

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.

Alive



The earth shall be filled
with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

Stewardship

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A Steward's Reflection

Fr Frank said in his homily on Thanksgiving, to take one thing away from this mass --"have an Attitude of Gratitude."

Gratitude is the simple and profound feeling of being thankful. Gratitude is the foundation for generosity in the giving of ourselves. I am generous when I truly believe that I am abundantly blessed right here and now, that all my needs are being met. Then and only then can I give joyfully and generously. Giving sacrificially requires that we recognize that Christ died for *our* sins and that of the

whole world that we might experience forgiveness and eternity with HIM.

Adopting an attitude of gratitude isn't just something that sounds nice during the holiday season, it is a lifestyle and mindset choice that can drastically change your life, family and business.

Welcome your life to an Attitude of Gratitude, and suddenly you'll find that everything is falling into place!

- Lisa Marquez, Stewardship Committee

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.

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?

Kerry O'Brien donated and built the new coat racks for the parish center.

James Johnston donated his time and talent to perform with his band Bumpus at the Time of Your Life Gala.

Mark Buciak put his running skills to use and organized a parish wide Turkey Trot.

Saturdays in Advent

One outcome from our Parish Transformation process was the need to increase our visibility to people passing by on the streets. Have you ever noticed how many people pass by our Church every day? Advent is a perfect time to connect with those in the neighborhood who may not already have a church home.

With your help, we can open the doors to the neighborhood on Saturdays, offer hot chocolate, a beautiful church to warm up in, maybe even some Christmas music to get folks in the spirit.

Volunteers are needed to take shifts from 1pm-3pm and 3pm-5pm. It's a family friendly opportunity and all the instructions and supplies will be provided for you. You can sign up at: <http://signup.com/go/QXqgeV> or contact the parish office.

Save the Date: Ministry Fair, January 7th/8th !

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on January 7-8! 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 op-

portunities and other ways to get involved. The Fair will be open after all weekend masses and will feature food, drink and raffle prizes! Come and re-gift some your many talents!

Visit st-teresa.net/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

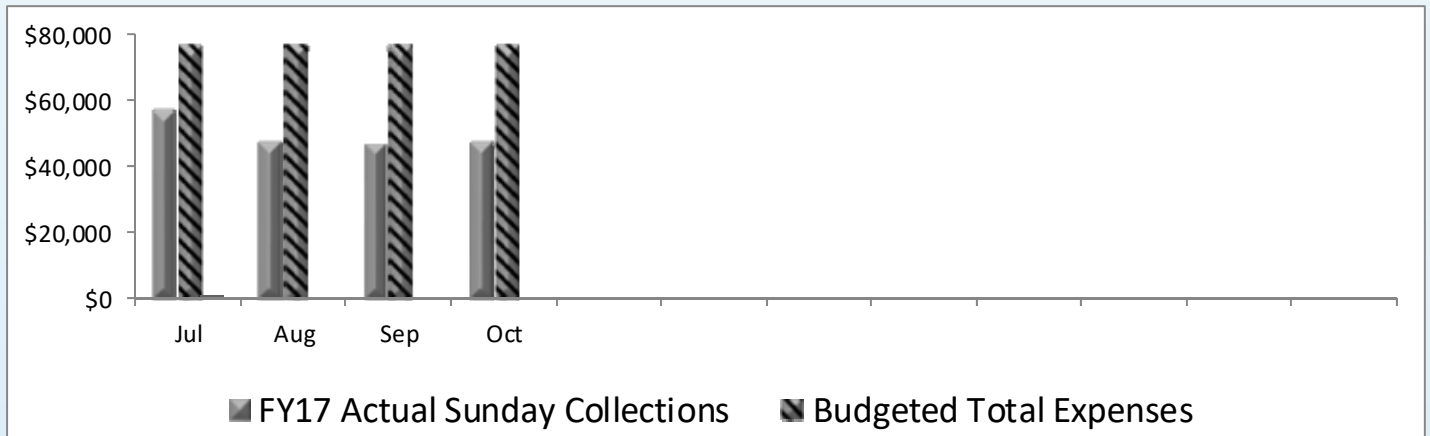
Catechists

**Fundraising
Committee**

**Members
Greeters**

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

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

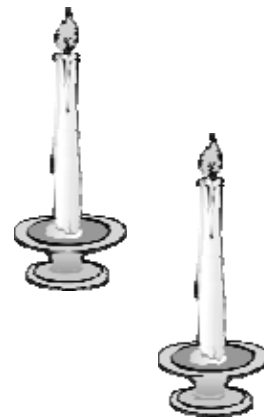


- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income versus expense. Total income includes Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, fundraising and miscellaneous donations.
- Due to holiday scheduling, the above graph is repeated from October 30.
- 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 mddonner19199@gmail.com.
- The next Finance Council meeting is yet to be determined.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count: 11-27-16

Average Daily Mass Attendance	7
Average Friday Communion Service	2
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	60
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	180
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	100
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	160
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	500
Confessions this Week	3
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2016	5
Weddings since January 2016	8
Infant Baptisms since January 2016	27



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 was an average 550 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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December Baptisms

Henrick Liam Lennox (12-4-16)



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, December 4

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

Monday, December 5

- 12:00 pm, PC, Deanery Meeting
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, IC-SJ, Advent Reconciliation (See p. 10)

Tuesday, December 6

- 12:00 pm, PC, Chicago House Training
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Training
- 6:00 pm, PC-REC, SPRED Christmas Party
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 7

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, December 8

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, Church, Immaculate Conception Mass

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Nicholas
Wednesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Juan Diego
Saturday: International Human Rights Day

- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Martes: San Nicolás
Miércoles: San Ambrosio; Día para recordar Pearl Harbor
Jueves: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María
Viernes: San Juan Diego
Sábado: Día Internacional de los derechos humanos

December 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, December 3
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 10
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 17
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 24
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

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

Sunday, December 4

9:00 am Emmanuel Faloyin; Dr. David Smith
 12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
 6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, December 8

7:30 am The Health of Dave Hilko
 7:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact 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.

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...

*Alicia Anderson
 Dorothy Barns
 Berta Billavazo
 Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu
 Elizabeth Ryan Dean
 Michael De Blasis
 Kathy Derrick
 Kim Duffy
 Isabelle Eiffert
 Jackson Fineske & Family
 Alice Flynn
 Padraig Gallagher
 Eloisa Gallegos
 Michael Gibbons
 Angela Goldberg
 Kaylee Gommel
 Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
 Les Gordon
 Mrs. Grabarczyk
 George Halloran
 Kellar Harris
 Peg Hausen
 David Hoffman
 David Ivanac*

*Chuck Jabaley
 Ronald Jakubec
 Krista Kutz
 Tom Kinsella
 Liz Kunkel
 Betty LaCour
 Carmen D. Lorenzana
 Gabriel Lozada
 Palmira 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*

*Marie Koesters-Ranley
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 Hector J. Rivera
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 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 Zeunert
 Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
12-10-16	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Luke Kolman	Margaret Burke	Carly Johnston Rob Harmer
French Mass 12-17-16	6:30 PM	Fr. Cesaire			
12-11-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Children's Service	Michael Zost Geneva Gorgo Frank Swiderski	Mark Van Grinsven Nancy Van Grinsven Jocelyn Lutkus Kevin Ludden
Spanish Mass 12-11-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Alejandro Lopez		
12-11-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Bert Olson	Maria Montes Laura Moran
12-11-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Craig Scanlon	Veronique Caffrey John Eiffert Sara Hock	Mary Serrahn Elizabeth Cuda Ellen Moiani Laura King

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4;
Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10;
Sant 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Treasures from Tradition

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

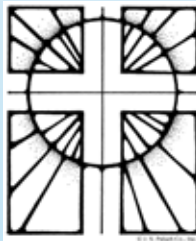
On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El 8 de diciembre, la Iglesia celebra solemnemente la Inmaculada Concepción de María. A la vez, la Madre de Jesucristo es honrada en Venezuela bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, en Paraguay como Nuestra Señora de Caacupé, en Panamá como Nuestra Señora de La Antigua y en Nicaragua como Nuestra Señora del Viejo.

Esta última advocación tiene distintas historias que relatan su origen. Hay quienes dicen que pertenecía a un viejo ermitaño que viajaba con unos marinos. En cierto punto la imagen no quiso continuar el viaje y el barco no se movió hasta que se bajó el viejo con ella. Según otro relato, Nuestra Señora del Viejo fue traída a Nicaragua por Francisco de Ahumada, hermano de Teresa de Ávila. Francisco viajaba a América y su santa hermana quiso mandar tres imágenes marianas como regalo a los misioneros religiosos que estaban evangelizando en Guatemala, Perú y Nicaragua. Durante el año 1562, Francisco entregó la imagen de la Purísima a los Franciscanos de Nicaragua en el pueblo de "El Viejo", por lo cual los nicaragüenses han declarado por años que "El viejo nos trajo a la Conchita". Hay que saber que el viejo Francisco tenía 41 años de edad cuando pasó por Nicaragua. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Prepare the Way

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Prepara el Camino

San Juan Bautista aparece hoy cuando el Adviento comienza su segunda semana. Juan, el misterioso consumidor de saltamontes y miel silvestre, hace eco de las palabras del profeta Isaías en su llamado al arrepentimiento en la cercanía del Reino de los cielos. Los ritmos de la vida cristiana son muchas veces confusos. Todos los años conocemos a Juan Bautista y oímos su llamado al arrepentimiento.

Todos los años lo vemos señalando al que vendrá después de él, al Señor Jesús. Sin embargo, cada año las palabras y las acciones de Juan Bautista hacen eco de nuevo en nuestro corazón, porque hemos caído una y otra vez en antiguas trampas pecaminosas. El Adviento nos da otra oportunidad para alejarnos del camino del pecado y aceptar el modo de vida del Evangelio. Juan Bautista nos invita a preparar el camino para el Señor en quien depositamos nuestra esperanza. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia, y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros.

Por lo tanto, acójense los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, tanto circuncidados como gentiles (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, “Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca” (Mateo 3:1-12).

St. Teresa said...

Poverty of spirit is a good that includes within itself all the good things of the world...Poverty of spirit embraces many of the virtues. In it lies great dominion.



Ministry of Care

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

If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.



**STOP IN
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TUESDAYS
7:00 TO 8:30 PM**

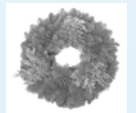


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Holiday Greenery Sale This Weekend

We will have a limited number of these items for sale (until the inventory runs out). This will be a cash and carry system: Cash or Checks only, please. The items will be for sale after all Masses in the Gathering Space.

Elegance Fir Wreath — This wreath has Noble Fir Base, and is decorated with pine cones, blue-berried juniper, other greens, and red berries. This wreath is a simple, yet refined look, and is perfect for indoor or outdoor use. **\$30**



Cardinal Centerpiece Basket — Simple yet elegant wicker basket comes with red bow and dashing cardinal bird--adding festive touches to any room. 10"W x 15"L x 10"H **\$30**



Dwarf Alberta Spruce — Live miniature tree. This Dwarf Alberta Spruce measures anywhere from 9-12", and comes in a one-gallon container. This tree is perfect for those that don't have space for a full Christmas Tree, or will be traveling around the holidays. **\$25**



Table Runner — Table runners make a striking addition to any size table. Made with long-lasting Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, and Blue Berried Juniper. Colorful, artificial berry clusters and natural and snow-capped cones add even greater holiday appeal to this festive arrangement. 28" L **\$25**



Elf Boot Centerpiece — Makes a cute decoration for a mantel or small table. Also makes a great hostess gift. **\$20**



Daddy Burger — The very popular swag with a base of thick, fragrant Noble Fir has been redesigned with Green Boxwood, Princess Pine, Blue-Berried Juniper and red berries. There are no cones. Frequently imitated, our quality can never be matched. 22-24"L **\$20**



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

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.

Missed the 2016 Giving Tree?

Even if you missed out on getting a tag for this year's Giving Tree, you can still buy a gift for a child between the ages of 5 and 13.

Just place your wrapped gift under the tree in church by Monday, December 19th. Mark your gift with the gender and age of the child.

Suggested gifts are: art supplies, school supplies and book bags, and age-appropriate toys.



Thank you for your generosity.



Advent Baby Bottle Project



Beginning on November 27th, the First Sunday of Advent, St. Teresa of Avila will participate in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.

This non-profit organization directly assists families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the three Chicagoland locations of *The Women's Centers* handle 5,000 appointments with expectant mothers.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for *The Women's Centers*. Please return the baby bottles; they are recycled afterwards.

Thank you for supporting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland* again this year.

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



Church Chat

Our Advent Reconciliation Service on this Monday December 5 at 7:00 PM will be celebrated at Immaculate Church in Old Town, located at 1431 N. North Park Ave.

As you know, the Archdiocese has launched a long-term process of evangelization and renewal called, ***Renew My Church***, and a major part of this effort is to create small groupings of parishes that are being asked to work together, sharing resources and ministries. Our particular grouping is comprised of the following four parishes:

St. Teresa of Avila
St. Vincent DePaul
St. Michael

Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph

Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph are two parishes that currently share one pastor and administrative staff.

The purpose of this grouping process is not only to address the shortage of priests and the declining number of Catholics attending Mass, but to look beyond parish boundaries to experience the Church as a larger reality than the parish to which we belong.

We are ***all*** in this together and ***Renew My Church*** is a way to become more creative in how we see the church and structure parishes. It is clear that if we want to reach the un-churched, we need to completely re-think how we do parish and create community.



We are *all* in this together and *Renew My Church* is a way to become more creative in how we see the church and structure parishes.

These are exciting times to be Catholic...the ball is in our court. Come, Holy Spirit!!!

Advent is a season of patient waiting for the lord to come into our lives *now*, in the present. This present "coming" prepares us for the final coming of Christ at the end of the world.

The first coming happened 2,000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem, when the Second Person of the Trinity entered human history in Jesus. Advent celebrates

three comings: future, at the end of time; present, as we live our lives; past, when the Word was made Flesh...the Incarnation... Christmas!!!

How are you waiting for the Lord to come? The Incarnation is extended in ***your*** flesh and blood and in the entire created world. How do ***you*** embody Christ? How do ***you*** experience and treat the world around you?

As St. Francis teaches us, how we experience and treat the earth, air and water is a reflection on how we treat our fellow human being.

This Tuesday, December 6, is the Feast of St. Nicholas, a great moment to teach our children about how Santa comes to us with gifts. Nicholas was a Bishop in Eastern Europe and is most remembered for secretly giving gifts to three young women who had no dowry because they were poor. One tradition is to place candy in the shoes of children. Another is the Candy Cane, symbol of the bishop's crozier or staff. The white color is a symbol of JOY, the red symbol of LOVE (giving one's life).

— Fr. Frank

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
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Stewardship Committee

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Mary Serrahn
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Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Matt Donner is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mddonner19199@gmail.com

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

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

Parish Transformation Committee

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Paolo Basil
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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.

Contact Dean at dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

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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, September through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

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

