

BAPTISM



If you are a parent who has a child to be baptized **OR** if you have been asked to be a godparent and need "preparation", please see Fr. Mike Kwiecien.



CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!!

If you have not yet registered your child/ren for classes, please contact Anarose Schelstrate to make arrangements to enroll in one of our programs.

A videographer recently took some amazing "flyover" video of our church and the surrounding neighborhood. You can access this footage at:

<http://youtu.be/TAoxhA55awl>

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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. It is encouraged that anyone desiring to become either an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector sign-up for this training. There is a flyer and informational brochure on each of the bulletin boards.

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.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014
TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

SANDWICH TUESDAY



The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesday, September 23 following the 8:30am Mass to make over 200 sandwiches for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

UPDATE ANNUAL FALL CANNED FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY YES WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL!



Our current count is **656 CANS** for our **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**. Our **GOAL** is **1000 CANS** to replenish our limited supplies. **We are over 1/2 way there!!**

Two more weekends to go. We are asking that you bring **CANNED SOUPS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH**. Baskets will be available on the altar, in the Vestibule and in the Hall.

Sign-up sheets for our Informational Evening Meeting to learn how you can volunteer to be a Vincentian are in the back of the church. Date to be determined soon.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Sep 21 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall
- Mon, Sep 22 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tues, Sep 23 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Sammon
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
- Sat, Sep 27 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
- Sun, Sep 28 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, September 20

4:15pm The Canonization of Frederic Ozanam
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 21

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Angela Castellano

Tuesday, September 23

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, September 26

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
10:00am + Edward & Laura Markey

SECOND COLLECTION

September 20 & 21

The second collection this week benefits the Priests' Retirement Fund. The Archdiocese is blessed to have hundreds of priests who dedicated, in some cases, as many as 50+ years of their lives to ministering us. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service, for which we are grateful.

September 27 & 28

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

September 13 & 14

\$938

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 27 & 28

4:15 PM

Lector: R. O'Connor
Bread: E. Perea
Cup: B. Noelke
Hosp: R. DeTagle

10:00 AM

1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
2 Bread: D. Tejada
3 Bread: M. Schelstrate

8:30 AM

Lector: E. Dunn
Bread: Volunteer
Cup: L. Foss
Hosp: J. Propster

1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: S. Miller
Hosp: K. Varandas

B. Cassidy
L. Mastrangelo

THE TROUBLING PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

"God created man in his own image. And man, being a gentleman, returned the favor."
– Source Unknown

I begin this week's column with the above quotation – often attributed to Mark Twain, George Bernard Shaw, or Jean-Jacques Rousseau – because I believe it holds the key to unlocking this week's parable. We'll come back to the quote in a minute . . . but first, the parable.

After 34 years of preaching I've come to realize that, for the people in the pews, today's gospel contains the most offensive parable in the entire New Testament. That's not to say that other parables don't upset people. Some become irate over the forgiving father's acceptance of his Prodigal Son, while others are perplexed by the Good Samaritan's compassion on the road to Jericho. But whenever this parable appears (once every three years), the almost universal cry from the assembly is that the behavior of the owner of the vineyard is, well, so unfair! How dare he pay those who worked only an hour the same wage as those who have toiled since sunrise!

Ultimately, this is a parable about God, specifically, about God's generosity. If God wants to pay workers the same amount regardless of how long they worked, why is that a problem? After all, it's God's money! And if God wants to admit the poor, the sick, and the lame to the banquet, that's God's prerogative! After all: it's God's party, and God can allow in anyone he so chooses. For us mere mortals, we find this unsettling. Why? Because we think it's so unfair! Our problem with the parable is that we are looking at the situation through our eyes when we need to look at the situation through God's eyes.

Scripture teaches us that we are made in God's image, after his likeness. We learn this in the story of creation:

"God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

Unfortunately, we often make the erroneous assumption that because human beings are mirrors of God's image, God is also a mirror of *our* image. We run into a problem when we assume that God thinks and acts like us. Hence the ironic relevance of our opening quote from the "Source Unknown".

In the Scriptures, God periodically reminds us of how different he is from us. In today's first reading, God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, tells us that:

" . . . my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." (Is 55:8-9)

And – if we look back to the Gospel which we read two weeks ago – we recall that Jesus reprimanded Peter with similar words: *"Get behind me You are thinking not as God does but as human beings do."* (Mt 16:23)

To make sense out of today's parable we have to change our perspective. Instead of looking at it through human eyes, we have to look at it through the eyes of God.

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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