

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



August 7, 2016  
Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.  
*Alive*



Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

## Catechists Needed for September



Volunteers needed for this fall: Catechists to work with children ages 3 to 12 years old. Complete training is provided.

St. Teresa of Avila offers a Montessori approach to catechesis called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ([www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)). This approach is very formative for both the children and the catechists who participate in spending time together.

If you are desiring a deeper understanding of your faith, becoming a catechist will greatly enrich your understanding of scripture, prayer and liturgy. Many of us have a limited understanding of these aspects of our faith, so becoming a catechist is a wonderful way to engage with our faith.

**Training begins Tuesday, August 30 and classes begin the week of September 18.**

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## Avila in Action Update

Stewardship is rooted in the idea that all we have is a gift from God, and with grace we gratefully give back to God from what we have been given. In the same way the Church teaches these principles, the church itself strives to live by them.

This year, the Stewardship Committee along with the Finance Council have made a prayerful decision to increase our own giving percentage to 6%, and to ask parishioners to nominate charities of their choice to receive funds. This initiative has been named *Avila in Action*.

We were thrilled to receive 19 applications in our first year. The Stewardship Committee met recently to review and discuss the applications. The final decisions will be announced to the parish next week. Below is a list of the 19 organizations that submitted an application. They are all doing wonderful work.

Name of Organization	Parishioner Sponsor
Lyn House	Mary Serrahn
Our Lady of Tepeyac High School	Adam Dirnberger
Taller de Jose	Roberto Martinez
St. Eulalia/Quinn Center	Fr. Frank Latzko
The Night Ministry	Krista Kutz
The Red Pump Project	Olu Balogun
Housing Opportunities for Women	Dan Summins
Rape Victim Advocates	Jackie Koesters
Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids	Laura Moran
Femi Memorial Outreach Fund	Bob Pedro
Cabrini Ministries Swaziland	Carol Christiansen
Grace House	Geneva Gorgo
8 <sup>th</sup> Day Center for Justice	Geneva Gorgo
Urban Gateways	Rebecca O'Brien
Erika's Lighthouse	Mark Buciak
Transalpine Redemptorists, Inc	Petronella Zeunert
Good Shepherd Volunteers	Susan & John Freund
Esperanza School	Mary Serrahn
Honduras Education Development Assistance Corp	Caroline Mondschean

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

**Most  
Wanted  
Volunteers**

**Catechists**

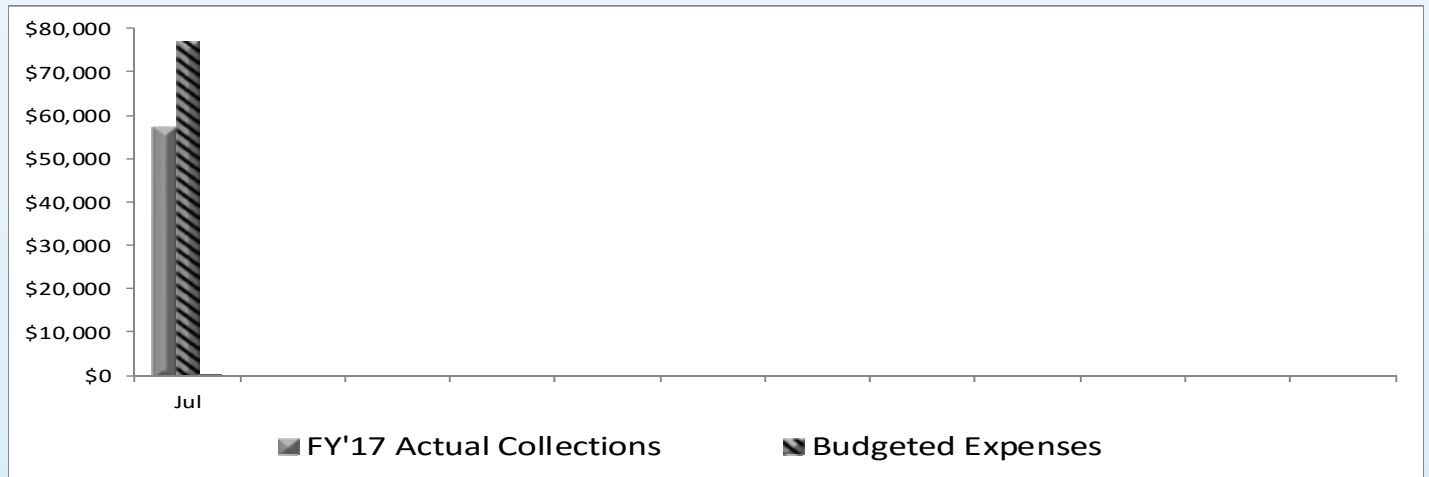
**Fundraising  
Committee  
Members**

**Greeters**

**Historical  
Website  
Admin**

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) or (773) 528-6650

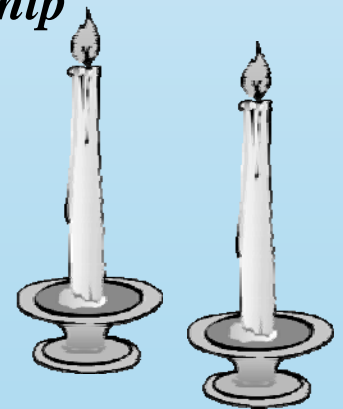
## Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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-terea.net](http://www.st-terea.net).
- The next Finance Council meeting is September 19th.

### Stewardship of Prayers & Worship

Average Daily Mass Attendance	6
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	1
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	38
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	165
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	120
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	<u>90</u>
<i>Total Weekend Attendance</i>	<u>413</u>
Confessions This Week	0
Anointing of the Sick/Sick Calls This Week	1
Funerals since January 2016	5
Weddings since January 2016	5
Infant Baptisms since January 2016	14



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. Last year, St. Teresa of Avila's October Count was an average 545 people attending weekend Masses.

In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

# Parish Calendar

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## August Baptisms

**Amelia Hope Khounthikoumane (8-7-16)**  
**Corinna Teresa Maggio (8-28-16)**



## 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 Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

## Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday, August 7

- No Activities Scheduled

### Monday, August 8

- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

### Tuesday, August 9

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, August 10

- 10:00 am, PC, Memory Care Meeting
- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

### Thursday, August 11

- 7:00 pm, REC, Bradley Methods Class

### Friday, August 12

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

### Saturday, August 13

- 10:00 am, GS, Fit with Frank
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Dominic  
**Tuesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)  
**Wednesday:** St. Lawrence  
**Thursday:** St. Clare  
**Friday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
**Saturday:** Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

- Domingo:** Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
**Lunes:** Santo Domingo  
**Martes:** Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz (Edith Stein)  
**Miércoles:** San Lorenzo  
**Jueves:** Santa Clara  
**Viernes:** Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal  
**Sábado:** Santos Ponciano e Hipólito; Santa María Virgen

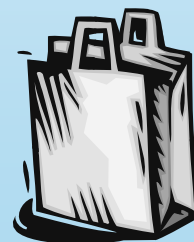
### August 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

**Saturday, August 6th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, August 13th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, August 20th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, August 27th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



The Religious Ed Center (REC) is located at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave., one block south of the Parish Center (PC) at 1950 N. Kenmore. The Gathering Space (GS) is the entrance area to the PC at Kenmore Avenue.

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### August 6

5:00 pm JoAnn Bach

### August 7

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish  
 10:30 pm Pedro and Maria Maldonado Vazquez  
 12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish  
 6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

### August 10

7:30 am John & Mildred Buciak

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean 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 Deacon Dean in the parish office.

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

*Rodolfo Bech, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Berendsen, Shaun Cantrell, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Joseph Kamalick, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, Anthony Mastro, Angel Luis Neris, Carmela Nurmi, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

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

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

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
8-13-16	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman	Margaret Burke	Lisa Marquez Leigh Hartley
Next French Mass 9-3-16	6:30 PM				
8-14-16	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Mark Van Grinsven	Geneva Gorgo Nancy Van Grinsven Jennifer Barrett	Jocelyn Lutkus Frank Swiderski Barb Schell Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass 9-4-16	10:30 AM	TBD			
8-14-16	12:00 PM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Daniel Kang	Laura Moran	Maria Montes Aimee Jaszczor
8-14-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Doug Lovette	Jane Bronson Bert Olson Sara Hock	Chris Parente Sharon Lindstrom Mary Serrahn Eileen Raia

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
**Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15  
**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27  
**Martes:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Sal 119 (118):14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**Miércoles:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
**Jueves:** Ez 12:1-12; Sal 78 (77):56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
**Viernes:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 o 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12  
**Sábado:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15  
**Domingo:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Sal 40 (39):2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lc 12:49-53

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Last week's "Treasure" noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed "The Laughing Pope."

So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Hace casi 2000 años, Jesús declaró que "los zorros tienen guardas, y las aves del cielo sus nidos; pero el Hijo del hombre no tiene donde reclinar la cabeza". Lamentablemente en las calles y callejones del mundo este dicho se realiza diariamente en tantos abandonados por la sociedad que viven sin techo ni hogar. Por los años de 1940 el santo jesuita, Alberto Hurtado de Chile quiso darle al Hijo del hombre un lugar donde reclinar su cabeza recogiendo a los niños y a los adultos indigentes.

Su ejemplo llamó la atención de otros cristianos que se unieron a sus esfuerzos y así en 1944 fundaron la asociación benéfica "Hogar de Cristo". Este hogar se dedica aun todavía a acoger, educar y rehabilitar a los necesitados dándoles las herramientas necesarias para poder depender de sí mismos. También vela por sus almas dándoles una formación total de cuerpo, alma y espíritu.

En fin, el Hogar de Cristo se dedica a difundir la realidad de los pobres por medio de nuestro llamado bautismal a la responsabilidad que tenemos en darle al Hijo de hombre un lugar para reclinar su cabeza. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Our Father in Faith

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called “father” in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God’s call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham’s faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Nuestro Padre en la Fe

La *Carta a los Hebreos* hoy canta un himno de alabanza a Abraham y a su fe, sobre la cual se fundan la religión judía, la cristiana y la mahometana. Abraham es llamado “padre” de la fe por más personas en el mundo que cualquier otro; numerosas como la arena de la playa o las estrellas del cielo. La *Carta a los Hebreos* nos dice que esta fe firme lo impulsó a obedecer el llamado de Dios cuando lo envió a buscar una tierra desconocida y le dijo que sería padre de una raza poderosa, aunque consideraba su matrimonio infecundo. Pero la fe de Abraham, nos dice el autor de la *Carta a los Hebreos*, le permitía poseer lo que esperaba y conocer lo que no podía ver. ¿Cuántas veces nos vemos en simples sucesos cotidianos de nuestra vocación cristiana llamados a un sitio desconocido o enviados a hacer algo que no creemos poder hacer? ¿Qué afortunados somos por tener a nuestro padre Abraham como nuestro guía y ejemplo! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

**Psalms** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Gospel** — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Tus antepasados esperaron con fe y valor el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios (Sabiduría 18:6-9).

**Salmo** — Dichoso el pueblo escogido por Dios (Salmo 33 [32]).

**Segunda lectura** — A causa de la fidelidad al llamado de Dios, los descendientes de Abraham son tan numerosos como las estrellas (Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Evangelio** — Estén alerta y preparados porque no saben ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del hombre aparecerá (Lucas 12:32-48 [35-40]).

## Annual Men's Retreat Scheduled

The Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us to our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 9-11.

This special weekend is a silent retreat, providing a restful atmosphere away from the distractions of daily life, a chance to hear God speaking to you.

This year we also have an excellent retreat master in Fr. Michael Sparough, S. J., well known author and speaker who many of you will know from his work across Chicago. Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be a rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

**You can sign up directly at [jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/](http://jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/)  
(Please indicate Matt Carpenter Group.)**

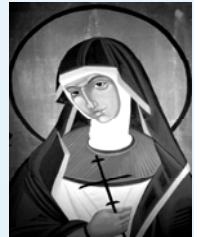
**Contact Craig Dean at [cdean@aegpartners.com](mailto:cdean@aegpartners.com) or (312) 948-5605,  
for more information.**

Carpooling will be available.



## St. Teresa said...

I see that not making excuses for oneself is a habit characteristic of high perfection, and very meritorious; it gives great edification.



## Aquinas Literacy Center Tutoring

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center!

Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 3540 S. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our next tutor training workshop: Friday, August 26 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm) and Saturday, August 27 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm). Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring.

**For more information or to register, please contact Kristen at [info@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:info@aquinasliteracycenter.org) or (773) 927-0512.**

*\*Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.*



## Ministry of Care

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



**If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 or [dvaeth@sttereseparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@sttereseparish.org) to arrange a visit.**



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House



## Save the Date

### St. Teresa of Avila's

# WORLD'S SMALLEST BLOCK PARTY

*Saturday, Sept 17*  
**11:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

**Live bands, kid's activities,  
and festival food**

**Volunteer signup will start in August!**

## Wanted: Boxed Cereal

There is limited availability of cereal from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and the St. Teresa Food Pantry is in particular need of **weekly donations of all kinds of boxed cereal.**



If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at

**lhanzelka@sbcglobal.net or Dave Hilko at  
dahilko@deloitte.com**

## Mission Weekend: August 19-20

During the weekend of August 19-20, a representative from the Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga will be speaking at all the Masses. The Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga were founded in 1927 and are the first indigenous order of men in Africa, south of the Sahara Desert.



The Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga devote their lives to educating youth and training them in artisan work, especially carpentry and joinery, brick laying and concrete practice, tailoring, shoe making, mechanics and plumbing. The Brothers are accredited for their quality works and innovations, charity and voluntary service to the needy and national service in their localities.

The beneficiaries of their summer mission appeal are St. Kizito Orphanage Primary school Kiteredde and St. Joseph's Vocational Technical Secondary School Kiteredde. St. Kizito and St. Joseph's are both mixed day and boarding primary and secondary schools respectively. They are dominated by orphans and with majority parents low income earners. Some students live with HIV/AIDS, some come from child headed families or are looked after by their grandparents unable to do any work for income. A good number of the students are orphans and of helpless cases.

After the brutality of the 1979 Liberation War, the region has suffered, first from HIV/Aids which is now transgenerational, and currently from draught that has affected key crops, leaving people with almost nothing to eat and sell for their income.

**The goal of their Mission Appeal is to improve the Sanitation of St. Kizito Orphanage and St. Joseph's Schools.**

The funds are intended to assist these schools buy water tanks and harvest rain water to provide students with safe drinking water while at school. The students have to travel for a long distance to fetch water from nearby swamps and water springs. This affects their learning and challenges of water borne diseases especially typhoid remains a big problem to these schools.

## Lectionary Themes for August: We are not alone

Even though the end of the current liturgical year is still a few months away, we will detect hints of urgency in the sacred texts for August. We will hear whispers of judgment, punishment and reward, as well as warnings that we must be prepared to meet the Lord whenever and however he appears. A repeated emphasis on faith will challenge us to take stock of

our fidelity and perseverance (Aug. 7), and the importance of discipline will be affirmed (Aug. 21). Discipline is, of course, derived from the word “disciple,” and refers here to our willingness to let Jesus teach and form us in the ways of truth, justice, mercy and humility. Humble people know where they stand; they do not put on airs or seek out honor. They are, in a word, exceedingly truthful or down to (the) earth (*humus*) from which they came and to which they shall return. From this humble posture, Jesus’ disciples are to reach out to the poor, the crippled, the blind and the disenfranchised. The needs of God’s least ones become their daily agenda (Aug. 28).

As we move together through August, in prayer and in service, Jesus will make mention of the sufferings entailed in being faithful. Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern for speaking the truth to those who didn’t want to listen (Aug. 14). But he survived, as did his faithful ancestors Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and so many others through the centuries. These survived not by power or might but by their faith, hope (Aug. 7) and trusting reliance on God.

We shall also be reminded this month that ours is not a provisional or territorial God concerned only with certain elements of humanity. On the contrary, God’s concerns are universal and all-inclusive. Through Trito-Isaiah (Aug. 21), God will affirm, “I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to



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**If we pull together as one, and encourage one another along the way, we become much-needed enablers for one another.**

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gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. ... They shall proclaim my glory among the nations.”

With such lofty goals to attain, and with keen awareness of how far-off and even impossible these goals may seem to be, we might become bewildered. When we examine the authenticity of our faith and our responsiveness to grace; and when we measure our weaknesses against the task at hand, we might become discouraged. However, the sacred texts are never without hope. As in every month, we are buoyed up by the encouragement they offer.

On Aug. 28, the unnamed author of the Letter to the Hebrews will assure us that God, whom we love and worship, does not speak a message so frightful that we are forced to beg for silence. There is no blazing fire or gloomy darkness where our God lives. No, our God is surrounded by countless angels in festal gathering. Yes, our God is judge of all, but our God’s name is Mercy and our God’s ways are loving, forgiving and compassionate. All the goodness of our God has been revealed

to us in Jesus, who, through his passion, death and resurrection, has mediated a new covenantal relationship with humankind. Because of that relationship we live courageously, joyfully and serenely, full of hope and peace.

Early in the month (Aug. 14), the author of Hebrews offers even further encouragement. Not only are we strengthened and made secure by our relationship with God but we are also in communion with all those who have gone before us in faith. As the ancient author so eloquently wrote, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin ... and persevere in running the race ... keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Imagine yourself in a great amphitheater. Crowding the stands are those whose races have come to a happy end. Victors in Christ, they are cheering us on. There are no thumbs turned downward in this arena. As we make laps, our supporters are urging each of us to persevere. Jesus is there too, seated at the right of the throne of God, who is showing a big thumbs-up. Let us not grow weary or lose heart. We tread in the footprints of winners, not losers.

Our running mates also extend help. If we pull together as one, and encourage one another along the way, we become much-needed enablers for one another. With so much support coming our way — from God, from the great cloud of witnesses and from our fellow travelers — surely we can persevere in the “race” that will lead us home to God.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx  
Anna Althoff  
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Paolo Basil  
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Luke Kolman  
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The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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Shannon & Jonathan Clinton  
Michael Gallo  
Lisa Hanzelka  
Linda & Rob Harmer

Sara & Adam Hock  
Michael Kmec  
Jackie Koesters  
Fr. Frank Latzko  
Barbara McHugh  
Tom Micinski  
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**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).

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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.

### Help 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 ...

Friday 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 <sup>+</sup>
Sunday	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

