

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

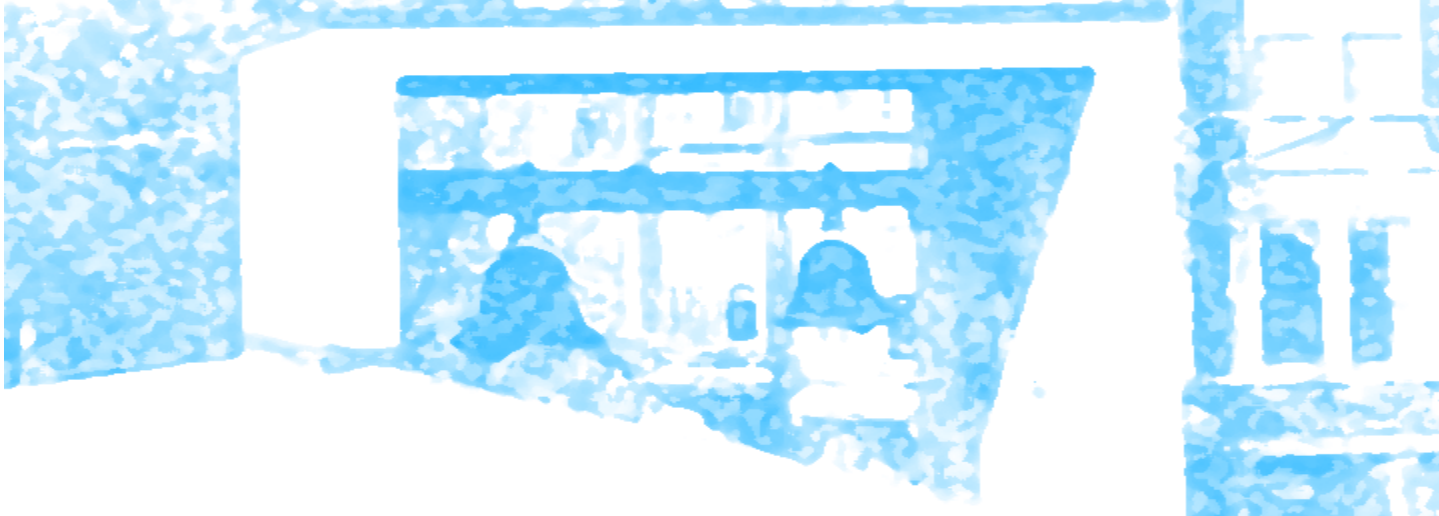
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January 17, 2016  
Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.  
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Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory.

— Isaiah 62:2

# Stewardship

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## Are You Called to Captain?

Last Monday night, in below zero temps, our volunteers joined the Night Ministry bus to serve a meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and cookies. The weather was a challenge for our volunteers, but it brought to light just how hard it is for those who live on the streets, particularly this time of year. Many thanks to ALL who helped, in particular Kristen & Eric Rujawitz, the evening's "meal captains." As captains, Kristen & Eric chose a menu, shopped for ingredients, and coordinated the volunteers for the day. Their leadership made the night of service possible. We are searching for more people to take on a captain role so that we may continue this important ministry. If you would like more information email me or call me in the office. I'm happy to help!



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

## Parish Transformation: Next Steps

As you have been reading and hearing these past couple of weeks, our parish is participating in the Parish Transformation Program. Through Parish Transformation, we will evaluate and reflect upon how we are living out Christ's mission through our parish community and develop a plan to live out this mission even more vibrantly. There are two things I'm asking of every parishioner:



- 1) Discern if you are being called to join the Parish Transformation Team. Speak to me for more information or contact the parish office. Meetings will be held weekly, on Wednesday nights from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) **Take the Parish Transformation survey that is posted on our website, st-teresa.net, or by going to surveymonkey.com/r/StTeresaAvila.** We need input from all of our parishioners, even those who may not attend regularly.

I thank you for your time and thoughtful feedback.

Fr. Frank

## 9 AM Hospitality Hosts Needed!

We are currently looking for volunteers to host refreshments after the 9:00 am Mass for February through May. This is a great way for your family to help make St. Teresa a welcoming community. Please consider participating. You can host alone or with a group of families. Click on the word 'Volunteer' from St. Teresa's home page to get to the parish VolunteerSpot Sign-Up, or go directly to <http://vols.pt/XV1s5m>.

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

**Questions/training, contact Mairead Reidy at [mairread.Reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairread.Reidy@yahoo.com).**

## Welcoming Weekend

The third weekend of each month is a welcoming weekend. Grab a nametag, and stop by the gathering space after any Mass and take the hospitality challenge: introduce yourself to at least ONE person you've never met before. Reps from Parish Council and Stewardship committee will be around to answer questions and help you connect more with the parish.

**Next month's challenge: bring a friend!**

Visit [st-teresa.net/volunteer](http://st-teresa.net/volunteer) to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Most Wanted Volunteers</b> | <b>Social Media Posters</b> | <b>9:00 AM Hospitality Hosts</b> | <b>Night Ministry Captains</b> | <b>Historical Website Admin</b> |
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Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:esaccucci@stteresaparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair. Our financials are also available on our website at [www.st-teresa.net](http://www.st-teresa.net).
- The next Finance Council meeting is on January 18th 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](http://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:

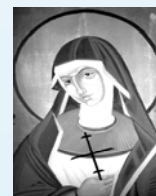
1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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## What St. Teresa says about ...

### To Suffer Trials

The Lord taught me what a tremendous good it is to suffer trials and persecutions for Him...I was amazed.



## Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday, January 17

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

### Monday, January 18

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

### Tuesday, January 19

- 6:30 pm, REC, SPRED Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council

### Wednesday, January 20

- No Activities Planned

### Thursday, January 21

- No Activities Planned

### Friday, January 22

- 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 23

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tuesday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Wednesday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Thursday:** St. Agnes
- Friday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Saturday:** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope; Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Martes:** La Teofanía en el calendario juliano (la epifanía)
- Miércoles:** San Fabián; san Sebastián
- Jueves:** Santa Inés
- Viernes:** Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de la Criatura en el Vientre Materno
- Sábado:** San Vicente; santa Marianne Cope; 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 16

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

### January 17

9:00 am Genevieve Gorgo; George Halloran, Sr.; David Núñez  
 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](mailto: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...

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

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<br>1-23-16                     | 5:00 PM  | Rev. Chas Shelby, CM | Luke Kolman      | Leigh Hartley   | Casey Bowles<br>Lauren Hogel                                    |
| Next French Mass<br>Saturday<br>1-23-16 | 6:30 PM  |                      |                  |   |   |
| Sunday<br>1-24-16                       | 9:00 AM  | Fr. Frank            | Mary Serrahn     | Jamie Lutkus<br>Minister Needed (H3)<br>Karen Secrest | Geneva Gorgo<br>Michael Zost<br>Ellen Moiani<br>Frank Swiderski |
| Next Spanish Mass<br>Sunday<br>2-7-16   | 10:30 AM |                      |                  |   |   |
| Sunday<br>1-24-16                       | 12:00 PM | Fr. Frank            | Raquel Bech      | Laura Moran   | Bert Olson<br>Bob Pedro   |
| Sunday<br>1-24-16                       | 6:00 PM  | Fr. Frank            | Sharon Lindstrom | Amir Rafizadeh<br>Jon Assell<br>Katie Assell          | Eileen Raia<br>Elizabeth Cuda<br>Cara Gannon<br>Laura King      |

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22  
**Martes:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Mc 2:23-28  
**Miércoles:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6  
**Jueves:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Mc 3:7-12  
**Viernes:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 6, 11; Mc 3:13-19, *o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración*  
**Sábado:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 5-7; Mc 3:20-21  
**Domingo:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Although our tradition carries a long memory of marriage as a sacrament, it may surprise you to learn that for nearly eleven centuries, there was no single wedding ceremony approved for use in the Church. While we have evidence of priests blessing marriages as early as the second century, in the early period church leaders relied on civil authorities to manage marriage for everyone in society. In most cases, society yielded its authority to sanction marriage to the male heads of households.

From ancient times, marriage had been a family affair, managed by the father of the family, who acted as priest and guardian of family tradition. Each head wanted to keep the family gods alive, and so he would arrange for brides for his sons, paying a “bride price” as compensation for the loss of a skilled household worker. As creepy as that sounds, it was a step up from the kidnapping practice of earlier years. Even after the kidnapping raids stopped, the customs remained. Every wedding contained the ritualized kidnapping of the bride, the husband abducting his bride from the festivities, carrying her over the threshold to prevent her father’s gods from following her into her new religion. There, he fed her a piece of “sacred cake,” initiating her into a new way of life. It’s fascinating to see how customs endure, long after we have completely rejected the values and attitudes they originally expressed!

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



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1502 el fraile Nicolás de Ovando y doce franciscanos dieron inicio a la evangelización de América en la República Dominicana. Ellos fueron enviados por los reyes españoles con el mandato de convertir a los nativos “sin les hacer fuerza alguna”.

Con los misioneros llegaron Alfonso y Antonio Trejo quienes traían con ellos un cuadro de la Virgen María bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de la Altigracia. Ellos la llevaron a Higüey, donde en 1572 se le construyó su primer santuario. Poco a poco esta pequeña imagen se convirtió en la Reina del corazón de los dominicanos.

María observa dulcemente a su recién nacido quien yace sobre las pajas. Está coronada y lleva puesto un manto azul rociado de estrellas y un escapulario blanco. Lleva una aureola hecha de doce estrellas. En una esquina de la imagen san José también observa al niño por encima del hombro derecho de María.

El 25 de enero del 1979 Juan Pablo II la coronó por ser la primera evangelizadora del continente Americano. Con ella los doce misioneros trajeron la Alta Gracia de Jesucristo a nuestras tierras. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Surprises

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Sorpresas

La vida está llena de sorpresas, algunas agradables, otras no. La Sagrada Escritura está llena de relatos sobre las sorpresas de Dios que surgen donde menos se esperan: los hijos más jóvenes reciben la herencia, a los más humildes se les dan los sitios de honor; un predicador itinerante, condenado a morir como un criminal, es exaltado hacia la gloria celestial eterna.

Cualquiera que haya planificado una boda o celebración similar sabe que está llena de oportunidades para que surjan sorpresas. Para el novio (el cual, en el relato bíblico, no tiene contacto directo con Jesús) la agradable

sorpresa vino porque otra persona había prestado atención y tenía fe en Jesús.

A lo mejor pensamos que la lección de la conocida historia de las bodas de Caná es que cuando tenemos fe en Jesús, nuestra vida cambiará positivamente. Sin embargo, un cristiano necesita tener una perspectiva más amplia, y darse cuenta que tener fe en Cristo implica que la vida de alguien – sea la tuya, sea la de otra persona– va a mejorarse sorpresivamente. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

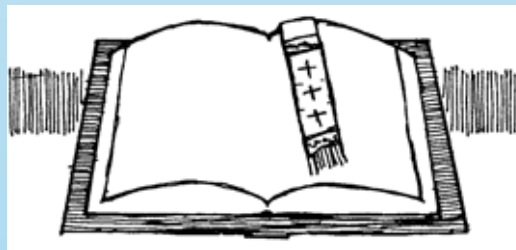
## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Como el esposo goza con su esposa, así Dios se regocija con su elegida (Isaías 62:1-5).

**Salmo** — Cantemos la grandeza del Señor (Salmo 96 [95]).

**Segunda lectura** — Todos los diferentes dones y talentos que se encuentran en la comunidad cristiana son obra del mismo Espíritu (1 Corintios 12:4-11).

**Evangelio** — Compartiendo el gozo de una boda en Caná, Jesús rellena la

provisión de vino (Juan 2:1-11).

## 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](mailto:dahilko@deloitte.com).

## Next 6:51 Club this 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](mailto:saramhock@gmail.com)



### Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario -- 17 de enero de 2016

Para que todos aquellos escogidos especialmente por Cristo para los caminos sin par de santidad como sacerdotes, diáconos o en la vida consagrada, escuchen el consejo de nuestra Santa Madre de hacer todo lo que Él les diga en dulce obediencia, te rogamos Señor. ? Llama al Padre Francis Bitterman al (312) 534-8298 o escríbele a: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org)



## 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](mailto:kolinski@midlandtoledo.com)  
or Amir Rafizadeh at [amir@staying-true.com](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@economicprogress.org).



## 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](mailto:amir@staying-true.com).

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 17, 2016

"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Francis Bitterman (312) 534-8298, or write: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org)

## Assistant Catechists Needed

St. Teresa's Faith Formation ministries (religious education) are seeking six (6) assistant catechists to volunteer for the remainder of the 2015/16 school year working in programs ranging from 1st through 8th grade, occurring on Sundays, Mondays, or Tuesdays. St. Teresa's catechism programs, along with our social service ministries, can truly be said to define who we are.



**FAITH FORMATION**

Working effectively with children requires the help of many, dedicated adults, but right now we are significantly short-handed in our faith formation ministries. Please pray for our success in finding new assistants and consider if you or someone you know is being called to serve St. Teresa's children in this critical way.

Contact Kate Lynch, Director of Religious Education, to learn more by emailing [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com) or calling the parish office at (773) 528-6650. There's no obligation to ask questions and to thoughtfully discern whether one of our needs is a fit for you.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

STOP IN FOR QUIET PRAYER

**TUESDAYS**

BETWEEN

**7:00 & 8:30 PM**



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# Reflection

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## New Wine

*“Do whatever he tells you.”  
(John 2:5)*

Everybody loves a wedding. The affection so ardently expressed by the bride and groom, the festive dresses, the handsome tuxes, the glorious flowers, the sacred music, the thrilled gathering of family and friends, the heartwarming laughter that fills the halls of the reception, the spontaneous dancing that motivates everyone to join in ... all of it creates a moment of unforgettable joy and delight.

And let's not forget the wine. Jesus certainly didn't!

John, the author of this Gospel reading, tells us that the God whom Jesus reveals first broke into human history at a wedding feast — in the midst of all the joy and dancing and laughter. John even suggests that this supreme expression of human love best reveals who God is, the kind of God that he is, as well as the kind of communion that can exist between God and a human being.

It's like the abundant overflowing of wine. But it also tells us something more. And it's through the words of Mary, Jesus' mother, that we find what that “more” is.

In the midst of all the festive happiness, it seems that there's a problem. Mary is the first to notice it and so she immediately informs Jesus that something very important is missing: the wine.

Jesus' response is strikingly abrupt, even rude: “Woman, how does your concern affect me?” This



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is not the type of response one would expect from a son to a mother, especially Jesus to Mary.

But, if the reply of Jesus to his mother is surprising, even more so is her reaction to it. Mary does not allow it to deter her. Instead, she tells the servants — and, by extension, you and me — “Do whatever he tells you.”

By doing what she did, Mary became the first person to demonstrate that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is trust — trust in his word; trust in his self-surrender; trust in his relationship with Abba, his Father. Her trust, in fact, sets the stage for Je-

sus' first miracle. In doing so, the mother of Jesus is the first to show each of us what true belief in Jesus looks like. It looks like a trust that is unconditional, even in the face of apparent rejection.

Mary also helps us to understand the meaning of the action Jesus takes as a result of her direct intercession. The old wine of God's message through Moses was not enough. The stone jars filled with water for ritual washings give way to the new dispensation of grace, which flows abundantly like wine at a wedding feast.

The first covenant, focused on obedience to the Law, can only take the community so far, and then a new covenant in grace is revealed. Moses the Lawgiver steps aside for Jesus the Bridegroom. Water keeps us alive, but love gives us life. People need water, but also the “new wine,” a new view of God and the gift of God's unconditional love flowing in our lives and overflowing into the lives of others.

The water into wine symbolizes Jesus' gift that transforms us. This wine gives joy to our hearts, focuses our minds, strengthens our wills and moves us beyond the stone jars of routine filled with the water of duty to feel again the joy of the wedding dance.

Mary, the compassionate mother, sees the couple's need and moves with confidence to meet it. She is our model and inspiration. Her words to us are simply, “Do whatever he tells you.”

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Karen Kinsella  
Frank Swiderski  
Dave Espinoza  
John Mitchell  
Dan Summins

Dan Summins is president of the Building Committee; his email is [dsummins@hotmail.com](mailto: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*  
Dwayne Piyatilake, *Stained Glass Artist*  
Fr. Frank

**Parish Offices** are at 1950 N. Kenmore, (773) 528-6650, FAX (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The bulletin is also published electronically on [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net).

Contact Dean in the Parish Office  
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## Parish Staff

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## Ministry Leadership Chart

### Faith Formation

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### Social Justice

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### Buildings & Facilities

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### Special Events & Fundraising

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### Stewardship

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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](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com)

### For information about ...

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

Contact Dean in the Parish Office  
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### Weekend Masses

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| <b>Saturday</b>    | 5:00 pm              |
| <i>en Français</i> | 6:30 pm <sup>+</sup> |
| <b>Sunday</b>      | 9:00 am              |
| <i>en Español</i>  | 10:30 am*            |
|                    | 12:00 pm             |
|                    | 6:00 pm              |

<sup>+</sup> First and third Saturdays, October through June

\* First Sundays

### Weekday Masses

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

