



BAPTISM

If you are a parent who has a child to be baptized, have been asked to be a godparent or wish receive the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, please see Fr.

Mike Kwiecien to discuss the necessary preparation.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The word *liturgy* comes from a Greek word meaning "the Work of the People." Liturgy is done by the entire worshipping community - sometimes acting together, sometimes with different members acting in particular roles.

All parish members are invited to become Liturgical Ministers. There are many ways to serve:

- **Ministry of the Eucharist** (We are in particular need of Bread & Cup Ministers)
- **Ministry of the Word**
- **Ministry of Hospitality** (Greeters & Ushers)

The Archdiocese will be offering training at St. Elizabeth Church on Nov. 15 & 22. Both days are required. This training is NOT required for those currently serving as ministers, but you can attend if you would like a "refresher". The parish will pay the registration fee for those who wish to attend. A flyer and informational brochure are on the bulletin boards.

Please let us know if you would like to join this important Parish Ministry.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Wednesday, October 15 is the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we invite you to attend a Special Mass in her honor at 6:15pm.



In Observance of Columbus Day, the Parish Office Will Be Closed Monday, October 13

Sonny & Carmen Castro send much thanks to everyone for their prayers for their son, Peter. He has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home!

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — September

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$2,543
Building & Maintenance	\$1,321
Carmelite Seminary	\$1,094
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$1,191
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,141

WEEKEND COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28
\$1,282

THANK YOU!

HOPE UNCORKED

Catholic Charities invites you to attend a benefit for their Child & Youth Services on Saturday, November 1st. They are also hoping for volunteers and/or donations of goods & services. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

OCTOBER 12, 2014
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, Oct 12 - Faith Formation,
9:00am, Parish Hall
 Mon, Oct 13 - OFFICE CLOSED
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tues, Oct 14 - SVdP Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 - Pastoral Council, 7pm, Avila
 Wed, Oct 15 - Mass, 6:15pm
 Sat, Oct 18 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Oct 19 - Faith Formation
 9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, October 11

4:15pm + Katherine M. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 12

8:30am Jordan Sample (Spec. Int.)
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone
The People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 14

8:30am + John F. & Gertrude Lech

Friday, October 17

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, October 18

4:15pm + Frances & Bill Perac
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 19

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Frances Mahoney

SECOND COLLECTION

October 11 & 12

There will be no second collection this week.

October 18 & 19

Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week October 17 & 18

4:15 PM

Lector: A. Rose
 Bread: B. Noelke
 Cup: J. Burns
 Hosp: R. Jones

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
 2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
 1 Bread: G. McGrath
 2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
 3 Bread: A. Schelstrate

8:30 AM

Lector: J. Propster
 Bread: Volunteer
 Cup: J. Marasco
 Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen
 2 Cup: R. Labuguen
 Hosp: K. Varandas
 B. Cassidy
 L. Mastrangelo

EATING, BANQUETS, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Through hearsay or word of mouth, many of us are at least tacitly familiar with the phenomenon known as the "near death" or "life after life" experience. Usually, this involves a clinical experience of death – a person goes into cardiac arrest during surgery, for example – whereupon he or she is resuscitated through the intervention of medical personnel. Sometimes, the person describes memories of the experience, memories which often involve the movement towards a light at the end of a dark tunnel. When the person reaches the light, he or she discovers that a party or banquet is in progress, and among the guests present are deceased friends, loved ones, and family. Suddenly, as the person is being resuscitated, he or she is drawn back through the tunnel, and is brought back to this life and to this world.

I don't know whether such experiences are valid, but I would like to make two observations about them. First, it appears that this type of experience is *cross cultural*: it makes no difference whether a person is a believer or non-believer, a Christian or non-Christian, or a member of an Eastern or Western Culture; the experience transcends religious and cultural boundaries. Second, it seems that the *pattern* of the experience (tunnel-light-loved ones) is the same no matter what the religious tradition or culture. For the purpose of this week's column, what is of interest to me is the image of *banquet* that is common to so many of these life-after-life experiences.

I think that it's no coincidence that, in the Scriptures, the banquet always signifies the Kingdom of God (heaven). This week's readings provide excellent examples of this. The Old Testament reading from Isaiah describes God's Holy mountain where one finds a "feast of rich food and choice wines," and in the Gospel we hear a parable about a king who gives a wedding banquet for his son. When the invited guests refuse to attend, the king sends forth his servants to round up everyone they meet, bad as well as good, to fill the wedding hall. In both readings, it is all too obvious that neither Isaiah nor Matthew are describing earthly banquets; rather, they are alluding to the future banquet that will take place in the Kingdom of God.

If we narrow our focus to the New Testament, we find story upon story about *eating*. For example: Jesus feeds the masses with a few loaves and fish; Jesus has dinner in the houses of tax collectors and sinners; Jesus celebrates the Passover (Last Supper) with the disciples; and, in two post-Resurrection stories, he shares a meal with two disciples on the Road to Emmaus and later cooks a shore breakfast for the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Given the number of times in the Gospels that Jesus eats with people, it should come as no surprise that the central activity of Christian worship (i.e., Eucharist) follows the meal pattern. Simply put, Christian worship involves gathering the people, telling the story, and breaking the bread. And if we are tuned in to the connection between eating, Eucharist, and the presence of God, it only enriches our understanding of the Scriptures. Why? Because whenever we read about people eating, we will see God's presence; we will recognize God "in the breaking of the bread."

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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 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list