

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



September 6, 2015

Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



Did not God choose those who are poor
in the world to be rich in faith and heirs
to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

Stewardship

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Welcome Back

Summer is winding down and many people are settling back into a regular schedule. Now is a great time to think about the year ahead and consider how you might give of your time and talents at St. Teresa of Avila.

God calls us to serve others and volunteering is great way to connect with people, make friends and give back. There are many volunteer needs at the parish. See the bar at the bottom of the page for our most urgent needs, and then give me a call or an email and I'll help you take the next step.

I'm also happy to meet for coffee and discuss in person how you can be involved. Thanks for being a part of the community!

— Rebecca O'Brien, Director of Stewardship
robrien@stteresaparish.org – (773) 528-6650

August Stewardship Numbers

- 52 food pantry volunteers worked to distribute 950+ bags of groceries to those in need
- 50+ volunteers cooked and served more than 300 meals at Friday's Loaves & Fishes dinners
- 3 volunteers are developing a welcome packet for new parishioners
- 8 people signed up for automated contributions via Give Central
- 80 people served during liturgy as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Ushers
- 8 new people have registered as parishioners
- 16 volunteered to host a hospitality event after Mass

This is just a sampling of how people are making use of their Time, Treasure and Talent. See the bar below for more ideas on how you can help.

Take the Hospitality Challenge



Join us in the parish center for coffee and treats after ANY 9:00 am Mass and take the challenge: introduce yourself to at least ONE person you have never met.

119 Tickets Sold Last Month!

Join us on November 14th for an evening of dinner, drinks, dancing, entertainment, auctions, and a chance to get to know some other great people.

Buy tickets today after mass, or at timeofyourlifegala.com and help us reach our August goal of 100 tickets sold.

The planning committee is also seeking donations for our Live and Silent auction. If you have access to restaurant certificates, hotel stays, sports tickets or any other item that could be a part of our auction please email janelpalm@mac.com, or call Rebecca in the parish office at (773) 528-6650.



Coming Soon

We will be publishing a new photo directory soon and we'd love to have you in our "family album". The weekend of September 13th/14th will be your first chance to sign up for a photo session. Photography will take place October 15th-18th. There is no cost to you or to the parish, and everyone who participates will receive a free 8x10. Stay tuned for details.

Welcoming Weekends

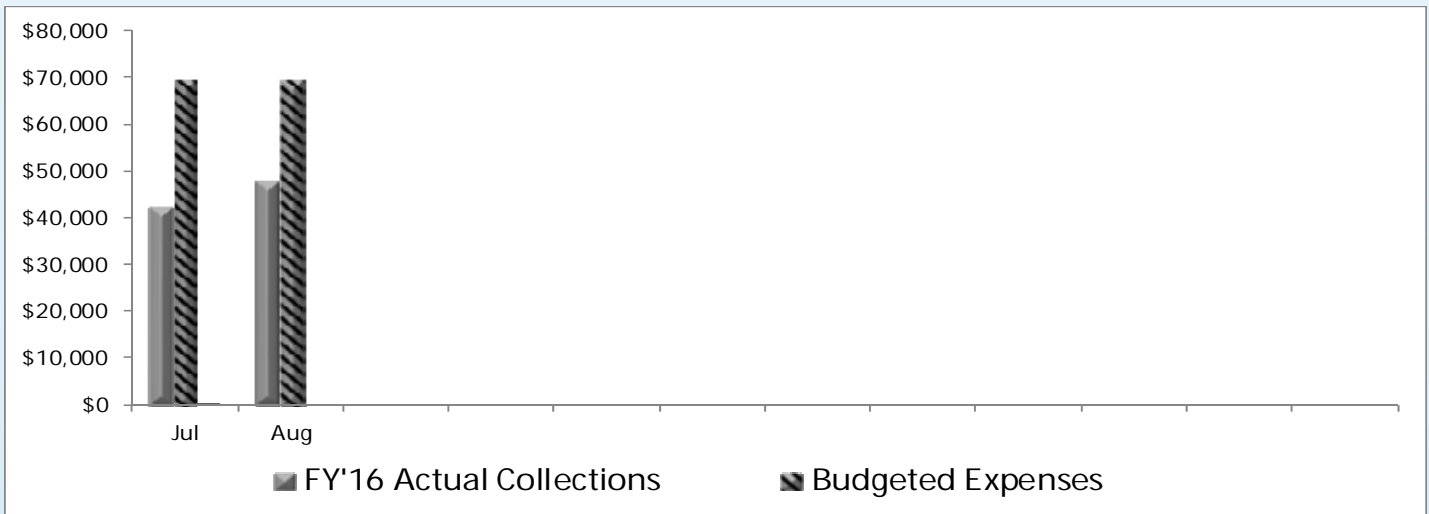
Beginning in September, the Stewardship Committee hosts Welcoming Weekends every third weekend of the month. Stop by the gathering space after any Mass to chat with others and enjoy some food and drink. A Stewardship rep will be around to help you register as a parishioner, connect you with volunteer opportunities, assist with signing up or making changes in Give Central, and answer questions about the parish. Stick around to get info, or to help welcome and meet those who are new!



Most Wanted Volunteers	125 Block Party Volunteers	1 Hospitality Host Coordinator	Food Pantry Volunteers	2 Children's Liturgy Leaders	4 Catechists
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Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

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



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income, versus expense. Total income includes Sunday collections, Christmas, Easter, fundraising, and miscellaneous donations.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- 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.
- A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our GiveCentral push over the past few months, we have been able to increase collections. Thank you, all donors, for your dedication to the parish.
- Please contact the Business Manager, Erica Saccucci with any questions at esaccucci@stteresaparish.org. Our financials are also available on our website at www.st-teresa.net.
- The next Finance Council meeting is on September 21st at 7:00pm.

Please help us remain financially stable during the rest vacation season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections do not dive when attendance is low. If you have already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. Call the office at (773) 528-6650 to get help or offer to take us on vacation. Register at www.givecentral.org.

Parish Calendar

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September Baptisms



Margaret Catherine Anglin (9-13-15)
Jane Elizabeth Schenkel (9-20-15)
Vivian Pearl Donnelly (9-20-15)

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 Micinski at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

September 6, Sunday

- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, PC, Food Pantry Meeting

September 7, Monday

- Office Closed for Holiday

September 8, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

September 9, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm, PC, Liturgy Meeting

September 10, Thursday

- 9:00 am, Food Pantry Delivery

September 11, Friday

- 3:30 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

September 12, Saturday

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

- Domingo:** Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Día del Trabajo
Martes: La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María
Miércoles: San Pedro Claver
Sábado: El Santísimo Nombre de la Virgen María; Santa María Virgen

September 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, September 5th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, September 12th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, September 19th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, September 26th**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

September 5

- 5:00 pm For Fr. Thomas Griffin and the Parishioners of St. Gabriel *
- September 6**
- 9:00 am For Fr. Salvador Hallegado and the Parishioners of St. Genevieve
- 10:30 am Ethel & Maurice Brumleve; and for Fr. Gary Graff and the Parishioners of St. Gall
- 12:00 pm Grandparents of the Gruszka, Jaszczor, Kosek & Pawlowski Families and for Fr. Steven Patte and the Parishioners of St. George *
- 6:00 pm For Fr. William Sheridan and the Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier (Wilmette) *

* 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...

Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Teresa Dempsey, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, James H. Mack, Carol Marquez, Frank Mirabella, Eleanor Monak, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, John and Margaret O'Neill, Charley Pierce, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, Lucille Stanko, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Alicia Anderson</i> <i>Dorothy Barns</i> <i>Dolores Berendsen</i> <i>Berta Billalvazo</i> <i>Ann Buehler</i> <i>Susan Conway</i> <i>Michael De Blasis</i> <i>Kathy Derrick</i> <i>Kim Duffy</i> <i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i> <i>Alice Flynn</i> <i>Padraig Gallagher</i> <i>Eloisa Gallegos</i> <i>Michael Gibbons</i> <i>Angela Goldberg</i> <i>Kaylee Gommel</i> <i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i> <i>Les Gordon</i> <i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i> <i>George Halloran</i> <i>Kellar Harris</i> <i>Peg Hausen</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>David Hoffman</i> <i>David Ivanac</i> <i>Chuck Jabaley</i> <i>Ronald Jakubec</i> <i>Tom Kinsella</i> <i>Liz Kunkel</i> <i>Betty LaCour</i> <i>Carmen D. Lorenzana</i> <i>Palmira Mancini</i> <i>George Maroquin</i> <i>Jose Maroquin</i> <i>Lisa Marquez</i> <i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i> <i>Daniel Meyer</i> <i>Bill Mobley</i> <i>John Monier</i> <i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i> <i>Elda Myers</i> <i>John Paul Nelson</i> <i>Angel Nieves</i> <i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i> <i>Frank O'Toole</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Clayton Poe</i> <i>Carol Poyner</i> <i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i> <i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i> <i>Hector J. Rivera</i> <i>Pedro Rodriguez</i> <i>Ray Romero</i> <i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i> <i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i> <i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i> <i>Jack Schank</i> <i>Mima Tome</i> <i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i> <i>Susan Violapiano</i> <i>Jack Williams</i> <i>Mae Witry</i> <i>Jim Woods</i> <i>David Zeunert</i> <i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i> |
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Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC BREAD	EUCARISTIC WINE
Saturday 9-12-15	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Kari Richardson	Casey Bowles Barb Schell
Sunday 9-13-15	9:00 AM	Fr. Tony Dosen, CM	Children's Service Lector	Rose Ohiku Luke Kolman Jamie Lutkus	Karen Secrest Minister Needed (C2) Nancy Van Grinsven Lina Hilko
Next Spanish Mass 10-4-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
Sunday 9-13-15	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Claire Kenkel	Laura Moran	Margaret Burke Anne Seigenthaler
Sunday 9-13-15	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Karin Carpino	Veronique Caffrey Katie Assell Sharon Lindstrom	Lauren Hogel Jon Assell Elizabeth Cuda Kevin Ludden

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Sal 62 (61):6-7, 9; Lc 6:6-11, o las lecturas de la Misa “Por la santificación del trabajo”

Martes: Mi 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Sal 13 (12):6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Miércoles: qCol 3:1-11; Sal 145 (144):2-3, 10-13ab; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: Col 3:12-17; Sal 150:1b-6; Lc 6:27-38

Viernes: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Sal 16 (15):1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lc 6:39-42

Sábado: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Sal 113 (112):1b-7; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: Is 50:5-9a; Sal 116 (115):1-6, 8-9; Stgo 2:14-18; Mc 8:27-35

Treasures from Our Tradition

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of “this holy and sinful Church, which we love.” We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, “We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer.”

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored. Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving Lord. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El Rito del Bautismo contiene varios elementos simbólicos que merecen nuestra atención. El agua, por ejemplo, es un elemento de doble significado. Es símbolo de vida y pureza. Además, la misma agua que es símbolo de vida, también puede traer la muerte. En el Rito del Bautismo el agua da muerte a nuestro viejo ser para hacernos renacer a la vida abundante que nos promete el Señor.

Una vez renacidos se nos recuerda que nos hemos revestido de Cristo (las vestiduras blancas), que Dios nos ha iluminado (la vela) y nos ha ungido (seleccionado) con el crisma, óleo perfumado con que se consagraban los reyes, profetas y sacerdotes en tiempos bíblicos.

Todos estos símbolos son bellos, pero a mi parecer, el más bello es el de Efata, que en griego significa ábrete. El ministro bendice los oídos del bautizado para que se abran a la Palabra de Dios y le bendice también la boca para que proclame no sólo alabanzas a Dios, sino para que sea unregonero de su palabra. El cristiano debe ser una persona atenta a la voz de Dios para poder servirlo y proclamarlo al prójimo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Fear Not

In these times, there is plenty to be afraid of, if we only look around. It seems that every day the news media have yet more bad news to tell: wars, disease, terrorism, drought, social unrest, and more. Some people have stopped using clock radios to wake up in the morning, preferring a jarring buzzer to the even more jarring morning news. What more do we need before we realize that we are finite creatures, and while there is much we can do to make our world better, ultimately there is a lot that is simply not within our grasp? To this our loving God says, “Be strong, fear not!”

We must do what we can to make our world a better and safer place, but we must also realize our limits and that our ultimate safety is in the hands of God. We can be comforted by the realization that God loves us beyond measure, and will give us every help in our efforts to make our world a loving and safe place for everyone. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



No Teman

En estos tiempos, hay muchas razones para temer, con tan sólo mirar a nuestro alrededor. Tal parece que cada día los medios de comunicación tienen más malas noticias que anunciar: guerras, enfermedades, terrorismo, sequía, disturbios sociales, y mucho más. Algunas personas han dejado de usar los radios despertadores prefiriendo ser despertados por la sacudida de la alarma chillona y no de las malas noticias matutinas. ¿Qué más necesitamos para darnos cuenta de que somos criaturas limitadas, y aunque hay mucho que podemos hacer para mejorar nuestro mundo, en última instancia hay mucho que simplemente no está a nuestro alcance? Para esto, nuestro amoroso Dios nos dice: “¡Ánimo! No teman.”

Debemos hacer todo lo que esté a nuestro alcance para hacer de nuestro mundo un lugar mejor y más seguro, pero también debemos reconocer nuestros límites y que nuestra seguridad absoluta está en manos de Dios. Nos puede servir de consuelo la realización de que Dios nos ama sin medida, y nos dará toda la ayuda necesaria para hacer de nuestro mundo un lugar acogedor y seguro para todos. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Díganles a los que están asustados: Calma, no tengan miedo (Isaías 35:4-7a).

Salmo — Alaba, alma mía, al Señor (Salmo 146 [145]).

Segunda lectura — Dios ha escogido a los pobres de este mundo para hacerlos ricos en la fe (Santiago 2:1-5).

Evangelio — Jesús curó a un sordo que hablaba con dificultad. “Ábrete” (Marcos 7:31-37).

Join in the Men's *Silent Retreat* At Bellarmine Hall, September 11-13

A group from St. Teresa will be attending the Men's Silent Retreat at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington the



weekend of September 11 -13. Our participation has been growing the last few years, and we want to continue that momentum as the experience is even more meaningful when one shares the "silence" with friends. **All men 18 and older are welcome!**

Past participants know this as a powerful opportunity to take time for yourself, get away from distractions of the day and have space for reflection, meditation and come into closer contact with God. You can attend the retreat master talks, meet one-on-one with a priest, participate in Mass and other traditions, or simply spend the time alone on the beautiful grounds.

Sign-ups are at bellarminehall.org, click on Retreat Listings / Retreats for Men / Sept 11-13 Retreat. Please indicate you are with the Matt Carpenter group, which has special priority for the weekend. The retreat lasts from Friday evening until late morning on Sunday. We will arrange car pools for those headed out from the city and toast the weekend with a beverage at a local watering hole before the retreat begins.

Questions? Contact Craig Dean at cdeanhockey@gmail.com or 312-948-5605.

Loaves & Fishes Shopping List

Our Loaves & Fishes team could really use the following three items for the preparation of their Friday evening meals:

- Flour
- Vegetable Oil
- Sugar



If you're interested in volunteering to either cook for Loaves & Fishes or serve our guests, contact Amir at amir@staying-true.com.

Children's Participation Masses Scheduled

St. Teresa continues its tradition of holding monthly Children's Participation Masses at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. This year's schedule is: September 13; October 11; November 8; December 13; January 10; February 7; March 13; April 10; and May 8.



All children are invited to help as greeters, collection basket ushers, or gift bearers at these masses. Families in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd already receive emails inviting their children to sign up for a role at a given Mass. **If you would like to receive monthly reminders but are not in CGS, please email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com to be added to that special distribution list.**

We are also **seeking children in 4th through 8th grades interested in serving as lectors** at these Masses. A training session will take place near the end of September. If your 4th-8th grade child is interested, please contact Kate Lynch kolynchdre@gmail.com or Lina Hilko LHilko@aol.com. We would like to train about 10 children in this role this year.

Christian Family Movement

Interested in joining a small group for families? A Christian Family Movement group is forming at St. Teresa and we are looking for couples and families interested in connecting with others and strengthening their relationships.



Groups meet in each other's homes or at the parish and discuss topics that affect parents and families in today's world. If you'd like more information, contact parishioner Jocelyn Lutkus at jocelyn0514@gmail.com, or call Kate in the parish office (773) 528-6650.

Catechists Needed for 2015/16

St. Teresa's Faith Formation ministries are those dedicated to religious education for children and adults. As the 2015/16 school year begins, we immediately need to fill up to 20 positions in a variety of roles from leadership to assistance working with a variety of ages from 3 years to 8th grade and with adults. Opportunities exist on weekdays and Sundays. Positions do require commitment, and as is so often true about things requiring strong commitment, these opportunities reward the volunteer greatly.



Are you being called to serve your fellow parishioners as they grow in their faith? More information about specific needs will be displayed on the new bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please browse this information so you know your parish's needs; pray for our success in filling these important roles; and please consider if you or someone you know can answer one of these needs.

Contact Kate Lynch, Director of Religious Education, to learn more by emailing kolynchdre@gmail.com or calling the parish office at (773) 528-6650. There's no obligation to ask questions and thoughtfully discern whether something is a fit for you. Most positions need to be filled by early September.

Next Men's Spirituality September 8th

Are you interested in enriching your faith through discussion with men of all ages?



Join the Men's Spirituality Group on one of the Tuesdays below at 6:30am in the Parish Center. Please contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com for more information.

A poster for a block party. The text reads: "ST. TERESA OF AVILA PRESENTS THE WORLD'S SMALLEST BLOCK PARTY". Below that, it says "11AM-9PM SATURDAY SEPT. 19TH". At the bottom, it says "FREE ADMISSION! GREAT FOOD & LIVE MUSIC! AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT". The St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Parish logo is at the bottom left.

Please plan on attending our parish Block Party on September 19th! We will have live music from noon to nine, and kid's activities from noon to five.

And we're looking for many volunteers as well! Sign up by clicking "Block Party" on the parish website st-teresa.net.

Next 6:51 Club September 20th

The **6:51 Club** meets on the third Sunday of every month after the 6:00 pm mass. Please join us for food and fellowship! Our next **6:51 Club** is Sunday, September 20.

We are also looking for hosts to prepare dinner for upcoming 6:51 Clubs. Couples or groups of friends have had a lot of fun with this in the past!

Available dates are September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20.

Please email Sara Hock, at saramhock@gmail.com to volunteer.

Each One Listen

“Did you bring the hearing aid batteries?”

I clearly nodded yes. In that case, nodding was better than speaking at the top of my lungs. Others in the nursing home had already heard many more of our conversations than they cared to.

I pulled out the card of 10 hearing aid batteries, and my 102-year-old mother reached into her ear to pull out a hearing aid. It does not take long to change the tiny battery. Done twice, and we can enter into a conversation at a pretty normal tone of voice.

Throughout the history of humankind, it is only in recent times that human beings have been able to correct hearing loss — and nowadays, in some cases, reverse certain kinds of deafness!

Centuries ago, people had figured out how to make a megaphone with their hands or various materials to help direct sound waves to the ear. That helped somewhat for those who were hard of hearing. But, for those who were born without the gift of hearing, or for those who lost total hearing because of disease or accident, there was just no remedy.

In today’s Gospel, the restored hearing of the deaf man was truly a miraculous event. The man had some speech, although distorted, so it seems likely that at an earlier time in life he may have had some hearing, or else how would he have known how to form words? However, at the time of his encounter with Jesus, the man’s hearing



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was gone. Jesus’ approach to the man was truly caring and personal. He took the man aside by himself. He used loving touch to effect the man’s cure. This is a very personal scene. Jesus is in charge of the situation, and he brings about the cure through his own power that he exercises through human means: touch and spittle.

Of the four evangelists, only Mark has this story. And it is very much like the cure of a blind man that follows it closely. In that story (also told only by Mark), Jesus takes the blind man aside by himself. Jesus restores the man’s sight, again using touch and spittle.

Both of these miracles hark back to the prophecy of Isaiah heard in the first reading: “Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared. ... Then the tongue of the mute will sing” (Isa 35:5). Signs of the coming messiah: “Here is your God ... he is coming to save

you” (Isa 35:4).

For Mark the evangelist, the healing of the deaf and the cure of the blind signal the advent of the messiah. He is identified immediately after the telling of these miracles. These miracle stories prepare readers familiar with the Hebrew scriptures for Peter’s confession of faith: “You are the Messiah.”

The miracle of the cure of the deaf man also serves to call on the reader not to be deaf to the message of the Gospel. In a very personal and loving way, Jesus will take each one aside and minister to her or his inability to hear and to speak the good news.

In baptism, we are initiated into Christ. We are reminded, “The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.”

Hearing isn’t just a physical act. We hear a lot of things and don’t really listen to them. At baptism, we are charged to “receive” God’s word and to “proclaim” it. Jesus and his caring and personal touch will always help us along the way.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff
Alex Lopez

Justin Peters
Amir Rafizadeh
Laura King

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

Finance Council

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Chris Parente
Ray Genellie
Elissa Sirovatka

Justin Alden
Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis

Matt Donner is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mdonner19199@gmail.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 Christiansen
Dave Hilko

Dan Hurley
Karen Kinsella
Frank Swiderski
Dave Espinoza
John Mitchell
Dan Summins

Dan Summins is president of the Building Committee; his email is dsummins@hotmail.com

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*
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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
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For information about ...

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

Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

