



### SOUP-MAKERS!

Please delight our parishioners by bringing your specialty to one of our Tuesday evening Lenten soup suppers. Please make enough soup for 8–10 people. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.



We are looking for a volunteer to organize the soup suppers. This person would be responsible for contacting the soup makers each week and coordinating the details of delivery, etc. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office @ 285-5272.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22  
Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
12:15 & 6:15pm

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

Our Lenten drive this year will benefit our own St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Food is given out every Tuesday afternoon at St. Teresa's and the supplies are getting very low. Please help by bringing any canned good. The pantry is particularly low on:

**Soups**                      **Fruits**

Barrels will be in the vestibule next weekend and will remain through Lent.

### 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

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### *Tuesdays in Lent*

Mass, 8:30am & 6:15pm

*February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27*

Mass, 6:15pm

Soup Supper, 6:45pm

Speaker, 7:30pm

#### *Palm Sunday, April 1*

Saturday Vigil: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 10am

### EASTER TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday: 7:30pm**

**Good Friday: 12:15pm**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil: 7:45pm**

**Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00am**

### LENTEN SERIES SPEAKERS

**FEB 28:** Sister Katie, Wellness Center of St. Vincent de Paul Society

**MAR 6:** Tony Strawa, CCC—Green Initiative

**MAR 13:** Laura Slattery, The Gubbio Project

**MAR 20 & 27:** Fr. Stan Makacinas, O. Carm.

### THANK YOU . . .

*To the Social Committee for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast they hosted last Sunday. It was a great time for the parish to come together as a community before the start of the Lenten Season.*

*Thank you also to the people who volunteered to help.*

## WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**FEBRUARY 19, 2012  
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

9:30am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 5:00pm

**Please visit our website:  
stteresasf.org**

### 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

Jim Schelstrate    Briony Doyle  
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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, Feb 19 - No Good Shepherd  
- No Faith Formation
- Mon, Feb 20 - President's Day  
**Parish Office Closed**  
- Choir Practice  
7:00pm, Church
- Tues, Feb 21 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
7:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon Hall  
- NERT Meeting  
7:00pm, Avila
- Wed, Feb 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY  
Masses at 12:15 & 6:16 pm
- Sat, Feb 25 - AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, Feb 26 - Good Shepherd  
9:00am, Francis Room  
- Faith Formation  
9:15am, Parish Hall



The Parish Office will be closed in observance of President's Day Monday, February 20th.

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, February 18

4:15pm + Anne M. Kern  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, February 19

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli

#### Tuesday, February 21

8:30am Rosa Maria Alonso

#### Friday, February 24

8:30am + Adele Martz

#### Saturday, February 25

4:15pm + Anton & Mary Separovich  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, February 26

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Ruth Allen

## SECOND COLLECTION

### February 18 & 19

The is no second collection this week.

### February 25 & 26

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

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### February 11 & 12

**\$1,918**

## 2011 AAA UPDATE

As of January 31:

Assessed Amount: \$26,600  
Amount Received: \$19,121 (71.9%)  
Amount Needed: \$ 7,479 (28.1%)

We will continue to accept donations for AAA 2011 until the end of February but these donations will be acknowledged for the Tax Year 2012.

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

- Volunteer opportunities during Lent
- Free Dental Health Screenings for children during the month of February
- Free Community Tax Preparation Services

## Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 25 & 26

### 4:15

Lector: A. Rose  
Bread: E. Perea  
Cup: M.L. Green  
Hosp: A. Allio  
J. Allio

### 8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lang  
Bread: J. Newman  
Cup: S. Lang  
Hosp: T. Lando

### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: B. Doyle  
2 Lector: R. Bral  
1 Bread: J. Schelstrate  
2 Bread: M.K. Law  
3 Bread: J. Warnock  
1 Cup: C. Allen  
2 Cup: E. Miller  
Hosp: J. Warnock

## ASH WEDNESDAY

As any parish priest will tell you, this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, is probably the busiest day of the year. Rectory doorbells ring throughout the day, announcing the presence of those who couldn't make the service but were "stopping by" to receive ashes. Ash Wednesday liturgies attract big crowds – often larger than Sundays – and any priest foolish enough to walk the streets wearing clerical garb will be stopped by those seeking ashes "on the fly". Where and how did this devotion and practice develop, and why is it so popular among Roman Catholics?

The most prominent example of "wearing ashes" can be found in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the book of Jonah we read: ". . . the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes". (Jonah 3:6) In this passage, the king's action was a direct response to the call to repentance proclaimed by the prophet Jonah, and, in biblical times, sackcloth and ashes were linked to public repentance for sin. Early in the Christian tradition this practice was incorporated into the Church's liturgical practice.

As early as the second century Christians who had committed serious sin performed public penance in order to be reconciled to the Church. On Ash Wednesday, the bishop blessed hair shirts that they were to wear throughout Lent, and the penitents were sprinkled with ashes made from the palms from the previous year. These penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins – just as Adam and Eve were turned out of Eden because of their disobedience – and were not readmitted to the assembly until Holy Thursday where they received sacramental absolution and were welcomed once again at the Eucharistic Table.

This practice of sprinkling penitents with ashes gradually evolved into a liturgical practice whereby all of the faithful were so marked. As people were being signed, the minister would say, *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,"* language which seems to focus on the finite nature of human life and the inevitability of death. Here the presumption is that human beings are powerless over death; only God can rescue us from our fate, offer us eternal life, and resurrect our bodies. This is a different focus and emphasis from the original call to repentance, and perhaps it is why, in the restored liturgy, the minister has to option to recite, *"Repent, and believe the Gospel"*. We note that this option is more in tune with the ancient tradition of using ashes to emphasize repentance and conversion.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. At the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, the ashes are blessed with Holy Water and incense before distribution to the faithful. Although most Christian denominations celebrate Lent and mark its beginning with Ash Wednesday, only Roman Catholics distinctly mark themselves as such by being signed on the forehead with ashes.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.