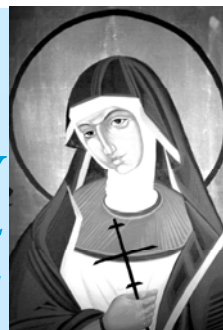


St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



October 4, 2015

Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.

— Mark 10:14

Letter from the Archbishop

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These are exciting days for the Church in America with Pope Francis inspiring Catholics and non-Catholics alike during his visit to the United States. From the very beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has continually called us to missionary discipleship.

In his homily in Philadelphia, he challenged all of us to explore new ways so that our Church can be more equipped to carry on the mission of Christ: "One of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church's mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world. This will require creativity in adapting to changed situations, carrying forward the legacy of the past not primarily by maintaining our structures and institutions, which have served us well, but above all by being open to the possibilities which the Spirit opens up to us and communicating the joy of the Gospel, daily and in every season of our life."

In my year in Chicago, I have been inspired by many of you and have great hope for our future. The joy of the Gospel is alive in Chicago. I have also been learning of many realities that challenge us to evaluate how we work as parishes to share the joy of the Gospel into the future. The Holy Father is right, we should be attentive to the reality before us. We know that the landscape of the Church in Chicago has changed since many of our parishes were founded, with demographics shifting greatly over time. Some of our parishes have aging facilities that cost more to repair than we have. We also have fewer priests available to pastor our parishes. We are sometimes challenged to fully live out the mission because we are spreading resources too thin. Pope Francis reminds us that we have the creativity to take on these challenges with joy if we are open to the possibilities the Spirit opens up to us.

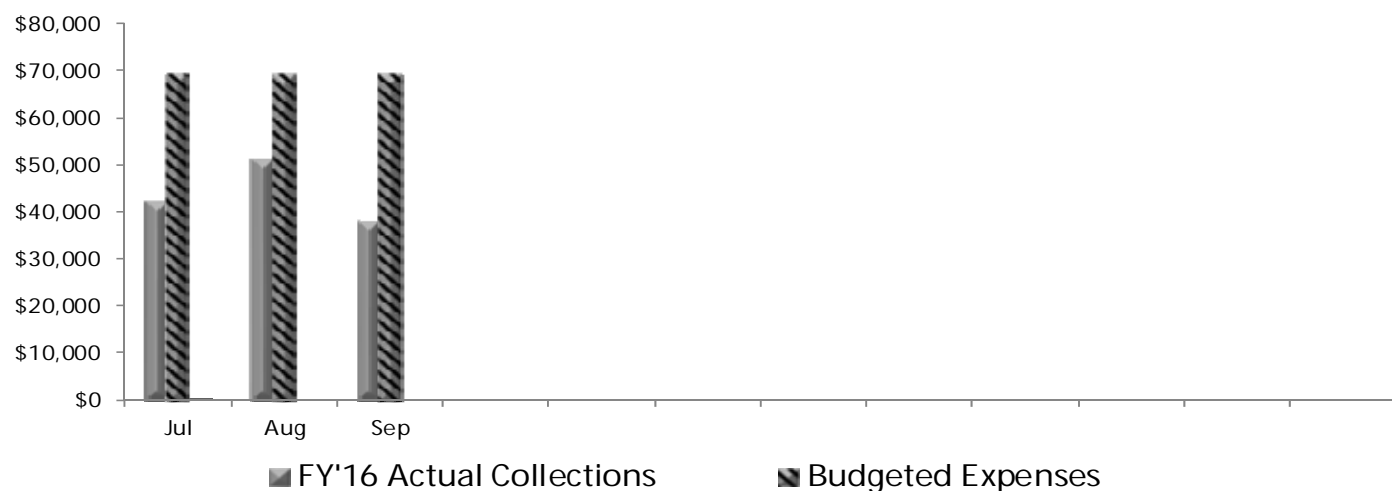
Earlier this week I met with all priests in the Archdiocese to begin the discussion of how to address these challenges in the coming years. This is just the beginning of a long process to determine how to serve the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese and strengthen parish vitality for the long-term future. As the process moves forward, I am committed to a process that involves discipline, wide consultation and community involvement. We want to ensure that our plans for the future best meet the needs of the people of God, respond to the Church's call to mission, and offer long-term sustainability. From time to time you will be hearing more about this effort, but I wanted to let you know of this development, because I need and want your prayers for its success. You are in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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.
- Please contact the Business Manager, Erica Saccucci with any questions at esaccucci@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair. Our financials are also available on our website at www.st-teresa.net.
- The next Finance Council meeting is on October 19th 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.

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October Baptisms



William Daniel Aquino (10-4-15)
Lyla Jane Finch (10-4-15)
Evvy Hughes (10-11-15)
William Graham Uecker (10-11-15)
Grace Catherine Lutkus (10-18-15)
Henry Patrick Granahan (10-18-15)
Grier Patricia Schlichting (10-18-15)

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

October 4, Sunday

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, REC, Edge

October 5, Monday

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

October 6, Tuesday

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED Total Community
- 6:30 pm, PC, Icons Presentation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

October 7, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

October 8, Thursday

- 9:00 am, Food Pantry Delivery

October 9, Friday

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

October 10, Saturday

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday:	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Wednesday:	Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday:	St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Domingo:	Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Martes:	San Bruno; Beata Marie-Rose Durocher
Miércoles:	Nuestra Señora del Rosario
Viernes:	San Dionisio y compañeros; San Juan Leonardi
Sábado:	Santa María Virgen

October 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, October 10th

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, October 24th

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, October 31st

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

October 3

5:00 pm For Fr. Michael Cronin and the Parishioners of St. Edward *

October 4

9:00 am Angela Prendergast; and also for Fr. Richard Yanos and the Parishioners of St. Edna (Arlington Heights) *
 10:30 am Ethel and Maurice Brumleve; John Wagner; and for Fr. John McGivern and the Parishioners of St. Edmund (Oak Park) *
 12:00 pm Bill Wendling; and for Fr. William Corcoran and the Parishioners of St. Dorothy *
 6:00 pm For Fr. Michael Wanda and the Parishioners of Divine Infant *

* 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.

Let Us Pray

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Sr. Barbara Jean Cizek, 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, Robert Rooney, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, Lucille Stanko, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Carol Poyner</i>
<i>Dolores Berendsen</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Ronald Jakubec</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Ann Buehler</i>	<i>Tom Kinsella</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Susan Conway</i>	<i>Liz Kunkel</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Michael De Blasis</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Kathy Derrick</i>	<i>Carmen D. Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Kim Duffy</i>	<i>Palmira Mancini</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Alice Flynn</i>	<i>Jose Maroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Lisa Marquez</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Daniel Meyer</i>	<i>Susan Violapiano</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i>	<i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Paul Nelson</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
<i>Peg Hausen</i>	<i>Frank O'Toole</i>	

We pray for those who have died and those who are ill every Tuesday at Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Come join us in quiet prayer.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
Saturday 10-10-15	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Lisa Hanzelka	Rob Harmer	Linda Harmer Lisa Marquez
Next French Mass Saturday 10-17-15	6:30 PM				
Sunday 10-11-15	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Children's Service	Geneva Gorgo Eric Fredericks Mike Usiak	Rose Ohiku Barb Schell Jamie Lutkus Carly Johnston
Next Spanish Mass 11-15-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM			
Sunday 10-11-15	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Raquel Bech	Alice Morales-Villenas	Mollie Wanek Bob Pedro
Sunday 10-11-15	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sasha Woods	Sharon Lindstrom Anne Seigenthaler Amir Rafizadeh	Veronique Caffrey Cara Gannon Sara Hock Jane Bronson

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lc 10:25-37
Martes: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 130 (129):1b-4ab, 7-8; Lc 10:38-42
Miércoles: Jon 4:1-11; Sal 86 (85):3-6, 9-10; Lc 11:1-4
Jueves: Mal 3:13-20b; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 11:5-13
Viernes: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Sal 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lc 11:15-26
Sábado: Jl 4:12-21; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lc 11:27-28
Domingo: Sab 7:7-11; Sal 90 (89):12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mc 10:17-30 [17-27]

Treasures from Our Tradition

The old world of what we call canonical penance, or the extraordinary one-time public repentance of sinners, began to collapse with the conversion of Constantine in the early fourth century. It tottered for a hundred years or so and then virtually disappeared. It served an isolated and persecuted church well, but once people began seeking baptism for economic and political privilege, a real pastoral crisis exploded. There were more lukewarm Christians afoot, and some “barbarians” rampaging through the ruins accepted baptism just because their leaders did.

As the old structures collapsed, people who still sought some sort of public conversion scampered off to the desert to live in monastic isolation. Penance disappeared from the parish scene, and the old bench where hungry penitents used to beg for prayers was empty. Some bishops faced the crisis by inventing alternate means of discipline, all more private than public. A person might be asked to refrain from receiving Communion for a time, or even to accept some sort of corporal punishment (the pedigree of the stocks and scarlet letters of colonial America). This had the effect of separating the sinner from the prayerful intercession of the gathered church, and made an already bad situation worse. Before long, the pastoral system of penance was in a shambles, and sadly irrelevant to ordinary Christians. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El matrimonio es una vocación y estilo de vida sagrado, instituido por Dios, mismo que no debe tomarse a la ligera.

Así como no se concede el sacramento del orden a un varón que no se ha preparado debidamente, una persona que no se ha preparado debidamente, no debe ser admitida al sacramento del matrimonio. Así como a las religiosas y los religiosos no profesan una consagración de vida sin antes haberse asegurado de su motivación, la pareja comprometida debe ver y evaluar muy bien lo que está haciendo y asegurarse de que no haya algún impedimento para el matrimonio. Han de reconocer concientemente cuál es la motivación por la cual quieren unir su vida.

Para que un matrimonio sea válido, según las leyes de la Iglesia, los contrayentes deben tener una edad apropiada, saber lo que hacen y que no haya impedimento alguno, por ejemplo, la presión de la familia, embarazo prematuro o el deseo de salir de la casa familiar. Los dos deben consentir una vida de esposos por el resto de su vida y ser siempre fieles el uno al otro. Este compromiso debe hacerse públicamente, ante un miembro del clero y dos testigos. Cumplidos todos estos requisitos, los dos se hacen una sola carne, como dice Jesús. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Toward Healthy Relationships

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Camino a Relaciones Saludables

Desde comienzos de la creación, Dios tenía planeado que los seres humanos vivieran unidos llevándose bien unos con otros. Gran parte de la Sagrada Escritura nos muestra cómo hacerlo, a la vez que explica y clarifica el plan de Dios. Las lecturas este fin de semana ofrecen una guía para valorar y cuidar de nuestras relaciones humanas.

Específicamente, el Evangelio se enfoca en las circunstancias de una relación que ha fallado. A diferencia de los fariseos, nos conviene no tanto enfatizar las leyes que se aplican a relaciones que fallan, sino más bien, dar prioridad a lo que en realidad Dios deseaba para nosotros. Los vínculos saludables requieren de nosotros mucho tiempo y dedicación. Ciertamente exigen confianza y honestidad. Jesús demostró un profundo compromiso con sus amigos y para con nosotros. Como un hermano, entregó hasta su vida por nosotros. Los niños se ocupan mucho de sus amistades. Ellos confían, perdonan, aman sin condiciones. Las palabras finales del Evangelio de hoy nos invitan a recibir a Jesús y a aquellos con quienes nos relacionamos, con el entusiasmo y la frescura de un niño. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalms — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Dios crea una compañera apropiada para Adán: Eva. Ellos pasan a ser una sola carne (Génesis 2:18-24).

Salmo — Dichoso el que teme al Señor (Salmo 128 [127]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo, el que consagra, y aquéllos a quienes consagra tienen un mismo origen. Por eso puede

llamarlos "hermanos" (Hebreos 2:9-11).

Evangelio — Lo que Dios ha unido, que ningún ser humano lo separe. Dejen que los niños vengan a mí (Marcos 10:2-16).

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2016 Lector Workbooks Available

Lector Workbooks for 2016 Liturgical Year are available in the sacristy in both English and Spanish.

The workbooks cover Sundays and Holy Days from November 29, 2015, the First Sunday of Advent, through November 20, 2016, the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



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.

Pantry Shelves are Getting Empty

There are four items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

- Pasta & Rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed Cereal (sweetened or unsweetened)
- Hearty Canned Soups
- Extra-strength grocery bags with handles



If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me
sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Save the Date!

6th annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday October 17, 2015 from 5-8 pm

PARISH CENTER 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.



Hungry for a great Italian feast? Come to our All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner.

Dine on salad, pasta, garlic bread, dessert, soft drinks for only \$12 for adults, \$6 kids.

We will also have appetizer specials, beer & wine, and amazing meatballs!

Bring your Friends and Family!

Proceeds from this event will be used for parish operating expenses including Social Outreach.

Hosts Needed for 9AM Mass Fellowship

We are currently scheduling hosts for October through January for refreshments after the 9:00 am Mass. Please consider your availability, and sign up today on the sheet at the refreshment table.

Or you can click on the word "Volunteer" from St. Teresa's website home page to get to the parish VolunteerSpot Sign-Up site (or go directly to <http://vols.pt/XV1s5m>).

Thank you for sharing a spirit of welcome and helping to build community at St. Teresa.

Questions/training, contact Mairead at mairead.Reidy@yahoo.com.



Icons — More than just a pretty picture: History, Symbolism & Prayer



Join us for a reception and special presentation by Tom Kosnik on our cherished icons, what they are, what they mean, and how they are used in prayer.

In the early 2000s, eight icons by a world-renowned iconographer, Shirley Kontos, were found unframed and rolled up in the basement of the old convent.

Then pastor, Rev. John Hoffman, supported the project to have the icons cleaned and properly framed. These eight icons are now hanging in our church.



Next Men's Spirituality October 13th

Men of the parish: Are you looking to deepen your faith and meet peers on the same journey? Have you been curious about the St.



Teresa Men's Spirituality Group? Turn over a new leaf and join us in the parish center on the following Tuesday mornings at 6:30am. We meet for an hour and adjourn before morning Mass. This group has meant a lot to its members during the past seven years. Find out why.

- **October 13:** Men's Spirituality: How do we cultivate it
- **October 27:** All Saints: Famous and Unknown
- **November 10:** Video presentation
- **November 24:** Lectio Divina
- **December 8:** The Immaculate Conception and Rosary
- **December 22:** Octave of Christmas

Please contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com for more information.

The Basement Icons

**Tuesday, October 6th
6:30 pm in the Parish Center
Childcare available!!**

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.



Family Challenges

Luigi Quattrocchi (d. 1951) and Maria Corsini (d. 1965), husband and wife, were married Nov. 25, 1905. They raised four children. Luigi and Maria were beatified, as a couple, on Oct. 21, 2001. Their feast day is their wedding date. Wouldn't it be nice if all marriages worked out so well?

It is good to think that the church has come to recognize marriage and family life officially as a “state of holiness” for a couple. Yet it is no secret that marriage and family life are difficult and always have been. Even thousands of years ago, Moses addressed marital breakup by permitting some kind of divorce.

The Synod on the Family, which starts today, is an effort of the Catholic church to explore the current experience of marriage and family and to offer some help. There is a need for the church to do a better job of supporting couples and families. Pope Francis asked for dioceses around the world to listen to the people and to submit concerns and suggestions.

As we hear in the readings today, there are basic premises and ideals for marriage. Right up front is the need for companionship: “It is not good for the man to be alone.” Genesis tells us that God provides a companion, one who is the equal of the man. In turn, the man leaves behind his birth family and becomes faithful to his wife.

Still, faithfulness has not always endured. And that is the point at which the Pharisees attempt to test Jesus: “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” (There was usually no way for the wife to divorce



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her husband at that time.)

Jesus responds, “What God has joined together, no one must divide.” That is true. That is the ideal. Nevertheless, there are certain human factors that may make it not only difficult for the spouses to stay together, but necessary for some spouses to separate. In his general audience of June 24, 2015, Pope Francis spoke about times when people must separate “to remove [a] spouse, or young children from the wounds caused by arrogance and violence, debasement and exploitation, estrangement and indifference.”

External pressures from society, culture and the economy all take their toll on family life. Many families around the globe are faced with such basic problems as homelessness, lack

of food and safe drinking water, unemployment, insufficient education and so on. Internal issues such as physical and mental health, or expectations developed during childhood, also contribute to the stresses of spouses and parents.

The church in this Synod on the Family wants to be of service to families as they struggle with their realities. The issues are many. The solutions are not clear. Practical forms of accompaniment and church assistance, like being able to offer the sacraments to divorced and remarried Catholics who do not have annulments, are hotly debated among the hierarchy. Other issues — like how best to minister to families of mixed religion, how to deal with couples who are living together without benefit of matrimony, how to minister and be welcoming to same-sex couples — present significant challenges to the synod participants.

The ideals of a lifelong marriage and a stable family that are held up to us in the readings today are still valid. But we humans struggle to reach those ideals. We are limited and frail. We rely on God's understanding and mercy. We also need to offer each other support. We are all in this together.

Blessed Maria and Luigi, intercede for all couples and families, especially those with the greatest challenges and the fewest resources.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff

Alex Lopez
Justin Peters

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

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

Building Committee

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Karen Kinsella
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Dave Espinoza
John Mitchell
Dan Summins

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The Building Committee meets to discuss renovation fundraising issues in the Parish Center.

Renovation Committee

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Kim Walter
Phyllis Halloran
Kelly Dean
Jack Halpin

Marilee Halpin
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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),
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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

