

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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December 28, 2014

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

*At the Corner of Armitage & Kenmore Avenues
Chicago, Illinois 60614*

Telling the Story

And you yourself a sword will pierce. (Luke 2:35)

Everyone loves a good story. From the time we're little children, we become fascinated with stories. At first, we want someone to read to us. Then we start creating our own stories with crayons. Finally, we get to the stage where we begin watching TV, falling in love with certain shows and waiting anxiously until the next episode arrives.

The love of stories is why we go to movies and read novels and listen to the latest scoop about whomever.

Stories are so important to us, in fact, that one writer has even dared to say that "God made humans because God loves stories." What this writer is suggesting is that each one of us *is* a story all our own — a story that our God loves to listen to. It's almost like we can picture God saying about each one of us: "Go on. Tell me more."

Luke, the writer of today's Gospel, is one of the great storytellers of all time. He seems to understand at a very deep level that we all love stories because we can place ourselves in them, identify with the characters and make them our own.

Christmas is arguably one of the most beloved stories ever told. It's the story of a God who loves each one of us so much that he leaves the heavens and "pitches his tent among us," as one translation puts it.

It's the story of how this



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same God enters fully into our world, and, from that moment on, dwells among us, dines with us, rejoices with us, cries with us, bleeds with us, triumphs with us.

In today's Gospel, though, Luke takes the story of the birth of Jesus to another level. He introduces Jesus to the community of faith that his parents are a part of. It now becomes a story that expands the private intimacy of Mary and Joseph into the larger world of the Jewish community, and all of society.

Luke's story ultimately becomes one that tells the tale of the creation of a whole new spiritual family — the one that we all are a

part of. But notice that within the beauty of this story, Simeon, the representative of the entire history of Jewish faith, takes the child Jesus into his arms, turns to Mary, and says to her: "You yourself a sword will pierce."

Gone from this scene are the angels singing "Glory to God in the highest." Gone from this part of the story are the shepherds and their wonder and amazement. Gone is the serenity of the manger. Instead, a note of darkness enters the story.

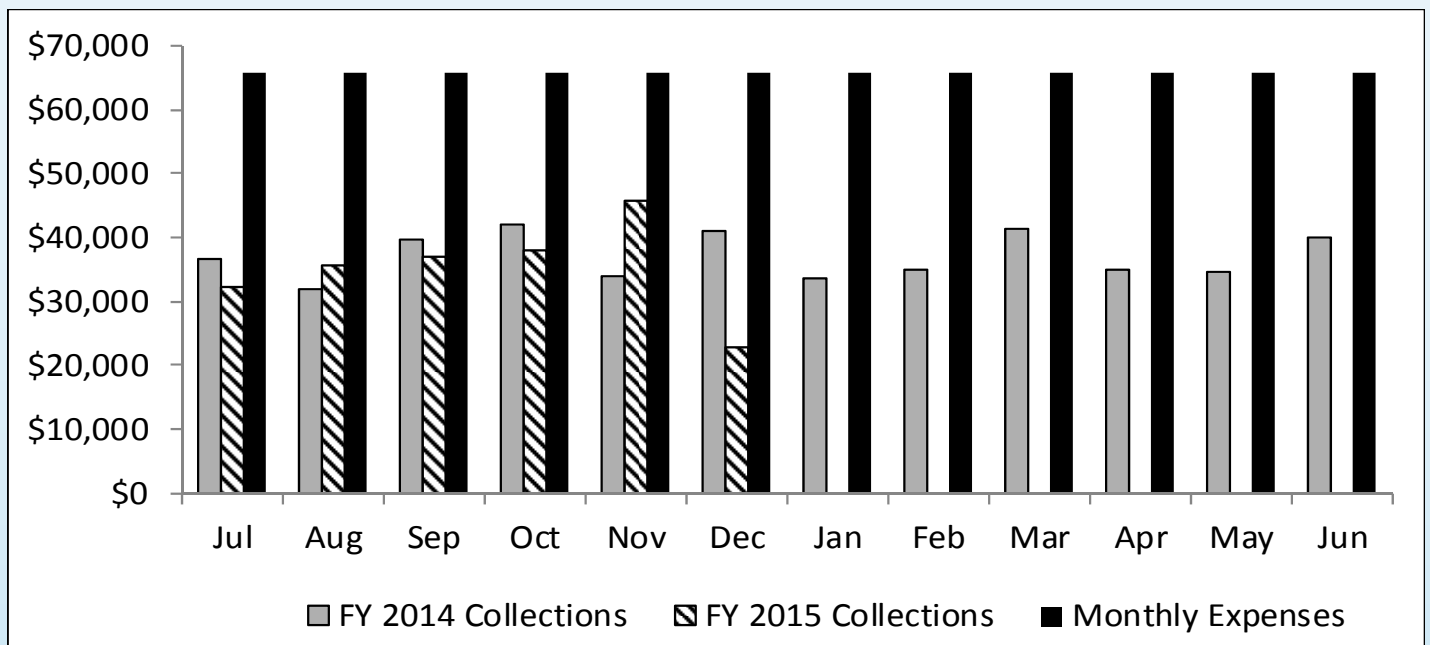
A primary symbol of who Jesus is and what he will bring to the world is now introduced: a sword. The sword represents the decision that each of us has to make in writing the story of our own lives.

Jesus' hope and plea is that we will use this sword in the most positive of ways: as an instrument that will cut through to the very heart of our humanity so that we can be liberated from the slavery of destructive patterns of living.

What that sword can do, that sword that is Jesus' own life of love, is give us the ability to bring into our lives a degree of freedom — the freedom to live out those graces that our second reading today emphasizes: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

Our life is a story, a story that God delights in reading. How will yours read?

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



- For the 2015 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are 3 percent below those of Fiscal Year 2014.
- For the 2015 fiscal year, the cost per family per week is \$36 as 430 families contribute to the parish.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the striped bars to exceed the black bars in the chart above.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the Finance Council's

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.

Parish Calendar

December 28 — January 3

December Baptisms

Elliott Anne Kozel (12-20-14)
Owen Thomas O'Neill (12-28-14)
Oscar Vladimir Katek Tavarez (12-28-14)



About Obedience, St. Teresa said...



“...union with God’s will is the union I have desired all my life; it is the union I ask the Lord for always and the one that is clearest and safest.”

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.

RCIA will begin this Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Tom Micinski at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

December 28, Sunday

- 10:00 am, GS, Hospitality

December 29, Monday

- 12:30 pm, PC3-4, Chicago House

December 30, Tuesday

- 7:30 pm, PC, RCIA

December 31, Wednesday

- 5:00 pm, PC, Holy Mary Mother of God

January 1, Thursday

- 10:00 am, PC, Holy Mary Mother of God

January 2, Friday

- 3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

January 3, Saturday

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, PC3-4, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday:** St. Thomas Becket
- Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Thursday:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
- Friday:** Ss. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday
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- Lunes:** Santo Tomás Becket
- Miércoles:** San Silvestre I; Víspera del Año Nuevo
- Jueves:** Santa María, Madre de Dios
- Vernes:** San Basilio Magno y san Gregorio Nacianceno; Primer Viernes
- Sábado:** El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús; Primer Sábado

January 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, January 3rd**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, January 10th**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, January 17th**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, January 24th**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, January 31st**
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

New Year 's Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
12-31-14 Wednesday	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Alejandro Lopez	Kaitlin Cronin	Phyllis Halloran Rose Ohiku
1-1-15 Thursday	10:00 AM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Tony Rivera	Frank Swiderski Laura LoBello	Karen Secrest Bob Pedro

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

December 27

5:00 pm For Fr. Michael McMahon and the Parishioners of St. Peter (Antioch)*

December 28

9:00 am For Fr. Kurt Hartrich, OFM and the Parishioners of St. Peter (Chicago)*
 12:00 pm For Fr. Brito Berchmans and the Parishioners of St. Paul of the Cross*
 6:00 pm For Fr. Raymond Clennon and the Parishioners of St. Paul*

* We continue to pray for all the parishes in the Archdiocese.

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...

Robert Byerwalter, Casillas Family, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Teresa Dempsey, Mark Dudley, Pedro Garcia, Genevieve Gorgo, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Francisca Hernandez, Betty Hultberg, Pat Johnson, Therese Kotowski, Carol Marquez, Eleanor Monak, John Mondschean, Donald & Maggie Finn Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Charley Pierce, Patrick Reidy, Jeremy Rivera, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, Jennifer Schubeck, Paulette Zuckerman, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson	Kellar Harris	Deacon Hector Rivera
Dorothy Barns	Peg Hausen	Hector J. Rivera
Dolores Berendsen	David Hoffman	Pedro Rodriguez
Berta Billavazo	David Ivanac	Ray Romero
Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek	Chuck Jabaley	Jeffrey Roscoe
Michael De Blasis	Liz Kunkel	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Kathy Derrick	Betty LaCour	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jackson Fineske & Family	Carmen D. Lorenzana	Jack Schank
Alice Flynn	Palмира Mancini	Mima Tome
Padraig Gallagher	George Marroquin	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Eloisa Gallegos	Jose Marroquin	Susan Violapiano
Michael Gibbons	Lisa Marquez	John Wagner
Angela Goldberg	Margaret Sue Meadors	Bernadine Walters
Kaylee Gommel	Bill Mobley	Jack Williams
Bolivar Gonzalez	John Monier	Mae Witry
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	David Zeunert
Les Gordon	Elda Myers	Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse
Mrs. Grabarczyk	Angel Nieves	
George Halloran	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	
David Harmeier	Clayton Poe	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
1-3-15 Saturday	5:00 PM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Raquel Bech	Carly Johnston	Jane Bronson Leigh Hartley
French Mass 1-10-15 Saturday	6:30 PM				
1-4-15 Sunday	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Phyllis Halloran	Jamie Lutkus Barb Schell Michael Zost	Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven Theresa Murray Theresa Jabaley
Spanish Mass 1-4-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
1-4-15 Sunday	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Alejandro Lopez	Mike Usiak	Bob Pedro Alice Morales-Villenas
1-4-15 Sunday	6:00 PM	Rev. Daniel Hasso, CM	Eileen Raia	Sara Hock Cara Gannon Aubre Hewett	Jon Assell Katie Assell Luke Kolman Jonathan Hewett

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35
Martes:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40
Miércoles:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Jueves:	Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Viernes:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sábado:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Treasures from Our Tradition

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Durante siglos, en el continente latinoamericano, el respeto a los ancianos ha sido la base social que nutre nuestras culturas. Lamentablemente este respeto empieza a desvanecerse por la invasión de una mentalidad occidental que valora sólo la juventud. A nuestro alrededor hay muchos de nuestros mayores menospreciados y olvidados por su avanzada edad y fragilidad. A su vez, vemos muchos niños vagabundeando y mal formándose por la falta de supervisión adulta. Es necesario que estos ancianos y niños se encuentren y se bendigan mutuamente.

San Lucas (2:22-40) recuerda dos bellos momentos en la infancia de Jesucristo: la bendición del anciano Simeón y el encuentro con Ana, la profetisa. Estos dos ancianos piadosos frecuentaban al templo de Jerusalén con la esperanza de ver al Mesías. Me imagino que José y María se sorprendieron mucho cuando se les acercaron estos dos viejitos. Pero la santa pareja no les negó su niño a los brazos de estos dos ancianos. El niño les alegró la vida y ellos glorificaron a Dios. La bendición que le dieron a Jesús lo acompañó toda su vida.

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

We Are God's Holy Family

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Somos La Sagrada Familia De Dios

Las lecturas de Israel están repletas de relatos de parejas estériles a quienes Dios les concedió el milagro de tener hijos. Sin duda el relato más conocido es el de la primera lectura de hoy: Lucas se inspiró en este relato para contar el milagroso nacimiento de Juan Bautista, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, y el nacimiento aun más milagroso de Jesús, hijo de María y José. En ambos casos, vemos ejemplos o modelos a seguir de personas que confiaron en Dios. Más que ser ejemplos de personas que confiaron, son modelos de entrega incondicional de sí. Abandonaron sus propios preconceptos y prejuicios sobre el funcionamiento del mundo y entregaron sus vidas a creer en un Dios que puede hacer que haya vida en lugares en donde era inconcebible que la hubiera; un Dios que puede convertir la muerte en una vida nueva e inimaginable; un Dios que puede,

hoy, tomar a un niño de padres humildes en un pueblo insignificante y convertirlo en una luz para el mundo entero. Esto es a lo que se nos llama a hacer cada día como Sagrada Familia de Dios: confiar no sólo en nosotros mismos y en la manera en que pensamos que deberían ser las cosas, sino a abrirnos y entregarnos en fe a un Dios de promesa infinita. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Sirácide 3: 3-7, 14-17) ó *Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Salmo — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 128 [127]) ó *Salmo 105 (104)*.

Segunda lectura — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús (Colosenses 3:12-21) ó *Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Evangelio — María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor (Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

Building Faith Together Collections Now \$772,718

\$1,320,000 We have collected \$772,718 on our pledges so far in our Building Faith Together campaign.

There is a “thermometer” depicting pledges collected located at the back of church that we will update in \$88,000 increments.

\$772,718 Even though we have reached our pledge goal, we are still accepting pledges to cover unanticipated costs from changes in fees on the renovation of the church.

I pray that everyone will rejoice in the graces and hard work of so many of our fellow parishioners and make a meaningful gift that will lead us through a successful effort.

Thank you and God Bless!
Fr. Frank

First Saturday—Primer Sábado January 3 — 3 de Enero

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on January 3rd at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 3 de Enero a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

Next Men’s Spirituality

Join us at the next morning session of the Men’s Spirituality Group on :



**Tuesday, January 13,
at 6:15 am,
in the Parish Center**

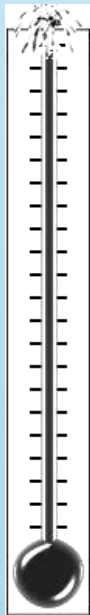
Contact Matt Priesbe at
mpriesbe@aol.com or
(847) 729-1220 for more information.

Sr. Sandra Donations Reach \$18,706

We have collected \$18,706 so far in our campaign for Catholic Extension and Sr. Sandra’s mission in the Diocese of Monterrey California.

We are fortunate to be able to dedicate the funds raised during my Camino to her special ministry that supports some of the poorest and most marginalized people in our country.

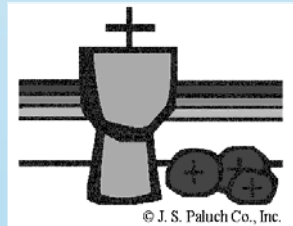
You can still donate by writing a check to St. Teresa Parish, noting that it is for Sr. Sandra or Catholic Extension or you can donate to Sr. Sandra’s mission at the St. Teresa site on **GiveCentral.com**



Ministry of Care

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

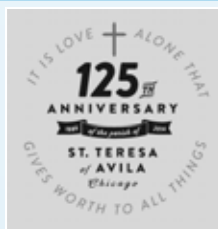
If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.



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Help with Our 125th Video

St. Teresa's 125th Anniversary Video presentation is well underway, but we continue to need your help. Here are two ways to make the project a memorable one:



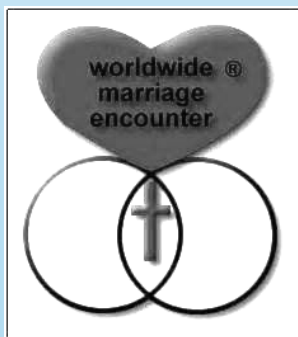
1. How has St. Teresa has been, continues to be, a special community for you. Was there a moment, an event, a person that made you know you were in the right place? Are you willing to write two paragraphs about that experience? Stories may be sent to genevag22@gmail.com.
2. Do you have clear, close up photos of parish gatherings: Summer in the City, Spaghetti Dinner, Sunrise Mass at the Beach, Christmas (anything!), Baptisms, Weddings, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, SPRED, etc.

Photos may be sent to genevag22@gmail.com; hard copies may be given to Cathy Flaherty, Carmen Ubides, or Carmen Velasquez.

Please help make this anniversary another milestone in our community. Thanks so much.

Marriage Enrichment Seminars

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you.



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends are February 13-15, 2015; or April 17-19, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL.

Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through www.wmjeoliet.org.



Next 6:51 Club January 19th

The next 6:51 Club meeting is this Sunday, January 19th. Come to the 6:00pm Mass and hangout afterwards for fellowship and hospitality.

Contact Sara Foley at foleysar@gmail.com for information about 6:51 Club.



2015 Calendars Available

There are 2015 Calendars from the Catholic Extension Society available in English and Spanish. Please take one home.



Updates #25 — Finishing Terrazzo



The Terrazzo floor is in the final stages of completion. Final buffing and sanding continued through December 10th. Approximately one-half of the floor was sealed by December 12th and finished by December 15th. The medallions have also been completed (see inset).

In the bottom picture you can see that the windows along Armitage Avenue have been framed.



Semi-Retired? Retired? Eager to “give something back?”

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Jesuit Catholic tradition and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector.

IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains and more!

Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/Chicago. To inquire, please contact Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312-961-6206 or jffitzgerald@ivcusa.org.



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St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff
Alex Lopez

Justin Peters
Rebecca O'Brien
Amir Rafizadeh
Addison Carpenter
Laura King

Lina Hilko is president of the Parish Council; her email is lhilko@aol.com

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

Finance Council

Justin Peters
Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Matt Donner
Chris Parente

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Andrew Deye
Becky Francis

Bill Mack is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is williamdmack@hotmail.com

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

Building Committee

Steve Kolinski
Caleb Marx
Bill Mack
Jane Bronson
Jose Cervantes
Carol Christensen
Dave Hilko

Dan Hurley
Karen Kinsella
Frank Swiderski
Dave Espinoza
John Mitchell
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The Building Committee meets to discuss renovation fundraising issues in the Parish Center.

Renovation Committee

Frank Swiderski
Steve and Anmarie Kolinski
Dave Hilko
Kim Walter
Phyllis Halloran
Kelly Dean

Jack Halpin
Marilee Halpin
Justin Peters
Nancy Van Grinsven
Alicia Slubowski
Dante Domenella, *Architect*
Dwayne Piyatilake, *Stained Glass Artist*

Fr. Frank is president of the Renovation Committee; his email is fjsasso@aol.com.

The Renovation Committee usually meets once per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to discuss progress on the church renovation.

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Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

Our Mission 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.

Dealing with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

For information about ...

Thursday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds),
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds),
The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds),
or Quest Youth Group (High School)
[Contact Kate in the Parish Office](#)
kolynchdre@gmail.com

For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
[Contact Dean in the Parish Office](#)
dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm [†]
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

[†] First and third Saturdays, October through June

* First Sundays

