

# Reflections

My Brothers and Sisters,

Well, it's truly good to be home from vacation... not that vacation was unenjoyable (to the contrary, I spent three wonderful weeks relaxing with friends at 8500 feet of elevation in the White Mountains near Greer, AZ – cool and rainy most days). Very relaxing and refreshing... but it was also the perfect length of time to unwind, because when I returned home a week ago Thursday, I was looking forward to getting back to the parish. This is home... and I missed St. Theresa. It's great to be back with Fr. Mathew, Fr. Frank and the parish community!

This coming week, St. Theresa Catholic School begins its fifty-first year of classes... once again, under the leadership of a woman religious. Our first principal and teachers in the parish school, founded in 1957, were Sisters of Charity... now our school is privileged to be led by a School Sister of Notre Dame, Sister Patricia Gehling, SSND. We welcome Sister Patricia as Principal of St. Theresa Catholic School... along with some new faculty and staff members, as well as students and their families. As a parish community, we are truly blest to offer the ministry of a Catholic school to instill in our young people Gospel values and excellent academics. The first day of class/orientation for new students is Tuesday 12 August; for returning students, classes begin Wednesday 13 August.

We are also moving into the final phases of the summer renovation of our sanctuary. With deep gratitude to those parishioners whose bequests have made these enhancements possible, we have been able to furnish our sanctuary and its steps with travertine flooring and decorative granite, and install a backdrop of tumbled travertine under the sanctuary crucifix. This is still very much a "work in progress" – once all the stone work is completed (in the choir and baptistery areas) and grouted, cleaned and sealed (hopefully by month's end) we hope to have beautifully updated and enhanced sanctuary. I might also note that all of the travertine is natural stone, taken from the same quarry in Mexico – but because it is natural, there are color variations in the floor and the wall that are to be expected. Again, I'm grateful for everyone's patience with this summer project.

We have so much to be thankful for here at St. Theresa – may God continue to bless our community and enable each of us to fully live the Gospel as disciples of Jesus Christ!

With love and prayers,



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

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

**Attention Extra Ordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Altar Servers:** please get unavailable dates for September and October to Jim Sage by **Sunday, August 17th**, at the latest. The schedule for September/October will be generated from a new scheduling program. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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 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

**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.



### **Volunteers Needed For Sunday Hospitality**

Come join this wonderful ministry of Hospitality serving donuts and coffee after Sunday Mass. We are in need of a couple of families to assist after the 7:30AM and 11AM Mass. Your assistance is needed only once a month between September and May. This is a great way to provide service of hospitality to our parishioners and community. If you are interested and can make this commitment please contact Terez Barta @ 602-808-0446. We need your response ASAP in order to fill our vacant times.

### Safe Environment Training Schedule

In order to volunteer at "St Theresa Catholic School" you are required to **annually** participate in SET training. Your first annual compliance requires completing **Called to Protect**. If you **HAVE NOT** completed **Called to Protect** in 2006 or 2007 it must be completed by October 1st in order to be eligible to volunteer. In order to volunteer at "St Theresa Parish" you are required to **annually** participate in SET training if your ministry serves **MINORS** or **VULNERABLE ADULTS** (Pastoral Care, SVDP, Club Crayola, Knights of Columbus). All other Ministries are required semi-annually. Your first annual compliance requires completing **Called to Protect**. If you **HAVE NOT** completed **Called to Protect** in 2006 or 2007 you must complete **Called to Protect** by October 1st in order to continue volunteering in ALL ministries at the Parish. The following are the only dates that St Theresa will offer sessions at our parish. Please register ASAP due to sessions filling up quickly. The session you will be signing up for will be "Parents and Families". These sessions will complete your compliance for **Called to Protect** at the Parish or School Level.

Please check your status for compliance by going to: [www.safeenvironmenttraining.org](http://www.safeenvironmenttraining.org), click "my obligation" and follow the prompts. **Please correct any data that is wrong. You will be told what to take in order to be compliant for 2008/2009.**

**Called To Protect** - these dates are the **only** sessions offered at St Theresa. The session is approximately 1 ½ hours long. You need only attend one session

~August 14th, 25th or 26th @ 8:15AM(Feeney Hall)

~August 14th and 25th @ 6:30PM (Feeney Hall)

Please pre-register at [www.safeenvironmenttraining.org](http://www.safeenvironmenttraining.org) and click "register for classes". If you have any questions please contact Terez Sanguine-Barta @ 602-808-0446.



**Interested In The Catholic Faith?  
RCIA Inquiry Starts September 7th**  
Have you attended Mass as a non-Catholic and sense something that interests you? Perhaps you were never baptized, and are now thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or, were you raised Catholic but never received your sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be just the place for you. Please feel welcome to join us! RCIA Inquiry sessions begins Sunday, September 7th, at 10:30AM in the Upper Room. For more information, please contact Dee or John Campbell at the Parish Office, 602-840-0850.

**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 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. Please contact Terez Barta @ 602-819-3016 for further information.

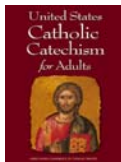


**Got Paper?** Paper recycling is now offered at St. Theresa. We have a green and yellow Paper Retriever bin located at the southeast corner of the Msgr. McMahon Center. Proceeds go to support Student Council-sponsored activities of St. Theresa School. **Paper only... no shredded paper, cans, glass or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



**The US 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.



**St. Theresa Parish Is Offering  
Counseling Services Through Catholic Charities**

Our new counselor is Chandra Porter, who grew up in Billings, Montana where she graduated from Montana State University with a major in Psychology. She has worked in various mental health settings with children, teens and families. Chandra is currently completing her requirements for her Doctorate at Argosy University. If you wish to schedule an appointment with Chandra, please contact Maria @ 602-749-4405.



**PASTORAL CARE**

**Important... Attention All Pastoral Care Ministers**  
If you have not taken 'Called to Protect' in 2007, please attend one of the following classes that will take place in Feeney Hall on August 14th, 25th or 26th @ 8:15AM or August 14th or 25th @ 6:30PM. If you cannot remember the date that you took the class, please call Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office and she will be happy to look that up.

**Attention Parishioners Who Have Family & Friends That Are In The Service** We have parishioners who would like to keep them in prayer until they return safely home. For further information, please contact the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

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

The War goes on and our young men, women, and their families sacrifice so much for our Country. Let us give back to them the power of prayer. So many families that have loved ones serving thank us for remembering their children and ask us to please continue.



**Leading The Way Ministry...** will meet on Monday, August 18th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. Leading the Way ministry consists of those who have lost a loved one and are now working together to once again enjoy life by going out to the movies, dinner and even traveling. They also help with different ministry projects at the Church if they desire. If you are interested contact the Pastoral Care Office.

**Going Into The Hospital?** Please be certain to let the hospital know that you are Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to be anointed before you go into the hospital, please call Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

**Grief Support Group Will Start In September** Until then, know that if you are struggling with the death of a loved one, you can call Bobbie Stich in the Pastoral Care Office for an appointment @ 602-586-7429.

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Adoration In The Convent Chapel Every Thursday From 9AM to 9PM

"I have found that it takes some time to catch fire in prayer. This has been one of the advantages of Holy Hour. It is not so brief as to prevent the soul from collecting itself and shaking off the multitudinous distractions of the world. Sitting before the Presence is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays. Silence in the hour is a back and forth time with the Lord. In those moments, one does not so much pour out written prayers, but listening takes its place. We do not say: Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaks, but "Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**St. Joseph Hospital And Medical Center Is In Need Of Extra Ordinary Ministers...** to bring communion to the Catholic patients. Times and days are flexible. For more information, please contact our Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Alzheimer Support Group** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. Our Care Consultant's are experienced professionals who work with families, assisting care givers in planning and caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. They provide expert guidance, helping families to make informed decisions as they cope with the progression of the disease. For further information please call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**STCS Parents:** The informational summer parent letter was sent electronically to all STCS families Wednesday, July 23rd. If, for some reason, you cannot retrieve it or cannot access it electronically please call the School Office @ 602-840-0010 and leave a message.

**STCS Art Teacher:** STCS is seeking to hire a certified/AZ licensed art teacher for a part time position. If qualified and interested or if you know of someone please contact the office at 602-840-0010.

#### **Theme 2008: Go Make a Difference**

Saint Theresa Catholic School has a few openings left in grades K-8 for the 08/09 School Year. Don't miss this opportunity to 'Go Make a Difference' and give your children an education of a lifetime. For more information contact Tracey Michelle Theisen @ 602.840.0010 ext. 204 or [ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:ttheisen@diocesephoenix.org).

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION

**St. Theresa Parish's School of Religion** has some exciting new programs under the umbrella of, "Faith Formation." Ministry coordinators will present a special skit at all the Masses the weekend of August 23rd-24th, and be on hand to pass out the new Faith Formation brochures that includes information on all the old favorites like Religious Education classes and Life Teen, and introduce some new programs. You don't want to miss it!

**Look Out, Here Comes Faith Formation At St. Theresa Parish!** Ministry coordinators will be available after all the Masses during the weekend of September 6th & 7th to answer questions and register parishioners for programs into programs like Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, RCIA, Children's Initiation into the Catholic Church, LifeTeen and other faith-filled classes for families. If your child needs a sacrament this year, you must have a copy of their Baptism Certificate to register! Come join us in the McMahon Center. See you there!

**"Stepping Stones" Is Coming To St Theresa Parish!** Proverbs, parables and pizza, this new program for 4th & 5th graders will meet twice a month on Wednesdays. Registration will take place on the weekend of September 6th & 7th after all Masses.

**Traditional Religious Education** Kindergarten-3rd Grade. Sunday sessions only. Text used: "Finding God". Registration will take place on the weekend of September 6th & 7th after all Masses.

**RE Parent Orientation** Please attend this information session on the new RE program Tuesday, September 9th in Feeney Hall at 6:30PM for all the above grades.

**New Parishioner**  
**Welcoming & Registration**

All visitors and St. Theresa parishioners who are not formally registered in the Parish are invited to join in the "welcoming & registration" gathering **TODAY**, August 10th, immediately following the 11AM Mass in the Pope John Paul Room. Come and hear about all of the exciting things going on in our parish!

**LIFE TEEN PROGRAM**

All High School Teens Welcome!



**AUGUST**

- 10) Social Surprise
- 17) Back To School Kickoff
- 24) Summer Issue-Edition #3
- 31) Phoenix Rock Gym

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**

(AUGUST 11TH – AUGUST 17TH)



**MONDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

6:30AM +MARIE & ALBERT FLEMING-FR. MATHEW

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH**

6:30AM +NORBERT DEVINE-FR. MATHEW

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH**

6:30AM +YVETTE MOWER-FR. MATHEW

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH**

6:30AM +JANET QUELLETTE-FR. CHUCK

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH**

6:30AM +PATRICK MONGELLUZZO-FR. MATHEW  
 8:30AM NANCY DONAGHY, SP. INT.-FR. FRANK  
 10:00AM +PAUL GETZ-FR. CHUCK  
 6:00PM GREG WILLMORE, SP. INT.-FR. FRANK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH**

8:00AM +DORIS JORDAN-FR. MATHEW  
 5:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS-FR. FRANK

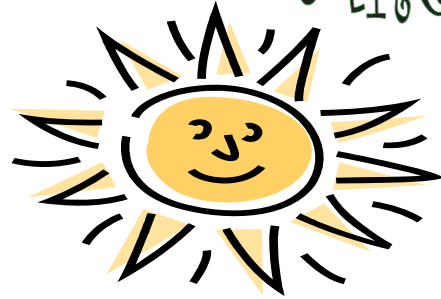
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH**

7:30AM +JOHN MCMORRIS-FR. MATHEW  
 9:00AM JOE LESSARD, SP. INT.-FR. CHUCK  
 11:00AM +CECILE SUDY-FR. MATHEW  
 6:00PM LOIS CAMPBELL, SP. INT.-FR. FRANK

**Please Note:**

The Priest scheduled to celebrate the Mass is subject to change.

The Week Ahead!



**Sunday**

12:00PM Welcoming/New Registration (McMahon Gym)  
 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)  
 Knights Of Columbus (Convent Upper Rm)

**Thursday**

8:15AM Called To Protect Renewal (Feeney Hall)  
 9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)  
 3:00PM Open LIFE Room (LIFE Rm)  
 6:30AM Called To Protect Renewal (Feeney Hall)

**Friday**

**Saturday**

8:30PM AIAnon (Classroom 16)  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

**Readings Week of August 10, 2008**

**Sunday** | Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**Monday** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday** Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78; Mt 18:21-19:1 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4; 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

**Friday** Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday** | Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28