

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



August 14, 2016

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



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[Jesus] endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2

Stewardship

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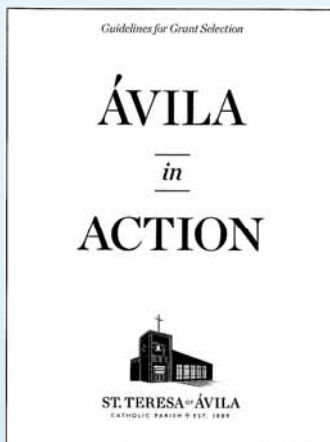
Announcing the 1st Class of *Avila in Action* Grant Recipients

The Stewardship Committee is proud to announce our first ever class of Avila in Action grant recipients! We received 19 applications from organizations all over the world that are truly working to change the world for the better through creative and innovative programs.

1. Taller de Jose (\$5,250): A dedicated organization located here in the Little Village area of Chicago connecting the most vulnerable members of our community with needed social services. Taller de Jose will use the grant to help fund the salary of a new full time "companion". A companion works directly with a client to personally walk them through the complex social service process and ensure that the client is able to successfully navigate the process with a help by their side every step of the way.

2. 8th Day Center for Justice (\$1,500): A coalition founded by Catholic religious congregations, 8th Day Center for Justice acts as a critical alternative voice to oppressive systems and works to change those systems. 8th Day Center for Justice will use the grant to help fund their annual Good Friday Walk for Justice, which highlights the need for social justice reform here in Chicago and beyond.

3. Partnership to Educate and Advance Kids (PEAK) (\$5,250): An organization aimed at serving high-risk high school children primarily from Chicago's West and South Sides. PEAK provides its students with a full four-year scholarship to a Catholic high school in Chicago (Holy Trinity) and pairs each student with a mentor to assist them throughout all four years of high school. PEAK will use the grant to continue funding its student-mentor programs - a key to PEAK's success. Since 2006, 100% of PEAK grads are accepted into college.



4. Erika's Lighthouse (\$5,000): A local organization aimed at combating teen depression through educating and raising awareness of the issue and encouraging good mental health in adolescents while working to break down the stigma of mental illness issues. Erika's Lighthouse will use its grant to fund its new video-based high school classroom program aimed at raising awareness of and promoting early identification and treatment for teen depression.

5. Cabrini Ministries Swaziland (\$8,000): A faith based community care organization providing health care, child care, education and social services to the most poor and vulnerable. Cabrini Ministries will use its grant to fund 60% of the operational cost for their newly opened preschool which provides a safe environment for students to develop a love of learning, critical thinking and English Language skills in a country where very few have access to education.

Over the coming months, the bulletin will feature each of the winning grant recipients and provide a full profile of the organization. All five of these organizations are truly putting Christ's mission of love and service into action and will greatly benefit from the Avila in Action grants they have been awarded.

About Avila in Action

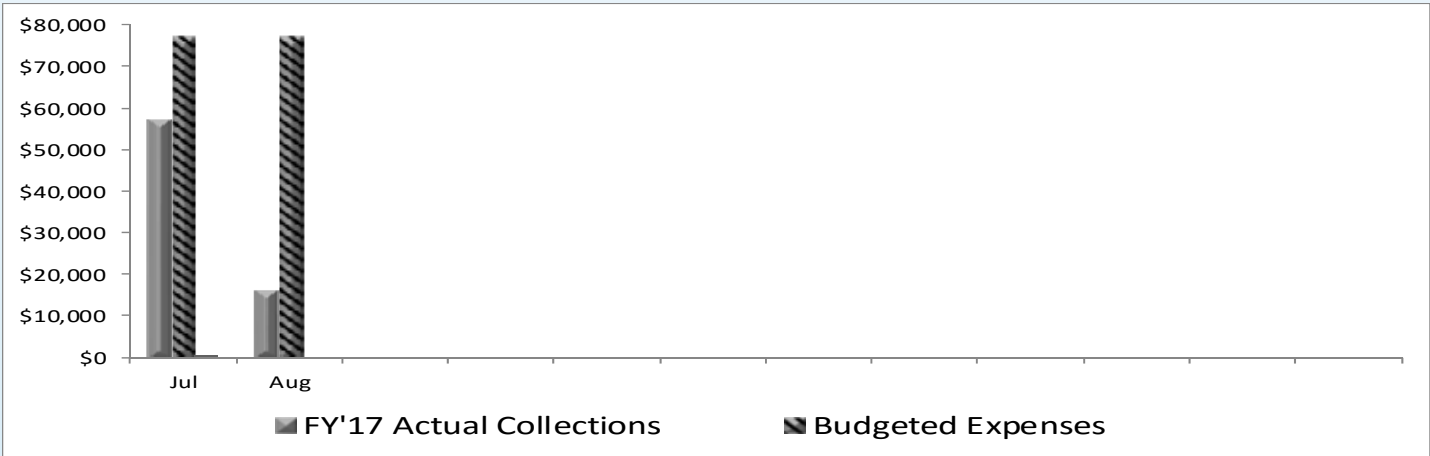
Stewardship is rooted in the idea that all we have is a gift from God, and with grace we gratefully give back to God from what we have been given. In 2015, the Stewardship Committee along with the Finance Council made a prayerful decision to increase our giving percentage from 3% to 6%, and to seek input from the parish on how the funds are distributed. Parishioners may nominate a charity of their choice to receive Avila in Action grant funds. For more information, email robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Visit 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
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Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

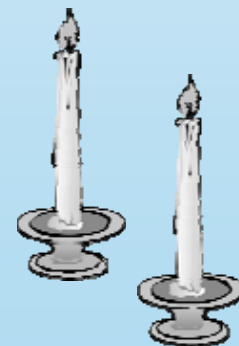
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair. Our financials are also available on our website at www.st-terea.net.
- The next Finance Council meeting is September 19th.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Weeks:	7-31-16	8-7-16	8-14-16	8-21-16	8-28-16	9-4-16	9-11-16	9-18-16	9-25-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance		6	6							
Average Friday Communion Service		1	1							
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		38	50							
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	25							
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		165	180							
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-	55							
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		120	85							
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		90	90							
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		413	485							
Confessions this Week		0	0							
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		1	2							
Funerals since January 2016		5	5							
Weddings since January 2016		5	5							
Infant Baptisms since January 2016		14	15							



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 14

- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation

Monday, August 15

- No Activities Planned

Tuesday, August 16

- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 17

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, August 18

- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 pm, REC, Bradley Methods Class

Friday, August 19

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

Saturday, August 20

- 10:00 am, GS, Fit with Frank
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm, Church, Wedding
- 5:00 pm, Church, Mission Speaker

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday: St. John Eudes
Saturday: St. Bernard

- Domingo:** Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María
Martes: San Esteban de Hungría
Viernes: San Juan Eudes
Sábado: San Bernardo

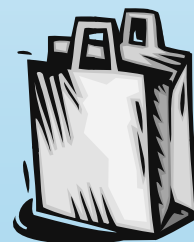
August 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

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 13

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
 August 14
 9:00 am Fenway Buciak
 12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
 6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

August 17

7:30 am John 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

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 & 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
8-20-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Casey Bowles	Lisa Marquez	Kari Richardson Eric Fredericks
Next French Mass 9-3-16	6:30 PM				
8-21-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Anastasia Bullinger	Ellen Moiani Carly Johnston Luke Kolman	Jamie Lutkus Michael Zost Rose Ohiku Minister Needed (C4)
Next Spanish Mass 9-4-16	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM			
8-21-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Callie Pogge	Carmen Ubides	Bob Pedro Mike Usiak
8-21-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen	Karen Carpino	Minister Needed (H2) Cara Gannon Elizabeth Cuda	Minister Needed (C1, P) Eileen Raia Mary Serrahn Sara Hock

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Vigilia: 1 Cr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Sal 132 (131):6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lc 11:27-28 Día: Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Sal 45 (44):10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Martes: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34:1-11; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Jueves: Ez 36:23-28; Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Viernes: Ez 37:1-14; Sal 107 (106):2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Sábado: Ez 43:1-7a; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Domingo: Is 66:18-21; Sal 117 (116):1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lc 13:22-30

Treasures from Our Tradition

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El otro día leí un artículo escrito por un pastor bautista sobre la necesidad de tener un altar en casa para educar a nuestros hijos en la fe y la oración. Lo leí con interés ya que el uso del altarcito tiene una larga historia en la Iglesia católica. En casa de mis abuelos paternos, en México, había un bello altarcito en forma de pirámide que contenía flores, velas y figuras de Jesús, María y algunos santos. Además de esto estaban también algunos instrumentos de oración como el rosario, la Biblia y algún otro libro de oración. También en casa de mi abuela materna, en Texas, había un rinconcito sagrado. Muchos latinos tenemos altarcitos familiares. Algunos son verdaderos altares como el de mi abuela, Mamá Lilia. Otros son rincones especiales como el de Mamá María, con alguna imagen y libro de oración y fotografías de nuestros parientes. A fin de cuentas no importa ni su tamaño ni su forma. Importa su existencia y sobre todo su uso para recordarnos de la presencia e importancia de Dios en nuestros hogares y familias. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Cost of Discipleship

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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El Costo de ser Discípulo

El Salmo responsorial de hoy, Salmo 40 (39), nos es muy familiar por el refrán "Señor, date prisa en socorrerme". La historia de Jeremías hoy y el refrán "¡Señor, date prisa en socorrerme!" nos recuerda que siempre hay dos caminos para seguir el llamado de Dios. El autor de la *Carta a los Hebreos* también lo sabía. Él recordaba a sus lectores que aunque nos agobien desgracias y pecados, podemos todavía perseverar si mantenemos nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús, quien también conoció la vergüenza y el dolor de la cruz, pero vio más allá del sufrimiento, el gozo de sentarse a la derecha del trono de Dios.

Jesús mismo dio a sus discípulos una "idea" de un bautismo que no sería tan maravilloso como el del Jordán que inauguró su ministerio, sino de fuego y angustia. Las palabras de la Sagrada Escritura hoy pueden no ser terriblemente apaciguadoras, pero en su honestidad y fortaleza podemos reconocer las dificultades que el discípulo enfrenta a diario, y consolarnos por la seguridad de nuestra salvación en Cristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonra para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad (Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Señor, date prisa en socorrerme! (Salmo 40 [39])

Segunda lectura — No te desanimes. Persevera en la lucha igual que Cristo soportó la cruz (Hebreos 12:1-4).

Evangelio — Jesús vino a purificar la tierra con su santo fuego y a sembrar división y no paz (Lucas 12:49-53).

Sign Up Now for the 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/
(Please indicate Matt Carpenter Group.)

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

Carpooling will be available.



St. Teresa said...

The devil's aim is to make us think we are humble and, in turn, make us lose confidence in God. When you find yourselves in this condition, stop thinking about your misery, and turn your thoughts to the mercy of God.



60 Pints for 60 Years!

Our next blood drive is October 23rd, Fr. Frank's 60th birthday. Let's honor Fr. Frank's Birthday by donating "60 pints of life" in his name. What a wonderful birthday gift that would be!

Date: Sunday, October 23rd,
Fr. Frank's 60th Birthday

Time: 7:00am to 1:30pm



Volunteer Opportunity: Host a Student through Rough Times

Non-profit *Depaul USA* is linked with the university in addressing a need unnoticed by many -- *DePaul University students confronting homelessness*-- and is working to house them and help them stay on the path towards a degree.



A student is maybe reeling from losses or trapped in an unsafe environment. The *Dax Host-Home Program* provides such a student with room and board for an academic quarter (12 weeks). *Depaul USA* provides mentoring and case management to access the other resources.

Consider hosting a student going through rough times. We will work closely with you.

**Please contact Dax Program Coordinator Sister
Judy Warmbold for more information:**

312-802-9703

judy.warmbold@depaulusa.org

www.depaulusa.org

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). 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.

Please contact Kate Lynch at klynch@stteresaparish.org for further information.

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!

Mission Weekend: August 20-21

During the weekend of August 20-21, 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.



Fire of Christ

Picture this: a blazing bonfire outside a parish church. Young and old surround it. The Paschal candle is held high. The priest begins with an invitation for all to enter into the ritual of this sacred night. The fire is blessed. The Paschal candle is lit from the blazing fire.

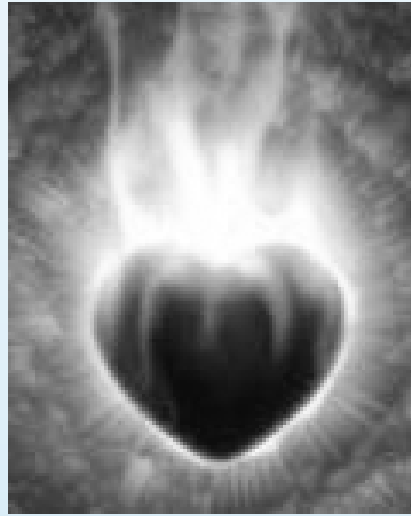
The congregation follows the Paschal candle carrying unlit candles. “Christ our light” is intoned. All respond, “Thanks be to God.” The flame from the large candle is shared. The large candle moves further up the aisle. “Christ our light; thanks be to God.” More flames are shared. Reaching the front of the church, a final “Christ our Light; thanks be to God.” The church is now ablaze with candles lit from the one candle lit from that enormous bonfire.

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing,” we read in today’s Gospel.

At the dawn of creation, there was an explosion of fire and creative energy. Fire is a primordial element. Our sun is a glowing hot furnace. Without its energy, we could not live. The very interior of our own planet is a molten mass of fiery magma. Fire creates, cleanses and also destroys. But there must first be fire for anything else to exist.

“I have come to set the earth on fire ...” That makes perfect sense.

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not our hearts burning within us?” They had caught fire with Jesus’ life and message. They were never the same again.

At our baptism, we — or our parents on our behalf — were presented with a candle burning with a flame from the Paschal candle. “Receive the Light of Christ. Keep it burning brightly ...”

Jesus knew the power of the fire that is God’s Spirit burning within him. Just as we use the phrase “baptism of fire,” Jesus identified his mission as a great baptism. “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished.”

Jesus’ baptism by fire would include the cleansing and

destructive qualities of fire as well as fire’s creative and light-bearing qualities. The fire of the Spirit in Jesus would burn away the destructive force of sin, bringing a new era of grace to humankind.

We need the light and warmth of the fire of the sun; we benefit from the cleansing rays of the sun. But we cannot look directly at the sun without the risk of destroying our sight. We need a lens to protect our eyes from the sun’s direct contact.

Jesus speaks of how the fire he is casting on the earth will have various effects. Jesus teaches that not everyone will accept the fire of his message and call. Each person must look through the lens of Jesus before they can approach the searing sun of Gospel grace. Some will choose not to take on the lens of Jesus, and will go their own way. There will be division; members of households will even be divided over the fire of the Gospel.

In our world today, relationships between individuals, groups and nations are at a crucial point. The fire of Christ must burn brightly and intensely. Christ’s fire must blaze in us.

As Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin wrote: “Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.”

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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.

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
Contact Dean in the Parish Office
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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

