



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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 29, 2012**

**See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.**

— *1 John 3:1*

**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.

# Stewardship Matters

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## Follow the Shepherd

In the passage prior to today's Gospel Jesus has healed a blind man on the Sabbath day and the Pharisees say he has broken the law, which forbids all work on the Lord's day—even healing! Jesus says that, as the Good Shepherd, he is not like hired hands who collect pay for watching the sheep but abandon them in time of need. Jewish scriptures frequently describe God as a shepherd. So the Pharisees know exactly what Jesus means: outrageously, he claims to be God, and contrasts himself with them—the hired hands who care less for God's people than rules and regulations. The Pharisees in their obsession with rules had lost sight of the living heart of Judaism (see Deuteronomy 10:12–20 and Micah 6:8). They also judged as unworthy those who followed the rules less devotedly. Any time we say others are less worthy or obedient or devout than we are, trouble follows. Let's keep our eyes on the Shepherd and follow him.

### Living Stewardship Now

Are you living by the rules, but have no peace of heart? Are you looking at others—especially within the church community—and seeing them as misguided, incorrect, or deficient? Are you standing in judgment of others for their sinfulness? What would Jesus like you to do about this?



## Sigue al Pastor

En el pasaje anterior al Evangelio de hoy Jesús había curado a un ciego el sábado y los fariseos decían que él había quebrantado la ley que prohíbe toda clase de trabajo en el día del Señor, ¡aun curar! Jesús dice que, como Buen Pastor, él no es como los asalariados que cobran por cuidar de las ovejas, pero las abandona cuando lo necesitan. Las Escrituras judías describen frecuentemente a Dios como un pastor. Así es que los fariseos sabían bien lo que quería decir Jesús: decía ser Dios y hacía un contraste entre él y ellos, esto es, los asalariados que se preocupan menos por el pueblo de Dios que por sus leyes y reglas.

Con su obsesión con las reglas los fariseos perdieron de vista la esencia misma del judaísmo (Deuteronomio 10:12–20 y Miqueas 6:8). También consideraban indignos a aquellos que no cumplían las leyes con tanto rigor. Cada vez que nosotros decimos que los demás son menos dignos, menos obedientes o menos devotos que nosotros, ahí comienzan los conflictos. Fijemos nuestra mirada en el Pastor y sigámoslo.

### La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

¿Cumples con las reglas pero no consigues la paz en tu corazón? Cuando te fijas en otras personas, sobre todo las de tu comunidad parroquial, ¿las consideras equivocadas, erradas o deficientes? ¿Juzgas a los demás por sus pecados? ¿Qué crees que te pediría Jesús sobre eso?

## 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.

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.)   | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.)  | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.)     |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.)   | Chili (15 oz.)             |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Cereal                     |
| Tuna                   | Pasta                      |
| Macaroni & Cheese      | Jelly                      |
| Canned Soup (10 oz.)   | Canned Chicken             |



**Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.)**

Sizes are the Maximum  
Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.



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

The Food Pantry needs larger, sturdy paper and plastic bags with handles. Please drop them off in the church, parish center or parish office.

If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Dave Hilko at [dahilko@aol.com](mailto:dahilko@aol.com).

## The Counting Team Needs You!

Do you have a few hours once a month that you can dedicate to the church? Of course you do! One of the ministries that is always in need of help is the Counting Team.

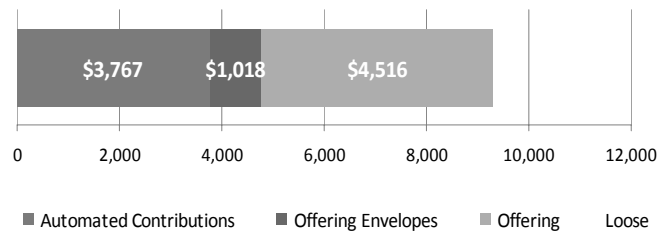
The counters help to organize and deposit the church's funds on a weekly basis. Without them, the finances would come to a halt.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Erica at (773) 528-6650 or [esacucci@gmail.com](mailto:esacucci@gmail.com).

## Weekly Collections Recap For April 22, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$3,767	\$1,018	\$4,516	\$9,301

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



We are currently running a \$2,699 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of April 22, 2012. Currently we are flat with collections from last fiscal year. Please note that April has five weekends rather than four, so the automated donation average is slightly lower.

## 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)

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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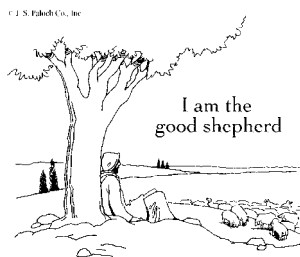
## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).



## Responding to the Call

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading,

which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-34; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



## Treasures from Our Tradition

There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crosier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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## Repuesta al Llamado

¿Realmente conocemos la voz de Cristo?  
¿Respondemos realmente a la voz de nuestro pastor, con nuestra propia y distintiva voz? ¿Con qué frecuencia intentamos imitar a los que nos rodean, apropiándonos de la respuesta de otro miembro del rebaño de Cristo? Tal vez la necesidad de equilibrar la imagen de ser ovejas de un rebaño con la imagen de la segunda lectura, que nos dice que todos somos hijos de Dios. ¿Qué hijo tiene precisamente la misma interacción con los padres como sus hermanos? Por el contrario, con frecuencia hacen y dicen cosas que se distinguen en los ojos de sus padres.

Ya sea que utilicemos la imagen de los niños o de las ovejas para entender nuestra relación con Cristo, creemos que todos somos conocidos y llamados por su nombre. Con este gran regalo viene la responsabilidad: responder a la llamada con la voz propia y distintiva, sacar un tiempo para discernir exactamente cuál es nuestro llamado, para determinar con precisión cuál es la voluntad del Padre para cada uno de nosotros. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — Sólo en Jesús encontrará el mundo la salvación (Hechos 4:8-12).

**Salmo** — La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos, es ahora la piedra angular (Salmo 118 [117]).

**Segunda lectura** — Nos hemos convertido en hijos de Dios por el amor que el Padre nos tiene (1 Juan 3:1-2).

**Evangelio** — El Padre ama a Jesús, el Buen Pastor, que da la vida por sus ovejas (Juan 10:11-18).

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En el año 1674 una Argentina, Doña Ana Mattos de Siqueyras se llevó a su casa una imagen de la Virgen María para hacerle una capillita en sus terrenos a un lado del río Luján. La imagen era de reputación milagrosa y Doña Ana deseaba tenerla cerquita de su hogar. Al día siguiente la imagen se había regresado a un eremitorio donde la cuidaba un esclavo africano llamado Manuel. Esto le pasó un par de veces hasta que se le ocurrió a Doña Ana llevarse en peregrinación a ambos María y Manuel. Desde entonces en una capilla abierta al público María se quedó sin ningún problema.

Como muchos ricos, Doña Ana quería echarse a Dios en el bolsillo llevándose para sí misma la imagen de María. Pero nuestra Señora de Luján tenía otro plan. Ella deseaba estar con el esclavo Manuel y con el pueblo. En fin, Doña Ana se fijó que a Dios y su madre no los controla nadie y nadie los puede hacer su propiedad, a lo contrario, ellos se entregan a los pobres y desamparados. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Hch 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
<b>Martes:</b>	Hch 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30, o, por el conmemorativo, Gén 1:26-2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Jueves:</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Viernes:</b>	Hch 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Sábado:</b>	Hch 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Domingo:</b>	Hch 9:26-31; Sal 22 (21); 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



# Sacraments & Ministries

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## Congratulations April Baptisms



**Juliana Carmen Merced (4-8-12)**  
**Ava Rhiana Merced (4-8-12)**  
**Isaac Adrian Merced (4-8-12)**  
**Patrick Baumann Pierce (4-15-12)**  
**Andre Raymond O'Brien (4-21-12)**  
**Caelan Thomas Gaubatz (4-22-12)**  
**Alice Marguerite Price (4-28-12)**

## St. Teresa says...

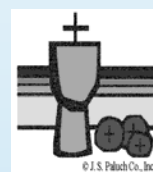
“Be patient and leave it in the hands of God....In every event the best we can do is leave ourselves in the hands of God.”



## Congratulations First Communion Recipients

**Cole Cichowski**  
**Suhail Couto**  
**Daniel Edwards**  
**Brendan Mack**  
**James Miltenberger**  
**Jack Moran**  
**Finola Najarian**  
**Cayetano Nard**  
**Stuart Nicholas**

**MaryGraceFaustina Pujals**  
**Isaac Rice**  
**Christopher Rowney**  
**Claire Sullivan**  
**Laine Sullivan**  
**George Taylor**  
**Benjamin Walsh**  
**Madeline Wild**



## Calendar at a Glance

### April 29, Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter • Cuarto Domingo del Pascua

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, 9 AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC4, Hospitality
- 10:15 pm, Rectory, Bible Study
- 1:30 pm, PC3-4, Church, First Communion Reception
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge

### April 30, Monday

St. Pius V • San Pio V

- No activities scheduled

### May 1, Tuesday

St. Joseph the Worker • San José Obrero

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 6:30 pm, PC4, Catholicism
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### May 2, Wednesday

St. Athanasius • San Atanasio

- 5:30 pm, REC1-2-3, CCFC Catechesis
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 8:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis

### May 3, Thursday

Ss. Philip and James • San Felipe y Santiago

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

### May 4, Friday

First Friday • Primer viernes

- 11:00 am, REC4, Parent-Baby Journey
- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 4:00 pm, Church, Schroeder-Nayman Wedding Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

### May 5, Saturday

First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo • Primer sábado; Cinco de Mayo

- 9:00 am, PC4, CCFC Catechesis
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, 1st Saturday Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:00 pm, Church, Schroeder-Nayman Wedding
- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, GS, Workers Association Display
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass



# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### April 28

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### April 29

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 am Gabriel Bernal

12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

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 or [dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto: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.

## In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

*Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Phyllis Carlino, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kiccullen, Michael Kinsella, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Lino Stefani, Jim Teterycz, Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

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

*Johnnie Mae Alexander  
Alicia Anderson  
Berta Billalvazo  
Patricia Chuck  
Basilio Diaz  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Les Gordon  
Genevieve Gorgo  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.  
David Hoffman  
David Ivanac*

*Chuck Jabaley  
Theresa Jabaley  
Pat Johnson  
Betty LaCour  
Adolfo Lorenzana  
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana  
Carmen Felicita Lorenzana  
Miguel Lorenzana  
George Marroquin  
Jose Marroquin  
Tammy Martin & Family  
Sally Jo Morrow  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Elda Myers  
Angel Nieves  
P. A. O'Neil  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Honorata Alicea Peña*

*Michele Piotrowski  
Hector J. Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.  
Jack Schank  
Ruth Schmitz  
Mima Tome  
Jon Wagenknecht  
John Wagner  
Bernadine Walters  
Hilda Williams  
Jack Williams  
Michael Woyan*

*Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*



DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
5-5-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman	Leigh Hartley	Lisa Marquez Kari Richardson
5-6-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Valerie Williams	Frank Swiderski Annie Monak Rose Ohiku	Bernadette Diaz Dan Anderson Lina Hilko Mary Beth Wilke
5-6-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Edilo Calero Cortez	Geraldo Martinez Belen Gonzales	Carmen Vazquez	Bolivar Gonzales
5-6-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Aimee Jaszczor	Bob Pedro Colin McCue
5-6-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Karen Melchert	Jane Ott Eileen Raia Christine Villoch	Nancy Van Grinsven Kathy Richgels Sharon Lindstrom Wendy Tynan

### Garage Sale July 21st



It's time to clean out your closets, drawers, storage units, and crawl spaces and donate all those unwanted, salable items to St. Teresa's. Remember those Christmas and birthday gifts you didn't

like. Re-gift those items now!

We're looking for books, appliances, CDs, DVDs, games, household and kitchen items, jewelry, furniture, electronics, deco-

orative items, sporting equipment, and whatever else might sell. Any donations of clothes should be in new or near-new condition.

If you'd like to volunteer to help at the sale or donate items, contact Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or Frank Swiderski at either (773) 339-7790 or (773) 227-9922.

### Praying without Words

There is an ancient church practice called *Lectio Divina* that has been practiced by the faithful for centuries. It is a wonderful way to reflect on the scriptures and develop one's spirituality. At our last Men's Spirituality Group we worked through an article on the subject. An excellent article I might say and I would be happy to email it to anyone that is interested in reading it.

The author, Luke Dysinger, tells us that the art of *Lectio Divina* is "a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures which enables the Bible, the Word of God, to become a means of union with God." That is, the practice of praying or meditating or contemplating is not the goal, but merely the means to union with God, our ultimate spiritual quest. There were two big concepts to begin with.

First, in the ancient day, the faithful did not see behavior in the world as separated from spiritual development. Rather, these two entities were seen as polarities that were in concert with one another. One reflects upon the Word of God via *Lectio Divina*, this reflecting causes a tweak of a conversion closer to God, and one expresses that conversion in one's behavior in the world. One's spiritual development and spiritual life and praying are seen only in context of one's outward behavior in the world. True spiritual develop was not marked with running to the Monastery, but in how one conducted themselves in society.

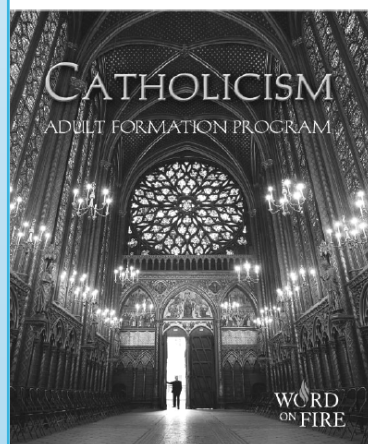
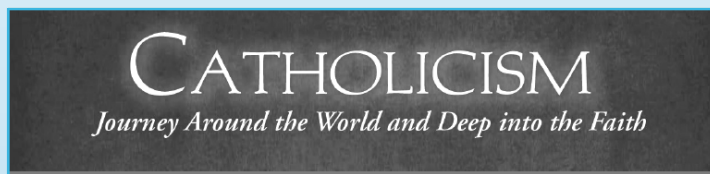
Secondly, when one prays, one does not speak. Rather, one "listens deeply to hear with the ear of one's heart". This is a great question to ask, "what does it mean to hear with the ear of one's heart"? In *Lectio Divina*, praying is not speaking, asking, thanking, etc. Praying is reading, listening to what jumps out at one in the Scripture reading, and then ruminating on that phrase or word. The belief is that God is communicating to one via that phrase or word that has jumped out at one. And in order to listen with the ear of the heart, one has to learn not only to be silent, but to love silence.

*Lectio Divina* is such a wonderful way to pray, praying without any words. Listening and then meditating on what jumps out, and then choosing to express this tweak of development and conversion in one's behavior. As the masters have said, "Easier said than done."

**Join us for the next session of  
Men's Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, May 8th,  
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Matt Priesbe at (847) 729-1220 and mpriesbe@aol.com, or contact Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 and tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik



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6:30pm to 8:30pm**

February 28 • March 6, 13, 20, 27 • April 10, 17, 24 • May 1, 8

Refreshments Served



## Midwest Workers Association At St. Teresa May 5th & 6th

Next weekend, May 5th and 6th, members of Midwest Workers Association (MWA) will be in the Gathering Space before and after Mass.

MWA is a free and voluntary membership association of the greater Chicago area's lowest-paid workers, as well as those out of work or on fixed incomes. Since 1996, MWA has been uniting its membership of low-income workers with business owners, professionals, students, clergy and others to build a powerful force to eradicate the root causes of poverty.

More volunteers and support are urgently needed. Please stop by MWA's table to find out how you can join these historic efforts.

## Help The Women's Center

Pregnant women in difficult situations often find themselves feeling confused, under pressure and alone. At *The Women's Center* our counselors help them through friendship, counseling, and material assistance.

Volunteers are needed to help sell flowers after Masses for our annual flower sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 12-13. Help is also needed sorting donations in our Chicago Family Resource Room on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Call Jackie at (773) 794-8807.

We need for baby shampoo, baby wash, lotion and powder, maternity clothing and diapers sizes 5 and 6. These must be delivered to us unless accompanied by baby furniture. We desperately need 6 fixed-side baby cribs, 8 infant/carrier car seats, 6 pack-n-plays, 2 changing tables, 4 double strollers, 5 single strollers and 4 bassinets.

It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up is needed, please call (773) 794-1313.

**Due to limited space we are unable to accept anything except the items listed.**

## The Cardinal's New 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 questions or issues would you like to see the Cardinal address?”**

Ken and Tom are to present our Parish suggestions in the next Deanery meeting May 1st. Please provide your suggestions and ideas by speaking to them directly or using the specially marked collection container to deposit your written ideas before Sunday, April 29th.

## ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE



## Enduring Essence

To appreciate the disciples' shock at the resurrection of Jesus we must first appreciate the shock of his death. And to appreciate the shock of his death, we must first appreciate the shock of his life.

It began ordinarily enough: a new preacher touring the country talking about the familiar theme of God's kingdom. He seemed nice enough, though not as exciting as an earlier preacher called the Baptist. Some said that this Jesus had been a disciple of John, but his idea of the impending kingdom was less frightening, more hopeful.

At first it was his presence, not his message, that drew the disciples. Jesus had a strange attraction, an appealing, even mesmerizing aura. Just to see him was to believe him. It was only after they grew accustomed to his face that his message began to sink in.

Then they realized that Jesus was not talking about some future kingdom where all would be well — he was talking about everything being well here and now. In spite of it looking very unwell. Of course, Jesus made some things better: Some hungry people got fed, some sick people got better, some proud religious and political leaders were humbled, some sinners were forgiven, marginal people were brought closer to the center. Not a total revolution, but a beginning.

But just when things were looking good, just when a new and different future seemed within reach, the whole edifice crumbled.



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**Without their charismatic chief, the movement collapsed. The ordinary, unprepared inner circle had neither the heart nor the talent to carry on the movement.**

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Their leader was arrested, convicted and crucified within a few short days. Without their charismatic chief, the movement collapsed. The ordinary, unprepared inner circle had neither the heart nor the talent to carry on the movement. They were shocked into numbness.

Some of us can almost imagine that sudden feeling of loss from a personal experience. That knock on the door at midnight when the police said our son was killed in an accident. That note on the table that announced the marriage was over. That unexpected closing of the plant just after the big promotion. That diagnosis of cancer. Life would never be the same again; nothing could make things better.

But then, unexpectedly, the disciples were second-shocked back to life. They suddenly saw him, actually saw their old friend. He looked a little different, but clearly himself. They couldn't imagine

what had happened to him. But mostly, they wondered: "How did he *do* that!?"

Later, some would say it was just a vision. Some would say it was mass hysteria. Some would say that the appearance of Jesus was a self-induced projection of their grief and need for comfort. But I have been to a thousand wakes, seen a huge variety of grieving — and I have never seen a group of mourners imagining their friend back to life!

No, Jesus was undeniably alive. That was the easy part, in a way. Now: What did it mean? What were they supposed to do about it? How could they explain it to anyone else? They had neither the language nor the religious concepts nor the psychological categories to explain it to others, or even to themselves. They simply enjoyed the moment.

Theology attempts to describe the Resurrection. Jesus truly died, but his essence survived, was transformed into a mysterious spiritual body.

For us, this means that we will truly die, our life will come to a definitive end, but our essence will glide through death. Then, God will gather every graced part of our earthly existence; that is, every loving thing we ever did — and transfigure it into a spiritual substance that will attach itself to our enduring essence.

# Directory

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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

## Staff

### Pastor

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell	Mark Matejka
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Catherine Kosnik	Tony Rivera
Jessica Marx	

## 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

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