

Daily Mass Intentions

August 28, 2006– September 3, 2006

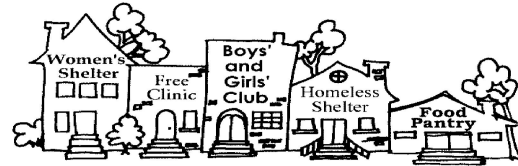


- Monday, August 28: 8:30am Mass**
All Parishioners
- Tuesday, August 29: 8:30am Mass**
For Peace
- Wednesday, Aug.30: 8:30am Mass**
+ Clair Seifert
- Thursday, Aug 31: 8:30am Mass**
All Parishioners
- Friday, Sept 1: 8:30am Mass**
Our Lady
- Saturday, Sept 2: 8:30am Mass**
For Sick & Homebound
- Saturday, Sept. 2: 5:00pm Mass**
+ Armondo de Leon
- Sunday, Sept. 3: 8:30am Mass**
Barbara Stefani
- Sunday, Sept. 3: 11:00am Mass**
All Parishioners
- Sunday, Sept. 3: 5:00pm Mass**
+ Loretta Fershin

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2006**

As for me and my household, we will
serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*



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KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the husband, Tevye, whose marriage was arranged years and years before, wants to know if his wife really loves him. Was their marriage just an arrangement, a deal? Did his wife, after all these years, ever love him? Does she still?

We need to know if our loving commitments stick. We need to be reminded and reaffirmed. In the first reading, Joshua, Moses' successor, needed to know if the people would remain faithful to their covenant with the Lord. Joshua was going to lead them to a new life—a settled life. Would they be faithful?

Jesus, who identified himself as the very life of his disciples' life, needed to know: Will you also go away or will you stay? We do not often see Jesus this vulnerable. Peter and the apostles chose to stay. What will we do?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — It was the LORD, our God, who protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

When in need of a priest for sick calls for St. Teresa of Avila parish please call our parish office or our new emergency phone number:

Parish Office: **530-889-2254**
(8:00am—4:00pm, Mon.—Fri.)

After 4:00pm and weekends: **530-401-0232**



3rd Week of August 2006:

\$8,643.35

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When Your Hut is Burning

I always enjoy the Church bulletins that our parishioners bring back from their travels. Also, thank you for the short stories and the clean jokes that you share with me. Writing the Pastor's notes each week has been a good discipline for me and I enjoy sharing parish updates and a story or two. My friend Betty shared the followed story with me.

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in the lives of believers, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time when your little hut is burning to the ground—it just may be a smoke signal that summons others to our side through the grace of God.

For all the negative things we say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: "It's impossible"
 God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"
 God says: I will give you rest (Matt 11:28-20)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"
 God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on"
 God says: My grace is sufficient (II Cor. 12:09, Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"
 God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-5)

You say: "I'm not able"
 God says: I am able (II Cor. 9:8)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"
 God says: I forgive you (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage"
 God says: I will supply all your needs (Phil 4:19)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"
 God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"
 God says: I give you wisdom (I Cor 1:30)

You say: "I feel alone"
 God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5)

**God Bless,
 Fr. Mike**

Parish Office News

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday Sept. 4, 2006 for Labor Day. We will re-open the Parish office on Tuesday.

New Parish Office Hours
 Monday Through Friday

**8:00am-11:30am
 12:30-4:00pm**



SCHOOL NEWS

Our parish school officially opened for this year on Monday, August 21, 2006. We were very excited to welcome our students back to school. Our first day began with Mass. Thank you to Fr. Carroll and Fr. Dare and to all of the parents who joined us for Mass.

Our Back To School Night is Thursday, August 31, 2006, 6:30 to 8:00pm.

We still have a position open in our After-School Extension Program. Anyone interested, please call Mr. Molnar at 885-4490 ext. 11.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice is moving! Effective, Thursday, August 31, 2006 choir practices will be held on Thursday evenings, 7:00pm at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Anyone interested in joining, please call Jean Sawyer at 885-2958.



Budget 2006-2007

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Operating Income/Expense

PARISH - Income

| | |
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| Offertory Collections | 450,000 |
| Sacramental Services | |
| Baptisms | 100 |
| Mass Intentions | 750 |
| Facility (Rental) Donations | 14,300 |
| Religious Articles & Books | 50 |
| Charitable Donations | |
| Other (Special Needs) | 15,000 |
| Religious Education | 17,620 |
| Parish Programs | |
| Hospitality | 3,800 |
| Vacation Bible School | 2,750 |
| Parish Fund Raising Events | |
| Sound System | 70,000 |
| Other Receipts | 2,000 |
| Designated Gifts | |

Total Operating Income: 576,370

PARISH - Expenses

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| Salaries & Wages | |
| Clergy Salaries | 39,485 |
| Lay Salaries | 193,142 |
| Payroll Taxes & Employee Benefits | 62,118 |
| Automotive (Insurance, Gas) | 16,580 |
| St. Teresa of Avila Church | |
| (Repairs, maintenance, utilities) | 45,200 |
| Other Buildings (Hall, Office, Rectory) | 76,710 |
| Property & Liability Insurance | 15,500 |
| Charitable Donations, | |
| Special needs | 2,750 |
| Religious Education & Other | 9,190 |
| Parish Programs (RCIA, Gifts) | 13,850 |
| Parish School Subsidy | 16,500 |
| Parish Fund Raising Events | |
| Sound system | 70,000 |
| Other Expenses Bank, Dues, | |
| Payroll processing, | |
| Seminars, Retreats | 5,470 |
| Diocesan Assessment | 78,000 |

Total Operating Expenses: 644,495

NET OPERATING INCOME: (68,125)

| Week At A Glance | | | |
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| August 27, 2006—September 3, 2006 | | | |
| MON. 08/28 | 3:00pm | School Volleyball | Parish Hall |
| TUES. 08/29 | 3:00pm | School Volleyball | Parish Hall |
| WED. 08/30 | 5:30pm | Bingo | Parish Hall |
| THURS. 08/31 | 3:00pm | School Volleyball | Parish Hall |
| | 6:30pm | Back To School Night | Parish Hall |
| | 7:30pm | RCIA classes | Chapel |
| FRI. 09/01 | 12:00pm | School Volleyball | Parish Hall |



RUMMAGE SALE
September 8th & 9th, 2006

St. Teresa of Avila Parish will be having their 1st Annual Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, September 8th & 9th, 2006 in the parish hall. Be ready to donate clean, in good condition and working items. So mark your calendar's now! We are hoping that this rummage sale will be the beginning of many more.

If your interested in helping or have items to donate, please call the parish office at 889-2254 ext. 10. Our goal is to raise money for a new sound system for St. Teresa's Church.

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| GIGGLE: | Teacher: | "John, who was unhappy at the return of the prodigal Son?" |
| | John: | "The Fatted Calf" |



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