

Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

Every so often, I like to remind members of our community with children in Catholic Schools what is required of them in order to receive a verification from St. Theresa Parish of “active, registered and participating” parishioner status. Many of you are aware that most of our Catholic elementary and high schools offer a preferential, discounted tuition rate as a “reward” or thanks for a family’s activity in their parish community.

Of course, in order to apply a standard with justice and fairness, it is important that there be empirical, verifiable data to signify that a particular family is “active, registered and participating.” Obviously the family (custodial parent/guardian) must be actually registered in the parish database. Simply “attending Mass at St. Theresa” is not sufficient. How, then, can we keep verifiable track of a family’s “activity and participation” in a community of our size (2700+ families)? Again, through our parish database we are able to determine whether a family is consistent with their financial support of the parish or in their volunteering in a particular parish ministry (e.g. pastoral care, liturgical or music ministries, or other parish-based volunteer opportunity). On the topic of financial support, there is no “minimum annual amount” that we look for – it’s not about money, it’s about consistency. In our published *Parish Verification Guidelines* for tuition discount purposes (available through our School Office), the minimum consistency we look for is defined as at least one contribution per month. Use of the parish envelope system or electronic giving (ParishPay) insures that the frequency of a family’s support is entered into the database.

It’s also important to remember that “active, registered and participating” status is based on the most recent calendar (tax) year. So, parishioners enrolling their students for the 2008-09 school year will have their qualification for tuition discount based on their activity in the parish in the calendar year 2007. Those who may have chosen not to be active and participating (according to our *Guidelines*) as parishioners in 2007 do not qualify for the “active, registered and participating” parishioner discount for the 08-09 school year. This situation can not be retroactively “fixed” as the 2007 tax year has passed (this is an IRS regulation).

Saint Theresa Parish happily affirms those families who make a commitment to be involved, engaged and supportive of our parish community... by offering them a break in their Catholic School tuition. At the same time we respect the choice that others have made... not to be active and participating. We encourage these latter families to reassess their level of participation, not only for the potential tuition benefit – but more importantly, for the spiritual benefit of their household.

For more information about the tuition rates at our Catholic Schools – and to learn about the various discounts, scholarships and other financial aid that a family may qualify for, you may contact the respective elementary or high school. Thank you for all that you do to support Catholic education!

In the peace of the Risen Christ,



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

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

Attention All Liturgical Ministers: the deadline for submitting unavailable dates for June & July is next Sunday, May 11th. Please email or call in your dates.

We Are Seeking Volunteers To Assist In The Activities Of Martha's Ministry, which maintains the altar linens and performs other light duties. Please help if you can, call Jim Sage @ 602-840-0850, ext. 121, or email: jsage@diocesephoenix.org.

Please Join Us For The Next Taize Service, Tuesday, May 13th at 7PM in the church.

Choirs Sing At The 9AM & 11AM and 6PM Masses Weekly And All Groups Are Looking For New Members



Please 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 choir for 6PM Mass rehearses before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

PARISH NEWS

“St. Theresa’s Own”

**Deacon Matt Lowry Will Be Ordained
A Priest Of The Diocese Of Phoenix
At 10AM On Saturday 7 June
At Ss. Simon And Jude Cathedral**



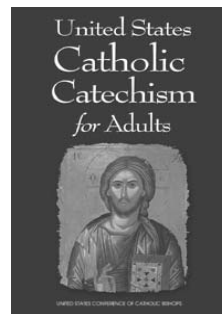
Fr. Matt will then celebrate the 6:00PM Sunday Liturgy here at St. Theresa on June 8th as his Mass of Thanksgiving

(during his time on our staff as Youth Minister, this is the Mass that was most frequently attended by Matt). A reception, open to the community, will follow Mass. A frequent question from parishioners is “what in the world can we give a new priest as a gift on the occasion of his Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving?” For those who would like assistance in answering this question, Matt has given us a “wish list” of items that would be helpful as he begins his priestly ministry. (It’s hard enough selecting a wedding gift for a friend... even more so an ordination gift!) If you would like to see the Ordination Wish List, please stop by the Parish Office and check with Carrie (or another receptionist) at the front desk.

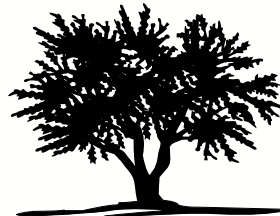
**The New United States
Catholic Catechism For Adults
(USCCA)**

Are 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.



**Attention: St. Theresa Parish & School Eighth Graders and your Parents!
Time to Apply for the St. Theresa Perpetual Fund Scholarships**



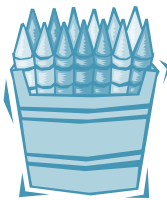
The St. Theresa Perpetual Fund Board has exciting news for graduating 8th graders who attend St. Theresa School or other St. Theresa Parish 8th graders who attend our Parish Jr. High Alive Program—you are eligible to apply for one of (2) scholarships of \$1,250 a year for four years toward a Catholic High School education beginning in Fall 2008. This amounts to a total scholarship award opportunity of \$5,000 per student over the four years of high school! Scholarship applications and the accompanying guidelines can be picked up in the Parish Office. The deadline for submitting application materials to the Parish Office is May 9 by 12noon. Please call Cheryl Lienau at (602) 359-0570 for more information.



A Night In Napa Wine Festival
Saturday, May 10th
Feeney Hall & Courtyard
After the 5PM Mass
Sponsored by
The Knights Of Columbus

Join us for five superb wine selections from Napa and other regions, assorted cheeses, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, live and silent auctions and entertainment. Cost is \$30 per person, \$50 for a couple. The funds from the Festival will go to various parish charities supported by the Knights of Columbus including St. Vincent de Paul, the Seminarians and the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Club Crayola... is a parent run co-op open to all children 1-4 years of age during the 9 & 11AM Sunday morning Masses. Club Crayola will be closed on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day). Also, Club Crayola hours will change from Sunday, June 1st through Sunday, August 31st. During these Summer dates, we will only be open during the 9AM Mass. 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 to speak with Anne Aubuchon, Club Crayola Coordinator. All parents that use Club Crayola are required to take Called to Protect. If you completed Called to Protect in 2007 then you are required to take the 2008 annual training. Please contact Terez Barta @ 602-819-3016 for further information.



A BIG THANK YOU... to Whitney Murphy Funeral Home for helping provide beautiful flowers for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that was held on Friday, April 25th. Also, thank you to Anton Sports for helping provide the STAFF tee-shirts for this event. We truly appreciate your support!

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



St. Theresa Is Going Green... for our VBS program, "Camping with Christ, A Deep Woods Encounter!" Imagine all the pine "stored Christmas" trees and tents decorating Fr. Feeney Hall!

It will be awesome, but we need help from you! We need the following donations: 50 cardboard boxes at least the size of a case of water; a few rolls of colored duct tape and masking tape; newspapers and scraps of wood big enough to make some homemade camping signs, Or a willing volunteer to make some. Thank you for helping us make this summer's experience the best yet! For information, call 602-840-0850, ext. 111.

The Family Formation Pilot Group will meet Sunday, May 18th, "Most Holy Trinity," in Fr. Feeney Hall following the 9AM Mass. In addition to sharing ideas for next year, bring a breakfast item to share. As families, we will be "dedicating our days" with a family craft project. See you there!

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Alzheimer Support Group Our next support group meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. You always fear what you do not understand. Please come for answers and education so that you can deal with the changes that take place with a loved one who has dementia of any kind. We have outstanding facilitators for our support group. For further information, contact the Pastoral Care Office @ 602 586-7429.

PASTORAL CARE



Evening Prayer
For Our Service Men And Women
Every Thursday In The Convent
Chapel 6-7PM

Often we take it for granted that we have our young men and women in foreign lands fighting for our safety and the safety of others... can we not stop to pray for their protection and give thanks for them? Please join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena. The greatest gift is PRAYER!

Pastoral Care Is Looking For Help... with the following Ministry's: Martha's Ministry - help laundering alter towels and linens, and organize and maintain the shelves and drawers in the Sacristy. This is a beautiful ministry in a 'prayer setting' serving the needs of our priests and servers. Visiting The Sick - at Brighton Gardens Care facility. Please contact the Pastoral Care Office @ 602 586-7429 if you are interested.

Leading The Way Ministry If you have had a loved one die recently, or many years ago, and are now ready to enjoy entering back into a social environment with others who also had the experience of loss, please contact the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429 for more information.

Pastoral Care Ministry Needs Help At The First Saturday Of The Month Anointing Mass We are looking for two people who can oversee the Mass of Anointing on the first Saturday of each month @ 8AM. This is a beautiful Ministry of compassion! We need your help! Please call Bobbie in the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Pope Benedict XVI calls us to quiet time spent with Jesus in Adoration. His message to America was strong and clear. We as a nation, family and community must take quiet time to hear the voice of Jesus. Our beautiful Prayer Chapel is a 'Holy' place waiting for you. Feel the presence of Christ as you place your love and concerns before Him. Come when you can and leave when you must. The length of time is yours to decide.


Grief Comes In Waves Sometimes what is normal seems very abnormal. Our Pastoral Care Office is always open to help. Please contact Bobbie Stich @ 602-586-7429 for an appointment if you would like to discuss where you are on this most difficult journey of grief.

SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Theresa Catholic School Has Just A Few Openings Left In Grades K-6 For The 08/09 School Year. CTODP financial assistance is available making Catholic education affordable for everyone so don't miss this opportunity to give your children an education of a lifetime. For information please contact Tracey Michelle Theisen @ 602.840.0010 ext. 204 or theisen@diocesephoenix.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bourgade Catholic High School Summer Camp Opportunities Activity Camps for elementary school boys and girls include: Volleyball, Drama, Basketball and Wrestling. Camps run for specific dates during June and are for specific age groups, some as young as 4th grade. There are registration deadlines so please visit Bourgade's website at www.bourgade.org or call the School Office @ 602-973-4000 for further information.



**Circle the City
Garden Tea Party**
To benefit the homeless
You are invited to join in support
of Sister Adele O'Sullivan and
her work to benefit the homeless at a
Garden Tea Party on Wednesday, May 7th
at Mount Claret beginning at 9:00AM.
For more information and to purchase tickets
please contact: Sandra Smith @ 480-905-8046
or Karen Rosa @ 602-292-5728.

EWTN Favorites & May Specials

Global Catholic Network (All Times Eastern)

Sunday Night Live With Fr. Benedict Groeschel - Fr. Benedict Groeschel offers a unique perspective on how to remain Catholic in today's ever changing world. Sundays @ 7PM; Mondays @ 2AM & 9AM; Saturdays @ 5PM.

The Journey Home - Marcus Grodi's guests share their conversion stories and provide encouragement to others with their testimonials of faith. Mondays @ 8PM; Tuesdays @ 1AM and 10AM; Wednesdays @ 1PM, Saturdays @ 11PM.

Life On The Rock - This program, designed for teens, helps them to understand the joys and challenges of being young and Christian in today's world. Thursdays @ 8PM; Fridays @ 1AM and 1PM, Sundays @ 11PM.

The World Over - News of the Faith from around the globe. Hosted by Raymond Arroyo. Fridays @ 8PM; Saturdays @ 1AM, Sundays @ 4PM & Mondays @ 10AM & 11PM.

In The Heart Of John Paul II - An in-depth look at the special devotion John Paul II had for the Blessed Mother. May 10th @ 8PM; May 11th @ 2AM; May 15th @ 1PM.

Solemnity Of Corpus Christi Mass & Procession With Pope Benedict XVI - Live from Rome. May 22nd @ 1PM; 11:30PM.

For more Catholic programs, see the EWTN calendar in the church. EWTN can be seen on Cox Cable 113;

Direct TV 370; Dish TV 261 and Qwest 136

www.ewtn.com

Readings Week of May 4, 2008

Sunday Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11;

Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-

20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom

8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Sunday Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor

12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!



MAY

- 4) Confirmation Liturgy
- 11) Mother's Day (No LIFE Teen)
- 18) Road To Hope -
The Parish Office
- 25) Memorial Day Weekend Film Festival

Mass: Sundays @ 6PM

LIFE Teen: Sundays After Mass

Open Life Room:

Wednesday 5-7PM & Thursday 3-5PM

Basketball: Wednesday 5-7PM

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 7-9PM

Adoration: Thursday 7-9PM in Convent Chapel

www.godtalk.org

**Mass Intentions
(MAY 5TH – MAY 11TH)**



MONDAY, MAY 5TH

6:30AM +STEPHEN & ANNA STANKO-FR.SIRALEY

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH

6:30AM +JOSEPH KRIMPLE-FR.MATHEW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

6:30AM +ARMANDO J. ALONSO-FR.SIRALEY

8:30AM +JOSEPHINE.SANASARDO-FR.MATHEW

THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

6:30AM +VICTOR C. CONTI-FR. STRALEY

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

6:30AM +VINCE NEUBERT & FAMILY-FR.STRALEY

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

8:00AM +MARION R. SMOKER-FR. STRALEY

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. MATHEW

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

7:30AM +ARNOLD SALAZAR-FR. CHUCK

9:00AM +LOUIS RICCA-FR.LOU BISHOP,SJ

11:00AM +MR. FRANK ABALOS-FR. CHUCK

6:00PM +MRS. PATRICIA MCHALE-FR.SIRALEY

Please Note:

The Priest scheduled to celebrate the Mass
IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

The Week Ahead!



Sunday

8:30AM Pancake Breakfast (McMahon Center)

10:20AM Bible Study (Conference Rm)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

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

Seamless Garment Mtg. (LIFE Rm)

Tuesday

8:15AM Adult Catechism Pilot Group (Club Rm)

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

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

Wednesday

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

5:00PM Open LIFE Room (LIFE Rm)

6:00PM Choir Practice (Church)

6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM LIFE Teen Prayer Meeting (LIFE Rm)

Thursday

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)

3:00PM Open LIFE Room (LIFE Rm)

7:00PM Baptism Class (Conference Rm)

Friday

6:00PM Wine Tasting Festival (Feeney Hall)

Saturday

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)



*Don't Forget About The
St. Theresa Dad's Club
Pancake Breakfast*

*Today, May 4th, after the
7:30 & 9AM Morning Masses!*