

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



January 1, 2017

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Faith & Spirit.

*Alive*



Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

— Luke 2:19

# Stewardship

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## A Steward's Story

I have uncovered a secret. The more time, energy and enthusiasm I give to St. Teresa's the more joy and satisfaction I get in return. It seems that my giving is an investment that pays dividends in happiness, friendship and contentment. By volunteering and participating in parish life I have made many friends, shared many laughs, and found that my inner life is more meaningful. Now, when asked to give or volunteer, I think about not just the impact that my work has on others, but the return on investment that I receive.

— Daniel Summins, Stewardship Committee Member

Share *your* story! Email [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org)

## Putting God's Gifts to Work

A big thank you to these parishioners who recently used their God given talents in service at St. Teresa of Avila.

- **Bob True** offered his retired chef's skills to help prepare the lamb dinner at the Rectory.
- **Karen Carpino** used her skills as a professional interior designer to enhance the church for Christmas Day.
- **Sasha Woods** put her artistic skills to use designing and printing the new booklet on our church architecture.

We all have many gifts, and have the ability to use them in different ways. What are your talents, and how can you put them to use?

## Refugee Ministry Update

Thanks to all who have supported the refugee ministry with your time and donations! The funds for this ministry are being put to good use. Most recently, St. Teresa donated 50 Christmas gifts for refugee children through Catholic Charities. We are looking forward to sponsoring a new refugee family but are in need of mentors who can commit to working with a family on an ongoing basis.

Email [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org)  
to learn more.

## Ministry Fair Next Weekend January 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on January 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, after all Masses!

Having a dynamic ministry fair was one of the key goals that came out of Parish Transformation.

A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved, and enjoy food, drink and raffle prizes!



Save the Date!

Cuisine du Coeur  
"France, Food and Fashion"  
Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
11am - 3pm  
More info coming soon

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*

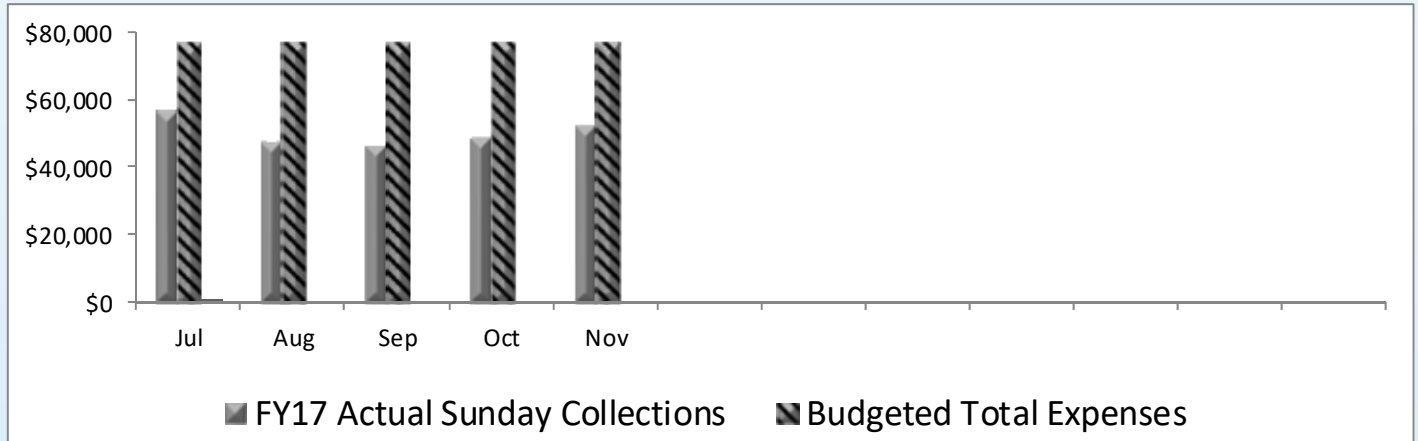
Bible Study Leaders  
or Hosts

Refugee Mentors

Greeters

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, 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@sttereseparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@sttereseparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at [mtonner19199@gmail.com](mailto:mtonner19199@gmail.com).
- The next Finance Council meeting is January 16th.

### Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	11-27-16	12-4-16	12-11-16	12-18-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance	7	6	6	6
Average Friday Communion Service	2	2	2	2
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	60	55	80	70
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	60	-	52
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	180	195	160	170
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-	-	60	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	100	150	120	135
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	160	145	150	130
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>557</b>
Confessions this Week	3	0	6	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2016	5	6	6	7
Weddings since January 2016	8	8	8	8
Infant Baptisms since January 2016	27	28	28	28



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa of Avila's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people attending weekend Masses; the 2016 Advent Count averaged 558 people a weekend. 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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## January Baptisms

**Everett Habansky (1-14-17)**  
**Tyler Alexander Bowles (1-15-17)**  
**Jacob Andrews (1-15-17)**



## 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, January 1

- 9:15 am, Church, Children's Word Liturgy

### Monday, January 2

- New Year's Holiday—Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

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

### Wednesday, January 4

- No Activities Planned

### Thursday, January 5

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

### Friday, January 6

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

### Saturday, January 7

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
- 4:00 pm, GS, Blest Art
- 4:00 pm, PC, Ministry Fair
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Monday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Wednesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Thursday:** St. John Neumann
- Friday:** St. André Bessette; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday

- Domingo:** Santa María, Madre de Dios; Octava de Navidad; Año Nuevo; Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz
- Lunes:** Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacianceno
- Martes:** El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús
- Miércoles:** Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Jueves:** San Juan Neumann
- Viernes:** San André Bessette; Primer viernes
- Sábado:** San Raimundo de Peñafort; Primer sábado

### January 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, January 7**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, January 14**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, January 21**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, January 28**  
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, December 31

5:00 pm Laura Szejka

### Sunday, January 1

9:00 am Laura Szejka  
 10:30 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila  
 12:00 pm Laura Szejka

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

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
1-7-17	5:00 PM	Rev. William Piletic, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Becky Francis	Kari Richardson	Lauren Hogel Lisa Hanzelka
Next French Mass 1-21-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
1-8-17	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Frank Swiderski	Michael Zost Laura King Rose Ohiku	Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven Barb Schell Jocelyn Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass 2-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Alejandro Lopez		
1-8-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Mike Usiak	Margaret Burke	Alice Morales-Villenas Aimee Jaszczor
1-8-17	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Doug Lovette	Sara Hock Sharon Lindstrom	Cara Gannon Eileen Raia Bert Olson Dani Shain

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

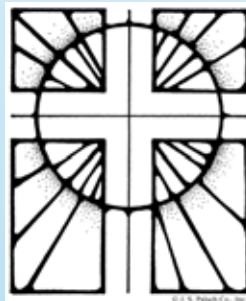
**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
**Martes:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
**Miércoles:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
**Jueves:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a  
**Viernes:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**Sábado:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
**Domingo:** Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Treasures from Tradition

“Octave” comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se celebra el final de un año con la “quema del año viejo”. Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril).

Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del “hombre viejo”. Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,

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## The Blessing We Receive

## La Bendición Que Recibimos

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — El Señor te bendiga y te proteja. Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

**Salmo** — El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga (Salmo 67 [66]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama "¡Abbá!" (Gálatas 4:4-7)

**Evangelio** — Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).

## Guaranteed Entry: 2017 Chicago Marathon

All St. Teresa members plus their family and friends are invited to join one of the following charity teams: The Taller de José and Erica's Lighthouse.



Earlier this year both charities received an Avila in Action grant! Now they are looking for people to join their marathon teams.

Further information concerning these charities running teams including their mission statements and team members benefits can be found on their web pages or by contacting Coach Mark Buciak at: [theroadtoboston.info](http://theroadtoboston.info)

Runners, joggers and walkers of all abilities are welcome especially first time marathoners! Coach Mark has a customized training program to get you to the finish line.

## Next Men's Spirituality January 10<sup>th</sup>

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?

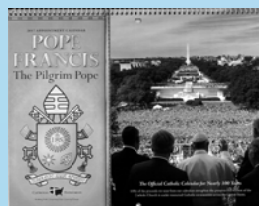


The St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 am for prayer and conversation.

**For more details, please contact Matt Priesbe at [mpriesbe@aol.com](mailto:mpriesbe@aol.com).**

## Last Call for 2017 Calendars

There are 2017 Pope Francis Calendars are now available in English and Spanish.



**Pick up a copy at the church entrances.**

## Food Pantry Shopping List

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

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; toothbrushes & toothpaste



**We no longer need extra-strength grocery bags.** If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at [lhanzelka@gmail.com](mailto:lhanzelka@gmail.com) or Dave Hilko at [dahilko@deloitte.com](mailto:dahilko@deloitte.com)

## First-Saturday / Primer-Sabado

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on January 7 at 4:00 pm in church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 7 de Enero a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

## Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50)

Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?

Then register today for a life-changing *Reflect* weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb17-19, 2017.

Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year's resolution you won't regret! Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room

**Call (312) 532-8286, email [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.**





## Mary's Closet Needs Professional Clothing Donations

The Catholic Charities professional clothing center, *Mary's Closet*, is in need of career-ready clothing, accessories, and shoes for men and women.



*Mary's Closet* helps Catholic Charities clients who are preparing for job interviews or seeking employment by providing them with work-ready clothes and interview coaching.

We are also looking for high-end designer clothing donations to support the program's annual spring fundraiser, *Encore!*, with all proceeds benefiting *Mary's Closet*.

Items can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, or Saturdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, or at Relevant Radio, 145 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**For more information or for pick-up service visit [www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset](http://www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset) or email [maryscloset@catholiccharities.net](mailto:maryscloset@catholiccharities.net)**

## Baby Bottles Due Back

St. Teresa of Avila is supporting in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland* again this year.



This non-profit organization directly assists families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for *The Women's Centers*.

**Please take a Baby Bottle home with you today and bring it back to St. Teresa no later than next Sunday, January 8th.**

## Blest Art Here January 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Blest Art will be visiting St. Teresa parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families.



Blest Art, Inc. helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, please visit the Blest Art display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form or art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

If you will be out of town the weekend we visit your parish, please stop by our Web site: [www.BlestArt.org](http://www.BlestArt.org). You can order beautiful carvings to be shipped to your home.

## Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for helpful, friendly volunteers to serve as greeters at the hospitality table at 721 N. LaSalle St. in Chicago.



Volunteers welcome guests and help with the intake of clothing donations. Volunteers serve a 2 or 3 hour shift on a Monday, Thursday, or Friday of their choice between 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. For more information, email [volunteer@catholiccharities.net](mailto:volunteer@catholiccharities.net) or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

## Making Mary's Heart Our Own

January 1 has an almost carnival-like atmosphere to it. To celebrate it, we do all sorts of things: watch football games, drink champagne, toast new beginnings, wear crazy hats, set off fireworks, kiss and hug old friends, travel to visit extended families.

It's the time of year when we roll out the old and bring in the new – even to the point of dusting off the treadmill in the corner that has become nothing more than a resting place for dusty potted plants. It's the time for making new resolutions, new promises to ourselves.

But in the midst of all this excitement and hope comes a reminder: a baby lying in a manger – a baby whose birth, and life, so amazed not just a scraggly group of shepherds, but billions of people down through the ages who've been brought to their knees by the sheer, wondrous beauty of his birth.

That child, Jesus, causes us to call time out on the field, if you will, and spend a few moments in the midst of our various celebrations to make perhaps the most important resolution of all: the resolution to become reborn and renewed.

Luke's Gospel asks us to do it this way: in the midst of all of our new year resolutions, remember Mary who *treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.*

*"All these words"* certainly changed Mary. Consider what she had to ponder: an angel telling her she would to bear God's own son; a census causing her to travel to Bethlehem on a donkey's back; a manger filled with straw intended only for animals; a group of shepherds who are "amazed." She had to be asking herself: "What does all this mean?" "How will I cope?"



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**Let us promise ourselves that we will clean out a room in our hearts so there will always be space for God to be wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our love and our trust – a space within us in which the child Jesus can be re-born.**

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In her heart, Mary's ultimate answer to these questions was singular: Trust. Trust in the God in whom she fully believed. Trust that the angel's message was true: *Rejoice, O highly favored one, the Lord is with you.*

In the "Hail Mary" prayer, we use the words "full of grace" to describe Mary. But the Greek word used in Luke's original writing actually means "favored to the greatest possible degree" – the strongest of all conceivable words to show how much God loved Mary and treasured her openness and her willingness to trust.

Abiding in such trust, Mary became the ultimate disciple, the epitome of what it meant to follow Jesus. She is the one who surrendered her ego, who quieted her fears, who made the decision to trust – even though she had little knowledge of what was going on. In her wildest dreams, this poor, humble woman could never have imagined how significant her "yes" would be in human history.

In the language of new year's celebrations, Mary made a resolution – the resolution to open her heart to the amazing, enlivening fullness of grace; the resolution to voice a wholehearted "yes."

In today's Gospel, Luke challenges us to do the same. Luke asks us to make our hearts like Mary's ... to resolve to notice the angels that appear in our lives; to resolve to welcome the shepherds of today – the poorest of the poor; to resolve to open our hearts to new possibilities, new beginnings, new dreams.

On this first day of the new year, let us resolve to make the heart of Mary our own. Let us promise ourselves that we will clean out a room in our hearts so there will always be space for God to be wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our love and our trust – a space within us in which the child Jesus can be re-born.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx  
Anna Althoff  
Bertel Olson  
Paolo Basil  
Justin Peters  
Luke Kolman  
Kate Lynch

Alex Lopez  
Chris Parente  
Jose Cervantes  
Mary Paz Ramirez  
Tom Micinski  
Rebecca O'Brien

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  
Ray Genellie  
Justin Alden

Dave Hilko  
Steve Fortino  
Becky Francis  
Andrew O'Dekirk

Matt Donner is chair 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.

## Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil  
Anastasia Bullinger  
Kelly Dean  
Lisa Marquez  
John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien  
Chris Parente  
Mary Serrahn  
Dan Summins  
Mark Van Grinsven

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

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

## Parish Transformation Committee

Marilyn Aleide  
Paolo Basil  
Rick Blair  
Mark Buciak  
Shannon & Jonathan Clinton  
Michael Gallo  
Lisa Hanzelka  
Linda & Rob Harmer

Sara & Adam Hock  
Michael Kmec  
Jackie Koesters  
Fr. Frank Latzko  
Barbara McHugh  
Tom Micinski  
Rebecca O'Brien

**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 at [dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

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## Ministry Leadership Chart

<b>Faith Formation</b> Kate Lynch <a href="mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org">klynch@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Social Justice</b> Deacon Dean Vaeth <a href="mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org">dvaeth@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Liturgy</b> Fr. Frank <a href="mailto:fjsasso@aol.com">fjsasso@aol.com</a>	<b>Adult Spirituality</b> Lina Hilko <a href="mailto:lhilko@aol.com">lhilko@aol.com</a>
<b>Buildings &amp; Facilities</b> Tom Micinski <a href="mailto:tmicinski@stteresaparish.org">tmicinski@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Special Events &amp; Fundraising</b> Rebecca O'Brien <a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Stewardship</b> Rebecca O'Brien <a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Evangelization</b> 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**  
[klynch@stteresaparish.org](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)

### For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick  
**Contact Dean in the Parish Office**  
[dvaeth@stteresaparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

### Weekend Masses

<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, September through June

\* First Sundays

### Weekday Masses

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

