



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Augustus Toplady was hiking one day in the English countryside when a severe thunder-storm overtook him. He found himself in a rocky glen which ran into the heart of some hills with many boulders protruding out of the earth. There was no habitation anywhere near, and no place to which he could turn for shelter from the storm. Looking about him, he saw two massive pillars of rock, a deep fissure in the center of a precipitous crag of limestone, and took refuge there. Standing there in safety, he escaped the storm. Finding some paper left by others, he picked it up and with his pencil wrote the famous familiar hymn, first published in 1775, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me. Let me hide myself in Thee."

We, too, may find ourselves in the midst of the various storms of life. Our immediate reaction should be to seek shelter, safety and strength in God, our Rock of the Ages.

St. Therese Fall Event will take place on **Friday, September 18, 2009, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**, in the gathering space and church areas. It will feature Dinner at Café Lisieux where you will find wonderful French Cuisine and fellowship. There will also be a Silent Auction and the Crazy Cash Giveaway Raffle drawing. Dinner and raffle tickets may be purchased after all Masses on weekends, or in the parish office. All proceeds will go toward debt reduction. Seating will be limited. You are encouraged to get your tickets early. This will be a great evening! Let's get together!

Another part of the Fall Event will be the **Farmer's Market which will be open for business starting the weekend of August 22nd-23rd**. Parishioners are invited to bring vegetables, fruits, jellies, cut flowers and baked goods. Books will also be available for purchase. All donated items will be for sale after each of the weekend Masses throughout the summer and fall. All proceeds will be part of the Fall Event debt reduction.

Our Social Outreach Fellowship Committee has several ministries that serve the parish, one of which is the Faith in Action Ministries. One of its sub-ministries is the Elizabeth Ministry, whose purpose is to affirm, support, encourage and assist women in response to their needs during the childbearing years. **During September you are invited to purchase a Big Soo Coupon Book which Elizabeth Ministry is selling as a fund raiser.** This is a principal source of income for their yearly activities.

As a matter of information for all people of the parish, **the feast of our patron saint, St. Therese of Lisieux, is October 1st.** This year it falls on a Thursday. Confession is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:30pm. Attending Mass is a wonderful way to honor this modern day saint, who is such an inspiration to so many.

Another day of significance for many is the **First Friday of the month. Mass is at 9:00am and a Breakfast Social follows.** This is a great opportunity to give praise and thanksgiving to God and to enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.

The office staff and I wish you pleasant days as summer slips away!

Fr. Hal Barber