

Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (in former days known as Corpus Christi)... that feast of the Church in which we recall one of the greatest mysteries of our faith and one of the greatest acts of God's love. We celebrate and proclaim the miracle of the Eucharist: the Body and Blood of Jesus made present to us in the form of bread and wine. This occurs through the mystery of transubstantiation (the *substance* of the bread and wine is transformed by God's power into the Body and Blood of Christ, while the *appearance* of the bread and wine remains the same). We celebrate and proclaim that God loves us so much that He gives us the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ to be our food and drink... to nourish us on our pilgrim way to God's Kingdom.

On this Solemnity, though, we recall that the celebration of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, has another significance – one that is “equally Eucharistic” to the mystery of transubstantiation that we acclaim. We, the Church, *are* the Body of Christ – Christ's presence in the world. Nourished *by* the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, we become more fully the Body of Christ. Literally, we become what we eat. What an awesome reality this is for us to contemplate. The Eucharist is given to us – not just for our individual strength and spiritual well being – but so that we can grow and thrive as a Christian Community... the Body of Christ.

May the Body and Blood of Christ we share fill us with God's love and transform us as a community of His disciples, the Body of Christ on earth!

We in this community of St. Theresa are blest in many ways – the Body of Christ is made present in our parish in so many varied gifts and ministries of its members. Last week, we received word of an additional blessing: Bishop Olmsted has appointed a third priest to the staff of St. Theresa! (In this day and age priest shortages, this is indeed something special). **Father Frank Fernandez** will begin his ministry as Associate Pastor (canonically known as a Parochial Vicar) of St. Theresa on July 1st, though he will begin moving into the rectory in mid-June. Fr. Mathew and I both look forward to Fr. Frank's arrival. Fr. Frank is a native Phoenician; he grew up in St. Francis Xavier Parish, attended Brophy Prep and after college acquired his Doctor of Dental Science degree. He practiced as a dentist in the U.S. Marines for 3 years, then in private practice in Phoenix for another ten years before entering seminary. Following ordination in 1979, he served on the staff of Bishop Rausch (second Bishop of Phoenix), as an associate pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle and then at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Scottsdale before becoming Pastor of St. Joseph Parish (Phoenix) – where he has served for the past 13 years. Fr. Frank looks forward to setting aside the administrative duties of pastor and focusing on priestly ministry as an associate pastor in our community. I know that you will join Fr. Mathew and me in welcoming Fr. Frank! God is so good to us.

With love and prayers,



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

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Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

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 early in June, 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 The 9AM & 11AM and 6PM Masses Weekly
All Groups Are Looking For New Members**

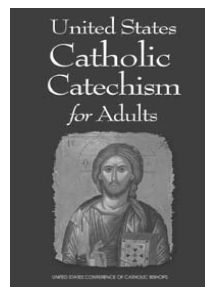


Please consider joining this ministry which strives to call us to God and lead us in prayerful song. Rehearsal for 9AM & 11AM is held on Wednesdays at 6PM; the choir for 6PM Mass rehearses before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

PARISH NEWS

Reminder: All Bulletin Articles Are Due On Monday At 12NOON If Monday is a holiday then all articles are due the Friday before at 12NOON. Articles will not be accepted after the deadline. For more information please call Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.

A New Floor For The Church Sanctuary... In mid-June, we plan to begin replacing the carpet in the sanctuary (altar area) of the church with a sealed travertine stone floor surface, through the generosity of a bequest left to St. Theresa for this purpose. For those of you who have visited the Convent Chapel, you have noticed that the recent renovation work there has included a “prototype” of this floor in the altar area of the chapel. It is both durable and beautiful, and we hope is the first phase of a project to replace all the church carpeting over the next few years. The floor of the church sanctuary will stretch from the baptistery to the choir area, and will include the steps. The stone color of the floor and the listelle (decorative border) will be very similar to that of the Convent chapel altar area.



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

You Are Invited...

in two weeks, June 7th and 8th, to the Priesthood Ordination and First Mass of Thanksgiving of Matthew Lowry, a “native son” (and former Youth Minister) of St. Theresa Parish. Your prayers and support have nourished Matt on his journey to the priesthood, come share in these celebrations as Matt begins his priestly ministry for the Diocese of Phoenix!

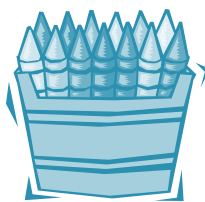
- **Ordination Liturgy** will be celebrated at **10:00AM on Saturday June 7th at Saints Simon and Jude Cathedral, 6351 North 27th Avenue. Complimentary Bus Transportation to and from the Cathedral will be provided – call the Parish Office (602.840.0850) for details and to reserve a seat! Parking at the Cathedral is difficult on Ordination Day, so this is an option you might want to consider...**
- **First Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated at 6:00PM on Sunday, June 8th, here at St. Theresa. An informal reception will follow in Father Feeney Hall, where you can offer your personal greeting and prayers to Father Matt. (If you'd like to consider a gift for Fr. Matt, the Parish Office has a “wish list” to assist you).

**St Theresa Parish Knights of Columbus
Council 13497**

Knights Of Columbus State Raffle Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a trip to Italy, Ireland or the Mexican Riviera or 7 cash prizes! Tickets are \$2 each or \$10 for a book of 6. St. Theresa Council proceeds will benefit Arizona Right to Life ~ we're Pro Life! Drawing will be on May 31, 2008. Call Tom Hart for more information @ 480-970-0428. *St Joseph's Youth Camp in Mormon Lake, AZ* is now accepting summer camp registrations for children ages 8-14; round trip coach bus transportation provided from OLMC Parish in Tempe (new location); children spend a week in the cool pines having fun & getting an outdoor education! Book 1 of 5 sessions July 2008 now! Learn more about the camp & register on-line at www.sjycaz.com. If you would like to sponsor a child, contact Tom Hart/SJYC Camp Board Member at number above.

*Upcoming Events
Mark Your Calendars!*

May 30th-31st 101st Arizona Knights of Columbus State Convention Tucson Double Tree Resort
July 3rd-6th Family Weekend ~ St. Joseph's Youth Camp; Knights to host a 4th of July Celebration ~ BBQ, Climbing Wall, Live Music! Current & New Knights Of Columbus Members welcome to join us at the camp.



Club Crayola... is a parent run co-op open to all children 1-4 years of age during the 9 & 11AM Sunday morning Masses. Hours will change starting 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.



**Requesting Certificates, Letters, Etc.
From The Parish Office**

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Vacation Bible School Reminder: Registration Deadline Is May 30th! Don't miss this opportunity to commune with nature through scripture, make sit-upons, prayer sticks and other fun and campy crafts.

We'll have a special visit during the week with some really wild animals, and not just of the volunteer types! Pick up your registration forms in the parish office. For more information or to volunteer, call Gina Keating at 602-840-0850, ext. 111.

Many Hands Make Light Work, And We Need You! Please attend the Vacation Bible School Craft Preparation Night, Thursday, May 29th, at 6PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. We need volunteers to help us staple, hole punch and paint materials children will use during "Camping with Christ, A Deep Woods Encounter," scheduled June 23rd-27th, from 9AM to noon. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office now! For information call Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850.

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, call 602-586-7429.



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PASTORAL CARE



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

We are constantly tempted to think that we have nothing or little to offer to our fellow human beings especially for those fighting in the war. War frightens us. It sometimes seems better not to come close than to come close without being able to change anything. Everything starts and ends with prayer. Prayer is powerful. Prayer is always answered. Let us come together for just one hour and offer prayers for these young men and women who said 'yes' to service for others. Let us stand by them with our prayer with our 'yes'! We pray and God blesses!

Leading the Way Ministry... will meet Monday, June 2nd from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Conference Room. If you experienced the death of a loved one, and are now ready to become active with a group of wonderful people who understand the same kind of loss, this ministry is for you! Come to our 'Ice Cream Social' and help us plan more activities together that can take us through the summer. For more information call 602-586-7429.

Grief Comes In Waves Sometimes what is normal seems very abnormal. Our Pastoral Care Office is always open to help. 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.

Going Into The Hospital? Please be certain to let the hospital know that you are Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion. Also, please call our Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429 to let us know that you are or going to be in the hospital. If you go into the hospital by emergency, it is vital to let us know so we can make certain that the parish responsible for that hospital meet your anointing and communion needs.

**Anointing Service
For Those Affected By Cancer
Thursday, May 29th in the Church**

Hosted by Fr. Michael Straley, Msgr. John McMahon and Fr. Van Wagner. We invite those with cancer, family and friends to come for this wonderful service. If you plan on being anointed, please RSVP to Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

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

When you get to Heaven, Jesus will spend all of eternity thanking you and loving you for your fidelity in spending time with him in the Blessed Sacrament. This is why He says, blessed are they who have not seen, and yet believe. Please come when you can and leave when you must. In this quiet time you will always feel the presence of Jesus

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 ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org.

Readings Week of May 25, 2008

Sunday Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Monday 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100; Mk 10:46-52

Friday Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Js 12:2-3, 4, 5, 6; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27

DIOCESAN NEWS

Make Your Marriage More Than It Is, And All That It Can Be!

An Introduction/Overview Of Natural Family Planning will be given at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 18th @ 7PM. NFP is about effective and healthy family planning that respects Catholic teachings. Classes are open to married couples, couples preparing for marriage, and all who want to learn more about Catholic teaching about moral and married sexuality. Complete course of instruction to learn NFP methods are also offered. For complete class schedules see www.phxnfp.org. Pre-registration is required. Please call 602-225-0636 for more information.

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!



MAY

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 26TH – JUNE 1ST)



MONDAY, MAY 26TH

6:30AM +ROBERT J. WILL SR.-FR. MATHEW

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

6:30AM +VERONICA & ED MUSIAL-FR. MATHEW

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH

6:30AM +VIRGINIA DONAHUE-FR. MATHEW

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

6:30AM +GEORGE PENNA-FR. CHUCK

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH

6:30AM +EILLEN PICKLES-FR. CHUCK

8:30AM+NICOLE RODIA-FR. CHUCK&FR. MATHEW

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

8:00AM +MARIE & ALBERT FLEMING-FR. MATHEW

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. LOU BISHOP, SJ

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

7:30AM +TONY DURAN-FR. MATHEW

9:00AM +JACK GELLER-FR. CHUCK

11:00AM +CAROL FABIAN-FR. BOB ROSSI, OSC

6:00PM +HUGH MALONE-FR. CHUCK

Please Note:

The Priest scheduled to celebrate the Mass
is subject to change

The Week Ahead!



Sunday

10:20AM Bible Study (Conference Rm)

1:00PM Baptisms (Church)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

*Memorial Day
Office & Facility Closed*



Tuesday

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

4:00PM Alzheimer Support Group (Conference Rm)

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

7:00PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg. (McMahon Gym)

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)

6:00PM VBS Craft Prep (Conference Rm)

Friday

Saturday

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)



Congratulations To The Class of 2008!

