



**St. Teresa**  
*of Avila*  
Catholic Church

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 16, 2011**

**“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,  
and to God what belongs to God.”**

— *Matthew 22:21*

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**Parish Mission Statement**

The Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people.

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## The Road Taken

Week after week, we are offered a choice to declare to others and to our God whom we belong to—the small god of money and possessions, or the great God whom Jesus called Abba (Daddy or Papa in Aramaic). Some of us drop into the basket what we think is good enough, or what we will never miss, or whatever is in our pocket. How about a different approach? For every financial blessing first give thanks, whether for a paycheck, an allowance, investment interest, bonus, or even a lottery win. Choose a portion and share it with others: half to the Church, and half to good cause you favor. In gratitude for God’s overwhelming love, we give these “first fruits” rather than what’s left over after we’ve done what we want. Modern research shows that people who give generously tend to live happier and longer lives. So become a grateful giver and a true steward of God’s constant blessings.

### Living Stewardship Now

Did you know that the Vatican has a yearly operating budget *less than half* the budget of a major university? God’s work—in the parish, the diocese, and around the world—depends on us. Is your giving generous, or the least you can spare?



## El Camino Que Tomemos

Semana tras semana se nos brinda la oportunidad de declarar a quién pertenecemos, al dios minúsculo del dinero y las posesiones o al gran Dios a quien Jesús llamó Abba, que en arameo (el idioma de Jesús) quiere decir papá o papaíto. Algunos de nosotros ponemos en la colecta aquello que pensamos es lo suficiente o el cambio que tengamos en el bolsillo en ese momento. ¿Y si enfocáramos esto desde otro ángulo? Por cada beneficio financiero, ya sea por el sueldo, por algún subsidio personal, por el rendimiento de una inversión, algún tipo de bono o aun la ganancia inesperada en la lotería, hemos de dar gracias en primer lugar a Dios por tal bendición. Reserva una parte para compartirla con los demás, una mitad para la Iglesia y la otra para alguna causa justa de tu predilección. En gratitud por el inmenso amor que Dios nos tiene damos de estos “primeros frutos” y no de la parte mínima que nos sobra después de hacer lo que hemos querido. Las investigaciones científicas modernas demuestran que las personas que dan generosamente tienden a vivir más tiempo y más felices. Además, dar con gratitud cambia nuestra manera de pensar sobre la vida y nos hace verdaderamente responsables por las constantes bendiciones que recibimos de Dios.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

¿Sabías que el Vaticano tiene un presupuesto anual para sus operaciones que es *menos de la mitad* del de una universidad grande? La obra de Dios, tanto en la parroquia, como en la diócesis y alrededor del mundo, depende de nosotros. ¿Es tu donativo generoso o das lo menos posible?

## St. Teresa of Avila Food Pantry Shopping List

The St. Teresa Food Pantry can always use non-perishable food items such as those listed below.

Pasta Sauce (26 oz.)	Canned Soup (10 oz.)
Canned Beans (15 oz.)	Canned Vegetables (15 oz.)
Canned Fruit (15oz.)	Spaghetti O's (15 oz.)
Peanut Butter (18 oz.)	Chili (15 oz.)
Tuna	Cereal
Macaroni & Cheese	Pasta
Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)	

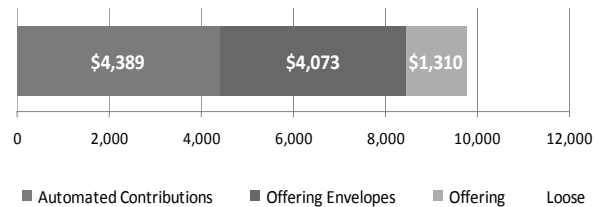
**Sizes are the Maximum**

## Weekly Collections Recap For October 9, 2011

10/9/2011

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,389	\$4,073	\$1,310	\$9,772

Weekly Sunday Collections (Budget of \$12,000)



We are currently running a \$2,228 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of October 9, 2011. We are currently at a 14% increase over last fiscal year to date.

## Comments & Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Finance Council Chair, Bill Mack, at [williamdmack@hotmail.com](mailto:williamdmack@hotmail.com) or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

We also encourage you to attend the monthly Finance Council meetings on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

## Website & Bulletin Materials

Articles must be submitted by 11:00 am on Monday to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin or for posting on the Website. Please contact Dean at (773) 528-6650 or [dvaeth@sttereseparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@sttereseparish.org)

Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything that is past the expiration date.



If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Mike Usiak at [usiak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usiak@sbcglobal.net).

**The next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.**

## The 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

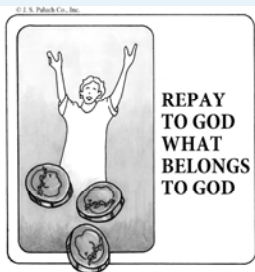
**First Reading** — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

**Psalm** — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

**Gospel** — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

## In God Alone



Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me” (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9  
**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

## Only Say the Word

The bread is broken, the banquet is prepared, and now we are invited to the feast. Once more the priest holds the host, now broken, for us to see, and invites us to behold the one “who takes away the sins of the world.” Truly blessed and happy are those invited to this meal, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:19). We respond to this invitation with a prayer to the Lord: we acknowledge that we are not worthy, but at the same time we are confident that the One who comes to us can heal us, body and soul. This prayer echoes the story of the centurion in Luke's Gospel. The centurion, a Gentile, asks healing for his servant, but does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof—he believes that Jesus can heal his servant with a word, without even seeing him. Jesus is amazed at his faith. It is the same for us. We believe that Jesus speaks to us, comes to us, dwells with us, even though we neither hear his voice nor see his face. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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## Sólo en Dios



Isaías nos habla hoy de Ciro, el rey de Persia, ungido del Señor. Dios llama a Ciro por su nombre y lo conduce a servir a los israelitas. En este pasaje oímos que es el Señor quien le da a Ciro su título, quien lo arma contra sus enemigos, y quien abre los portones, y no deja nada trancado ante él. Y Dios hace todo esto para que su pueblo llegue a saber que “yo soy el SEÑOR,” y que “no hay otro” (Isaías 45:6).

Pablo abre su carta esencialmente con la misma noción, que sólo en Dios podemos hallar gracia y paz. Pablo también da gracias a Dios en nuestro nombre, recordando nuestro trabajo fatigoso de fe, esperanza y amor. Y en la familiar lectura del Evangelio, Jesús dice a los fariseos que den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — Sólo a Dios debemos adorar; al Dios que nos llama por nuestro nombre (Isaías 45:1, 4-6).

**Salmo** — Da al Señor gloria y honor (Salmo 96 [95]).

**Segunda lectura** — Hemos recibido el Evangelio no sólo de palabras sino por el poder del Espíritu Santo (1 Tesalonicenses 1:1-5b).

**Evangelio** — Devuelve al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios (Mateo 22:15-21).

## Comunión: Dar y Recibir

La celebración eucarística es la oración por excelencia de toda la Iglesia; la plenitud de esta celebración es la comunión. Aunque comulgamos personalmente, es una acción totalmente comunitaria. No comulgamos como individuos sino como un solo cuerpo místico de Cristo que somos. Cristo mismo partió su cuerpo y nos lo dio; durante su ministerio público, pidió a sus apóstoles que repartieran el pan a la gente. La comunión se nos da porque en sí es un don y regalo de Dios. Si tomamos directamente la comunión empobrece el significado porque no es un autoservicio o algo que simplemente podemos agarrar. Al comulgar lo que somos, dice san Agustín, estamos llamados a ser lo que comemos. La Eucaristía, como sacramento, es un regalo absoluto de Dios, es un estilo de vida, una espiritualidad a vivir, nunca una conquista propia. La Eucaristía, nos lo recuerda Juan Pablo II, “crea comunión y educa a la comunión”. En comunión no sólo se recibe el don, sino que la persona comulgante, se da a sí misma, a lo que comulga y a la asamblea con quien comulga y vive esa comunión. — Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



## Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Rom 4:20-25; Lc 12:13-21
- Martes:** 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Lc 10:1-9
- Miércoles:** Rom 6:12-18; Lc 12:39-48
- Jueves:** Rom 6:19-23; Lc 12:49-53
- Viernes:** Rom 7:18-25a; Lc 12:54-59
- Sábado:** Rom 8:1-11; Lc 13:1-9
- Domingo:** Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17); 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## Interested in the Catholic Faith?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

The RCIA process is for the un-baptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Openings for 3-5 Year-Olds

There are still a couple openings in the Tuesday and Thursday classes (4:30-6:00pm). Please spread the word, especially to families with 3-5 year olds.

We are looking for someone who can sing with the children before classes on Tuesday or Thursday for twenty minutes: 4:15-4:35pm. Contact Kate Lynch at [klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org) or (773)528-6650.

## October Baptisms



*Abigail Jeanette Griffiths (10-2-11)*  
*Morgan Urban (10-2-11)*  
*Jake Michael Wald (10-2-11)*  
*Sophia Noelani Zamora (10-8-11)*  
*Trey Michael Anderson (10-15-11)*  
*Oliver George Johnson (10-16-11)*  
*Kaylee Makena Norberg (10-16-11)*  
*Alivia Evangeline Jacinto (10-16-11)*  
*Eoin Patrick Fingleton (10-22-11)*

## Calendar at a Glance

### October 16, Sunday

Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time • Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:15 am, PC1-2, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 1:00 pm, PC1-2, Archdiocesan PR Committee
- 4:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, "6:51 Club" Hospitality

### October 17, Monday

St. Ignatius of Antioch • San Ignacio de Antioquia

- 7:00 pm, PC3-4, Parish Council-Finance Council
- 7:30 pm, AVC, 12-Step Meeting

### October 18, Tuesday

St. Luke • San Lucas

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC-4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:00 pm, PC1-2, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### October 19, Wednesday

Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions • Santos Juan de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues y compañeros

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting

### October 20, Thursday

St. Paul of the Cross • San Pablo de la Cruz

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### October 21, Friday

- 10:00 am, PC1-2-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

### October 22, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 11:00 am, Kitchen, Care Package Cooking



# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### October 15

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### October 16

9:00 am Naomi Harmon-Kirksey  
 10:30 am Pedro Velazquez  
 12:00 noon Goldie Altman  
 6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

## In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

*Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzel, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Jeanne Kreilkamp, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben Patrosso, Victims of the War & Domestic Violence*

Let us also pray for those who are ill, especially...

<i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i>	<i>Dave Kostelansky</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske &amp; Family</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Marroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Tammy Martin &amp; Family</i>	<i>Robert Usiak</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>Karen Breen Vogel</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Jim Zwicky</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Frank Nekic</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>Nella Palazzolo</i>	
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Susan Patrosso</i>	
	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650, ext.230 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office.

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
10-22-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	David Kostelansky	Jean Kostelansky	Aimee Jaszczor Theresa Jabaley
10-23-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Rebecca O'Brien	Michael Zost Frank Swiderski Rose Ohiku	Deana Zost Dennis Kamalick Mary Beth Wilke George Halloran
10-23-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
10-23-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Colin McCue	Alice Morales-Villenas Wendy Tynan
10-23-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Katie Assell	Maggie Malone Kathleen Kramer Sharon Lindstrom	Jane Ott Luke Kolman Jon Assell Christine Villoch

# Parish Life

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## The Challenge of Accepting God's Call

I love caller ID. I love it even more now that I have a phone that talks to me. A call comes in and my phone announcing to me who is calling. It's wonderful. I don't have to get up from the table or couch to look and see what number is coming in. Remember the old days? Painful.

Our modern day technology makes it so easy to reject incoming phone calls. Rejecting incoming live face-to-face calls from friends or relatives or associates takes, well, more finesse. I am proud to say that I have refined the fine art of rejecting such face-to-face calls. The art entails a slice of active listening + a few nods of the head followed by a question that diverts the incoming call and lets me off the hook.

Reading the call of Moses, I find that I am in good company. Moses, for example, at first, tried to reject God's call. Imagine that. Moses basically said, "OK God, I cannot be a leader because I have a speech impediment." God said, "I will take care of that, I will send with you Aaron to do all the talking. You just show up and use this staff that I am going to give you."

Reading through "the call" of other major Old Testament prophets I continue to find that I am in good company. It turns out that they all tried to reject God's initial call. But God, wonderful as God is, consistently responds, "Don't worry about your faults and defects. I will take care of that."

Typically, when I am rejecting a call from anyone (including God), I am simply putting myself first. I sense this dynamic is part of a pattern in all of us and why it repeats itself with all the Major Prophets. "Accepting" a call is to put myself aside for a little bit and sincerely respond. Not easy to do... all the time.

**Join us for the next session of  
Men's Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, October 25  
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Dan Anderson at (773) 844-4494 or dananderson@ameritech.net or Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 or tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

## Annual SPRED Mass This Sunday at 6:00 pm

Every year St. Teresa's SPRED community shares with our parish its annual SPRED Mass. SPRED stands for Special Religious Development, an archdiocesan program ministering religious growth and development to our friends with special needs.

St. Teresa's SPRED program is for our friends from 11 to 16 years of age. St. Vincent de Paul Parish and Immaculate Conception parishes are also in our deanery and minister to friends of different age groups.

Our mass uses music and interpretive movements to interpret the psalms, readings and Gospel. Please come join us for this beautiful and inspirational way to experience our mass.

Come join us this Sunday, October 16th at 6:00 pm.

## The Cardinal's Question

Ken Jaszczor and Tom Kinsella are the St. Teresa of Avila Parish representatives to our Deanery, the organizational level between the Archdiocese and the Parish. They have been tasked to obtain your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Specifically, Cardinal George is seeking your help to develop concrete actions to address the problems facing our community of faith. We will be presented with several issues to consider throughout the year.

Please take time to pray over and consider the current question:

**"What are specific things Parishes can do to help people recognize that attending Sunday Mass will make a difference in their lives?"**

Ken and Tom are to present our Parish suggestions in the next Deanery meeting in January. Please provide your suggestions and ideas by speaking to them directly or using the specially marked collection container to deposit your written ideas.



### Join Us At This Year's *Time of Your Life* November 18th, 2011

Tickets are now on sale for our annual fundraiser *Time of Your Life*. Individual tickets are \$125/person, and \$1250 for table of 10. This inspiring evening features drinks, dinner, live music with dancing and of course our stellar live and silent auctions. Tickets have sold out the last two years, so please reserve early! Tickets will be sold after each mass, or you may reserve online by visiting [www.st-teresa.net](http://www.st-teresa.net).

We are in the final stages of procuring items for our Live and Silent Auctions. We are still taking items, but need them soon! If you or someone you know are able to donate restaurant certificates, hotel stays, theater tickets and other local experiences, please contact Deana LaBrosse at [drlabrosse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drlabrosse@sbcglobal.net).

### Holiday Greenery Order Forms!



It's hard to believe it, but it's time to start thinking about the holidays.

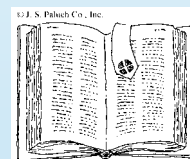
Starting this weekend, we will be taking orders through October for Greenery for the Holidays. We will be using the same great vendor we have in the past, offering an arrangement of wreaths, garland, and mantel pieces.

All Greenery items must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by November 1st. Delivery will be December 3rd and 4th. Order forms are available at the back of church.

### Come to Bible Study Next Sunday

Interested in learning more about the Bible? Join a great group of men and women from the parish who desire to dig deeper into the Word.

St. Teresa's Bible Study plans to meet twice a month and will be using a top-rated bible study resource. Bible study will meet from 10:15am to 12:00 noon on the following Sundays in the Rectory:



BIBLE STUDY

October 23	December 4
November 6	December 18
November 20	

If you're interested, please call Katie Garwood at (601) 454-0837 or email her at [katiengarwood@gmail.com](mailto:katiengarwood@gmail.com).

### St. Teresa of Avila Says ...



"Let truth dwell in your hearts, as it should...and you will see clearly the kind of love we are obliged to have for our neighbor."

### Don't Miss the Fun October 23rd



St. Teresa's Halloween Open House is next Sunday, October 23!

Trick-or-treating starts at 4:00 pm, followed by an Open House with food and drinks from until 9:00 pm in the Rectory.

Don your costume (optional) and stay awhile for a costume contest, games/activities and more.

The festivities are free, but we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Teresa Food Pantry.



### St. Teresa of Avila's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Poor

Thursday, November 26th  
12:00 Noon  
In the Parish Center



# 2011 Year-End Financial Report

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Dear Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish,

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your generosity that keeps our Parish in sound financial health. All of the members of the Finance Council take seriously the responsibility that has been entrusted to us. Given our diverse backgrounds in finance, accounting, and business, we serve as an important resource to Fr. Frank and the Parish.

The Finance Council is pleased to provide you with a financial summary for our 2011 Fiscal Year (7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011). Our Parish is in good financial health, ending the year with an **operating surplus of \$70,401**. This is the second year in a row that the Parish has ended a fiscal year in a positive position, highlighting the strength of your giving and our continued focus on cost management. St. Teresa of Avila Parish is one of only 20% in the Archdiocese that operates with a balanced budget. Below are several key highlights:

- Total operating revenue was \$781,000 and total operating expenses were \$711,000, resulting in net revenues of \$70,401.
- The Time of Your Life was again a significant success because of all who organized and contributed to the event. **TOYL netted \$170,000 this year**. This annual event and weekly collections of approximately \$525,000 provided the Parish the needed financial resources to support operations.
- Even after retaining an appropriate amount to deal with unexpected needs, the Parish was able to make several needed repairs.
- The Parish paid in full all assessments and contributions to the Archdiocese and the Priest Retirement Fund for FY2011.
- This spring, the Archdiocese conducted a thorough review of our Parish's finances and internal controls. **The audit showed that our internal controls are strong**. We adopted several recommendations, including purchasing a new safe for weekly collections and adopting a monthly financial report packet that represents how a business or not-for-profit reports its results.
- Notably, the **Parish has no debt outstanding**. Because of many parishioners' contributions, we were able to completely retire a \$57,000 capital loan.

In addition to the financial performance of the Parish, we have much to celebrate this year:

- We had **56 baptisms, 25 first communions, 6 funerals, 4 RCIA candidates and 9 marriages**.
- **104 of our children** participated in religious education classes.
- The Parish continues to thrive with **966 registered families** (1888 individuals).
- 250 families (400 individuals) participate at St. Teresa, but are not registered. On average, Sunday mass attendance is approximately 600 people.
- Our **Food Pantry** program added an additional distribution day each month that began this past spring. This calendar year, **our Parish will distribute approximately 3800 bags of food** to those in need. An additional 195 new clients have signed up for the program. This year, our Parish will fund 36 distributions.
- We served an average of 80 people per week through our **Loaves & Fishes Dinners**.
- Importantly, more of our parishioners are getting involved in activities away from Sunday mass, such as our spirituality and social justice groups. In short, we have a healthy and vibrant faith community.

The Finance Council strives to operate under a balanced budget while still providing the services and programs that keep our faith community thriving. The 2012 budget calls for a 5.3% increase in operating expenses, driven by adding personnel hours, increasing the output for our Social Outreach programs, and an increase in our Parish assessments. We have budgeted for average weekly collections and Time of Your Life proceeds on par with FY2011 to achieve a balanced budget. Both the full FY2011 annual report and our 2012 budget are available on the Parish website.

The next facet of our development as a community involves the strategy around our facilities. The long-term facility committee, working in conjunction with Fr. Frank and staff, has developed a three-phase approach to meet the Parish's needs as we continue to grow. Obviously, this entails soliciting your feedback, and we hope that you will actively participate in the discussion.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of this wonderful faith community.

God Bless,

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# Directory

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## Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

## Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Frank Latzko, ext. 217

### Deacon

Deacon Hector Rivera

### Director of Religious Education

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### Facilities Manager

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### Maintenance/Housekeeping

Sergio Mora  
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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Hilko, Chair

Brian Graziano	Tony Rivera
Joe Haley	Mark Matejka
Becky Khayum	Dave Wisneski
Catherine Kosnik	

## Infant Baptism

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during mass, and on the third Sunday of the month following the noon mass. Parents are required to attend baptism preparation session. Please call Dean at the parish office (773) 528-6650, ext. 230 to schedule a preparation session and baptism at least three months in advance.

## Marriage

Weddings are held at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoons. Call the parish office for an appointment at least six months in advance.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

For those interested in becoming Catholic or simply desiring to learn more about our Catholic faith, contact Fr. Frank..

## Children's Religious Education

Religious education is offered for children from age 3 through 8th grades. Two programs are offered - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori program) and a middle school program for 7th and 8th grade. For more information on religious education programs or sacramental preparation, please contact Kate Lynch at the parish office, ext. 232.

## Registration

Registration forms are available at the back of church or at the parish office, or on our website at [www.st-teresa.net](http://www.st-teresa.net).

## Time for Prayer

The church may be opened for private prayer during the day. Please come to the parish office.

## Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

## Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday	7:30 am
Friday *	7:30 am

\**Communion Service only*

## Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday	7:00 pm
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## Reconciliation

Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office for arrangements.

## Counseling Services

### Theresa Nollette, M.Div., LCSW

Pastoral Counselor  
(312) 540-0320  
theresa\_nollette@sbcglobal.net

### Mary Ellen Moore, Ph.D.

Counseling and  
Spiritual Direction  
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