



# St. Teresa of Avila

Catholic Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 16, 2012

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

## 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.

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## Faith to Deeds



In today's second reading James compares dead faith with active faith. If we see people who are starving and cold, he says, a Christian does not just wish them well, but helps them. Mark and Isabel decided to apply this in their own family. Isabel

said, "We go to Mass every Sunday, we pray together at home, and we do things in our parish, but what else can we do to show people who have no job or home that Jesus loves them?" The children decided to save half of their pocket money and their parents would match the amount. At the end of a month they decided to help a shelter for homeless families trying to regain independence. The director thanked them and introduced them to some resident families. On the way home the younger son said, "They were really nice people. Can we go on helping them?" "Yes," said Isabel. "We've only just begun."

### Living Stewardship Now

The family became regular volunteers at the shelter. They continued to donate money every month along with household and personal items for the families, and gave their time to do chores and make friends. Be a disciple and steward, and teach your children this way of life.



En la segunda lectura de hoy Santiago compara la fe muerta y la fe viva y activa. Él dice que si nosotros los cristianos vemos personas con hambre y frío no podemos sólo deseárselas bien, sino ayudarles. Mark e Isabel decidieron aplicar esto en su propia familia. Isabel dijo: "Nosotros vamos a Misa todos los domingos, rezamos juntos en casa y hacemos cosas en nuestra parroquia pero, ¿qué más podemos hacer para demostrarle a las personas desempleadas y sin un techo que Jesús las ama?" Sus hijos decidieron ahorrar la mitad del dinero que recibían semanalmente y sus padres igualarían la cantidad. Al final del mes decidieron ayudar a un albergue para familias que están tratando de recuperarse económicamente. Después de darles las gracias la directora les presentó a algunas de las familias residentes. De camino a casa el menor de los hijos dijo: "Son gente muy amable, ¿podemos seguir ayudándoles?" Isabel respondió: "Claro que sí; apenas acabamos de empezar".

### La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Esta familia se convirtió en asiduos voluntarios del albergue. Continuaron donando dinero todos los meses así como otros artículos personales y domésticos para las familias residentes; además emplearon su tiempo para ayudar con quehaceres y hacer amistades allí. Sé discípulo y vive tu corresponsabilidad cristiana. Enseña a tus hijos esta manera de vivir

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## 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 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 next Food Pantry Meeting  
is January 7, 2013 at 7:00 pm.**

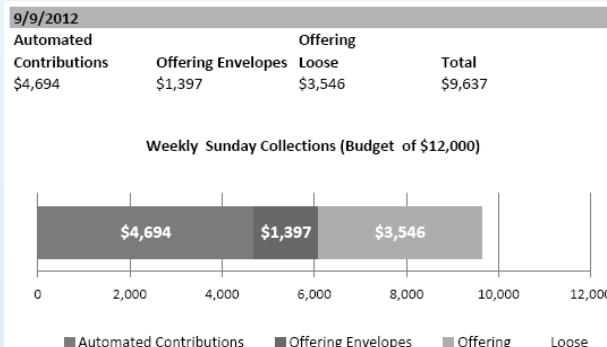


## Comments & Concerns

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](mailto: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.**

## Weekly Collections Recap For September 9, 2012



We had a \$2,363 deficit of our budgeted regular Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of September 9, 2012. 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...

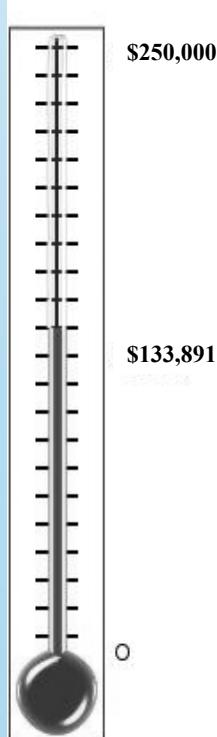
Thanks to your generosity, St. Teresa's *Preserving Our Heritage* collection is up and running!

So far \$133,891 has been collected or pledged through automated contributions. We have \$116,109 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@stteresaparish.org](mailto:esacucci@stteresaparish.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** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

## Readings for the Week

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10                      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17                 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lk 7:31-35                    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50                        |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13                        |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15                   |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37 |

## It's All About Control



From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results. — Copy-right © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Although New Year's Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd in. In the background is God's call to consider our schedules, the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonders of God's creation, but not disturbing it.

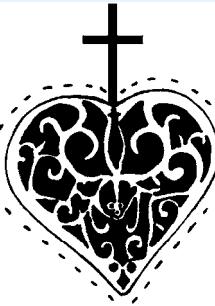
For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, and not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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## Es Todo Sobre el Control



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tu  
cruz

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Desde la infancia hasta la vejez, crecemos en el dominio de nuestra vida, nuestro cuerpo y nuestro destino. Este dominio es difícil de adquirir, y no lo dejamos escapar con facilidad. Gran parte de este dominio de sí mismos consiste en evitar el dolor o el malestar, así que cuando uno escucha cosas como “cargar con la cruz” y “perder la vida”, la tendencia es a resistir el mensaje.

Santiago dice que la fe sin obras es una fe muerta. ¡Ay! ¡Eso es realmente un mensaje directo! Una forma de ver esto, así como lo de perder nuestra vida para encontrarla, es que la fe es tener más y más apertura a Dios como timón de nuestra vida. Es muy difícil para nosotros ceder el control, pero quizás lo que se nos pide es que no nos convirtamos en pasivos y

pueriles, sino que dejemos que sea Dios quien dirija el rumbo de nuestro dominio propio y lo que deba lograr. Se nos pide que renunciemos a la necesidad de controlar los resultados de nuestros esfuerzos; que nos arriesguemos, como lo hizo Jesús, a perder todo lo que estamos luchando por lograr. Se nos pide que dejemos que Dios tome la iniciativa y el control de los resultados, aunque nunca podamos verlos. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Este año hemos estado reflexionando sobre algunas tradiciones latinoamericanas de nuestra fe. Creo que sería bueno reflexionar también sobre lo que es la Tradición y lo que son las tradiciones. En muchas ocasiones durante mi formación religiosa mis maestros me advertían de no confundir la Tradición en mayúscula con la tradición en minúscula.

“¿Cuál es la diferencia?”, preguntaba. Y de seguro algunos de ustedes se lo estarán preguntando también. Según el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC 75-83) los Apóstoles transmitieron el Evangelio de Jesucristo de manera escrita y de manera oral. El Evangelio escrito nos ha llegado en forma del Nuevo Testamento, en especial por los cuatro Evangelios. El Evangelio oral nos ha llegado por lo que llamamos la Tradición; ésta nos llega por la predicación, la vida y el ejemplo de los Apóstoles.

De esta Tradición o Evangelio oral nacen tradiciones teológicas, disciplinares, litúrgicas o devocionales para diversas escuelas espirituales o grupos étnicos y nacionales. Estas tradiciones necesitan medirse con la gran Tradición evangélica y sólo aquellas que animan a los fieles a vivir más de cerca el Evangelio deben ser promovidas. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — En la tribulación el Señor Yavé me ha abierto los oídos para que yo escuche. (Isaías 50:5-9a).

**Salmo** — Caminaré en la presencia del Señor (Salmo 116 [115]).

**Segunda lectura** — Demuestra tu fe por las buenas obras que produces (Santiago 2:14-18).

**Evangelio** — Después que Pedro profesa que Jesús es el Mesías, Jesús lo reprende por tratar equivocadamente de apartar a Jesús de su misión. (Marcos 8:27-35).

## Lecturas de la Semana

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Lunes:</b>     | 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lc 7:1-10                             |
| <b>Martes:</b>    | 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lc 7:11-17                        |
| <b>Miercoles:</b> | 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Lc 7:31-35                           |
| <b>Jueves:</b>    | 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lc 7:36-50                                 |
| <b>Viernes:</b>   | Ef 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13                                |
| <b>Sábado:</b>    | 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lc 8:4-15                          |
| <b>Domingo:</b>   | Sab 2:12, 17-20; Sal 54 (53); Stgo 3:16 — 4:3; Mc 9:30-37 |

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## Congratulations September Baptisms



Tess Kathleen Gettelfinger (9-15-12)  
Gavin Heyer Schuler (9-16-12)  
Grant Donald Donnelly (9-16-12)  
Claire Jane Graziano (9-16-12)  
Lucas Richard Herrick (9-23-12)

## St. Teresa says...

“The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love.”



## 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 Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 or Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

## Calendar at a Glance

### September 16, Sunday

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time •  
Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC3, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 1:00 pm, PC3, Baptism Reception
- 10:00 am, PC4, Hospitality
- 6:51 pm, PC3-4, 6:51 Club Hospitality

### September 17, Monday

St. Robert Bellarmine • San Roberto Belarmino

- 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council Meeting

### September 18, Tuesday

- 6:00 pm, REC, PC3, Kitchen, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### September 19, Wednesday

St. Januarius • San Jenaro

- 7:00 pm, PC4, Musical Practice

### September 20, Thursday

Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions  
• Santos Andrés Kim Taegön, Paul Chöng Ha-sang y compañeros

- 7:00 pm, PC3, TOYL Meeting

### September 21, Friday

St. Matthew • San Mateo

- 11:00 am, REC, Parent-Baby Journey
- 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

### September 22, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

- 10:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Preparation and Distribution
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, Ministry Fair
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass



# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### September 15

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### September 16

9:00 am Myrtis Powell, Pedro Luis Rustan, Jr.,  
Jose A. Pando

12:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### September 19

7:30 am Eileen Doyle



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

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 Grabczyk, 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 Patrasso, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Lino Stefani, Jim Teterycz, Jon Wagenknecht*

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

|                                     |                                  |                              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Alicia Anderson</i>              | <i>Betty LaCour</i>              | <i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>        |
| <i>Berta Billalvazo</i>             | <i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>          | <i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i> |
| <i>Patricia Chuck</i>               | <i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>  | <i>Jack Schank</i>           |
| <i>Basilio Diaz</i>                 | <i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i> | <i>Ruth Schmitz</i>          |
| <i>Jackson Fineske &amp; Family</i> | <i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>          | <i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>     |
| <i>Padraig Gallagher</i>            | <i>George Maroquin</i>           | <i>Sandra Seiffert</i>       |
| <i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>              | <i>Jose Marroquin</i>            | <i>Mima Tome</i>             |
| <i>Michael Gibbons</i>              | <i>Tammy Martin &amp; Family</i> | <i>John Wagner</i>           |
| <i>Angela Goldberg</i>              | <i>Sally Jo Morrow</i>           | <i>Bernadine Walters</i>     |
| <i>Kaylee Gommel</i>                | <i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>      | <i>Valerie Williams</i>      |
| <i>Les Gordon</i>                   | <i>Bill Mobley</i>               | <i>Jack Williams</i>         |
| <i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>              | <i>John Monier</i>               | <i>Mae Witry</i>             |
| <i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>              | <i>Elda Myers</i>                | <i>Michael Woyan</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>Theresa Jabaley</i>              | <i>Hector J. Rivera</i>          |                              |
| <i>Pat Johnson</i>                  | <i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>           |                              |
|                                     | <i>Ray Romero</i>                |                              |

*Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*



## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

| DATE                | TIME     | CELEBRANT          | LECTOR            | EUCARISTIC BREAD                               | EUCARISTIC WINE   |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| 9-22-12<br>Saturday | 5:00 pm  | Fr. Frank          | David Kostelansky | Maggie Kuhlmann                                | Jean Kostelansky<br>Christine Viloch                                  |
| 9-23-12<br>Sunday   | 9:00 am  | Fr. Frank          | George Halloran   | Dan Anderson<br>Frank Swiderski<br>Annie Monak | Geneva Gorgo<br>Phyllis Halloran<br>Rose Ohiku<br>Bernadette Diaz     |
| 9-23-12<br>Sunday   | 12:00 pm | Fr. Frank          | Alejandro Lopez   | Colin McCue                                    | Brendan Lynch<br>Aimee Jaszcior                                       |
| 9-23-12<br>Sunday   | 6:00 pm  | Fr. Charles Shelby | Luke Kolman       | Katie Assell<br>Wendy Tynan<br>Eileen Raia     | Mark Van Grinsven<br>Nancy Van Grinsven<br>Kathy Richgels<br>Jane Ott |

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## CONTRIBUTE TODAY

ST. TERESA OF AVILA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE



DONATION ENVELOPES  
ARE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH

Next 6:51 Club is  
October 21st!



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

September's 6:51 Club will be an after-church end-of summertime meal. Join us to meet fellow parishioners over a delicious free dinner.

You can contact Sara Foley  
[foleysar@gmail.com](mailto:foleysar@gmail.com) for more details.

## Mending a Divided Heart through Liturgy

Saint Peter in the Loop is quite the place. They offer six masses a day, short lunch-time educational events on various spiritual topics or saints, evening events for a wide variety of groups. I recently learned that they are a "mission church." This means that they are not a "parish" as St. Teresa of Avila. Rather, they exist to fulfill a certain mission. I have never asked but based on their activity I would guess that their mission is to serve busy business people downtown and to foster the Spirit in the world.

My office is in the loop. I am a few blocks from St. Peter in the Loop and I occasionally attend one of the daily masses. Daily mass is typically 25-to-30 minutes long and that includes the sermon which most of the time is spot on. I attend the mass because more often than not I find myself with a divided heart, with a heart that is not at peace.

A friend of mine who is a monk at Gethsemane in Kentucky told me once that a monk will seek out humility, and then added: "You don't need to seek out humility, the world humbles you all on its own." Crazy clients, co-workers, security guards, supervisors, family, teachers, doctors, political leaders, sometimes friends, the list can go on and on. I have encounters everyday that have the ability to divide my heart, pull me off center, get me worked up and thinking negatively and responding not Christ like.

Liturgy, my personal prayer, reflecting on spiritual readings, stepping from the hectic chaos of Madison Avenue past the solid brass doors and into St. Peter where the silence and peace engulfs me, brings me back to center and mends my divided heart. It is a wonderful thing.

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

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

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Wondering  
how you can  
fit in at  
St. Teresa?



**Explore the  
possibilities**  
at the

**St. Teresa Ministry Fair**  
**Saturday-Sunday, September 22nd-23rd**

In the Parish Center  
After all the Masses

For more information contact Bertel Olson at [bertelolson4@yahoo.com](mailto:bertelolson4@yahoo.com) or 312-622-1877.

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Saturday & Sunday  
September 22 and 23**

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## Food Pantry News

The food pantry continues to meet the needs of the community. Our client base is increasing; we provided over 500 bags of groceries in June and a slightly smaller number in July. We are adding a fourth distribution beginning in September and we'll need additional help to make sure this fourth distribution is successful. The upcoming food pantry schedule for September will be:



- Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7pm, Bagging
- Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm, Distribution
- Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-11am, Bagging and Distribution
- Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7pm, Bagging
- Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12 pm, Distribution

Please come join us on these dates if you can. We send out Evites to remind parishioners of these upcoming events, so you can send Dave Hilko an email at [dahilko@aol.com](mailto:dahilko@aol.com) if you would like to be included in the Evite.

We are also looking at ways to reduce the cost of food and make shopping more efficient. This may take a few months to fully implement. In the meantime, we have an urgent short term need for shoppers. This can be done based on your own schedule as long as the food is delivered in time for bagging. Please contact Karen Breen Vogel if you can assist at [kbreenvogel@gmail.com](mailto:kbreenvogel@gmail.com).

We intend on providing you a monthly update through the bulletin and on St Teresa's website. We thank you for all you have done for our clients and look forward to continue to provide for the needs of our community.



### Our Indestructible Identity

When Jesus asks, “Who do people say I am?” we hear this in the modern sense of a search for identity. But that is to misread scripture, because in those days, there was no personal identity as we conceive of it. In those days, everyone was simply who other people said they were.

That is why Jesus was called Elijah or a prophet or the Baptist or the child of Mary or the son of a carpenter or of David’s tribe. Even Jesus called himself not Jesus, but “the Son of Man,” that is, “the human one.” A generic name for the most unique person in history!

It took centuries of human experience for individuals to move outside the herd and become persons in their own right. It took generations for individuals to think of themselves as distinct from their ancestors and families. It was less than 500 years ago that people began to think they had the right to build separate lives of their own.

That experience was such a heady feeling that it spread like wildfire. Everyone was convinced they were someone important. This led people to make themselves as different as possible.

If we do not get our identity from the herd, then we have to create it from scratch. We have to build an identity from the ground up. And that is a very difficult, long process. Most of us are too impatient to do it correctly, so we cheat by being an instant, artificial self.



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**We look around and see people who are not like us, people we don't like and don't want to be like. Our identity is to be “not them.”**

One way to create a quick self is by way of negative identity. We look around and see people who are not like us, people we don't like and don't want to be like. Our identity is to be “not them.”

The problem with that identity is that it demonizes a large part of humanity and excludes them from our experience. It thus severely limits the extent of our own humanity. It also makes us brittle.

Another speedy access to a personality is by way of group identity. This is like a regression to the herd, but it can be a more personal choice. I become someone by choosing to be a Catholic, a Muslim, a barber, a fan. There is a sense of power in this personality, since it is fueled by mass consciousness. But it is vulnerable to the mistakes of the group. What if my country is unjust, my church is mistaken, my scout leader absconds with the funds? My identity is shaken.

The most modern approach

to a personal self is the fluid identity. This is actually a non-identity, since it believes that there is no permanent self at all — there is just a constant response to different situations. Just as H<sup>2</sup>O can be liquid, solid or gas depending on the temperature, so the supposed self is a shifting reception center for various impulses.

Fortunately, there is another option for identity. Philosophically, we can see our self as a stable substance with differing incidentals. Just as a tree remains the same tree over the years through growth and fire and trimming and rot, so we remain the same person through years of change and age and experience. We are a unique person in progress.

Psychologically, this happens through memory. Not only does memory connect our past self to our present self, but we can actually improve our self by selectively remembering certain things. This is why loss of memory is so tragic: We seem to lose our self.

But the real self withstands even our physical failure. Because the core of our self is being a child of God. That is our indestructible identity.

- Fr. James Smith, Celebration Publications

# Directory

## Parish Leadership

### PASTORAL STAFF

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**St. Teresa  
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Catholic Church

## Information

### Weekend Masses

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 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

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

\*Communion Service only

### Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm |
|---------|---------|

### For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation,  
RCIA or Communion for the Sick

Please call Dean in  
the parish office.

### Parish Office

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### Office Hours

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

### Counseling Services

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### Dave Wisneski, Chair

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
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| <b>Jessica Marx</b> | <b>Michael Rice</b>     |
| <b>Mark Matejka</b> | <b>Tony Rivera</b>      |
| <b>Bertel Olson</b> | <b>Christine Viloch</b> |

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

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Brian Scullion</b> | <b>Dave Hilko</b>    |
| <b>Jane Bronson</b>   | <b>Steve Fortino</b> |
| <b>Jack Halpin</b>    | <b>Andrew Deye</b>   |
| <b>Jane Ott</b>       | <b>Becky Francis</b> |

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.**