

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 3, 2008

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain, and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him. And opening his mouth, he taught them, saying: *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted* MT 5:1-12a



<u>Mass Schedule</u>	<u>Sacraments</u>
<p>†††</p> <p>Daily Masses Monday-through Friday: 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Weekends Saturday: 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Holy Day Vigil: 7:30 p.m. Holy Day Masses: 8:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon (except if a Saturday)</p>	<p>Baptisms and Confirmation: Please contact the Parish office at 245-2458 for more information.</p> <p>Marriage: Call the office at least six (6) months prior to intended date.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick: Available after all Masses.</p> <p>Vocations: Call the office for more information and guidance.</p> <p>Confessions: 3:00-3:45 p.m. on Saturday or contact the office for appointment.</p> <p>Sick Call & for Funerals 245-2458 or 235-4506</p>

Tridentine (Latin) Mass: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 6 PM - Queen of Peace



St. Theresa Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. David Vivero

Retired Assoc: Fr. George Koerber

Deacon: Normand LaFleur

(Contact Deacon LaFleur regarding Annulments)

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Feb. 5—Feast of the HOLY FACE

and **Shrove Tuesday** - (Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras) is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Since Lent is a time of abstinence, *originally* of meat AND fat, eggs and dairy products, Shrove Tuesday's menu was designed to use up all the fat, eggs and dairy products left in the kitchen and storeroom. It is also a 'feast' to prepare for the time of 'famine' in the desert. In some cultures, it is traditional to eat as much as possible on Shrove Tuesday, sometimes up to 12 times a day!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



WE ARE COMMUNITY FOUNDED BY CHRIST HIMSELF, EMPOWERED BY HIS GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST. WE ARE COMMITTED TO GROW IN FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE TO ALL.

PARISH MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL FORMATION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)
Fred @ 861-4397

Holy Hour/Adoration Assistants: Fred @ 861-4397

Altar Servers: Julie @ 245-5300 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Lectors: Kay @ 245-9098

Ushers: Kay @ 245-9098 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Choir: Kay @ 245-9098

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Discussion Group: Joan @ 307-7905

Bible Study: Lois @ 245-2255

Catechists: Julie @ 245-5300

R.C.I.A.: Julie @ 245-5300 or Gloria @ 347-6149

Youth Ministry: Julie @ 245-5300

PASTORAL/ OUTREACH

Ministers to the Sick (MTS): Donna @ 687-1070

HIV/Aids: Jim @ 347-2172

Bereavement: Mary @ 751-1758

Prison Ministry: Fred & Arlene @ 347-6708

Respect Life: Jim @ 347-2172

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

Knights of Columbus: Ron @ 288-2901

Knights' Columbiettes: Karen @ 245-7689

Ladies Guild: Karen @ 245-7689

Legion of Mary: Fred @ 861-4397

Ultreya: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

BULLETIN NOTICES and WEBSITE INFORMATION

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Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 20088:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**4:00 pm **Ed Barry (+)** by Helen Kirkham**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist5:30 pm **Spec. Intention of Elaine Breedeby** by Family**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008**7:30 am **Pauline Couture (+)** by Fred & Penn Herbert9:00 am **Gregory Cassidy (+)** by Ralph & Harriet Scicchitano**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Ann Slowick (+)** by Florence Kurgan11:30 am **Well-Being of Parish Family****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008**8:30 am **Albert & Marguerite Lafontaine (+)** by M/M John LaPalme**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Pasquale Borda (+)** by K of C Council #8012**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008**8:30 am **Chester Cetlinski (+)** by Barbara Cetlinski**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Holy Souls in Purgatory (+)** by Pat & George Ezzo**Spec. Intention of Diane Darnell** by Pat & George Ezzo**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008**8:30 am **Jack Boerstler** by Fred & Penn Herbert12:00 Noon **Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist7:30 pm **Henry & Peggy Michaels** by Fred & Penn Herbert**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008**8:30 am **Ben Slowick (+)** by Florence Kurgan**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Ed Barry (+)** by Tootie & Tom Stines**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008**8:30 am **Elizabeth Callahan (+)** by Mary Callahan**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Holy Souls in Purgatory** by Pat & George Ezzo**Spec. Intention of Brittani Lindsey** by Pat & George Ezzo**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008**8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**4:00 pm **Well-Being of Parish Family**5:30 pm **Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Antonio LaManna (+)** by Marilyn LaManna**Beth Ann Carr (+)** by Rose Altieri**John Eul (+)** by Marian Eul**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008**7:30 am **Fr. Walter Franczek (+)** by Fred & Penn Herbert9:00 am **Margaret Wong (+)** by Maria Buttero**Spec. Intention of Thurza E. Dionne** by Wendy Usrey11:30 am **Barney Guzzo (+)** by Anna DiStefano**Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Ed Barry (+)** by Karen French**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2008**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”— *Matthew 5:3***THE CHOSEN REMNANT**

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a “remnant” in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' “Great Sermon.” As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen “remnant.”

TODAY'S READINGS

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First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the LORD will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalms — Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught the crowds from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the custom of the stationary liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stationary church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.



The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week.

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Carnival Sunday; Boy Scout Sunday; World Day for Consecrated Life
- Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday; the Holy Face; St. Agatha
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
- Thursday: Chinese New Year 4706
- Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Abstinence

**Prayer In Honor of St. Blaise
Feast Day, Feb. 3**

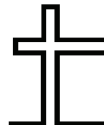
O GOD, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most Holy Name. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



Mass Celebrants for FEBRUARY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Fr. David 5:30 p.m. - Fr. George
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Fr. Shine 9:00 a.m. - Fr. David
 11:30 a.m. - Fr. David

Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.- Fr. George
 Tues./Thurs./Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - Fr. David



Sacrificial Giving

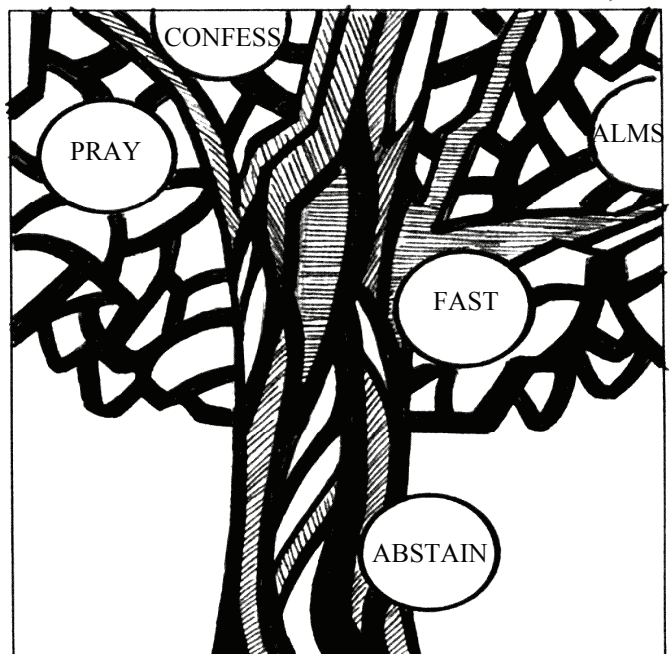
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January 19/20, 2008	\$ 7,661.00
Project Growth	\$ 1,499.00
January 26/27, 2008	\$ 8,758.68
Project Growth	\$ 1,680.00



Thank you for your generous response to *Our Catholic Appeal*, 2008. In the first two weeks, 226 families, representing about 20% of our parishioner families, have pledged a total of \$38,862 toward our goal of \$62,883.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

THE 2007-2008 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Registration is an ongoing process. There are Religious Education registration forms in the vestibule of the church. REMINDER: FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD REGISTERED.



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This is an ongoing process for:

- Catechumens-Non-Baptized persons wishing to join or merely learn about the Catholic Church.
- Converts – Baptized Protestants who wish to join or merely learn about the Catholic Church.
- Catholics seeking Confirmation.
- Catholics seeking Faith Enrichment.

If you or someone you know is interested in more information regarding RCIA: Call the Office 245-5300.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION- “The Oil of Salvation” The fourth session on Confirmation will be on Thursday, February 7, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Quad. All are welcome to come to all or some of the six sessions.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - AFTER MASSES

THIS WEEKEND! Thank you for helping St. Theresa’s youth participate for the second year in the National Souper Bowl of Caring event. The Souper Bowl of caring is the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. This unique, youth-led movement of caring is transforming the nation’s biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving. www.souperbowl.org. Look for the youth with the soup pots on Super Bowl weekend Feb. 2nd & 3rd. The youth will be collecting dollars after all Masses which will be donated to St. Theresa’s soup kitchen. GO TEAM! “Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.” Proverbs 14:31

CATECHIST MEETING – Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008; 6:00 -7:15PM in the Quad.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Religious Education classes will present a living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, Feb. 10th, 2008, 10:15-11:15 AM in the Quad. All are welcome.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has kept me and my family in their prayers. I appreciate your prayers & condolences during the past year. It was hard losing my grandmother, but it was nice to know I had friends who cared so much. You were truly comforting in your support of my family.

David Pistarelli, Jr.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM - Feb. 8, 2:00 pm in the Quad.

ULTREYA MEETING: Feb. 8, 9:00 am in the Quad.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Thurs., Feb. 7, 1-2:30 PM, Rm. 8. Study Question: Name a sinful attitude or behavior from which you want to be freed during this Lenten season.



ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Sunday, February 10 at the 11:30 Mass

Any couples married 25-30-35-40-45-50 years or more are invited to come to celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Luncheon by Ladies Guild to follow in Parish Hall.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! LENTEN FISH FRYS will begin on Friday, February 8 and will continue every Friday during Lent from 4:00 -7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00.



THURS. NIGHT BINGO - begins Feb.7; Games 5-10 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUNDAY, FEB. 3 - Monthly Fundraiser Breakfast

8:00 - 11:00 AM

\$5.00 Donation for the

BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN!

Bacon/Sausage/Scrambled Eggs/Home Fries Pancakes/Coffee/Tea/Orange Juice

K of C Hall, Hwy. 301, south of St. Theresa Church



Valentine Dinner Dance



Feb. 16 7:00-10:30 pm

Fundraiser Benefit For Charity Raffles * Fun to be had by all DONATION \$15.each

SACRED HEART COLUMBIETTES #8012 Karen @ 245-7689

Dinner at 7:00 followed by dancing; music by Paul Luciana; B.Y.O.B.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Hall - S.E. Hwy. 301

About ASH WEDNESDAY

The imposition of ashes reminds us, despite our social status, that we are all mere mortals and our physical bodies will perish one day. Today we may be alive with great power, wealth, beauty and strength but one day our bodies will be reduced to dust. Reflecting on those words of the priest makes one realize that greed for material comforts is indeed foolish. In fact, it is far more important to cultivate the love of Christ that is within each and every one of us, which will bring everlasting rewards from God. On Ash Wednesday, as we leave our jobs to fast, abstain and receive the ashes without fail, will the significance of the act really touch us in the way it should? How many of us don't really understand what the priest is saying or doing? Do we receive the ashes just because it is what Catholics DO on Ash Wednesday? Sadly, in the fast moving world of today, we sometimes participate in many things through habit, without considering the reasons or meanings of our actions. Likewise, a real concern that has gripped society today is that we must join in the race that is determined by greed, selfishness, hate and lust, because it is just "what people do." As Christians, can we say "NO" to blind habitual behaviors and follow that which is set by Christ?

Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return.

Genesis 3:19

“A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem”

PARISH MISSION
 Saturday, Feb. 16—Wednesday, Feb. 20
 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation Service:
 Tuesday, Feb. 19—7:30 pm.

Fr. Melvin A. Shorter, CP
 A Passionist Priest



Holy Mass and Imposition of Ashes
8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon
7:30 p.m.

From Ashes to the Font

The call to continuing conversion reflected in the Ash Wednesday readings is also the message of the ashes. We move through Lent from ashes to the baptismal font. We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the waters of the font. More profoundly, we embrace the need to die to sin and selfishness at the beginning of Lent so that we can come to fuller life in the Risen One at Easter.

When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion ("Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel"). We remember that we are members of the Body of Christ (and that smudge on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too).

Renewing our sense of who we really are before God is the core of the Lenten experience. It is so easy to forget, and thus we fall into habits of sin, ways of thinking and living that are contrary to God's will. In this we are like the Ninevites in the story of Jonah. It was "their wickedness" that caused God to send Jonah to preach to them. Jonah resisted that mission and found himself in deep water. Rescued by a large fish, Jonah finally did God's bidding and began to preach in Nineveh. His preaching obviously fell on open ears and hearts, for in one day he prompted the conversion of the whole city.

From the very beginning of Lent, God's word calls us to conversion. If we open our ears and hearts to that word, we will be like the Ninevites not only in their sinfulness but also in their conversion to the Lord. That, simply put, is the point of Ash Wednesday!



Every Friday throughout Lent beginning February 8, 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. George Paulie Lozano Leo Dubuc Tony Weis
 Roland Vonisinski Tom Mascaro Anne Teti
 Richard Gustafson Nancy Armitage Ruth Stanley
 Joe Latona Margaret Blair Theresa Olive
 Andrew Caudill Bob & Marge Wilson Joyce Landry

Pray for . . .

the Sick of Our Parish

Father, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

FASTING, ABSTINENCE & ALMSGIVING

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. The three traditional disciplines are:

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

Almsgiving is undertaken in the spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or baptism renewal at Easter.