

Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

God is so good to us here at St. Theresa – and so are our generous parishioners!

Recently, we have been given the ability to acquire two significant gifts... all due to the thoughtfulness of parishioners and their willingness to “share their bounty” with our faith community.

The first gift is one that you will see and hear in just a couple of weeks. It’s a new Steinway Concert Grand Piano, gifted to us by a parishioner in memory of his late wife, daughter and good friend. This is truly an extraordinary and wonderful way to memorialize those who have gone before us in death, as music is in many ways a “living thing.” This beautiful grand piano will enable our parishioners and visitors to give praise and glory to God in music and song for many, many years to come (not a few Steinways over a hundred years old are still in service). We expect the Steinway to be delivered to the church sanctuary the week of February 9th – the current Kimball sanctuary piano will be given to the music program of St. Theresa Catholic School.

A second parishioner has pledged substantial underwriting for another gift that will help us “spread the good news” of St. Theresa Parish and School. Plans are currently underway to replace the Thomas Road “school sign” at west entrance of the north parking lot with a new monument sign featuring an electronic, LED message board. Just last week, the proposal for this state-of-the-art sign (of the type seen on many school campuses) was approved by the City of Phoenix and our sign permit was granted; hopefully you will see some construction activity at the site of the current school sign in the very near future.

These two extraordinary gifts were (obviously) not part of our parish budget and would have not have been possible for us to acquire at this time were it not for the generosity of these two families of our parish. May God bless them, and all of our parishioners who give of themselves so willingly to support the ministries of St. Theresa Parish and School!

With love and prayers,



Rev. Charles G. Kieffer, V.F.
Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

Anointing Of The Sick Will Be Celebrated Saturday, February 7th At The 8AM Mass In The Church

This sacrament is for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. Sign in *before* Mass if you wish to be anointed and state the nature of your illness. It is then recorded in the church records that the reception of the Sacrament has taken place.

- ♦ *This sacrament may be repeated if an illness recurs or a person's condition becomes more serious.*
- ♦ *Anointing may take place before surgery when the reason is due to a serious illness.*
- ♦ *The elderly may be anointed if they become notably weakened, even if no illness is present.*
- ♦ *Mental illnesses are also cause to be anointed.*

The Next Training Session To Become An Extraordinary Minister Of Holy Communion... will be held on Thursday, February 5th at 6:30PM in the Church. The training lasts for approximately 2 hours. Please let Jim Sage know if you would like to attend by calling 602-840-0850 ext. 121 or emailing jsage@diocesephoenix.org.

If You Are Interested In Serving In A Liturgical Ministry Here At St. Theresa Parish, including becoming a Lector, a Minister of Holy Communion, or an Altar Server, please contact Jim Sage, via email: jsage@diocesephoenix.org or by phone: 602-840-0850, ext. 121. Training sessions will be scheduled depending on interest. We are in need of volunteers for all of these Ministries, serving at all Masses. Please note that even if you have served in these ministries at other parishes, you are still asked to go through our orientation, make sure your *Called to Protect* obligation is current, and be certified with the Diocese of Phoenix through St. Theresa Parish.



Choirs Sing At 9AM, 11AM & 6PM Masses Weekly All Groups Are Looking For Members

lease consider joining this ministry which strives to call us to God and lead us in prayerful song. Rehearsal for 9AM & 11AM is held on Wednesdays at 6PM; the 6PM choir rehearses before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

PARISH NEWS

St. Theresa Parish Presents: Preparing For Death & Dying – or “Death in the Family...Ready or Not” Monday, February 9, 2009 – 7:00PM

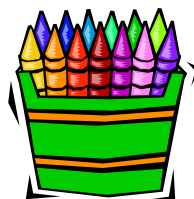
Mark your calendars now and plan on spending a very interesting and informative evening gathering some planning tools and hearing from several experts on:

- *basic estate planning tools including wills & power of attorney documents.
- *the Church's position on cremation and end-of-life choices (life support).
- *funeral home arrangements and decisions.
- *parish support in helping plan the funeral Mass, a reception and more.

Parishioner Address Changes: If you have had an address change within the past year, please call the Parish Office at 602.840-0850 and ask Carrie to update your record. The Parish 2008 annual donation letters for tax purposes will be mailed to Parish families by the end of January and we appreciate your help in cutting postage costs for returned mail. Thank you.

Requesting Certificates, Letters, Etc. From The Parish Office The Parish Office asks that requests for copies of Sacramental Certificates, or any letters/forms that would need to be processed, be given a minimum of 5 business days to be completed. All requests will be processed within 10 business days on a first come/first serve basis. If you have questions, contact the Parish Secretary, Carrie Vinesky, in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.

The New United States Catholic Catechism For Adults is available for purchase at a discounted price of \$22 in the Parish Office. This edition of the Catholic Catechism specifically addresses current US culture in light of Catholic church teaching.



Club Crayola... is a parent run co-op open to all children 1-4 years of age during the 9 & 11AM Sunday morning Masses. All parents that use Club Crayola are required to take the annual *Called To Protect* training. Please contact Terez Barta @ 602-819-3016. If you are interested in using Club Crayola, please call Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850 or stop by Club Crayola on Sunday morning to speak with Anne Aubuchon, Club Crayola Coordinator.



Got Paper? Paper recycling is now offered at St. Theresa. We have a green and yellow Paper Retriever bin located at the southeast corner of the McMahon Center Gym. Proceeds go to support Student Council-sponsored activities of St. Theresa School. **PLEASE, paper only... no shredded paper, cans, glass or trash.** Thanks for helping keep our community "green!"

Don't Forget To Wear Your Uniform On Scout Sunday, February 8th At The 9AM Mass Both the Boy, Girl and Venture Scouts of St. Theresa Parish - past and present are invited to wear their uniforms during Mass to celebrate the gifts of scouting, and in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings we've received. Please join us for this special morning. Congratulations to the following Wolf Scouts who earned their religious emblem, "Light of Christ:" Louis Padilla, Tim Keating, Nicky Talone, Jarrett VanArsdall, AJ Tucker and Sebastian Diaz. Congratulations to the Webelo Scouts who earned their religious emblem, "Parvuli Dei:" Peyton Skinner, Justin Skinner, Sam Goodman, JD VanArsdall, Augustine Diaz and David Manzo. A special thank you to Deacon Colin Campbell for his guidance and prayers.

PASTORAL CARE

Called To Serve? We are still looking for the following helpers in the Pastoral Care Ministry. The Pastoral Care Ministry has so many sick and homebound that need a minister to bring them communion once a week. Bobbie is also looking for some one who would like to facilitate a Cancer Support Ministry and work with the program set in place at OLPH. This would require a person who has had extensive experience with those suffering from cancer. If you could help with either one of these ministries, contact Bobbie Stich @ 602-586-7429.

**Pastoral Care Morning Retreat:
"Getting Through Grief with Gratitude"
Facilitator: John Chuchman, Author of
"Growth through Loss and Love"**

Saturday, February 14th From 8:30AM to 12:30PM
John says, "What we do in the time of our greatest trial can be our greatest triumph." Brian Epkey said after attending one of John's workshops, "The words of John Chuchman break through the fog from confusion of life, like a beacon of light offering clarity and insight to our lives. John is a truly gifted author and speaker whose words bless the ears of all who hear him." Continental breakfast @ 8:30AM, followed by presentation, and then a lovely lunch with time to share. RSVP to 602-586-7429 by Tuesday February 10th.



**Prayers For Our
Service Men & Women
And For World Peace**

Many young men and women are entering into serving our country so we can have the freedoms that we take for granted. At the same time, we have many young men and women returning home after serving in the war with emotional and physical problems. If you were related to one of these fine persons, would you not deeply appreciate having people pray for them? It is a gift with no card, between you and God, and He hears our prayers. Please come! Join us every Thursday from 6-7PM in the Convent Chapel.

**Adoration Every Thursday From 9AM-9PM
In The Convent Chapel**

"If people spent one hour per week in Eucharistic Adoration, abortion would be ended." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Next Alzheimer Support Group Meeting... will be held on Tuesday, February 24th from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. Care giving for those with Memory Loss is a challenge and often physically and mentally draining. The Arizona Alzheimer Center come to us with a wealth of knowledge to answer and give us direction when we feel overwhelmed. For further information please call Bobbie Stich @ 602-586-7429.



**Attention
All Seniors & Winter Visitors!**

**Valentine Senior Luncheon
Wednesday, February 4th
Registration 11:30AM/Lunch 12PM
Cost \$7.50 Per Person**

Our Valentine Luncheon will be returning after a wonderful Christmas holiday. The 'Kitchen Angels' are ready to cook up another one of their delicious lunches for all of you. All you have to do is phone in that reservation! Please call Margie Hubbard @ 602-840-2715 as early as possible so you don't miss it! The RSVP deadline is THIS Sunday, February 1st.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leading The Way Ministry Tuesday, February 10th from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. The death of a loved one sometimes causes us to feel like we will never be the same again. Come join men and women who have experienced the death of their loved one and are now ready to join in social gatherings, and at the same time make themselves available for Random Acts of Kindness for our parish. You are just a phone call away to meeting people who have so much in common. Contact the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

FAITH FORMATION

Parents Of Third Grade Children Who Will Receive The Sacrament Of First Eucharist/Confirmation... Do You Need To Be Confirmed, Too? If you have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and can provide us with a copy of your baptismal certificate, you can be confirmed along with your child in May! We already have several parents registered. Please call Gina Keating for more information @ 602-840-0850.

For All Third Graders Who Will Receive The Sacraments Of Confirmation/First Eucharist - You Have Work To Do! You should be working diligently on your service project that demonstrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are: Wisdom; Knowledge; Judgment; Courage; Understanding; Piety; and Awe and Wonder. You will have an opportunity to share all your hard work. Blessings to you all!

Attention Faith Formation K-3rd Grade

February 1st - will meet in McMahon Center Gym at 10:30AM.

February 8th - will meet in Fr. Feeney Hall at 10:30AM.

February 15th - no Session

February 22nd - will meet in our regular meeting area (St. Theresa School classrooms).

Any questions please call Carmen Smith @ 602-840-0850 ext. 110. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Theresa Catholic School

Open House

THIS Sunday,

February 1st From 10AM-1PM

In The School Courtyard

Join us for our Annual Open House and meet our awesome Principal and Staff, tour the classrooms and learn about registration for the 09/10 school year. For more information go online at WWW.STCS.US.

Auction 2009 Night At The Oscars Is Approaching Fast! Saint Theresa Catholic School is holding its biggest fundraiser of the year on February 21, 2009. You can show your support by providing underwriting towards any of the expenses involved in putting on the auction! St. Theresa Catholic School is a 501-c3 non-profit organization and your donation can be tax-deductible! Thanks to your past generosity, we have been able to provide new materials, technology and programs for the school. Contact Betsy Ganz @ 602-808-9556 for details. The kids from STCS thank you!!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Hike For The Homeless! Want to help homeless individuals gain employment and have some outdoor fun at the same time? Sign up your team (or yourself) today for St. Joseph the Worker's 11th Annual Hike for the Homeless. The Hike will take place at Estrella Mountain Regional Park on Saturday, March 7th. Registration is \$25 (\$15 student rate) and includes trail options for all levels, a T-shirt and breakfast burrito. Sign up online @ www.hikeforthehomeless.org or call Blue @ 602-417-9854. With your help, St. Joseph the Worker is *Working to End Homelessness*.

EDGE

CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

All 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students Welcome!

February 11) Destination Heaven

February 25) Ash Wednesday Special

March 11) Don't Give Up

March 25) A Life Of Virtue

April 15) A Call To Authenticity

Meeting times are Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45PM

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!

February

1) Flag Football Game 1-3PM

Super Bowl Party 4-9PM

Weekly Activities

Mass:Sunday @ 6PM

LIFE Teen:Sunday After Mass

Open Life Room: Tuesdays, 5-7PM

Basketball: Tuesdays, 5-7PM

Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays, 7-9PM

Adoration: Thursday 7-9PM in Convent Chapel

www.godtalk.org



Mass Intentions

(FEBRUARY 2ND – FEBRUARY 8TH)



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

6:30AM +JOSEPH KRIMPLE-FR. VAN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

6:30AM +RICHARD J. DEWARD-FR. VAN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

6:30AM +HELEN BILLINGS-FR. VAN

8:30AM +MARY JEFFORDS-FR. FRANK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

6:30AM +JOAN MUCKENTHALER-FR. FRANK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

6:30AM +ELEANOR V. SANDHOWE-FR. VAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:00AM KITCHEN ANGELS, SPECIAL INT.-FR. VAN

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. FRANK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

7:30AM +ANGELENE G. TOCCO-FR. CHUCK

9:00AM +PAUL GETZ-FR. VAN

11:00AM+HERMENEGILDO S. RODRIQUEZ-FR. CHUCK

6:00PM +ELEANOR V. SANDHOWE-FR. VAN

Note: The Priest scheduled to celebrate Mass is subject to change.

The Week Ahead!



Sunday

9:00AM School Open House (School)

10:15AM RE (McMahon Gym)

10:20AM Scripture Study (Conference Rm)

10:30AM Family Formation (Feeney Hall)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

6:00PM Parent/Child Reconciliation Mtg. (Feeney Hall)

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

7:00PM Boy Scout Mtg. (PJP Rm)

Tuesday

8:15AM Great Adventure (Convent Upper Rm)

1:00PM Great Adventure (Convent Upper Rm)

5:00PM Bear Den Mtg. (PJP Rm)

Open LIFE Room/Basketball (LIFE Rm)

7:00PM Cub Scout Planning Mtg. (PJP Rm)

Great Adventure (Convent Upper Rm)

LIFE Teen Prayer Mtg. (LIFE Rm)

Quick Journey Through Bible (Feeney Hall)

Wednesday

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

11:30AM Senior Luncheon (Feeney Hall)

6:00PM Choir Practice (Church)

Initiation (Atrium)

6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM Adventures In Matthew (Convent Upper Rm)

Thursday

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)

6:30PM EMC Training (Church)

7:00PM Adventures In Revelations (Feeney Hall)

Baptism Class (Conference Rm)

Friday

Saturday

10:00AM Reconciliation Retreat (Church)

8:30PM AIAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

Readings Week of February 1, 2009

Sunday Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48; Mk 6:7-13

Friday Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39