

DECEMBER 26, 2021 - THE HOLY FAMILY



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

mission statement: "We are disciples of Jesus building the Kingdom."

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Confession Saturdays 2:30-3:30,
30 minutes before every weekday Mass
or anytime at request.

* Please call to set up an appointment
for *any* of these listed below:

*** Anointing of the Sick and
Hospital Visits:**

Please call for yourself or anyone in your
family for: an emergency, serious illness,
if sick and confined to home, or if
entering a hospital or local nursing-home.

Please call us several days prior to the
surgery or event if you know of it in advance.

*** Sacrament of Baptism:**

Parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal
class before their child is baptized.

*** Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Registered Parishioners need to contact the
Pastor at least nine months before the
wedding to participate in marriage
preparation.

*** Interested in the Catholic Faith:**

Inquiry classes begin in October
and are held each Sunday morning.

Bulletin Deadline:

stteresabulletin.ShariD@gmail.com

Please email by 1pm on Friday,
9-days prior to the Sunday it comes out.
Deadline before Holidays is 3 weeks!

~ MASS TIMES ~

• SAT. Vigil Mass 4:00pm • SUNDAY Masses 8:00am & 10:30am
• MON. 7:00am • TUE. & WED. 5:30pm • THUR. 7:00am • FRI. 12:05pm



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was
obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her
heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
Collections for Church Year
July 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2022

Sunday, December 12, 2021

\$18,528.32

Collections Fiscal Year-To-Date
\$245,398.54

Budget-Year-To-Date Collections
\$241,324.62

\$ Collections Over (Under) Budget
\$4,073.92



Mass Intentions ~ Dec. 25 - Dec. 31

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

Sat. Dec. 25	*8:00am	†	Marge Starke
Sun. Dec. 26	8:00am	†	Linda Hunt
Sun. Dec. 26	10:30am	†	Gilbert & Christina Ulbrich
Mon. Dec. 27	7:00am	†	Carol McQuiggin
Tue. Dec. 28	5:30pm	†	Barbara Johnson
Wed. Dec. 29	5:30pm	†	Mary Birzer
Thu. Dec. 30	7:00am	†	Loren Dreiling
Fri. Dec. 31	12:05pm	†	Laverne Maybrier

ONLINE GIVING

To those who have continued to be so generous in helping us meet the continued needs of running our parishes and schools: **THANK YOU!!**

If you are not yet signed up for online giving, you can do so for St. Teresa on our parish website.

*** To donate online please go to:**

www.saintteresahutchinson.com

How-To directions are explained on the website.

~ St. Teresa thanks you for your stewardship of treasure ~

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"The Lord has ears to ALL who call on Him"
Prayer Requests for the St. Teresa prayer line



To add yourself or someone you know to the prayer line contact:

Kathy Wiens - text or call: **316.778.8093**
email: **wienskathy@sbcglobal.net**

*** ATTENTION ***

If you or a family member will be in the HOSPITAL, please call. 620.662.7812

Fr. Aaron, Fr. Matt or Fr. Will would very much like visit them for Anointing, Reconciliation or Communion.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

A friendly reminder to please use your contribution envelopes when making your donations. This not only helps our money counters with their stewardship of time in counting in a timely manner, it will also insure your donations will be added to your end of the year statement for your tax records. **If you aren't receiving year end statements or tithing envelopes please call to verify that we have you listed as an active member.*

Please use generic tithing envelopes in the vestibule...

- If you forgot your tithing envelope
- If you are a guest and would like to give
- For school attendance envelopes
- For all your other giving needs



*** You may also mail it or drop it at the Rectory.**

You can drop off your tithing envelope through our mail slot on the front door of the rectory anytime day or night.

Want to become a member of St. Teresa Parish?

To be added to the weekly tithing envelopes and mailing list, please fill out a registration form (on the front & back).

Forms are located in the vestibule of the church. Return these to the Rectory at 211 E. 5th Ave. Or fill-out and submit the form on our website.

Dillon's Community Rewards



We have a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the *upkeep of our St. Teresa altar.*

- 1- Register your card with **St. Teresa** as the Community Rewards,
- 2- use your Plus-Card when shopping at Dillon's,
- 3- St.T earns - *it's easy!*

Our Last Quarter Dillon's Reward was \$532!!

Do You Have 1-Hour Per Week to Give to Jesus?



Contact Alana Vibbert - 620-727-0481
Please Text or leave a message

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

We are trying to reconnect with our parishioners that are homebound or in nursing homes since the pandemic. If you have a loved one or know someone who would like to visit with a priest and/or receive communion please call the parish 620-665-5163 to let them know. Thank you for your help.



Holy Rosary Prayer Group
1st Sundays @ 12 noon

St. Teresa Parish - All 4 Mysteries
Let's Flood Heaven with Prayers!

We've started showing season 1 of **"The Chosen"**
Meet us in the Parish Family Center
Wednesdays after 5:30 Mass



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Catholic Life Explained:

~ I have been away from the church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children.

Is this a bad reason to come back to church? ~

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty?

Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there.

Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner.

Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



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The Pope's Monthly Intention - December Catechists - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ **Lord hear our prayer**



St. Teresa Restoration Project

As the restoration continues in the Church we would like to thank those of you who have and continue to support our Restoration Fund. to anyone who would like to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!!

If you have questions please see Fr. Aaron or call the Rectory.

Feast of the Holy Family

• *First Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

God blesses us through our parents. He commands us, as Christian stewards, to respect, honor, and care for our parents, whatever the circumstances may be.

• *Psalm 128:1-5*

As faithful stewards, we realize our spouse and children are blessings from God, and are to be nurtured.

• *Second Reading – Colossians 3:12-21*

As God's chosen ones, we are to put on compassion, reconciliation, and love for one another as members of the Body of Christ. A good steward does everything in the name of Jesus, follows His Word, prays, and sings gratefully to God. The family is called the domestic Church — love and respect one another.

• *Gospel – Luke 2:41-52*

After frantically looking for Jesus for three days, Mary and Joseph find Him in the Temple in Jerusalem, in the midst of the teachers.

God's great gift of faith reveals Christ's divinity to us. Are we, as Christian stewards, open to this gift?

• *Stewardship Thought*

Parents who practice good stewardship draw upon their time and talents to pass on their gift of faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.

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<u>Fri. Dec. 24</u> Christmas Eve Vigil- 4 & 8 PM	4:00 pm Norine Hamby	4:00 pm Angie Stephenson, Kathy Hall, Jackie Oglesby	4:00 Trish & Susan	4:00pm Mike Juarez, Bob L.
<u>Sat Dec. 25</u> Christmas Day Morning 8:00 AM	8:00 pm Victoria Graf 8:00AM Audrey Bornholdt	8:00 pm Mary Sue Luebbers 8:00AM Josh Carroll	8:00 Diana & Holly 8:00AM Tim & Celeste	8:00pm Mark & Karen M. 8:00AM Geri Rome & Christine B.
<u>Sun. Dec. 26</u> Sunday Obligation since there wasn't a Mass at 4pm Saturday	8:00 Steve Dechant * 10:30 Mark Smith	8:00 Karen Baldauf 10:30 Kathy Carroll Brian & Lori Bird	 10:30 *TBD	8:00am - Christine Becker Tony Probst, two volunteers 10:30am - Lionel Mailloux, Darrell Ranzau, Jim Thomas, volunteer
<u>Saturday Jan. 1</u>	4:00 Kathy Carroll	4:00 Bill & Ana R. Angie Stephenson	4:00 *TBD	4:00 Mark & Josh Dreiling Joel & Clayton Hamby
<u>Sunday Jan. 2</u>	8:00 Amy Godina 10:30 Paul Maldonado	8:00 Anita Davison 10:30 Irene Owston Steve Stacey, Lori Story	10:30 *TBD	8:00 Wayne & Carol Prather 10:30 Marietta H., Rosa Fast, Josh Sander, Belen Dryden

STEWARDING OUR GIFTS:
"Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples"
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:41-52

My Father's House



Notice the slight shift created in today's Gospel, stemming from the use of one capital letter. We can only imagine the fear and frustration Mary must have felt when she finally found Jesus after being separated from Him for three days. She says: "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." The 12-year-old Jesus responds with: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The slight shift from *father* to *Father* speaks volumes here. Jesus acknowledges Joseph and Mary as His earthly parents, and He is obedient to them. However, He seems quite aware that He is not "of this world" and must make His way to His Father's house. May we all remember that we should not allow ourselves to get lost or attached to things in this world and that we should, instead, make our way to our Father's house. Like the child Jesus, we are called to obedience in this temporary world, but we were created for holiness in the Kingdom of God!

~ St. Teresa Stewardship Committee ~
mission statement: "We are disciples of Jesus building the Kingdom."

St. Teresa is now LIVE 24/7 on  **YouTube**
You can now attend any Mass or event as it is happening live in the church!
 **Go to YouTube and search for:**
St. Teresa Catholic Church, Hutchinson Kansas
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoJyHIB_5noG2dVIWfdxl4Q

LETTER AND SPIRIT:

featuring *Scott Hahn and Mike Aquilina*
VIA ZOOM or in the **St. Teresa Parish Hall**
SUNDAY'S @ 9:00am
(between 8:00am & 10:30am masses)
They will show us how it is that the Bible is 'for' the Liturgy and the Liturgy is 'for' the Bible. And that's not all, they will also prove the Bible is 'about' the Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Mass is 'about' the Bible.

 **VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS** 
Holy Cross Grade School
ENGLISH - SAT. JAN 8th @10:00am
ENGLISH - WED. MAR 9th @6:00pm

- Those wanting to attend should pre-register to ensure a space at: www.virtus.org.
 - Participants will need to enter the far northwest doors of the school building.
 - * Please do not bring children to training sessions
- For info contact: Kim Griffith at 620-899-9453

LIVE THE LITURGY- INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship. You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father? Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter? We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements



Please feel free to call
Mon-Fri ~ 10am-2pm
620.662.7812



“Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.”

~ St. Teresa of Avila ~

Christmas Call to Sharing

The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of our 29 seminarians and care of our 20 retired priests.



STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

Every family should get the stewardship packet. Please call the parish office if you didn't receive yours. There are forms and a drop box in the St.T vestibule, or you may mail them or take to the St. Teresa office at 2631 Independence Rd.



“Stewardship is a natural and necessary result of following Jesus Christ, not an option. Mature disciples make a conscious, formed decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost to themselves.”

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th: 4:00 & 8:00 PM
 Saturday, December 25th: 8:00 AM
 Sunday, December 26th: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

ATTENTION

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, MUSICIANS, USHERS

PLEASE LOOK TO SEE WHEN YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE . . . ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHURCH, ON ST.T WEBSITE AND ON FACEBOOK.

Please find a sub if you can't serve - Thank you!



W E L C O M E

St. Teresa's is looking to re-form a **PARISH WELCOMING COMMITTEE**. Please contact the parish office at 620-662-7812.

Q&A Theology On Tap Q & A with Fr. Aaron Spexarth

Monday, Jan. 3rd
Presentation starts at 7:00pm
Salt City Brewing Co. 514 N. Main
Come early for a snack or meal.



We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the generous outpouring of Christmas cards, gifts, goodies, support and prayers! Your continued generosity is unmatched, we are truly blessed to be here! Please know that you are all remembered in our daily prayers! Peace!



-Fr. Aaron
 -Fr. Matt
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And his mother kept all these things in her heart.
 ~ Lk 2:51

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