

YOU'RE INVITED!!

December 15th is the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudate* Sunday. *Gaudate* means "Rejoice!", and it marks the half-way point of Advent. After the 8:30 am & 10 am Masses we invite you to the Parish Hall to "rejoice" with a catered breakfast of sausage, eggs, and pancakes (vegetarian/vegan options available). There is no charge -- it is absolutely free! We promise plenty of food and fellowship, please join us.

ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays in Advent 6:15pm
Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30am

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th
4:15 Family Mass
9:00 pm Choir Mass, Caroling Prior

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th
8:30am
10:00 am, Caroling Prior



ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Sister Katie needs socks for her guests! The Circle of Light will begin its Advent Sock Drive next weekend. Socks must be **NEW WHITE** cotton men's socks, crew or tube style. If you cannot get out and shop, you are welcome to donate to the purchase of socks. Please talk to Judi Daddio, Mary Katherine Law or Lynn Jacklevich. It's a little thing, a clean pair of socks, but it means so much.

WEEKEND COLLECTION
November 16 & 17
\$1,379
THANK YOU!



PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE
THE EUCHARIST IN
OBSERVANCE OF
THANKSGIVING
AT 10:00AM
NOVEMBER 28TH

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE



Recently, two additional windows have been sent out for restoration. We need to raise \$4,000 to enable us to pay for this work without dipping into operating funds. Please see Fr. Greenwell if you would like to contribute.



Next week is the First Sunday of Advent and our "Giving Tree" Sunday. The names of children from The Lantern will be on our tree and you are invited to choose one or more youngsters and be a Secret Santa. The tags include all the necessary information you need to choose your gift. Please wrap the gifts, place the tag on them, and return them to church. The gifts will be delivered to the children before Christmas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DONATION ENVELOPES

The envelopes for those who are already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church.

If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to use them to keep track of your donations, please contact the Parish Office.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 24, 2013
OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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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.

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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, Nov 24 - No Religious Education
 Mon, Nov 25 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Nov 26 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Thanksgiving Distribution
 9:30am, Sammon
 - Ministry of Consolation
 1:30pm, Priory
 Thur, Nov 28 - Thanksgiving Day Mass
 10:00am
 Sat, Nov 30 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Sammon
 Sun, Dec 1 - No Religious Education

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, Nov 23

4:15pm + Richard Barrett
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Nov 24

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Frank Weber

Tuesday, Nov 26

8:30am + Mercedes Boco

Friday, Nov 29

8:30am + Deceased members of the St.
 Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday, Nov 30

4:15pm The sick & troubled seeking
 Frederick Ozanam's intercession
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Dec 1

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Rosalie Mae Rathbun

SECOND COLLECTION

November 23 & 24

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

November 30 & December 1

Next week's second collection benefits the victims of the recent disasters in The Philippines. All monies raised will be directed to Catholic Relief Services for immediate use.

The second collection for our **Building & Maintenance Fund** has been moved to December 14 & 15 to accommodate this very worthy cause.

Holiday Craft Sale in the Hall—See Bulletin Board

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which starts December 1st, are in the Ministers' Sacristy. Please note when you pick-up your book on the provided listing. Thank you!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 30 & December 1

4:15 PM

Lector: D.B. Aikins
 Bread: J. Daddio
 Cup: B. Noelke
 Hosp: R. Jones
 M. Perea

10:00 AM

1 Lector: J. Alber
 2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
 1 Bread: R. Labuguen
 2 Bread: J. Warnock
 3 Bread: D. Tejada

8:30 AM

Lector: S. Cabatic
 Bread: L. Foss
 Cup: J. Marasco
 Hosp: J. Propster

1 Cup: C. Allen
 2 Cup: C. Arett
 Hosp: J. Warnock

RCIA: THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday at the 10 am Mass we are celebrating the *Rite of Acceptance*. This is the first step in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), the process through which the Church initiates new members. The actual initiation takes place at the Easter Vigil, and in the course of the next several months we will celebrate several additional rites in preparation for the Easter Sacraments.

There are two groups of people who go through the Rite of Acceptance. The first group consists of those who have never been baptized. These will be called *catechumens*, an ancient word used in the early Church to describe those who are preparing to receive all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

In addition to those preparing for Baptism, we also have a second group who, at Easter, will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. These people have already been baptized, often in another Christian denomination (Methodist or Lutheran, for example), and they desire to become Roman Catholics. The Catholic Church does not look at these people as "converts" because, in a very real sense, they are already members of God's household by virtue of their baptism. They are not called catechumens but are referred to as *candidates*, those who are in the process of coming into *full communion* with the Catholic Church. We neither re-baptize or conditionally baptize these people. Instead, they enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through a profession of faith.

Finally, there is a third group of people who will complete their Christian Initiation at Easter. We have adults among us who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received either the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. At the Easter Vigil, the presiding priest – with permission of the diocesan bishop – is permitted to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation before they receive First Eucharist.

This process – the RCIA – was restored following the Second Vatican Council, with Christian Initiation normally taking place at the Easter Vigil. This follows an ancient practice of the Church where new members receive all three sacraments at the same liturgy. This practice is still followed both in the Orthodox Churches and in the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches.

The major symbol of the *Rite of Acceptance* is the Cross. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes,

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4).

Those to be baptized are signed with the cross to symbolize the Christian life and journey they are embracing; those who are already baptized are signed with the cross to remind them of the commitment already made at baptism.

It is also important to note that these rites take place in the midst of the assembly during the Sunday liturgy. The Introduction for the RCIA states that, "The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful." (RCIA, 4). The underlying premise is that people are initiated into a community by living in a community, i.e., a person learns how to live the Christian life by living among Christians.

As we move towards Easter we will celebrate additional rites with the catechumens and candidates. These, too, will take place during the Sunday liturgy.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

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: _____

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