



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2013

In one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body.

— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

Parish Mission Statement

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

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Reflections

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Reflecting on God's Word

I can remember as a child being afraid of the dark. Not all the time—just usually after seeing a horror movie. For nights after, I would peer into the darkness, trying to make sure there was nothing out there. Even as an adult there have been times when I walked through a dark place feeling an uneasiness that was hard to shake. Easter in the Gospel of John begins in the dark. Night still holds the earth in its embrace. Darkness also gripped the hearts of Jesus' followers—the darkness of grief, sorrow, and hopelessness. Jesus of Nazareth—who had preached in a way no one else ever had, who had worked deeds of great power by curing the sick, healing lepers, giving sight to the blind, lifting up the lame, and who had even called the dead back to life—had been crucified and laid in the tomb. A large stone had been rolled in front of the entrance, death's final punctuation mark. Only John tells us there was a garden where he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. From this garden God decided to begin creation anew, so while it was still dark God breathed once again into a human figure, and the new Adam was raised up and would never die. Not all darkness is to be feared. Sometimes it may even be necessary, summoning God to create once again, dispelling the shadow of death and despair that can settle over the human heart.

Living God's Word

As we go through life, we need to find out where the Spirit wants us to be. Often, however, it's not the same as where we would like to be, or think we should be. It may be that at such times we're wrestling with the very Spirit of God.



Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

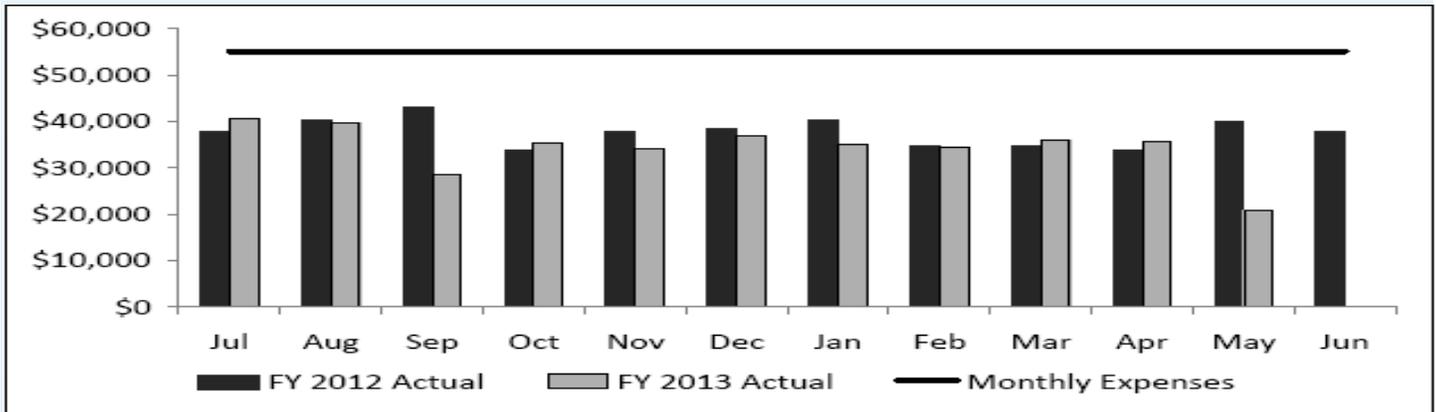
En la Edad Media la ciencia parecía más bien la hermanastra de las artes y la gente creía que el flogisto causaba combustión. Mientras más flogisto más combustible; así era como entendían la física. Eso explicaba por qué las rocas no se quemaban y la paja ardía inmediatamente.

Aunque ya el flogisto está en desuso desde hace tiempo su teoría no está lejos de cómo el Espíritu de Dios arde en nuestra vida y de cómo los dones del Espíritu de Dios inflaman nuestro propio espíritu. Si algún esfuerzo nuestro se ve resplandeciente pudiera ser un signo de mucho Espíritu, algo así como el flogisto. Por otro lado, si en nuestro esfuerzo por brillar ni siquiera brota una chispa, lo más probable es que en eso no esté el Espíritu. En este último caso sería mejor prestarle atención a algún otro aspecto de la vida. Debemos hacer la lucha para asegurarnos de que nuestra imaginaria pasión y el lugar donde el Espíritu de Dios nos quiere es lo mismo, a fin de que lo primero no nos lleve a alejarnos de lo segundo. ¿Cómo se puede saber si uno está donde debe? San Pablo dice que el Espíritu da, a cada uno de nosotros, nuestra propia dosis de los dones divinos y nuestra propia chispa para que podamos iluminar, pero no se nos dan para nuestra propia gloria o disfrute, ni para sentirnos bien con nosotros mismos, sino para el bien de los demás y de la comunidad. El Evangelio de Juan sugiere otra manera de probar si estamos donde debemos, y es si la paz está en nosotros. Eso también es un don del Espíritu Santo.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

A medida que caminamos por la vida necesitamos saber dónde nos quiere el Espíritu Santo. Sin embargo, a menudo pensamos que ahí donde el Espíritu de Dios nos señala no es donde nos gustaría estar y pensamos que no es donde deberíamos estar. Pudiera ser que en esos momentos estemos luchando contra el mismo Espíritu de Dios.

Fiscal Year (07/01 - 06/30) Comparison to Date



- For the first ten full months of the 2013 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 5.1% from the 2012 Fiscal Year. As the chart above depicts, the key driver was poor collections in September 2012.
- The Easter collection was successful in raising \$15,223. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made by check, cash, or online at www.givecentral.org.
- In September 2012, Fr. Frank and the Finance Council asked Parishioners to consider an increase to their weekly gifts to St. Teresa's. Thank you to everyone who has been able to do so. As a point of reference, the weekly cost per adult to operate St. Teresa's and all of her programs is \$32.
- Our goal is to fund all operations from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the bars to exceed the expense line in the chart above.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the Finance Council's and Fr. Frank's goal to increase weekly giving to meet our ongoing expenses, and use the proceeds from fundraisers to fund special initiatives and outreach programs of the Parish.
- Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at 312-706-4266 or williamdmack@hotmail.com. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues.
- The Finance Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Schedule for May

Saturday, May 4th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, May 9th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, May 10th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, May 18th
10:00 am to 12:00 am Bagging & Distribution

Thursday, May 23rd
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Bagging

Friday, May 24th
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Food Pantry Shopping List

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| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Cereal, Oatmeal |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Pasta |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Jelly |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Canned Chicken |
| Tuna | Brown Rice (box) or Rice Pack-ets |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Crackers or Saltines |
| Hearty Canned Soup (10 oz.) | Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.) |
| Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) | |
| Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) | |
| Chili (15 oz.) | |



Extra-strength shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or* Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) *or* John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 10:38-45
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

The Day of the Holy Spirit



John's Gospel tells us that when Jesus "breathed" on the disciples, the Holy Spirit came into them, empowering them to forgive sins and to gather all people into union with one another.

The book of Genesis had explained the divisions among nations with the story of the Tower of Babel. In rebellious pride, human beings had struggled to become equal to God. The result was chaos, strife, the inability even to speak the same language among themselves. Today's reading from Acts tells how the Spirit has just the opposite effect. Strangers from many nations hear and understand one another, each in his or her own tongue.

This message of unity in the Spirit is repeated in the reading from Corinthians. There are many gifts, many ways to serve. One way is not "higher," nor one person "better" than another. There is but one Spirit, who accomplishes all the different works we do, acting through us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

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El Día del Espíritu Santo



El Evangelio de Juan nos dice que cuando Jesús “sopló” sobre los discípulos, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre ellos dándoles poder de perdonar los pecados y de reunir a todos los pueblos.

El Génesis explica la división entre las naciones con la historia de la torre de Babel. En orgullosa rebelión, los seres humanos luchaban por ser iguales a Dios. El resultado fue caos, sufrimiento y la inhabilidad hasta de hablar el mismo idioma entre ellos. La lectura de hoy de los Hechos nos dice que el Espíritu tiene justamente el efecto contrario. Extranjeros de muchas naciones oyen y se entienden entre ellos, cada uno en su propia lengua

Este mensaje de unidad en el Espíritu se repite en la lectura de Corintios. Hay diferentes dones espirituales, muchos modos de servir. Un modo no es “superior,” ni una persona es “mejor” que otra. Hay un solo Espíritu que obra todo en todos. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Llenos del Espíritu Santo, los apóstoles empezaron a hablar en lenguas (Hechos 2:1-11).

Salmo — Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, a renovar la tierra. Aleluya (Salmo 104 [103]).

Segunda lectura — Fuimos bautizados en el Espíritu para formar un sólo cuerpo (1 Corintios 12:3b-7, 12-13) o Romanos 8:8-17.

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos y los envía en su misión (Juan 20:19-23) o Juan 14:15-16, 23b-26.

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Eclo 1:1-10; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mc 9:14-29
Martes:	Eclo 2:1-11; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles:	Eclo 4:11-19; Sal 119 (118):165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mc 10:38-45
Jueves:	Eclo 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mc 9:41-50
Viernes:	Eclo 6:5-17; Sal 119 (118):12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mc 10:1-12
Sábado:	Eclo 17:1-15; Sal 103 (102):13-18; Mc 10:13-16
Domingo:	Prv 8:22-31; Sal 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Hoy celebramos la Pascua de Pentecostés. Esta es una de las tres Pascuas que celebramos los cristianos. Las otras dos son la Pascua de Resurrección (o Pascua Florida) y la Pascua del Nacimiento de Jesús. Estas tres solemnidades cristianas celebran tres momentos claves en el plan de salvación: la Encarnación del Verbo Divino (Jesús), su Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección y el descenso de su Espíritu Santo sobre la Iglesia. Pascua viene siendo el nombre de la principal solemnidad del calendario Judío y recuerda la liberación del pueblo de Israel de la esclavitud. Los cristianos hemos tomado ese nombre por reconocernos como descendientes de Abraham y porque en nuestras tres pascuas celebramos que Jesús viene a salvarnos, o sea, a liberarnos del pecado y sus consecuencias tanto personales como sociales. En muchas partes el título de Pascua se ha dejado para hablar de la Fiesta de la Navidad y la Fiesta de Pentecostés. Esto es una lástima ya que el recordar la Pascua debe impulsar al cristiano a obrar por la liberación de todos para que el mundo se salve por Jesucristo. — Fray



May Baptisms

Parker Thomas Stengle (5-5-13)
Sofia Louise Louange (5-5-13)
Giselle Victoria Giuliano (5-19-13)
John James Olson McGuire (5-26-13)

Dare to be Holy! Parish Mission May 19-22

Well, it's finally here! Come One! Come All! Our parish mission begins tonight at 7:00 pm. Be renewed! Be expectant! Be there! And remember... bring a friend!

St. Teresa said...



“For little things happen...in which you can very well test and know whether or not you are the rulers of your passions.”

Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry

Fr. Frank is participating in the Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry as required by the Archdiocese of Chicago, approximately every five years.

The Archdiocese has been provided with a list of names of staff, leadership and parishioners from which a sample will be selected. All information provided by survey respondents will be kept confidential.

Calendar at a Glance

May 19, Sunday

Pentecost Sunday • Domingo de Pentecostés

- 9:00 am, RR, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, PC1, RCIA
- 7:00 pm, REC4, The Edge
- 7:00 pm, Church, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"

May 20, Monday

St. Bernardine of Siena • San Bernardino de Siena

- 8:00 am, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"
- 12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House
- 7:00 pm, Rec4, Finance Council
- 7:00 pm, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"

May 21, Tuesday

St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions • San Cristóbal Magallanes y compañeros

- 8:00 am, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"
- 7:00 pm, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"

May 22, Wednesday

St. Rita of Cascia • Santa Rita de Casia

- 8:00 am, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"

- 4:30 pm, REC4, CCFC 1st Eucharist
- 5:15 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 7:00 pm, REC4, Building Committee
- 7:00 pm, Church, Parish Mission "Dare to be Holy!"

May 23, Thursday

- 9:30 am, REC4, About Parents
- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 6:30 pm, REC4, Praying with the Scriptures

May 24, Friday

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

May 25, Saturday

St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi; Blessed Virgin Mary • San Beda el Venerable; San Gregorio VII; Santa María Magdalena de Pazzi; Santa María Virgen

- 10:00 am, REC4, Breastfeeding Basics
- 10:00 am, Church, Wedding

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

May 18

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish

May 19

9:00 am Fr. Patrick O'Leary
John V. Ryan

Julia Faloyin
Ann Marguerite Bowman

12:00 pm 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

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 in the parish office.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Phyllis Carlino, Maria Louisa Cervantes, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Ryan, Sally Jo Morrow, Henry Pryor, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Walleman,

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney,</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>OCD</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Palmira Mancini</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Jennifer Schubeck</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	<i>Paulette Zuckerman</i>
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators</i>
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>	<i>of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>	
<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>	
<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>	
<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
5-25-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Chas Shelby	Maggie Kuhlmann	Jennifer Barrett	Annie Monak Luke Kolman
5-26-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Tony Dosen	Mark Trinka	Phyllis Halloran Lina Hilko Jamie Lutkus	George Halloran Theresa Jabaley Bernadette Diaz Minister Needed
Next Spanish Mass 6-2-13 Sunday	10:30 am				
5-26-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Tony Rivera	Aimee Jaszczor	Amy McCue Alice Morales-Villenas
5-26-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Jane Ott	Jonathan Hewett Chris Parente Minister Needed	Eileen Raia Aubre Hewett Kaitlin Cronin

Loving God -



You are the Giver of all good gifts.
You are our strength and well-spring of grace.

With confident faith we entrust this parish project to your care and protection.

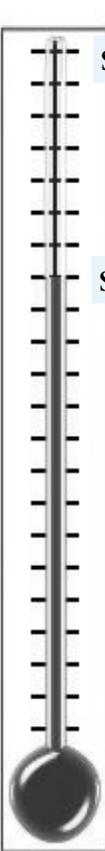
Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

We thank you for all that we have and for the sacrifices and generosity of our Faith Family.

Deepen our commitment to the future of this parish and grant us the ability to share our faith and spread your Good News today, tomorrow, and always.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

By Building. Faith. Together We Continue to Make Progress



I am happy to report that we are well on our way with our Building. Faith. Together campaign, but there is still much work to do.

\$1,260,000

We have now raised \$881,400 toward our celebration goal of \$1.26 million for the renovation of the worship space and demolition

\$881,400

of the old school building and convent. What a tremendous boost to know that so many have taken time to listen, pray and give a sacrificial gift toward the wonderful plans for our future.

After Mass today is the time to meet with our hard working campaign volunteers in the gathering space to make your pledge. They will gladly answer any questions, discuss the plans and have a pledge card and envelope available to accept your gift. I also invite you to see our newly erected "campaign donor wall" that showcases the wonderful gifts this effort has already been given.

As always, feel free to visit www.st-teresa.net for updates.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Frank

St. Teresa Book of Mormon Outing



Tickets are going fast for this outing. 60% of the tickets are gone. There are only twenty tickets left. We have to act Fast.....the show is leaving Chicago soon. Great seats.

If you are interested, contact Frank Swiderski at 773-539-7790 or franusjr@yahoo.com.



Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAYS
7:00-8:30PM



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Mr. Freedom, Can You Walk the Dog?

I have a fourteen year old boy at home; that means a lot of different things, like drinking directly from the kitchen sink faucet, dried urine on the toilet seat, shoes left perfectly positioned where everyone walks in the front door. I am sure you get the picture. It also means that I have successfully morphed, with two Masters degrees, into a complete and total idiot. The other day I asked my son why he never answers the phone. His response, "I answer the phone, I just don't answer the phone when YOU call."

The other day my wife and son and I were in the kitchen and my son announced with great pride a recent discovery. "You know what I learned the other day?" He asked. "In just four years from now I will have all my rights and I will be totally free to do whatever I want. That means that I won't have to listen to anyone. I will be free!" Later that night I asked his sister to tell "Mr. Freedom" to take the dog for its nightly walk.

Earlier that very day I was attending a spiritual study group. We were reading an amazing book titled "Abandonment to Divine Providence". At this meeting, as we were discussing just the introduction to the book, one of the attendees said, "discipline is freedom." He went on to tell his story. He was a recovering drug and alcohol addict; that what he thought was freedom was the ability to tell the world to go to hell and do whatever he wanted to do and whenever he wanted to do it.

Discipline is freedom: it is our faith. It does not make any sense, you know. It appears to be an oxymoron. Archenemies when juxtaposed to one another. Not compatible, folly, irrational, on and on regarding this "discipline is freedom." Part of the understanding is that when one says "yes" to a certain way of life, than one is saying "no" to another way of life. For us Christians, we are saying "yes" to the belief that death has no power over us and "no" to the belief that death rules in our lives. We are saying "yes" to the action of unselfishness and "no" to the action of selfishness. We are saying "yes" to being Christ and love and mercy in the world and "no" to being the anti-Christ and hate and pathetic in the world.

When we see discipline not as freedom it may be helpful to reflect on a line from First Corinthians that reads: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight." At some point, initiated by grace, we make the switch and see things that appear to be opposed as what they truly are.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, May 28,**

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*

Christmas in June

Help us honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano, who was prematurely taken from this life near 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 *Sunday Mass* on June 23, 2013.



Please bring a new, unwrapped item that is suitable for children ages 1 to 18 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 and other subsidies. The gifts do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Board games, books, arts and crafts materials (sticks, glue, boxes, sequins, beads, strings, glitters, origami, brushes, paints, ceramic, knitting/crochet materials, etc.), colored pencils, special paper, colored pens, crayons and other similar materials are most appreciated and will go a long way to bring a smile. Art therapy helps children in their healing.

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

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. It also happens to be Isabella's birthday on June 25th.

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 '80s. And please bring a gift to help honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano.



The Spirit is given to those who make it visible ...

A decade ago, a small central city parish was faltering. Even its pastor thought it should close. But a group of parishioners went to the local bishop to ask for conditions to keep their church open. He challenged them to increase membership, demonstrate ministry and pay their bills. Ten years later, the church is thriving.

One factor that moved those people was the resolve to resist the many economic and social forces that are tempting the church to follow patterns of money and exclusion. The people met each night during the crucial time between Ascension and Pentecost to pray over the story in the Acts of the Apostles in which a small, anxious community of believers was told to “stay in the city” and await empowerment by the Spirit. What happened in that story was also happening for this faith-filled group.

Today, on Pentecost, we retell the story of the birth of the church. A great mystery was revealed to them in prayer, about how the life of Jesus was to be transferred into them and extended into history. The disciples had retreated to an upper room to pray. Mary, Jesus’ mother, was with them. For Luke, author of both the Gospel and Acts, what happened on Pentecost repeated what had happened for Mary three decades earlier in Nazareth when she was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, conceived the child Jesus and set in motion the story of God in the world. Now the



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community of believers was experiencing the Spirit conceiving in them the ongoing presence of Jesus. The church was being born. His disciples would be the body of Christ, animated by his Spirit.

Do we recognize ourselves in the story? The church has spread throughout the world, touching millions of people, extending its influence into every aspect of culture and life. In wind, fire and many languages, the faith we share today burst forth from its small, simple origins to influence world civilization and global events.

Yet its vitality is best measured in our local churches. If our worship is not inspiring and our ministry not challenging, perhaps

we need to examine whether we suffer from outdated structures and limited ideas and whether we can meet the conditions that prove we are alive: an increase in members, especially young people; ministries that make a real difference in our city and neighborhoods; a spirit of enthusiasm that attracts time, treasure and talent to sustain a vital community. Pentecost was more than just a spiritual outpouring, but an outpouring into real people, lives receptive to the Spirit, ready to emerge from locked rooms into the community to preach, heal and minister to others.

As composer Grayson Warren Brown has challenged, “Does the presence of this church in this location actually make a difference?” What do our neighbors say about us? What impact do we have on the city around us? Would it matter if we up and moved and were replaced by a business or more housing? The Spirit is given to those who make it visible and effective.

Pentecost serves, like every birthday celebration, to remind us that our lives are defined by love, relationships, memories and plans for the future. Everything is a gift meant to be used fully and joyfully to our benefit and that of those around us. Happy birthday to the church in the world, the body of Christ, alive and active through us.

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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

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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

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*

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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For information about ...

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