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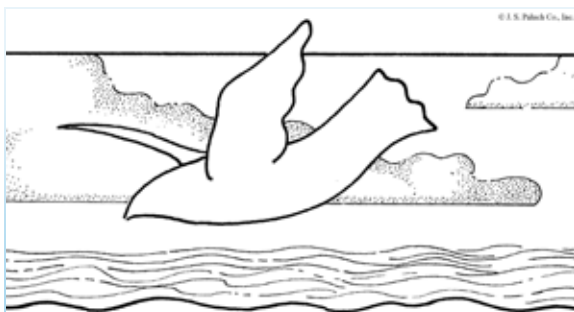
Chicago, IL 60614



January 10, 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



He saved us through the bath of
rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit

— Titus 3:5

Stewardship

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How will you change in 2016?



The New Year is a great time to set goals for personal improvement and growth in the year ahead. Even our parish, St. Teresa of Avila, is embarking on a path to improvement through the Parish Transformation process. What will you do in 2016? Have you considered volunteering in a regular and meaningful way? There are plenty of ways to get involved: from serving a meal with Loaves & Fishes to managing a meal distribution at the Night Ministry, to creating a welcoming environment by hosting a treats after a Mass, or signing up for our fundraising gala committee. If you'd like to discuss your best volunteer fit, shoot me an email or call me. I'm always happy to meet for coffee and discuss your strengths and how you can put them to use.

Best wishes in the New Year!

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

Thanks to Our Hosts

Many thanks to all who have hosted Sunday 9am refreshments over the past few months. We are very grateful to Jessica and Caleb Marx for including us in their baptism celebrations, to Lorrie Donnell, Barb Schell, Laura Kmec, Liesl Olson and John Maguire, Cathy Flaherty and Lina Hilko.

Thank you to Chris Parente for hosting treats at the 12 noon mass during December's Welcoming Weekend, and to Rebecca & Kerry O'Brien for hosting the 651 Club dinner at the Rectory.

Thank you all for making St Teresa a welcoming place to worship and for helping to build our community.

** To host a future hospitality, sign up through our website, st-teresa.net/volunteer or contact the parish office.*

New Year's Resolution: Parish Transformation

Over the next few months our parish will be reflecting upon how our we are living out the mission of Christ in our community. I want us to think of this process as an extended retreat. We need to enter into this process with openness to where the Holy Spirit is calling us to go. The final product of the Parish Transformation process will be a strategic plan that includes specific actions, goals, and timelines that we will want to accomplish. However, it is important that we remember this is not meant to be simply a corporate planning process. This is an opportunity for us to grow spiritually, both as individuals and as a parish, and to take the next step in our collective faith journey.



The Archdiocese is providing us with a facilitator (at no cost to the parish) to guide us through the process. Our facilitator will provide an independent perspective that will allow him/her to ask honest questions of us and challenge our assumptions. S/he will also be able to share with us ideas from over other 170 parishes that have already participated in Parish Transformation have come up with through their discussions.

I encourage you to discern if you are being called to join the Parish Transformation Team. Speak to me for information, or contact the parish office. While not everyone will be able to commit the time to attending meetings each week, we still need your input. Please complete the survey that is posted on our website st-teresa.net or by going to surveymonkey.com/r/StTeresaAvila.

I thank you for your time and thoughtful feedback.

Fr. Frank

Visit st-teresa.net/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

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**Social
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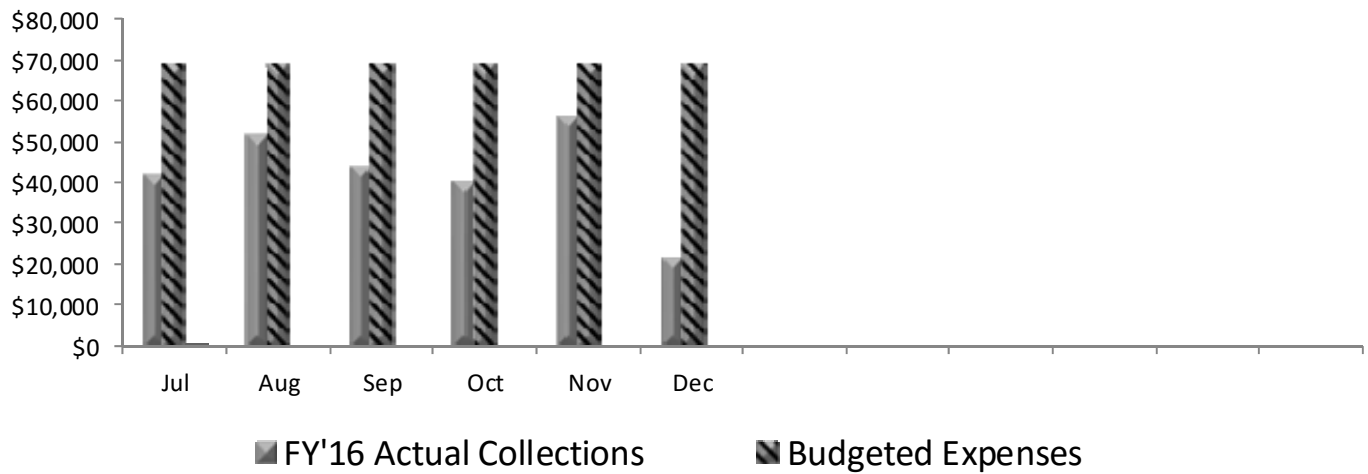
**Graphic
Designer**

**Night Ministry
Volunteers**

**Cookie
Bakers**

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 met 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 January 18th at 7:00pm.
- Due to compressed publication schedules and the holidays, this page has not been updated.

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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Have you signed up?

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

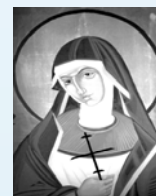
Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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What St. Teresa says about ...

Humility



O Humility, what great blessings you bestow where you are present and on those who approach the one who possesses you!

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, January 10

- 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, Quest
- 7:00 pm, REC, Edge

Monday, January 11

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:00 pm, Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Tuesday, January 12

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 13

- 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

Thursday, January 14

- No Activities Planned

Friday, January 15

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

Saturday, January 16

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 12:30 pm, Church-PC, Funeral and Reception

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: El Bautismo del Señor
Lunes: Primera Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
Miércoles: San Hilario
Sábado: Santa María Virgen

January 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, January 2nd
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, January 9th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Saturday, January 16th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 23rd
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 30th
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

January 9

5:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

January 10

9:00 am For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

12:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

6:00 pm For the deceased parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

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...

Barbara Byrd, Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, Jerica Elaine Harris, Fred Jabaley, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, James H. Mack, Frank Mirabella, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, 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>Carol Poyner</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>
<i>Dolores Berendsen</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billavazo</i>	<i>Ronald Jakubec</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Ann Buehler</i>	<i>Tom Kinsella</i>	<i>Luis 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 Duffly</i>	<i>Palмира 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>Will Sullivan</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Laura Szejka</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Daniel Meyer</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i>	<i>Susan Violapiano</i>
<i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>John Paul Nelson</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>David Zeumert</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Frank O'Toole</i>	
<i>Peg Hausen</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</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 1-16-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Raquel Bech	Linda Harmer	Eric Fredericks Rob Harmer
Next French Mass Saturday 1-23-16	6:30 PM				
Sunday 1-17-16	9:00 AM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Geneva Gorgo	Mark Van Grinsven Frank Swiderski Christopher Parente	Mary Serrahn Nancy Van Grinsven Margaret Burke Jocelyn Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 2-7-16	10:30 AM				
Sunday 1-17-16	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Becky Francis	Aimee Jaszczor	Bob Pedro Laura Moran
Sunday 1-17-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Callie Pogge	Eileen Raia Minister Needed (H3) Jane Bronson	Cara Gannon Dani Shain Minister Needed (C3) Amir Rafizadeh

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk
2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Sal 116 (115):12-19; Mc
1:14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Sal 40 (39):2, 5, 7-
10; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Sal 44 (43):10-11, 14-15,
24-25; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Sal 89 (88):16-19;
Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Sal 21 (20):2-7;
Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor
12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Treasures from Our Tradition

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La costumbre del bautismo infantil debe ser mucho más que un acto social o una tradición cultural, donde el ropón y los regalos son más importantes que la doctrina cristiana, y los padrinos se escogen no por su buen ejemplo sino por su cuenta bancaria.

Según los Hechos de los Apóstoles, familias enteras se bautizaban cuando el padre de familia decidía hacerse cristiano. Esta práctica de bautizar, no solo al nuevo creyente sino también a su mujer y a sus hijos, poco a poco, quedó solo en bautizar los niños del original creyente. El mundo en aquel tiempo estaba basado sobre la familia así como muchas culturas latinas de hoy.

El bautizo infantil nació en la Iglesia primitiva y al pasar de los siglos llegó a transformarse en un rito religioso muy importante en la catequesis del nuevo cristiano. El niño viste de ropita blanca que recuerda la presencia de Cristo en su alma, se le regala una vela que lo invita a brillar con la luz de Cristo y se le da una madrina o un padrino que le enseñará a vivir en Cristo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Manifesting the Spirit

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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Manifestando al Espíritu

El tiempo de Navidad finaliza este domingo con el Bautismo del Señor. Esta fiesta es hermana de la fiesta de la semana pasada, la Epifanía. Cada una ellas celebra una "epifanía", o manifestación del Espíritu de Dios en Jesús — primero en su nacimiento y ahora en su bautismo.

El Espíritu Divino se manifiesta en todas las lecturas bíblicas de la fiesta. El Salmo 104 destaca al Espíritu de Dios que crea y renueva la tierra, mientras que la lectura de Isaías describe a Dios restaurando a Israel. En el relato de Lucas del bautismo del Señor el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre Jesús. Y la carta a Tito nos recuerda que el Espíritu Santo

también "derramó con abundancia" sobre nosotros, el "baño de regeneración" (Tito 3:5, 6).

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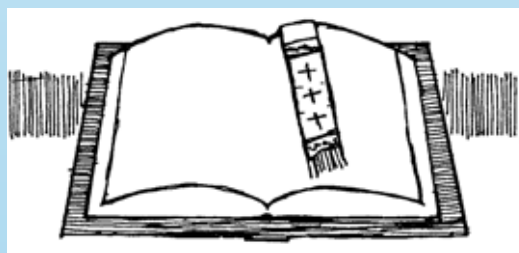
Today's Readings

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Psalm 104.*

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) *o* *Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) *o* *Salmo 104 (103).*

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hch 10:34-38) *o* *Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

Bring Those Bottles Back

St. Teresa of Avila's participation in this year's Baby Bottle Project benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland* is coming to an end. Please bring your baby bottles no later than Friday, January 15th.



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland directly assists families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the three Chicagoland locations of *The Women's Centers* handle 5,000 appointments with expectant mothers.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the week of January 4th.

Thank you for supporting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland* this year.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste
- Extra-strength grocery bags with handles



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



Steve & Amir's 6th Annual Super Bowl Party Benefiting St. Teresa

February 7, 2016

@ Kincade's
950 W. Armitage

*Party starts at 5:00pm
Kick Off at 5:20pm
Lasts until the game ends*

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Includes:

Unlimited drinks — Call & house cocktails (Rum, Whiskey, Vodka); house wine, domestic bottled and draft beer.

Food — served buffet style, includes pasta, wings, dips and assorted appetizers

Prizes for 1st & 2nd-half contest winners!

Please RSVP and pay before Wednesday, January 27th, to:

**Steve Kolinski at kolinski@midlandtoledo.com
or Amir Rafizadeh at amir@staying-true.com**

Volunteer Opportunities

The Center for Economic Progress prepared over 18,000 returns and received \$30M in refunds for low-income families in the 2015 tax season!

Help the Center for Economic Progress increase these numbers by volunteering in 2016.

Positions and details can be found at <http://www.economicprogress.org/volunteer/> and questions can be sent to volunteer@economicprogress.org.



Next 6:51 Club Next Sunday

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!

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!

For more information or to host a 6:51 Club dinner, please contact Sara Hock, at saramhock@gmail.com



Final Call —Clothes Needed

Every week many men are deported from Broadview Detention Center in only the clothing they were detained in: summer clothes, sleepwear, etc.

As a parish community of St. Teresa of Avila, please consider participating in our clothes collection program by donating new, small or medium men sweatshirts and sweatpants as well as medium and large men's coats, to alleviate the physical suffering of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Bring your donated items to St. Teresa after any Mass between December 29th and January 3rd.

This project is organized in collaboration with the Office for Immigrant Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

www.catholicsandimmigrants.org



Children's Participation Masses

St. Teresa's next monthly Children's Participation Mass will be Sunday, January 10th at the 9:00 am.

All children are invited to help as greeters, collection basket ushers, or gift bearers at these Masses. Children in 4th grade and up can serve as lectors upon receiving preparation.

Other Children's Masses next are: January 10; February 7; March 13; April 10; and May 8.

To RSVP for a certain task, to indicate interest in lectoring, or to receive monthly reminders and invitations, please email Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com.



Reflection

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Rise and Walk...A Christmas Story

Vernon was late for the Christmas dinner at St. Teresa on December 25th.

Although the meal service was over and most guests had left the hall, a parishioner welcomed him and made sure that he would sit and be helped to the same nice warm dinner everybody else had enjoyed earlier.

He sat at a table where volunteers chatted and relaxed after serving the meals. They engaged in conversation with him: He was tired and discouraged, he said with tears in his eyes: In his difficult life, Christmas for the past two years had been a specially harrowing time: both his parents had been robbed and killed on Christmas day two years ago.

Hard news, a brutal eye opener on what reality can be like for others.

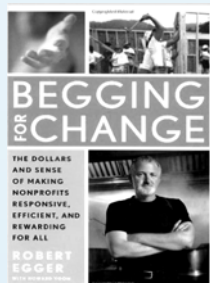
Tired. How could he not be? You are homeless, reluctant to go to the shelter and be robbed, unable to afford a proper roof over your head, and yet you try to stay out of the cold. Riding the train or the CTA all night will shelter you from the cold but, of course, you won't sleep and fatigue will accumulate.

I still see him, with his head lowered, slouched on the chair, without real shoes on his feet, just some old rubber clogs.

Around our table sitting with him a cross-generational sample of our parishioners: a father in his middle fifties with his two children, young adults in their twenties, another father, probably 10 years younger, my husband and I, seniors in our early seventies.

I asked Vernon, "What is it that you need most?" "Not give up," he responds, "I am so tired."

I asked him, as I had other guests during the course of the meal :



"Do you have a cell phone, a number where we can reach you?" He said, "No I don't. I have asked for a government phone but it takes a long time."

Not having a phone makes it nearly impossible to get out of homelessness: no way to connect, find jobs, or contact helpful institutions. Hence, the government phone program.

As I was explaining that basic reality to the younger people at the table, I notice that one of the fathers is busy helping Vernon try on shoes that he had just handed to him. The shoes were badly needed; they fit and Vernon laced them up.

The other father said: "It would be no problem for me to get him a phone." As we discuss that option, one of the young women who is sitting with us leaves the table. "Believe it or not," Vernon says, "I have a college degree in social work." What happened? He shrugs and smiles sadly. "Things got bad."

We are making plans for him to come back for the next *Loaves and Fishes* on the following Friday (January 1st) when we will give him a phone. He agrees, sort of.

Then, the shoe-giving parishioner tells us: "Well, I think my daughter has located a phone for him, she will be back soon."

Things look good, I thought, and left the table to resume the job I was doing before Vernon's arrival.

A few minutes later, I see him, with a big smile on his face, holding a little shopping bag with a phone and instructions inside. He shares his phone number with me. His many issues are not solved, yet he has risen from the depth of despair, and is walking.

My Christmas story ends here, or does it? Maybe the reference to the paralyzed man in the Gospel has come to your mind and you are wondering on the good that we, and especially young people, can bring to others.

Maybe you will draw other lessons from its happy, but probably short-lived, ending.

Maybe you will ask yourself, as I do every day, how do we find a way to empower Vernon and many other like him, not only to rise but take real steps leading to durable autonomy?

Many do-gooders, sociologists, philanthropists confront this vastly complex issue. They study it and write about it. No easy answers seem to surface. Yet, maybe we can pool resources, research, and learn from projects that have succeeded.

Projects that serve the poor can not only give them food, but can also empower them through training, teamwork, and accountability. Projects that could start very modestly, with a minimal goal.

For inspiration, we can start by reading "*Begging for Change - The dollars and sense of making non profits responsive, efficient, and rewarding for all*" by Robert Egger, Harper Business Publishers.

What do you think? Looking forward to hearing from you...

Christine Murray
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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
Ray Genellie
Elissa Sirovatka

Justin Alden
Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis

Matt Donner is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mddonner19199@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
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The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net.

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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

