

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.

Alive



Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

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ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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As you all have heard by now, the Archdiocese is engaged in a re-structuring endeavor called, *Renew My Church*, which will help us address the current needs of the this local Church given the shortage of priests and the dwindling number of Catholics attending Mass. A major part of this initiative is to organize every parish in groups of 4 to 6 parishes, with each group discerning how to share resources, including different ministries and personnel. This much needed effort is now ending its initial phase of the parish groups: every parish has been placed with a particular group to begin working together.

Our own parish has been “grouped” with St. Vincent, St. Michael, and St Joseph/Immaculate Conception. The four pastors have already met and our gathering was very positive about the ability of the four communities to work together. In November, the next phase begins with leaders from the four parishes coming together just to get to know each other and the mission of each parish in the group. The people at this gathering will include the leadership of each parish: Staff members and Parish Council members.

There are no definitive plans at this stage of the process, just dialogue to see how we can come together, looking beyond our own particular parish, experiencing the church in a broader way. This Advent we will have one reconciliation service for the four communities, bringing a larger number of priests and people together. We can plan missions, workshops, adult formation together, coming together at one of the churches or parish centers, rotating the location.

I just met with the pastor of St. Vincent and we discussed bringing together our perspective Refugee outreach ministry. We are both sponsoring a family and need to connect the families with a variety of resources. If we come together, we can share volunteers and other resources. St. Vincent parish just two blocks north of us, is staffed by a community of Vincentian priests of the Order of St. Vincent DePaul and they have access to a wide variety of resources unique to their religious community. Each refugee family would have volunteers from both parishes assigned to them, which would allow us to sponsor more families, given the larger pool of volunteers.

I am excited about *Renew My Church* because it will help us to “think outside the box,” discovering new ways to minister to the People of God. Even our experience of Church will evolve as we connect more with parishes in our area. Each parish can focus on certain areas unique to the mission of that particular community of faith. Our focus at St. Teresa’s is Outreach to the Poor and our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children. We can focus on these areas perhaps looking to the other four parishes for volunteers and even leaders, allowing us to expand our outreach to the poor. This is truly a win-win situation, ministering in new ways to meet new demands.

Please pray for those of us about to embark on the Camino to Santiago. We are walking for a purpose: to raise awareness and funds for our refugee and immigrant outreach. I will “carry” with me all the prayers you attached to our Cross of Prayer, which stands next to our Tabernacle. I will celebrate Mass daily for you and these special needs. As we walk across Spain, you will be walking to the Ba Hai Temple for a day of dialogue on October 22. We will also be walking with our refugee family after one of the Sunday Masses, most likely the Noon Mass, to Lincoln Park Zoo for an afternoon of fun.

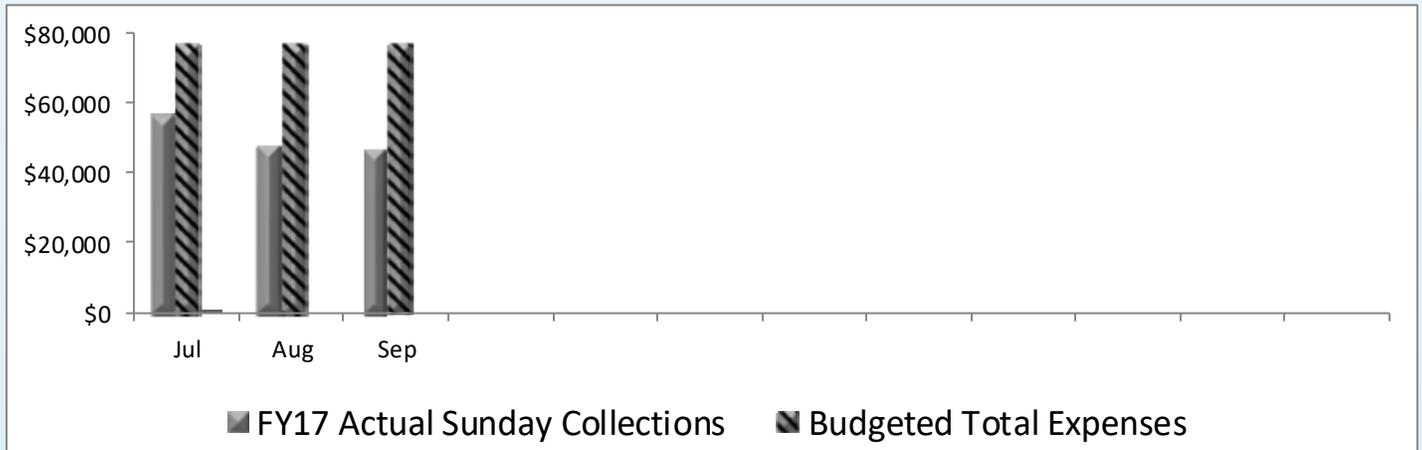
Autumn is a season of beauty and transformation. Take the time to enjoy the colors, crisp weather (if it ever arrives), Halloween and the quiet remembrance of the Souls in November. In terms of Tuesday, November 8...just pray and vote and pray...

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Frank".

Peace, Fr. Frank

See today’s bulletin insert for more information about *Renew My Church* and parish groupings.

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, Christmas and Easter collections, 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 goal of the Finance Council and Fr. Frank to increase weekly giving to meet ongoing expenses and to use the proceeds from fundraisers for special initiatives and outreach programs.
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at mfernandez@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at mtonner19199@gmail.com.
- The next Finance Council meeting is Monday, October 17th, at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Weeks:	7-31-16	8-7-16	8-14-16	8-28-16	9-11-16	9-18-16	9-25-16	10-2-16	10-9-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance		6	6	6	6	6	6	6		
Average Friday Communion Service		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		38	50	40	64	41	40	70		
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	25	-	-	70	45	-		
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		165	180	170	190	250	215	180		
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-	55	-	-	-	-	-		
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		120	85	100	115	100	100	140		
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		90	90	95	132	125	95	135		
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		413	485	405	501	586	495	525		
Confessions this Week		0	0	0	2	0	0	0		
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		1	2	0	0	0	0	0		
Funerals since January 2016		5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Weddings since January 2016		5	5	7	7	8	8	8		
Infant Baptisms since January 2016		14	15	15	16	17	19	22		

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.

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October Baptisms



Lola Gourdon (10-1-16)
Lillian Anh Marie Navarra (10-9-16)

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, October 2

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

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED Total Community
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 5

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, October 6

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Thursday:** St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
- Friday:** Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo Respetemos la Vida
- Martes:** San Francisco de Asís
- Jueves:** San Bruno; Beata Marie-Rose Durocher
- Viernes:** Nuestra Señora del Rosario; Primer viernes
- Sábado:** Santa María Virgen

October 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, October 1**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 8**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 15**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 22**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 29**
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

Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray

Saturday, October 1

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am Marie Garlock
 10:30 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
 12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
 6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

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

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.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
10-8-16	5:00 PM	Rev. William Piletic, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Minister Needed	Leigh Hartley	Rob Harmer Luke Kolman
French Mass 10-15-16	6:30 PM	Fr. Timothy			
10-9-16	9:00 AM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Barb Schell	Jocelyn Lutkus Minister Needed (H3) Jennifer Barrett	Geneva Gorgo Rose Ohiku Carly Johnston Frank Swiderski
Spanish Mass 11-13-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
10-9-16	12:00 PM	Rev. Anthony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Claire Kenkel	Bob Pedro	Laura Moran Alice Morales-Villenas
10-9-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Collins Ekpe, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Doug Lovette	John Eiffert Margaret Burke Lisa Hanzelka	Elizabeth Cuda Laura King Veronique Caffrey Ellen Moiani

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Lecturas de la Semana

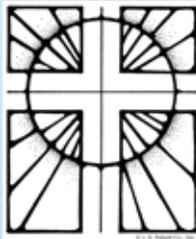
Lunes: Gal 1:6-12; Sal 111 (110):1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lc 10:25-37
Martes: Gal 1:13-24; Sal 139 (138):1b-3, 13-15; Lc 10:38-42
Miércoles: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Lc 11:1-4
Jueves: Gal 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13
Viernes: Gal 3:7-14; Sal 111 (110):1b-6; Lc 11:15-26
Sábado: Gal 3:22-29; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 11:27-28
Domingo: 2 Re 5:14-17; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lc 17:11-19

Treasures from Tradition

In the mid-'60s, many religious congregations that had maintained a custom of assigning new names to their members allowed a return to baptismal names. A new name signified that the old person had died and a new one was coming to life. Some orders even spread funeral palls over their entrants and tolled the funeral bell. On a practical level, in a crowded monastery of a few hundred monks or nuns, it made sense not to have six Brother Alfrics or nine Sister Clares. The one name, one person rule worked well.

In more recent times, a young woman entering the convent might be given her parents' names as a way of honoring their generosity, so Hilda might become Sister Philip Margaret after her father and mother. A cherished name in the order might be bestowed on a newcomer so that there would always be a Brother Owen around, or a young person might adopt the name of a beloved saint. A handful of religious congregations, like Mother Barat's Religious of the Sacred Heart, always used family names. Many monasteries still bestow a new name at the end of probation. Other religious institutes have revived the custom of changing their candidates' names at the end of novitiate, although for the most part religious who were around at the time of the Council were happy to get their baptismal names back. A few, of course, cherished their acquired names and have held on to them, so convents still hold the creativity badge for naming. Where else today can you find great names today like Madeleva, Siena, and Celestina?

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



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Desde el siglo XVII, el 2 de octubre la Iglesia ha celebrado la conmemoración de los Santos Ángeles Custodios. Muchos de nosotros conocemos la imagen de un niño y su hermanita caminando por un puente tembloroso y podrido. Sobre ellos está en vigilante una bella criatura halada, su ángel protector. Esta imagen de seres con alas es una que los cristianos tomamos de los paganos romanos y griegos, ya que bíblicamente hablando la mayor parte de los ángeles no tienen alas.

Últimamente los ángeles se han puesto de moda entre los no cristianos, pero no debemos dejarnos llevar por sus doctrinas *new age*. Muchos de ellos buscan poner a los ángeles a su propio servicio pidiéndoles dinero, su pareja y otras cosas. Los ángeles no existen para enriquecernos. Más bien hay que saber que los ángeles están para glorificar y servir a Dios y cuidar a los humanos marginados. Jesús mismo nos dice que hay que cuidarnos de despreciar a los pequeños (gente pobre y oprimida) “porque les aseguro que sus ángeles en el cielo están constantemente en presencia de mi Padre celestial” (Mateo 18:10-11). — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Let Go And Let God

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase “Let go and let God.” In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today’s readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can’t manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn’t even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God’s hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today’s readings. We come to call it “faith.”

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Confía Menos En Ti Y Más En Dios

Muchos programas de doce pasos usan la frase “Confía menos en ti y más en Dios”. En toda su simplicidad, estas cinco palabras son el corazón de las lecturas de hoy. Para personas que luchan con alguna conducta adictiva, estas palabras nos recuerdan de manera categórica que no podemos manejar, controlar ni manipular ciertas áreas de nuestras vidas. ¿Cuántas veces podemos mirar hacia nuestro pasado y encontrar evidencia de algún plan elaborándose, diferente al nuestro? Estos son los momentos cuando, por cualquier razón, permitimos a alguien superior que nosotros que implemente el plan. En ese momento, incluso ni nos dimos cuenta de que estábamos dejando ir algo, pero en retrospectiva, vemos las manos y la amorosa presencia de Dios. Es nuestra conciencia de esos momentos lo que nos da el valor y la iniciativa para dejar ir algo más tarde. Son el valor y la iniciativa resaltados en las lecturas de hoy. A esto lo llamamos “fe”.

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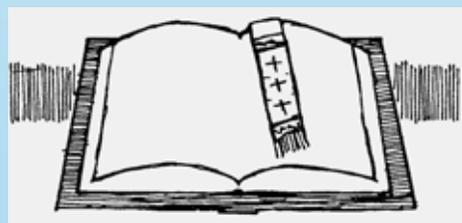
Today’s Readings

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — A pesar de la violencia, la destrucción y la ruina, el justo vivirá a causa de su fe (Habacuc 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Salmo — Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Toleramos dificultades con la fuerza que viene de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:6-8, 13-14).

Evangelio — Señor, auméntanos la fe! (Lucas 17:5-10).

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Young Catholic Professionals

Please join us
October 4th
from 7:00 pm to
9:00 pm with
Mass at 6:15 pm
for our upcoming Executive Speaker Series featuring Jim Palos, president of the Hyde Park Institute. The event will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 708 W. Belmont Avenue in Chicago.



Jim Palos is the president of the Hyde Park Institute, an independent research center that promotes the understanding of moral philosophy. He has served as the chief executive of a variety of nonprofit institutions, from a community college with 14,500 students to a business school for executives in media to a community organization serving urban youth.

Young Catholic Professionals is an organization dedicated to helping young professionals connect with one another and grow in their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers. Learn more about YCP by visiting ycp-chicago.org. We look forward to seeing you on October 4th!

Four Catechists Still Needed

Thank you to those who have responded to our need for new catechists. We have 9 new people who are both training and serving as a catechist! This is an amazing response!!

We still need of four new catechists who can serve on either Mondays or Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm, working in either Level II (1st-3rd grade) or Level III (4th-6th grade).

If you have flexibility in your work or daily life two to three days per school month, you can offer a valuable fit for St. Teresa's children and families.

Please reach out to Kate Lynch, Director of Religious Education, at kolynchdre@gmail.com to learn more, ask questions, or set up a time for observation.



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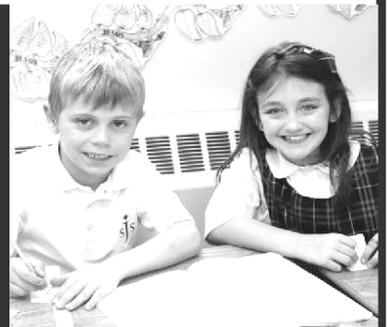
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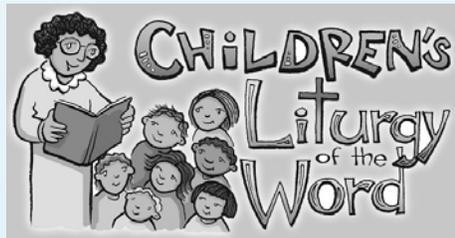
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Children's Liturgy Needs Leaders

We're seeking new leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at 9:00 am Mass.



CLOW

offers children the opportunity to listen to the Word of God and reflect on it in ways that are more directly meaningful to them.

Leaders ideally serve once every six weeks during the school year on their schedule; we provide orientation, a guide book, and support as needed.

For more information, contact Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com

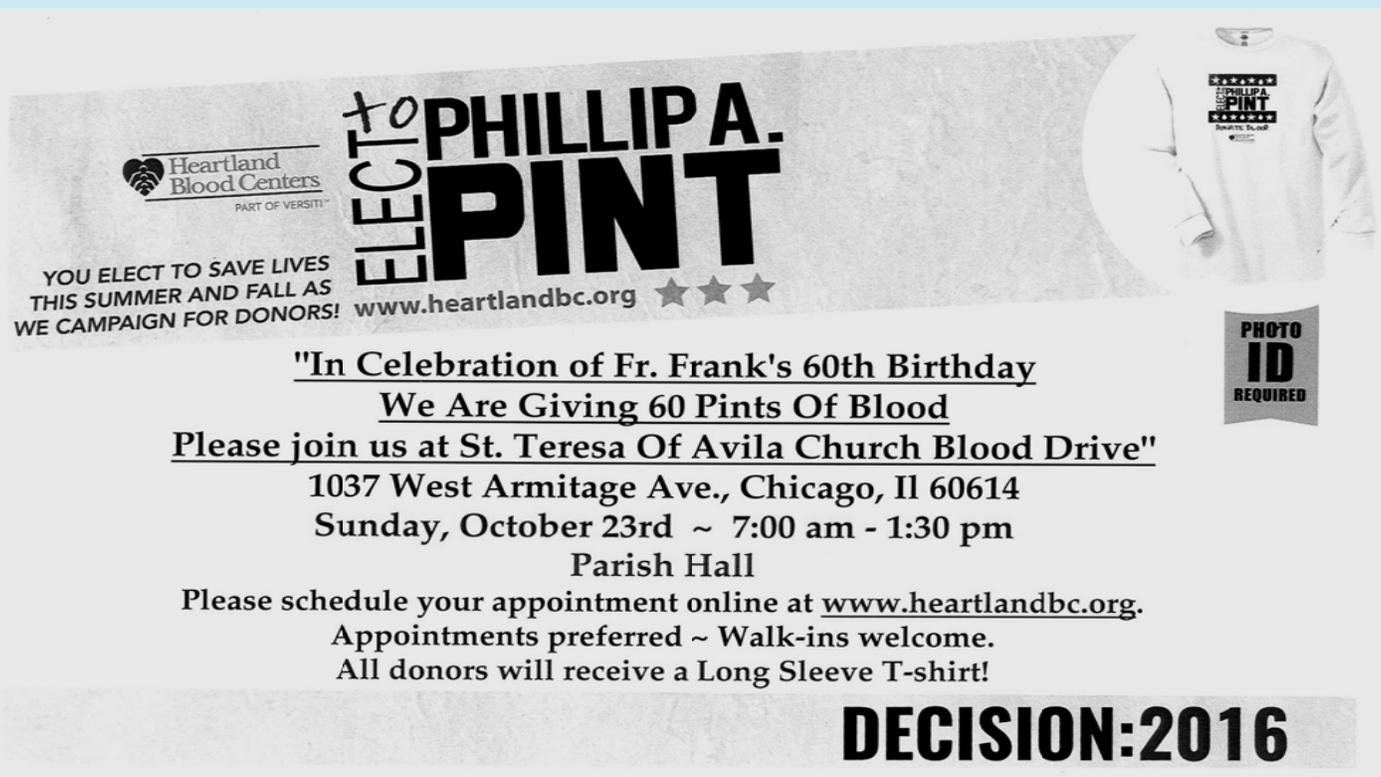
Two SPRED Catechists Needed

St. Teresa's SPRED group needs YOU. We invite you to join this beautiful ministry as a catechist. We host 11- to 16-year-old friends who have disabilities, and we need two more catechists. No prior experience in teaching or working with persons with disabilities is required.



We meet on Tuesday evenings only 12 times each semester, six of these meetings are with our friends called Total Community and six of the meetings are with only the catechists called our Prep Sessions which prepare us for Total Community.

Please consider joining SPRED. Contact Carrie Mondschein with any questions at cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com or (312) 320-1160.



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Increasing Our Faith

While I was sitting and writing in a local family-owned coffee shop, a young woman came up to me and said I looked familiar. She asked me where I went to church. I told her I am a member of St. James Parish — in Kansas City, 15 miles away from the coffee shop where we were. I proudly showed her a wallet-size picture of the interior of the church. That picture showed our display of the two dozen flags from the home countries of St. James' parishioners.

I asked the young woman where she went to church. She said she didn't attend anymore. She was studying Buddhist teachings. She noticed that I had papers and a small Bible beside my laptop.

"What is your name?" she asked. I gave her my first name. I asked her name and the name of her friend sitting at a laptop in the corner of the room.

"Would you mind giving me the address of your church?" I wrote it down, and she asked me to add my name, which I did. As I handed her the slip of paper, she asked what time we gather on Sunday. I added that to the note.

"Lord, increase my faith." I have been in this coffee shop innumerable times. Every now and then, I run into someone I know. It is a rare occasion when a stranger starts a conversation. There is meaning in this kind of encounter. "Increase my faith."

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted



In all the relationships of our lives, we are servants of the coming of the reign of God. Through Jesus' gift of faith, we come to see fully that each and every person is called to the reign of God.

and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

After I wrote my note, I thought to myself that if I had a mustard seed of faith, I could say to this woman, "Join us on Sunday," and she would.

As she left the coffee shop, she said, "Nice to meet you." I responded, "Nice to meet you, too. Maybe I'll see you on Sunday." She and her friend smiled. "Lord, increase my faith."

That mustard seed of faith moved me to make the invitation. A mustard seed of grace had moved this woman to inquire of me about my church. Who knows where this will go? For my part, I firmly believe that once she experiences the personal warmth and spirit of faith at our parish, she will benefit from

it ...whether or not she hears a call to go further.

The disciples asked Jesus for an increase of faith in response to many serious challenges he had given them. After Jesus told them of the value of a solid (though initially small) faith, he went further. Jesus illustrated for the disciples that their role was to serve the reign of God that he was bringing forth. As he was the servant of God in inaugurating the reign of God here, so also they were to be servants of the reign of God. The faith that he gives them is to build them up for their task. "Lord, increase my faith."

In all the relationships of our lives, we are servants of the coming of the reign of God. Through Jesus' gift of faith, we come to see fully that each and every person is called to the reign of God. Through that gift of faith, we are nourished in our relationship with Jesus Christ so that in our other relationships — with family, friends, acquaintances and those we meet at the coffee house or on the bus or at the grocery store — we might invite them into the reign of God.

"Lord, increase our faith."

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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)

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For information about ...

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

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Weekend Masses

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

⁺ First and third Saturdays, September through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

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

