



We are in the process of finalizing preparations for the upcoming Faith Formation and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs.

Letters were sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, forms are available in the vestibule.

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations as they are able and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW NEWS

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to have some of our stained glass windows refurbished at a discounted rate.

However, in order to qualify for this rate, we need to raise the money in the next 1-2 weeks. If we raise \$9,000, we can have one window done, \$18,000 will cover the cost for 2 windows . . .

Please see Fr. Greenwell if you would like to contribute to this very special project.



SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 16

A one day retreat
10 am to 4 pm

COME BE SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED FOR
THE UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON

Adult Catholics who have not received either Confirmation or First Eucharist are asked to see Father Kwiecien or call the parish office if you would like to be prepared for these sacraments.

Parish Survey

If you have not yet completed our survey, you may access it through our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stteresasf
or our website: www.stteresasf.org

We will have paper copies and possibly ipads/laptops available after Masses in a few weeks. Watch this space for updates.



Please join us in welcoming Savannah Rose Febo to our parish community. Savannah, daughter of Lee Febo & Debbie Gonzalez, will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Saturday at 10am.

Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone
 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



AUGUST 25, 2013 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please visit our website:
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 &
10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

MARRIAGE

Please call six months in advance.

BAPTISM &

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office
for an appointment.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world. We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society. The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Aug 25 -
Mon, Aug 26 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Aug 27 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
Sat, Aug 31 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon

WEEKEND COLLECTION August 17 & 18 \$1,177

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — July

First Collection \$2,255
Building & Maintenance \$1,056
St. Vincent de Paul \$1,153

MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:*

Saturday, Aug 24

4:15pm The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Aug 25

8:30am + Michele Foss & Ray Cooke
10:00am + Cecilia Boland Walsh

Tuesday, Aug 27

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

Friday, Aug 30

8:30am + William Dwyer

Saturday, Aug 31

4:15pm + Mary A. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Sep 1

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Cecilia Boland Walsh

SECOND COLLECTION

August 24 & 25

The second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

August 31 & September 1

The second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

The Carmelite Provincial Council will be meeting at St. Teresa of Avila on October 8th—10th. Fr. Greenwell is requesting assistance setting up & serving lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for information about:

Catholic Charities' Parish Social Ministry Institute an all-day workshop on September 14th; and,

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul's Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat, open to all single Catholic women ages 18-40.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 31 & September 1

4:15		10:00 AM	
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector:	M. Schelstrate
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector:	C. Arett
Cup:	M.K. Law	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	A. Rubke	2 Bread:	Volunteer
	R. DeTagle	3 Bread:	D. Tejada
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	E. Dunn	2 Cup:	J. Schelstrate
Bread:	J. Newman	Hosp:	K. Varandas
Cup:	J. Marasco		B. Cassidy
Hosp:	T. Lando		

APOCALYPTIC AND THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

For the past five weeks our Sunday Gospels – taken from Luke – seem to echo several common themes. In these gospels, we are faced with imminent crises, sudden death, turmoil and division, or the end of the world. We might summarize the Gospel for each week as follows:

- July 28th: Jesus teaches the disciples the *Our Father*, ending the prayer with “do not put us to the test”.
- August 4th: A rich man stores up a bountiful harvest, only to have his life taken from him that very night.
- August 11th: “Be readied and prepared for the master’s return, for the Son of Man will come when you least expect him.”
- August 18th: “I have come for division . . . a household of five will be divided three against two and two against three.”
- August 25th: “There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth . . . (the) last will be first and some who are first will be last.”

These passages suggest an underlying question: Why is the evangelist trying to “keep us on edge”, playing on our fears of death and the end of the world?

This type of writing is called *apocalyptic*. Apocalyptic is a literary genre that uses symbolic or coded language that contains hidden meanings about future events. Usually, these future events are violent or catastrophic, ones which produce anxiety and fear in the reader.

Under normal circumstances, most of us are hope-filled, optimistic, and feel “in control” of our future and destiny. This type of attitude gives rise to *prophetic* thinking. When we think prophetically we believe that we have the ability to shape and control our future. We may not know exactly how it will turn out, but we are confident that we will have some say in what it will be like.

Sometimes, however, we lose hope. We become pessimistic and feel helpless with respect to what lies ahead. This experience of helplessness, hopelessness, and despair gives rise to *apocalyptic thinking*. When we think apocalyptically we feel as if we have absolutely no control over our future and destiny. We are not confident in our ability to shape the future; instead, we hope that someone or something from “outside ourselves” will rescue us and make things right.

Prophetic and apocalyptic writings are found in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, with prophetic writing occurring much more frequently. However, when hope turns to despair, prophetic writing becomes apocalyptic. From a biblical-theological point of view, when we think apocalyptically, we expect that God will miraculously intervene and “make things right”.

Why does Luke (and the other evangelists) occasionally write apocalyptically? In Luke’s case, the structure of the Gospel is that of a journey. The Messiah journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem where he is to suffer and die. Looking towards this imminent death, one might feel overwhelmed and powerless. In the face of such anxiety and fear, belief and trust in God (faith) provides hope in the face of what appears to be a very frightening future and destiny.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.