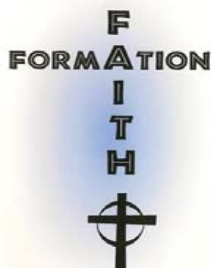


CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!!



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.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW NEWS

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

Thanks to the generosity of a number of donors we have been able to take advantage of the discount we were offered for two of our windows. There is still time to contribute!

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

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for information about upcoming events throughout the Archdiocese.

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

WOULD YOU TAKE A MOMENT . . .

to write a review of St. Teresa's on Yelp? Recently a few people have come up to us and let us know that one of the reasons they came here was due to the good reviews we have on Yelp. Unfortunately, those reviews are 4-5 years old.

Thank you to those who took the time to write some wonderful things about St. Teresa Parish. It would be great if we can get a few more reviews!

Remember to **LIKE US** on Facebook!!



Paper copies of the Parish Survey will be available for completion at all Masses this and next weekend. If you have not been able to access the on-line survey, please take a few minutes to complete a paper copy. It can be placed in the collection basket, given to parish staff or mailed back to the Parish Office.

If you prefer to complete the survey on-line, you may access it through our Facebook page:

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2013
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.*

Parish Calendar

Sun, Sep 22 - Faith Formation & Good Shepherd programs, 9:00am
Mon, Sep 23 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Sep 24 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Sammon
- Ministry of Consolation 1:30pm, Priory
Sat, Sep 28 - AA Meeting 7:00pm, Sammon
Sun, Sep 29 - Faith Formation & Good Shepherd programs, 9:00am

WEEKEND COLLECTION September 14 & 15 \$1,289

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, Sep 21

4:15pm + Anita Sorokolit
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Sep 22

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

Tuesday, Sep 24

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

Friday, Sep 27

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, Sep 28

4:15pm + Bernice Goergen
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Sep 29

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
10:00am The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

September 21 & 22

There is no second collection this week.

September 28 & 29

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

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)

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

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 28 & 29

<u>4:15</u>		<u>10:00 AM</u>
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector: J. Alber
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup:	J. Burns	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread: M. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: D. Tejada
<u>8:30 AM</u>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	E. Dunn	2 Cup: C. Arett
Bread:	Volunteer	Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup:	R. Kingman	B. Cassidy
Hosp:	T. Lando	

PARABLES REVISITED

This year our Sunday readings are taken from the C-cycle, focusing primarily on the Gospel of Luke. Much of Luke's material is framed by eleven "meal stories," but we also are exposed to a number of parables. Last year I wrote a column about parables, and I would like to revisit the subject this year, especially as it pertains to the Gospel readings of the past several weekends.

When it comes to parables, most people make the mistake of assuming that a parable is the same thing as a fable. A fable is a western literary form; it is a story with a moral, like the tortoise and the hare. In this particular story, the two creatures square off for a race, and the hare – being faster – bolts ahead, then rests, while the tortoise maintains a constant pace. Towards the end of the race the hare rests, falls asleep, and is passed by the tortoise, who then wins the contest. The moral of the story: slow and steady wins the race.

In a fable we recognize this pattern: it is a story that concludes with a moral lesson. All too often we make the erroneous assumption that the parables of Jesus are like fables. The truth is that parables are actually quite different. Unlike a fable, a parable is a middle-eastern literary form, and instead of being a story with a moral it is a story with a *twist*. In a parable there is a surprise or twist – an unexpected turn of events – that often produces shock or disbelief. When Jesus told parables his audience was surprised and often shocked by these "twists", and it is precisely this aspect of parables that makes the hearer perk up his ears and become engaged with the narrative.

Over the past several Sundays we've encountered several Lucan parables. Last Sunday featured three in a row – the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son. All three involved something that was "lost" and then "found", and the initial theological interpretation is that there is much rejoicing in heaven when sinners (be they lost sheep or prodigal children) repent and find their way back to God.

However, the twist or surprise in these parables is that they are more about the compassion of God than they are about the conversion of sinners. In the first parable, that of the lost sheep, the "twist" is that no shepherd would *ever* leave the flock unattended to search for one that is lost. Left unattended, the flock would wander off, and instead of one lost sheep the shepherd would face the problem of a lost flock! No shepherd would ever abandon the flock in search on one lost sheep; yet this is precisely what God would do and how God would act.

God's unorthodox behavior can also be found in the parable of the Prodigal Son, where *both* sons are shocked by the father's actions. The hearers of this parable expected that the father would exalt the elder son and shame the younger; much to their surprise, they learn that the father loves them both, albeit differently. As human beings we often make that assumption that God acts like one of us; parables surprise us when they show us that God acts like God

Each parable has a surprise, twist, or unexpected turn of events. This week's parable is about a devious employee. This sleazy character, on the verge of losing his job, cuts deals with his master's debtors, cheating his boss. Instead of being punished for his transgressions he is credited with being enterprising, a most unusual twist indeed! What does this mean and how does this parable apply to us? Well, that's the task facing the homilist this Sunday!

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.