this Wednesday.

**For your information:** The following is the current description and financial budget for our building project:

**Project Description:**

Renovation of existing Parish Hall building, including building additions for mechanical equipment and storage, a new Welcome Center addition with adjoining stage, demolition of the existing Kitchen and replacing with a new expanded Kitchen addition, renovation of existing Classrooms and new Toilet Rooms, and a new Nursery room, and an addition for the Youth department, including all supporting spaces

**Project Construction Budget:**

Does not include cost of electrical labor

Includes cost for Construction Manager

**Based upon a previous Master Plan, the project budgets are as follows:**

Youth Addition	\$192,830
Dining Hall Remodel & Storage/HVAC Addition	\$217,568
Dining Hall Additions (Stage Area)	\$42,800
Kitchen Addition	\$213,920
Classroom Remodel/Nursery Addition	\$253,045
Welcome Center	\$156,400
Foundation & Slab for Future Corridor	<u>\$16,800</u>

Subtotal	\$952,603
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Contingency (10%)	<u>95,260</u>
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Total Construction Budget	\$1,047,863
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Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Adventure" is July 21-25, 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM. Sign up sheets for students and volunteers are on the tables at the back of the church. Planning meeting for volunteers will be Sunday, June 22 after the 10 AM Mass. For more information, call Kristi at 391-2728.

**The Pete Cordova Golf Classic** for the benefit of **Mount St. Mary High School**, sponsored by Mercy Health Center will be held on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at The Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City. For information on sponsorships and registration, contact Chris Stiles at [cstiles@mountstmary.org](mailto:cstiles@mountstmary.org) or at 405-631-8865.

**Steak Dinner!!** The Knights of Columbus Council 4598 will have the annual steak dinner for charity projects on June 21 at 6:00 PM just after Saturday evening Mass. The menu is a generous sized rib-eye steak cooks to order with baked potato, farm fresh corn on the cob and salad. The cost is \$15 per person; \$30 per couple. Please join us for a good time and a great meal. Contact a Knight for tickets.

**Knights, please note.....** The summer schedule for our council meetings is July 13, August 3 and September 7 at 7 PM. Meetings will be held in the Parish Hall until the building project begins and will be moved to the RE building as work progresses.

#### **Can a Catholic refuse medical care?**

It's a common scene in any hospital. A person is rushed in with a life-threatening condition. Family members wait in the emergency room. Two doctors approach, tell the family that things don't look good, and then explain options ranging from very aggressive treatment to comfort care. They ask which course they should pursue.

It would seem that advances in medical technology should make our choices easier, but—at least when it comes to end-of-life care—the opposite seems to be the case. More and more families are asking whether the fact that life-prolonging technology is available means that they must use it. Can one refuse such treatment and still be a good Catholic?

The Catholic tradition understands that life is a value that must be protected, but biological life in itself is not an absolute. This tradition is best seen as a middle ground between euthanasia on the one extreme and what is often called "medical vitalism"—using medical technology that merely extends biological life precariously for a time—on the other.

In *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, the U.S. bishops explain that "a person may forgo extraordinary or disproportionate means of preserving life. Disproportionate means are those that in the patient's judgment do not offer a reasonable hope of benefit (a state of relative health or comfort) or entail an excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community."

Even with these definitions in mind, it is clear that end-of-life decision-making within the Catholic tradition will never be exact. The middle ground is dynamic rather than static. Nevertheless, it helps to ask how medical treatments benefit or burden a dying patient. In raising this question the tradition does not deny the good of technology or claim that some lives are not worth preserving. Rather, it calls us to accept the fact that medical technology has limits. Accepting those limits can help Catholics make end-of-life decisions with some confidence. . . . U.S. Catholic, June 2008