

Reflections

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all advertisers for their support and generosity through advertising in our weekly bulletin.

May God bless you for all that you do to support the Lord's work in our Parish community!



Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift,
of the vast array of the universe,
and the mystery of each human life.

We praise you and we thank you for your great
power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift,
and after having created us you have given us into the
keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His
love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a
community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus,
we commit ourselves to be good stewards
of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time,
our talent and our material gifts
as an outward sign of the treasure we hold
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgy And Music Notes & Notices

Attention All Liturgical Ministers, the new schedule for September & October was emailed and copies are available in the Sacristy. Please review them very carefully, as they have been generated by a new computer program, and the format is different.

Choir rehearsal resumes its weekly schedule with Wednesday, September 3rd, still meeting in the Parish Conference Room.

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 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.

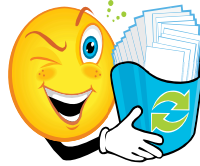
PARISH NEWS

SET Renewal If you are required to complete the SET Renewal for 2008 these group sessions are the only Renewal Sessions offered at St Theresa Options for Renewal (group session or online) 2008/2009:

- Group sessions for Renewal "Internet Safety" Monday, September 8th @ 8:15AM or 6:30PM or Tuesday, September 9th @ 8:15am Pre-Register at www.safeenvironmenttraining.org click "register for classes".

- Online Renewal www.safeenvironmenttraining.org. Click "renewal" and follow the prompts.

Please check your status for compliance by going to: 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.



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 McMahon Center Gym. 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!"

Sunday Scripture Discussion Sunday, September 7th will be the startup date for the 26th year of our Scripture Discussion Sessions. We meet after the 9AM Mass beginning about 10:20AM in the Parish Office Conference Room. We end our sessions promptly at 11:30AM. The questions that remain unanswered at Mass are part of our focus during our time together. Please try this different approach to bible study and bring your questions with you. This is a facilitated activity; each individual takes an active part in the discussion.

The St. Theresa Knights of Columbus Would Like To Thank... all those that donated or tried to donate blood last weekend. We had a very successful drive; the best in two years. Thanks again for sacrificing a few minutes out of your busy holiday weekend to help those in need!

Families For Caring

As a natural outgrowth of our Christian faith and the desire to give back what we receive when we celebrate Eucharist together, Families for Caring will occasionally highlight different ways to be part of the Body of Christ in our community. For the month of August, think about watching the sales in anticipation of placing gifts under our parish Christmas Tree during Advent. Socks, underwear, T-shirts, shoes, school supplies, bedding, towels... whatever you might hide away for a family at Christmas. Christ be in our eyes and in our hearts.





**Interested In The Catholic Faith?
RCIA Inquiry Starts September 7th**
Have you attended Mass as a non-Catholic and sensed 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. 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.

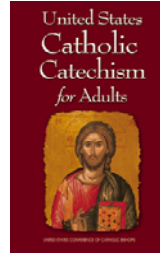


Did You Know?

**Last Year Forty-Three St. Theresa Parishioners Completed The 24-Week Video Seminar
The Great Adventure
*A Journey Through The Bible***

It's coming back starting Tuesday, September 23rd for anyone who missed it last year. Jeff Cavins is a gifted and entertaining Bible scholar. His seminar will show you the "story" of salvation history and your role in it. *"The Great Adventure Bible Timeline was amazing! It connected the Old Testament and the New Testament in a way that had never been presented to us before. We can't wait to continue the journey with Adventures in Matthew this Fall!"* -Rob & Terri O'Halloran
Don't miss this 2nd chance. The cost for materials is \$40, with Parish scholarships available. Tuesdays @ 8:15AM, 1PM & 7PM, from September 23rd-April 21st. For those who wish to continue on after the Great Adventure, join us on Wednesdays @ 7PM starting on September 24th for ***Adventures in Matthew: The King and His Kingdom***. Discover the roots of the sacraments, and watch Jesus relive the life and history of Israel. The cost for materials is \$26, with Parish scholarships available. To register for either of the above series please call the Parish Office @ 602-840-0850.

www.greatadventureonline.org



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.

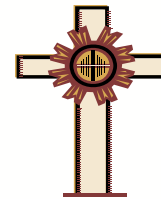
Engaging Spirituality In your hectic life do you yearn for quiet and a secure anchor point? Consider participating in the Engaging Spirituality program to explore in the footsteps of Jesus how to combine a busy life with deep spirituality. An essential informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th at 7PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. For more information please contact Marty Fischer @ 602-808-8634, marty-fischer@dataimages.com or Inge Casey @ 602-952-0562, ingegeneral@caseytrio.com.

PASTORAL CARE

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 the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

Thursday Evening Prayer For Our Service Men & Women In The Convent Chapel 6-7PM
The first thing a soldier says when asked "What can we do to make things better for you?" is "We need your support and your prayers." Lets get the word out and be a strong community of prayer for these wonderful young men & women!

**Adoration
Every Thursday From 9AM-9PM**



The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in hearing and being with Him.

Training Session For Those Who Would Like To Take Communion To Patients At St. Joseph Hospital Wednesday, September 10th @ 7PM in the Parish Office. Please RSVP @ 602-586-7429.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grief Support Ministry starts up again on Monday, September 15th from 4-5:30PM in the Parish Office Conference Room. Grief can often set us aside from family, friends and normal social functioning. We feel like our lives will never be the same and normal events seem to overwhelm us. In our support group we invite you to come to a safe place and be with people who understand. Together we can enter our Tomorrow with Hope. Call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429 if you plan to attend on September 15th.

Looking For Help! "Our Lively-hood depends on our income...Our Life depends on our giving." Pastoral Care is in need of some of those giving people. So many of our parishioners who are home-bound need someone to drive them to Dr. appointments, pick up groceries, have a friendly conversation to feel less lonely, take them some soup and just care. We call all the above 'Random Acts of Kindness'. If you can help please call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602 586-7429.

"Leading The Way Ministry" Monday, September 22nd in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. Leading the Way Ministry is for those who have experienced the death of their partner and are ready to join others who have also experienced this type of grief. As they move into the social and spiritual arena they come to make important new friends. For information, call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602 586-7429.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Blood Pressure Screenings... will be provided in the Pope John Paul Room after all morning Masses on Sunday, September 21st. There is no cost for this service.

Alzheimer Support Group Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 30th in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4-5:30PM. For further information please call the Pastoral Care Office @ 602-586-7429.

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy Of The Word needs volunteers to share the Gospel with the youngest members of our faith community. Beginning September 14th, children ages 4 to 9 are invited to participate in Liturgy of the Word with ministers in the McMahan Center. It's a wonderful way to share your love of Jesus with others. Training is provided. Call Gina Keating for more details.

"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. Registrations will take place THIS weekend after Masses.

Faith Formation At St. Theresa Has New Offerings!

New to St. Theresa this year is a family-based catechesis called, "*Family Formation*." This religious education option is designed to encourage families' participation throughout the liturgical year by building the "domestic church" at home. Learning and teaching the faith allows parents, with children of all ages, an opportunity to encounter Christ and grow in faith. Families meet monthly for a specific topic of study, with remaining lessons done at home. Sound interesting? Please plan to attend the first Registration/Information Meeting THIS Sunday, September 7th @ 10:45AM in Fr. Feeney Hall. For information, contact Gina Keating, 602-840-0850.

Children's Initiation (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) is a family program for children 7 years old and older who are not baptized, baptized in a different faith background and want to become Catholic, or for children who never had formal Catholic catechesis and received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Meetings are every Wednesday at 6PM in the Convent Chapel and Atrium. For more information, contact Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850.

Sacramental Preparation for 2nd & 3rd Grade Children of St. Theresa Parish, don't be late... in turning in your registration forms this year! Children enrolled in religious education programs at the parish or the school are **required to register** through the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) in 2nd grade, and Confirmation/First Eucharist in 3rd grade. This is a family-style program that enables parents to help their children in the sacramental workbook, as well as by attending mandatory parent-child meetings and retreats. Registration for both sacraments will be available THIS weekend after Masses. Please note, registration materials must be returned to the Parish Office- complete with a copy of the child's baptism certificate- by Monday, November 3rd. A late fee of \$30 will be charged to each family after that deadline. For questions call Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850.

SCHOOL NEWS



St. Theresa Catholic School PTO... has begun their annual Sally Foster gift wrap fundraiser. Sale ends Thursday, September 11th so there is still time to order high quality gift wrap, unique gift items, gourmet edibles and much more. All priced \$20 or less! If you are interested in a catalog or to find out how to order on line, please call Cindy Largay @ 602-882-2739, larg1@cox.net. Thanks for supporting our school!

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

All High School Teens Welcome!



Mass: Sundays @ 6PM
LIFE Teen: Sunday After Mass
Open Life Room: Thursday 3-5PM
Adoration: Thursday 7-9PM in Convent Chapel

www.godtalk.org

The Week Ahead!



Mass Intentions

(SEPTEMBER 8TH – SEPTEMBER 14TH)



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

6:30AM +ROBERT J. WILL-FR. FRANK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

6:30AM +CONNOR CUNNINGHAM-FR. FRANK

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

6:30AM +FRANK JAMES PERLICH-FR. FRANK

8:30AM +MARYLIN TICE-FR. MATHEW

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:30AM BULLETIN SPONSORS, SP. INT.-FR. FRANK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

6:30AM +ELEANORE V. SANDHOWE-FR. CHUCK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:00AM +DORIS JORDAN-FR. FRANK

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

7:30AM +CARMEN J. VIVIANO-FR. GREG KONZ

9:00AM +TRICIA&MATTHEW DORRELL-FR. MATHEW

11:00AM +DANIEL PARRY-FR. CHUCK

6:00PM +BULLETIN SPONSORS, SP. INT.-FR. FRANK

Please Note:

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



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

Today, September 7th, after the 7:30 & 9AM Morning Masses!

Sunday

8:30AM Pancake Breakfast (McMahon Gym)

10:20AM Scripture Study (Conference Rm)

7:00PM LIFE Teen (LIFE Rm)

Monday

8:15AM SET Renewal (Feeny Hall)

6:30PM SET Renewal (Feeny Hall)
 SVDP Meeting (Conference Rm)

7:00PM Boy Scout Meeting (PJP Rm)

Tuesday

8:15AM SET Renewal (Feeny Hall)

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

Wednesday

9:15AM Centering Prayer (Convent Chapel)

6:00PM Choir Practice (Conference Rm)

6:30PM Rosary (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM Knights Of Columbus(Convent Upper Rm)

Thursday

9:00AM Adoration (Convent Chapel)

7:00PM Baptism Class (Conference Rm)

Friday

Saturday

8:30PM AlAnon (Classroom 16)

Alcoholics Anonymous (Classroom 17)

Readings

Week of September 7, 2008

Sunday	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17