

# Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend was a memorable one for our Diocese and for our Parish. Three men – Jesus Lopez, Arthur Nave and Matthew Lowry – were ordained to the priesthood of the Diocese of Phoenix by Bishop Thomas Olmsted on Saturday morning. Of course, we all are aware that one of these men, Father Matt, is a “native son” of St. Theresa – he celebrated his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at last Sunday’s 6:00PM Mass.

It’s hard to describe the rush of my own feelings as I participated in both the Ordination and the Mass of Thanksgiving. On Saturday, as we gathered at Ss. Simon and Jude Cathedral, my mind was filled with memories... memories of knowing Matt, as his pastor, since he was in eighth grade at St. Theresa Catholic School. (One of the photos that circulated at the post-ordination reception pictured Matt and me at his elementary school graduation... don’t ask me how old I felt when I saw that!). Memories of Matt’s involvement here in the parish in our Life Teen program when he was in high school, a Life Teen Core Member when he was in college, and finally as our Youth Minister after he graduated from ASU and spent a year working for Motorola as an electrical engineer. Memories of Matt entering seminary, his journey of formation and discernment for priesthood, his being home for holidays and so competently assisting us with the “big” Liturgies of the Church Year: Christmas, the Triduum, Easter. Finally, my memories on Saturday snapped back twenty-eight years to the day (and the hour) to my own ordination at Ss. Simon and Jude by then-Bishop James Rausch, the second Bishop of Phoenix. I’m sure that those of you who are married can relate to what it’s like when you attend a wedding – you practically re-live the memory of your own wedding day and vows... it’s the same for those of us who are ordained. Attending an Ordination Liturgy is, for me, a wonderful re-commitment to the priesthood – even more so when the ordination is that of someone I know as well as Father Matt, and that we now share the same anniversary date of ordination – June 7<sup>th</sup> – is just “icing on the cake.”

We feel the joy of having “one of our own” called from our parish community to embrace the priesthood. As we gathered Sunday evening for Fr. Matt’s First Mass of Thanksgiving, it truly was just that: a Mass of Thanksgiving. The memories flooded back once again, and so did the thanks. Thanksgiving for his vocation, thanksgiving for the prayers and support of the Lowry Family, the parishioners of St. Theresa, the many priests of our Diocese, friends of Matt and those touched by his ministry who joined in prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist.

God is so good. We truly have so much to be grateful for! As Fr. Matt prepares to begin his ministry at Holy Cross Parish in Mesa on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we continue to lift him in prayer and ask God to bring to fulfillment the good work he has begun in each of his new priests.

In Christ’s peace,



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

## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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](mailto: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

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

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 & register on-line at [www.sjycaz.com](http://www.sjycaz.com). If you would like to sponsor a child, contact Tom Hart/SJYC Camp Board Member @ 480-970-0428.

*Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars!*

**July 3rd-6th Family Weekend** ~ St. Joseph's Youth Camp; Knights to host a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration ~ BBQ, Climbing Wall, Live Music! Current & New Knights of Of Columbus Members welcome to join us at the camp.

**Thanks to St. Theresa Parish Families...  
we Exceeded our 2008 CDA Goal!!!**



Once again, the community of St. Theresa Parish families very generously shared their financial resources in support of those in less fortunate circumstances and enabled us to not only meet our 2008 Diocesan Charity and Development (CDA) goal of \$275,000, but to exceed it!

Thanks to your generosity the lives of many people in our Diocese will be helped with health care needs, education and other social services.

We also extend special thanks to our two dedicated parishioner volunteers who helped coordinate and run our 2008 parish CDA effort over the last several months --- Nancy Donaghy and Dottie Kida!

#### **All Bulletin Articles Are Due Monday At 12NOON**



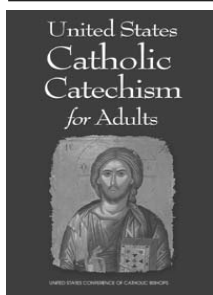
If Monday is a holiday then all articles are due the Friday before at 12NOON. Articles will not be accepted after the deadline. For more information call Shannon Braccio in the Parish @ 602-840-0850.

**Got Paper?** Paper recycling is now offered at St. Theresa... we have a large green and yellow Paper Retriever bin located at the southeast corner of the Msgr. McMahon Center. Proceeds of the recycling go to support Student Council-sponsored activities of St. Theresa Catholic School. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their newspapers when they come for Mass, and drop them off in the Paper Retriever bin. **Please: paper only... no cans, glass or trash.** Thanks for helping keep our community "green!"



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

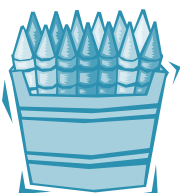
The Parish Office asks that requests for copies of Sacramental Certificates, or any letters/forms that would need to be processed, be given a minimum of 5 business days to be completed. All requests will be processed within 10 business days on a first come/first serve basis. If you have any questions,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



**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.

**Club Crayola...** is a parent run co-op open to all children 1-4 years of age during the 9 & 11AM Sunday morning Masses. During the Summer, 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 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.

**FOUND CAT...** near 44th Street and Thomas Road. White with gray markings. Please call Karen @ 602-908-6582 for further information.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**Alzheimer Support Group** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 24th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. 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, please call 602-586-7429.



**SCHOOL OF RELIGION**



**Vacation Bible School** There's room to come camping with us this summer during the week of June 23rd-27th! Our Vacation Bible Program runs from 9AM till noon, with drop off in Fr. Feeney Hall. The cost is \$20 for the week. Call quick! 602-840-0850.

**PASTORAL CARE**

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

Adoration is prayer in the presence of Jesus. It celebrates Jesus, who is fully present in the Consecrated host at Mass and reserved in Tabernacles in Catholic churches and chapels. During Adoration, the Consecrated Host is reverently displayed on the altar in a receptacle called a monstrance. Can you spare 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or even an hour to pray with us? This time is for your own personal prayer and at the same time, you are adoring our Lord Jesus Christ by being in His presence.



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

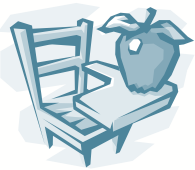
It is summer and it's hot! Sometimes it is difficult to take the time to drive to church and pray. However, the families of those who serve and protect us deeply appreciate your prayers. What a beautiful gift you give them by taking the time to be part of this special hour.

**Grief Support Is Always Needed** In the Fall we will start a new Grief Support Group. However, if you feel overwhelmed by the death of a loved one, please contact Bobbie Stich @ 602-586-7429 for an appointment. Grief is hard work and lonely work... we can help.

**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.

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### 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](mailto:ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org).

### DIOCESAN NEWS

#### **Tax Credit For "C" Corporations Can Help Make Catholic Schools Affordable For Everyone**

Enacted in 2006, the AZ Corporate Tuition Tax Credit allows C-Corporations to claim an income tax credit for contributions made to organizations that provide educational scholarships to children of low to moderate income families, like the Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix (CTODP). Instead of sending taxes to the state, your business could provide lower income children the opportunity to attend a great Catholic school and receive a spiritually-rich, academically-sound education. Over the past 2 years, CTODP has raised nearly \$4.8 million dollars through this program and was able to send 749 children to Catholic school using corporate dollars this past school year. This year, an aggregate statewide cap of \$14.4 million dollars is available on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning July 1, 2008. This "tax re-direct" opportunity will not last long, so immediate action is required. Giving a child a Catholic education is one of the best investments we can make for our community. If you have a C-corporation, or know someone who does, contact Pat Lavin @ 602-595-2349 or [www.azcorporatescholarships.org](http://www.azcorporatescholarships.org) for more information. *Take the credit.*

**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](http://www.phxnfp.org). Pre-registration is required. Please call 602-225-0636 for more information.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in our parish! Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are August 1st-3rd in Phoenix and September 26th-28th in Flagstaff. Call 602-246-6141 or email [curtwessel@cox.net](mailto:curtwessel@cox.net) for further information.

**June Daily Rosary** Tune in nightly to the Radio Family Rosary Program on KXX, 1010AM Monday-Friday from 6:30-7PM and Sunday from 5:30-6PM. Let us come together nightly via radio to pray for peace in the world, in our hearts and in our families.

**The Most Rewarding Job You Will Ever Have** Have you ever thought about where children go when they come into foster care, where they live, and who takes care of them? The answer - they live with families, *just like yours!* The children who need temporary families come in all ages, from 2 day old infants to 17 year old teens. They are of all ethnicities, and have varying degrees of special needs. Crisis Nursery is dedicated to breaking the cycle of child abuse and neglect. For the past 30 years we have provided temporary shelter for children, from infancy to age 10. For more information please contact Veronica Soto @ 602-358-5166.



### A Father's Day Blessing

God the Father of all, in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless all those called to the role of Fatherhood, that they will be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their families, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect and love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LIFE TEEN PROGRAM**

All High School Teens Welcome!



**JUNE**

**15) Father's Day (No LIFE Teen)**

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

**Mass Intentions**

(JUNE 16TH – JUNE 22ND)



**MONDAY, JUNE 16TH**

6:30AM +CHARLES E. & MARTHA KUPCIK-FR. CHUCK

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH**

6:30AM MATT SCHWARTZ, SPEC. INT.-FR. MATHEW

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH**

6:30AM CORY SCHWARTZ, SPEC. INT.-FR. CHUCK

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH**

6:30AM +JEAN COLLINS-FR. CHUCK

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH**

6:30AM +MARTIN & MARIE MARTONIK-FR. CHUCK

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST**

8:00AM JOHN & TRACEY DOMBROSKI-FR. MATHEW

5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. CHUCK

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND**

7:30AM +GRACE VOORHEES KILGARD-FR. CHUCK

9:00AM +JOHN AIELLO-FR. MATHEW

11:00AM +RICHARD A. KRECKLER-FR. CHUCK

6:00PM +ALICE HOLGATE-FR. LOU BISHOP, SJ

**Please Note:**

The Priest scheduled to celebrate the Mass is subject to change

The Week Ahead!

Summer

**Sunday**

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

**Monday**

6:30PM SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

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

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

5:00PM Open LIFE Room (LIFE Rm)

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**

**Saturday**

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

**Readings Week of June 15, 2008**

**Sunday** Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

**Monday** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89; Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69; Rom 5:12-15; Mt

10:26-33

