

# Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

We all know that summer doesn't technically begin until June 21<sup>st</sup> – but most of us are also aware that, in reality, “summer” is that time that happens between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. Here at St. Theresa, we have officially entered “summer!”

In parishes and schools, summer is typically a time of transition. And so it is for us this year, with staff members in two areas of parish ministry.

Many of you know that Dee and John Campbell, who have coordinated Adult Initiation (RCIA) for the past couple of years, recently retired from their positions at the Salt River Project. With this new-found freedom, they are now “trailer-ing their way” through the Pacific Northwest, planning to take an extended stay with various family members throughout the region. Fortunately for us, David and Patty Pettit (a couple who have assisted and basically “apprenticed” with John and Dee for the duration of the Campbell's ministry at St. Theresa) have agreed to coordinate our Adult Initiation ministry going forward. The Pettits inherit a solid program from the Campbells, and plan to continue building on the good work begun by John and Dee. We are most grateful for David's and Patty's commitment to our parish community!

Carmen Smith, who has served as Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Theresa for the past eight years, has decided that it's time for a change for her. . . Carmen looks forward to continuing as an active parishioner of St. Theresa, but feels called to utilize her Spanish language skills and understanding of the Mexican culture to a greater degree than her current ministry requires. Carmen has accepted an administrative position beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> at Glendale's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (pastored by Fr. Michael Reinhardt, a former associate pastor of St. Theresa). There, Carmen will be able to help Spanish-speaking families – especially recent immigrants to the United States – integrate more fully into the Church. An exciting opportunity for Carmen and for OLPH in Glendale, but a loss for our catechetical program here at St. Theresa. We are currently working to ensure continuity in the Religious Education offerings in our parish. . . and look forward to Carmen's ongoing presence with us as a member of our faith community.

Please continue to keep all of our staff members in your prayers, especially those who are moving onto new endeavors elsewhere as well as those embracing new ministries here at St. Theresa. God continues to richly bless our community through the talented and dedicated staff we have at St. Theresa!

In Christ's peace,



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

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## Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

**Attention All Liturgical Ministers - Lectors, EMC's & Altar Servers:** the deadline for submitting unavailable dates for July & August is TODAY, June 14th. Thank you.

**Choirs Sing At**  
**9AM, 11AM & 6PM Masses Weekly**  
**All Groups Are Looking For 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 6PM choir rehearses before the liturgy at 4:30PM on Sundays.

**Are You Interested In Serving In A Liturgical Ministry At St. Theresa Parish,** including becoming a Lector, Minister of Holy Communion, or Altar Server? Contact Jim Sage at 602-840-0850 ext. 121 or via email [jsage@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:jsage@diocesephoenix.org). 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.

## PARISH NEWS

**Parishioner Address Changes:** If you have had an address change within the past year, please call Carrie in the Parish Office at 602-840-0850 and ask her to update your record. We appreciate your help in cutting postage costs for returned mail. Thank you.



**All Bulletin Articles Are Due Monday At 12NOON** If Monday is a holiday then 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.

**St. Theresa Knights Of Columbus Membership:** Catholic Men are invited to join our Ministry; call Tom Hart @ 480-970-0428 for a membership interview; or speak to Fr. Chuck about how you can help the parish; he'll recommend you volunteer with SVDP, sponsor someone in RCIA or join the St. Theresa Knights of Columbus Council!

**Seniors... Do You Love God's Creatures?** Earn money at home and gain a loving companion. For more information please call Denise @ 480-280-3533.



## FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation:** If you were in the "Stepping Stones" program as a Confirmation candidate, please pick up your certificate at the Parish Office as soon as you can.

**You Are The Salt Of The Earth...** So Jesus told us in the gospel of Matthew. But how can we really live that in our hectic, crazy family lives? Simple: To be the salt, join SALT! SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) is St. Theresa's family formation program. This religious education ministry is dedicated to expanding and enriching families in faith-all members at the same time! We meet monthly as a large group, and then focus on daily faith living as we build our domestic church at home. Family service projects are also an integral part of this experience. To join SALT and help your family really be the salt of the earth, contact Francesca Thomas @ 602-522-0188 or [casathomas@cox.net](mailto:casathomas@cox.net).



**Parents!**  
**Registration Forms Available**  
**In The Church Vestibule**  
**For Our**

**Vacation Bible School Program,**  
**"St. Paul, Roaming In Rome!"**

Don't let your children miss this opportunity to learn about their

faith, and one of our greatest apostles, through songs, skits, crafts and games. Vacation Bible School will be June 22nd-26th, 9AM to Noon. Cost is \$30 per child. If you can't come to participate or volunteer, please look at our Wish List for needed items, which can be left in the Parish Office marked, VBS. We need: 90 Paper towel rolls; yarn and ribbon; scraps of material; large pieces of white fabric or sheets; felt; large cardboard boxes - to build a boat, of course! Please call Gina Keating in the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850 for further information or questions.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Thank You For Supporting Our Annual Saint Theresa Catholic School Scholarship Fund;** your support is needed to help keep many families enrolled in your parish school. If you have not received an appeal letter or for more information contact Tracey Theisen, Director of Development, @ 602.840.0010 ext. 204 or [ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org).

**Considering Catholic Education?** We have only a few spots left for the 09/10 school year. Call today to learn more about your Parish school and why we have been the first choice for Catholic Education for over 50 years. For more information on Saint Theresa Catholic School please contact Tracey Theisen, Director of Development, @ 602.840.0010 ext. 204 or [ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org).

## PASTORAL CARE

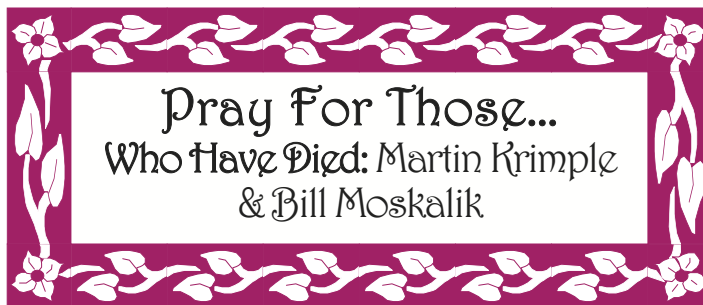
**Pastoral Care Is Requesting Pictures Of Service Men & Women** In the Convent Chapel we have a bulletin board that we want to fill up with the faces of family and friends who are putting 'Country First'. Every Thursday, we have an hour of prayer for these young people and having their picture in front of us, makes it so personal and honoring. Please leave pictures at the Parish Office or email pictures to [bstich@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:bstich@diocesephoenix.org).

**Leading The Way Ministry** Our next meeting will be Monday, July 6th from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please call Bobbie Stich @ 602-586-7429 for further information.

**Pastoral Care Is In Need Of Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion...** for our Care Homes and Hospitals. If you can help, please contact our Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

### **Summers Are Hot In Arizona, But Can You Imagine How Hot It Is In Iraq? Yesterday 127°!**

Combine that with wearing full protective gear, trying to clear land, and putting up with Sand Storms. One can only pray and give thanks that there are young people out there who will place themselves unselfishly in such an environment for our freedom and the freedom of other countries. Please join us in a 'Night of Prayer for our Hero's' next Thursday, June 18th in the Convent Chapel from 6-7PM. Let's fill up the Chapel together!



**Got Baby Diapers?** All sizes are needed. Please drop off at the Parish Office to the attention of the Pastoral Care Ministry. Thank you!!!

**Thank You From Pastoral Care...** for all of the cards, buttons and old jewelry. We are all set now for our project because of your wonderful donations!

**'Bramwell's Blessings'** Parents and grandparents might want to consider purchasing a very special children's book written by two St. Theresa Parish staff members, Gina Keating & Bobbie Stich. The book shares the story of our Associate Pastor, Fr. Frank, and the time his bird Bramwell flew away, but was then joyously returned to his owner. You can purchase this book by contacting Shannon Braccio in the Parish Office. Requested donation for this book is \$10 each. Books can be purchased with cash or check made out to St. Theresa Parish.

**Appreciation!** Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners and families who provided so many of the delightful desserts for Fr. Will Schmid's reception. Also, special thanks to Margie Hubbard for the many hours of work in facilitating and organizing this special event. Last, but by no means least, our gratitude goes out to all of the Pastoral Care Ministers who assisted in preparation, serving, and clean up. The love all of you demonstrated for Fr. Will was a gift he will always remember.



### **Helpful Parishioner At Your Service!**

Rod O'Connor, a 40 year member of St. Theresa Parish, is offering his help to anyone who is confused as to what options are available to them so that they can receive DTV after June 12th. If you need help and are wondering what to do, how to get a converter to use with your TV, or how to hook up your converter, Rod is at your service with no charge. Just give him a call @ 602-840-3785.

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

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## DIOCESAN NEWS



**Help!** If you are a married Catholic woman between the ages of 18 and 45, please take a quick, ANONYMOUS, and CONFIDENTIAL survey about family planning practices and Natural Family Planning knowledge and usage. This survey only takes about 6 minutes to complete online.

**What It's For:** Bishop Thomas Olmsted wants to focus attention on improving marriage preparation in our diocese, including Natural Family Planning instruction. He is asking for the cooperation of married Catholic women, ages 18-45, in filling out the survey.

**We Need Your Help:** For the surveys to be an effective tool, we need 1,000 to 1,500 responses by the target date of June 19th. We only need another 500 responses! Please help us improve Diocesan marriage preparation by filling out the survey!

It's easy and online at [www.phxnfp.org](http://www.phxnfp.org) at "Please Take Our Survey".

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

An Introduction/Overview of Natural Family Planning will be given at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix on Wednesday, July 15th @ 7PM. N.F.P. is about effective and healthy family planning that respects Catholic teaching. 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. (Not all locations have classes beyond the introduction or overview). For a complete class schedule see our website at [www.phxnfp.org](http://www.phxnfp.org). Pre-registration is required. For more information call 602-354-2122.

**St. Thomas The Apostle Annual Rummage Sale**  
Rummage Sale dates are June 25th-26th from 7AM-2PM and June 27th from 7AM-1PM. The Annual Rummage Sale offers an extensive selection of house wares, furniture, appliances, computers, electronics, tools, clothing, shoes, jewelry, baby items, and much more. Sale held in the Parish Hall and several other air conditioned classrooms. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Assumption Sodality of St. Thomas The Apostle. For further information please call the Parish Office @ 602-954-9089.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Jesus lives with us and in us through his Body and Blood; and He lives in our Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are July 31st-August 2nd in Phoenix and September 25th-27th in Flagstaff. Call 602-242-6141 or email [Cwessel@csc.com](mailto:Cwessel@csc.com).

**Multi-Parish Singles Invites...** single adults (includes single parents) to check out our no-dues, wholesome, down-to-earth activities including Latin Dance class/dancing every Wednesday and volleyball on Sundays. For more details call Henry @ 480 664-3244 or visit [www.multiparishsingles.org](http://www.multiparishsingles.org).

**Beginning Experience** is a weekend program to help single-again persons begin to deal with the grieving process. It offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The next weekend will be July 10th-12th. The cost is \$149 or \$129 if registered by June 21st. Some partial scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full cost. For additional information call 602-914-5148, visit our webpage @ [www.AZBE.org](http://www.AZBE.org), or email us @ [info@azbe.org](mailto:info@azbe.org).

## LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!



### June

- 14) Freshman Welcome Party
- 21) Father's Day-No LIFE Teen
- 28) The Standard Dropped

### July

- 5) 4th Of July BBQ
- 12) Fiddlesticks
- 19) Open LIFE Room
- 26) Finding The Standard

### August

- 2) Open LIFE Room
- 9) Summer Concert & Comedy Show
- 16) Back To School Kickoff
- 23) Setting The Standard
- 30) LIFE Room Movie Premier

### September

- 6) Labor Day Party
- 13) Issue Night
- 20) Living The Standard
- 27) 3rd Annual Trivial Contest—Team Edition

### Weekly Activities

Mass: Sunday @ 6PM

LIFE Teen: Sunday After Mass

Open Life Room: Thursdays, 5-7PM

Prayer Meeting: Thursdays, 7-9PM

[www.godtalk.org](http://www.godtalk.org)

[www.twitter.com/sttlifeteen](http://www.twitter.com/sttlifeteen)

**Mass Intentions & Celebrants**  
(JUNE 15TH – JUNE 21ST)



**MONDAY, JUNE 15TH**

6:30AM +SOCORRO SALAZAR-FR. CHUCK

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH**

6:30AM +RETHA ELMHORST-FR. MATHEW

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH**

6:30AM +ANNETTE WOLFF-FR. CHUCK

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH**

6:30AM +LEONARD RUSSO-FR. CHUCK

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH**

6:30AM +CRAIG BERG-FR. CHUCK

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH**

8:00AM +ELEANOR V. SANDHOWE-FR. CHUCK

+AQUILINA MESINA-CROSIER

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. FRANK

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST**

7:30AM +MYRON & ELEANORE WILLMORE-FR. MATHEW

9:00AM +PAUL GETZ-FR. CHUCK

11:00AM +BOB & PATSY MADRID-FR. LOU BISHOP

6:00PM +FEDERICO MENDOZA-FR. CHUCK

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

The Week Ahead!



**Sunday**

10:20AM Scripture Study (Conference Rm)  
7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

**Monday**

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)  
7:00PM Boy Scout Troop 147 (PJP Rm)

**Tuesday**

5:00PM Open LIFE Room/Basketball (LIFE Rm/Gym)  
7:00PM LIFE Teen Prayer Mtg. (LIFE Rm)

**Wednesday**

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)  
6:00PM Choir Practice (Conference Rm)  
6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

**Thursday**

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)  
7:00PM Baptism Class (Conference Rm)

**Friday**

5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

**Saturday**

2:00PM Damilini/Finney Wedding (Church)  
8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

A Summer Reminder



As many of us take vacation time and travel out of the heat during the summer months, we ask for your continued financial support for the ministries of St. Theresa Parish. It is your financial tithing that enables us to provide the ministries, facilities and services which help us to build up the Body of Christ here at St. Theresa. May God reward you for your ongoing support of our parish!

Readings

Week of June 14, 2009

**Sunday** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 92; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**Monday** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41