



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2012

**Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life.**

— *John 6:27a*

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.

We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

Stewardship Matters

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All God's Children

Hijos e Hijas de Dios

Saint Paul talks today about Christian community. He urges us to be well mannered but also to show courtesy, tolerance, and mutual forgiveness in imitation of Christ. This is hard enough in our own family, but even tougher in a parish, which exhibits such a diversity of people. We come from every walk of life, many backgrounds, and every income level. Some families founded the parish; others just arrived. For such a group to be harmonious requires recognizing and honoring different gifts, and bearing differences with grace and acceptance. As such, a Christian community can offer a powerful witness to a multi-ethnic and multicultural society that it is possible for people of different origins to live and worship together. This unity in diversity of a people gathered around the one table of the one Lord proclaims the truth that in God there are no distinctions, only the family of God's children, beloved of the One who created all.



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Living Stewardship Now

“We are such a diverse community” can sometimes mean “We are such a divided community.” Join in efforts to bridge the gaps of language, faith experience, and culture by participating in Mass in another language, volunteering at English-language classes, or joining in a festival of an unfamiliar saint.

San Pablo habla hoy acerca de la comunidad cristiana. Nos exhorta a tener buenos modales, pero también a demostrar cortesía, tolerancia y perdón mutuo a imitación de Cristo.

Esto resulta difícil en nuestra propia familia, pero lo es aún más en una parroquia con tanta diversidad de personas. Venimos de diferentes estratos sociales, distinto origen y con niveles económicos muy diversos. Algunas familias fundaron la parroquia; otras acaban de llegar. Para que en un grupo tal se dé la armonía se necesita reconocer y respetar los diferentes dones así como aceptar las diferencias dispuesta y amablemente. De esta manera una comunidad cristiana puede dar un testimonio poderoso a una comunidad multiétnica y multicultural de que personas

de diferente origen pueden vivir y alabar juntas. Esta unidad en la diversidad de personas reunidas alrededor de una misma mesa, la mesa del Señor, proclama la verdad de que en Dios no existen distinciones sino que todos somos parte de la familia de Dios y amados del Creador.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

“Somos una comunidad muy diversa” es una frase que algunas veces quiere decir “somos una comunidad muy dividida”. Participa en los esfuerzos que se hacen para salvar las barreras de idioma, de experiencia de fe y de cultura yendo a Misa en otro idioma, dando clases gratuitamente de inglés como segundo idioma o uniéndote a la celebración en honor a un santo que no conoces.

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.

The next Food Pantry Meeting is September 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Comments & Concerns

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

The next Finance Council meeting will be held Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. There is no meeting in August.

Weekly Collections Recap For July 29, 2012

7/29/2012

| Automated Contributions | Offering Envelopes | Offering Loose | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| \$4,750 | \$876 | \$2,611 | \$8,237 |

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



We had a \$4,272 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of July 29, 2012. The Buck Sunday collection was \$509, further reducing the deficit to \$3,763. Please consider donating through automated contributions to ensure St. Teresa of Avila's well-being during these summer months of travel. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

St. Teresa of Avila Preserving Our Heritage...

Thanks to your generosity, St. Teresa's *Preserving Our Heritage* collection is up and running!

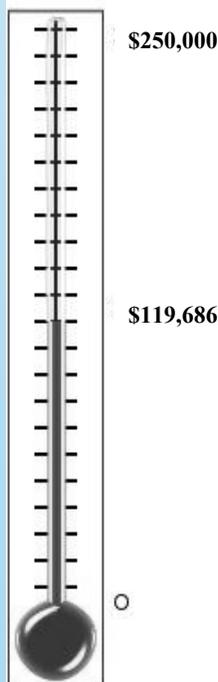
So far \$119,686 has been collected or pledged through automated contributions. We have \$130,314 to go to reach our goal.

If you haven't donated already, we ask that you consider a generous gift, if you're able, to our special collection.

If you prefer to make automated contributions by credit card or bank account, please contact Erica Saccucci at esacucci@sttereseparish.org.

For those who have already answered the call to preserve our history, thank you!

Your donations to *Preserving Our Heritage* will be shown on your end-of-year statement of contributions.



Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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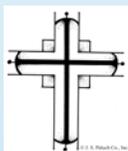
Today's Readings

First Reading — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).



Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10 |
| Tuesday: | Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 |
| Wednesday: | Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23 |
| Friday: | 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26 |
| Saturday: | Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20 |
| Sunday: | 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51 |

The Bread of Life



Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

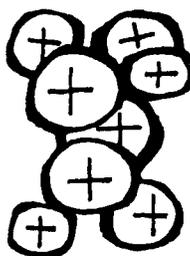
This week will see the summertime celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The story of the Transfiguration is proclaimed twice each year; once on the Second Sunday of Lent, and then again on August 6. In Lent, the revelation of Jesus' glory foreshadows the triumph of Easter. During the summer, this feast comes—significantly—forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In the Gospel proclaimed on this day, Peter wants to know if he should build "three tents." In Hebrew, the tents are *sukkot*, rickety harvest shacks also called in English "tabernacles" (from the Latin word for "little shelters") that harvesters set up in fields so they can stay there to work day and night. Harvest booths are built and ornamented for the Jewish festival of *Sukkot*. One aspect of this festival is eager anticipation for the ingathering of all peoples (including ancestors Moses and Elijah) under God's own *sukkot shalom*, the tent of peace. In some patristic traditions, the late summer and early autumn of the church year are imagined as an extended ingathering festival that begins today and reaches fulfillment at Epiphany.

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El Pan de Vida

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LLUEVA
PAN DEL
CIELO

El Evangelio de hoy presenta a la gente haciéndole tres preguntas a Jesús. Primero: “¿cuándo llegaste acá?”, a la que Jesús responde con una reprimenda por su incapacidad para entender el milagro como una “señal”, una ocasión para poner la fe en él. La segunda pregunta tenía que ver con la reali-

zación de las “obras de Dios” a la que Jesús responde que la fe es la “obra” que Dios desea. Muchos eruditos creen que esta es la respuesta de Juan a la dicotomía fe-obras que estaba surgiendo en la primera comunidad cristiana. La fe es la obra de Dios en el creyente, Juan nos quiere hacer entender. La tercera pregunta que hace la multitud es una “señal” que les permita poner su fe en Jesús, como el maná en el desierto permitió a los israelitas poner su fe en el Señor Dios. Jesús responde con la revelación de que él es el “pan de vida” que “baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo”.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Y el día 6 de agosto de 1726, Fray Antonio Margil de Jesús, el fundador de las misiones en Texas dijo “Ya es hora de ir a ver a Dios” y tomó su último paso. Desde su llegada a América en 1683 el indomable Hermano Menor trazó caminos para llevar el Evangelio de Jesucristo a los nativos.

Él emprendía sus caminos al estilo de los primeros misioneros seráficos de dos en dos, a pie, descalzo, alimentado sólo por virtud de la generosidad de los fieles, pasando las noches donde pudiera, armado sólo de un crucifijo, un bastón y su libro de oraciones y cantando mientras caminaba. De esta manera propagó la fe caminando hacia el norte llegando a la Bahía del Espíritu Santo en el Misisipí; y hacia el sur, llegando al istmo de Panamá.

A pesar del éxito de sus esfuerzos misioneros, Margil fue un hombre humilde que nunca quiso enorgullecerse de sus victorias. Solía firmar sus cartas “la misma nada” recordando así que Dios es todo y uno no es nada, porque la misión, en fin, es de Dios, uno es sólo un instrumento.

— Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gtz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

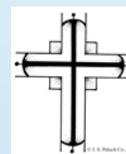
Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Voy a hacer que lleva pan del cielo (Exodo 16:2-4, 12-15).

Salmo — El Señor les dio pan del cielo (Salmo 78 [77]).

Segunda lectura — Revístanse del Nuevo yo, creado a imagen de Dios (Efesios 4:17, 20-24).

Evangelio — El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre, y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed (Juan 6:24-35).



Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Sal 97 (96); 2 Pe 1:16-19; Mc 9:2-10
- Martes:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Miércoles:** Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
- Jueves:** Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
- Viernes:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
- Sábado:** Heb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
- Domingo:** 1 Re 19:4-8; Sal 34 (33); Ef 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Sacraments & Ministries

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Congratulations August Baptisms



Leonardo Schneider (8-5-12)
Jack Lawrence Marshall (8-11-12)
Owen Thomas Barking (8-19-12)
Nolan Charles Fitzpatrick (8-19-12)

St. Teresa says...

“He surpasses reason in bestowing consolation: He comforts here; He gladdens there...Let us not cease to believe that even in this life God gives the hundredfold.”



The Seven 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



Calendar at a Glance

August 5, Sunday

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time • Decimotavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality

August 6, Monday

The Transfiguration of the Lord • La Transfiguración del Señor

- No Activities Scheduled

August 7, Tuesday

St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan •
San Sixto II y compañeros; San Cayetano

- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

August 8, Wednesday

St. Dominic • Santo Domingo

- No Activities Scheduled

August 9, Thursday

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross • Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz

- 6:00 pm, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Setup

August 10, Friday

St. Lawrence • San Lorenzo

- 10:00 am, GS, PC3, Food Pantry Distribution
- 12:00 pm, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

August 11, Saturday

St. Clare • Santa Clara

- No Activities Scheduled



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

August 4

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

August 5

9:00 am Doris Reed
 10:30 am Gabriel Bernal
 Ethel & Maurice Brumleve
 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@sttereseparish.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, Mark Dudley, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M., Lee Incandela, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Michael Kinsella, Elaine Klecker, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrosso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Lino Stefani, Jim Tetrycz, Jon Wagenknecht

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

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| <i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i> | <i>Theresa Jabaley</i> | <i>Pedro Rodriguez</i> |
| <i>Alicia Anderson</i> | <i>Pat Johnson</i> | <i>Ray Romero</i> |
| <i>Berta Billalvazo</i> | <i>Betty LaCour</i> | <i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i> |
| <i>Patricia Chuck</i> | <i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i> | <i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i> |
| <i>Basilio Diaz</i> | <i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i> | <i>Jack Schank</i> |
| <i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i> | <i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i> | <i>Ruth Schmitz</i> |
| <i>Pat Flynn</i> | <i>Miguel Lorenzana</i> | <i>Jennifer Schubeck</i> |
| <i>Pdraig Gallagher</i> | <i>George Marroquin</i> | <i>Mima Tome</i> |
| <i>Eloisa Gallegos</i> | <i>Jose Marroquin</i> | <i>John Wagner</i> |
| <i>Michael Gibbons</i> | <i>Tammy Martin & Family</i> | <i>Bernadine Walters</i> |
| <i>Angela Goldberg</i> | <i>Sally Jo Morrow</i> | <i>Valerie Williams</i> |
| <i>Kaylee Gommel</i> | <i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i> | <i>Jack Williams</i> |
| <i>Les Gordon</i> | <i>Bill Mobley</i> | <i>Michael Woyan</i> |
| <i>Genevieve Gorgo</i> | <i>John Monier</i> | |
| <i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i> | <i>Elda Myers</i> | <i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i> |
| <i>Kellar Harris</i> | <i>Angel Nieves</i> | |
| <i>David Hoffman</i> | <i>P. A. O'Neil</i> | |
| <i>David Ivanac</i> | <i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i> | |
| <i>Chuck Jabaley</i> | <i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i> | |
| | <i>Hector J. Rivera</i> | |



Celebrant and Minister Schedule

| DATE | TIME | CELEBRANT | LECTOR | EUCCHARISTIC BREAD | EUCCHARISTIC WINE |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------|---|---|
| 8-11-12 Saturday | 5:00 pm | Fr. Pascal Kasanziki | Dave Kostelansky | Kari Richardson | Jean Kostelansky Leigh Hartley |
| 8-12-12 Sunday | 9:00 am | Fr. Benjamin Aguilar | Geneva Gorgo | Tom Kinsella Jennifer Barrett Nancy Van Grinsven | Mark Van Grinsven Lina Hilko Phyllis Halloran Myrna Gomez Kinsella |
| 8-12-12 Sunday | 12:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Amy McCue | Bob Pedro | Tom Kosnik Colin Mc Cue |
| 8-12-12 Sunday | 6:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Katie Assell | Christine Villoch Sharon Lindstrom Minister Needed (H4) | Wendy Tynan Eileen Raia Minister Needed (C3) Minister Needed (C4) |

Tiny Steps in Surrendering

A few weeks back the topic of “surrender” came up in our Men’s Spirituality Group. Men typically have a difficult time with the concept of surrender. Surrender to what? Surrender to my wife, my boss, the government? For a man, surrender usually means defeat, failure, mission not accomplished. We run from it.

Our faith has a fair amount of esoteric spirituality on the topic of surrendering. We hear that to advance ourselves spiritually we must surrender our wills to the will of God. Again, exactly what does that mean? The will of God; what is it? How does God communicate his will?

We are given the ultimate example of Jesus the Christ that surrendered his will to become human, accepting death on the cross. Again, that is pretty far out there for most guys. First, we don’t crucify people like the Romans did in the first century. Secondly, what exactly does that mean? All in surrendering? Where is the road map?

Moses told the Israelites that one can never see the face of God and live. Our Catholic faith teaches us that we encounter God through the sacraments and through nature, but also through other people. We come to know and understand and develop a relationship with God in and through other people.

Surrendering, which means stopping, looking, asking questions and listening, is key to our spiritual development. And this best happens in tiny steps, one after another, when we practice with family and friends and others the actions of stopping, looking, asking questions, listening, and then creatively and lovingly responding.

**Join us for the next session of
Men’s Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, August 14,
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

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

— Tom Kosnik

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Next 6:51 Club Meeting
August 19th!

St. Teresa’s 6:51 Club meets this Sunday and every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass.

August’s 6:51 Club will be an after-church summertime BBQ. Join us to meet fellow parishioners over a delicious free dinner.

**You can contact Sara Foley
at foleysar@gmail.com for more details.**

Christmas in August

Help us honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano, who was prematurely taken from this life Christmas 2010 after a long battle with leukemia. Although it isn't Christmas quite yet, we are planning something special for the 9:00 am Mass on August 19, 2012. Please bring a new, unwrapped item that is suitable for children of all ages to any of the Masses that weekend. These gifts will be delivered to the Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago, where doctors and nurses undertook heroic efforts to extend Isabella's life.



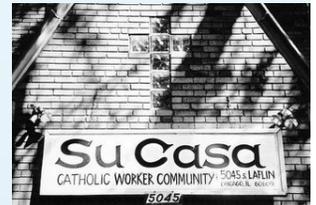
Another reason we have chosen Comer is that a significant number of the patients at Comer do not have insurance or the private means to pay and receive care, which is paid for with Medicaid or other subsidies. The gifts do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Books, pencils, pads, crayons and other arts and crafts materials will go a long way to put a smile on the kids' faces.

Please make certain that the gift is new because so many of the kids have weak immune systems. Gifts should not be wrapped so staff at Comer can decide what to distribute to each child. The hospital staff will then wrap the gifts.

We are doing this at this time of year because it is unexpected and will hopefully be a wonderful surprise for the kids and will help lift their spirits a bit. To add to the feeling of that Christmas morning surprise, the songs at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday will have a Christmas theme. So, come prepared to sing some Christmas carols even though the temperature will be in the '90s. And please bring a gift to help honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano.

St. Teresa Service Outing August 25th

Join us on Saturday, August 25 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm as we come together as a parish for a day of service at *Su Casa Catholic Worker*.



Su Casa is a house of hospitality in the Catholic Worker tradition that provides a space of healing and hope to displaced Hispanic families. Responding to the Gospel call to compassionate action, the *Su Casa* community is committed to a simple, non-violent lifestyle as they live and work among the poor. For more information about *Su Casa*, please visit their website at <http://www.sucasaw.org/>.

Tasks will be centered around the garden, and specific projects will be identified as the event draws closer. *Su Casa* is located at 5045 S. Laflin St. in the Back of the Yards neighborhood. We will be carpooling from St. Teresa for anyone interested in attending.

To sign up to volunteer, please contact Jon Assell at jassell@gmail.com or (630) 234-8736, or Kevin Carlino at kevincarlino@yahoo.com or (518) 265-7962.

We hope to see you at this wonderful parish opportunity to give back to our neighbors in need.



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS

7:00-8:30PM



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Encounter with Mystery

The distant God sent heavenly bread, while the nearby Son of God handed them earthly bread. Some people felt so close to the Son of God that they forgot their immense distance from his Father.

The same problem exists today. The closeness and distance of God, the coziness and the fear of God, the attraction and the awe of God are built into the divine-human relationship. God and we do not exist in the same way, on the same level.

And because God is at once immanent and transcendent, close and far, inside us and outside us, the relationship seems precarious. It is not really precarious — God is always the same, holding the tension in balance. But the relationship can seem unsteady because we tend to stress closeness or distance. Some who feel very close to God may not even know the real God, while some who profess no belief in God may in fact be very close to the real God.

So, how do we get close to the God we cannot know, the God we cannot even imagine? We get to God by way of created things. This can happen with any created thing, especially in heightened human values. Such as our experience of goodness.

People can be selfish. Maybe we are even basically selfish. But we somehow have to account for that occasional burst of goodness: those times when we do good things at our own expense,



In our best moments, our most human moments, we are enveloped, embraced by goodness, beauty and love.

good things that cost us money, time, emotion, even our life. These things do not come from convenience or evolution or genes or self-interest, so they must originate in some mysterious source beyond us. Some people call that “God.”

We naturally respond to beauty, however we see it. Beauty is mysterious. It’s in the eye of the beholder. Yet it is not arbitrary. Beauty is the harmony of order and chaos, the familiar and the novel, foreground and background, color and shape. Different things are beautiful, but beauty itself transcends all of them. Individual things localize and objectify the iridescent mystery of beauty. Some people call that “God.”

We naturally love: ourselves, other people and things. And we want to be loved even more. But our love is never exhausted; we always have more space in our heart. Nor are we ever loved enough; there always remains an empty space, a void in our heart. Love is not a thing, not a force, not

a relationship — love is a mystery that expresses itself in people. Some people call that “God.”

Now, if we try to trace goodness and beauty and love, we discover that it cannot be done. They are too elusive, too transcendent, too mysterious. By their very nature we can never figure them out. They are beyond our intelligence, beyond our imagination. In fact, they lead us to God, the ultimate mystery.

When we live intensely enough, seriously enough, humanly enough, we arrive at human limits. Our experience of beauty and goodness and love lead us outside ourselves. When we hunt them to their lair, we discover that we have become the hunted. We do not capture or grasp goodness, beauty and love; we are grasped by them. In our best moments, our most human moments, we are enveloped, embraced by goodness, beauty and love. Some people swear they even feel God.

Eternal goodness and beauty and love are more real than the passing things that they embody. We cannot encounter goodness by obeying some law; we cannot encounter beauty through art study; we cannot encounter love by analyzing it. We cannot encounter God by shouting, “Lord, Lord.”

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell

Joe Haley

Catherine Kosnik

Jessica Marx

Mark Matejka

Bertel Olson

Tony Rivera

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. PPC is kept abreast of the activities of the Parish and its operations. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish. PPC also researches the needs of the parish and works with Parish leadership to evaluate and improve our quality of life as a faith community.

The Parish Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Bill Mack, Chair

Brian Scullion

Jane Bronson

Jack Halpin

Jane Ott

Dave Hilko

Steve Fortino

Andrew Deye

Becky Francis

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Information

Weekend Masses

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

* *First Sunday of the Month*

Weekday Masses

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

* *Communion Service only*

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

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| Tuesday | 7:00 pm |
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For Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, RCIA and Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office.

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon
Closed Sundays & Holidays.

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