

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.

Alive



Those whom the LORD has ransomed
will return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

Stewardship

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News from Welcome, Babies!



Our WELCOME, BABIES! project resulted in an enormous success which filled the storage room to capacity. Your generous response will outfit four newborns with enough left over for other newcomers! On December 2, Sumaiya gave birth to Hamida

who weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Mom and daughter are doing well and were thrilled with Hamida's wardrobe and baby essentials. Thank you again for your quick response to an important need.



Save the Date!
Cuisine du Coeur
"France, Food and Fashion"
Sunday, January 29th
11am - 3pm
More info coming soon

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?

- **Sasha Woods** put her artistic gifts to use by designing the "Art & Architecture" booklet.
- **Kristen Castelloni** utilized her organizational skills to run St. Teresa's annual greenery Sale.
- **Maureen Howard** put used her design skills to create the Time of Your Life Gala logos and post-cards.

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**

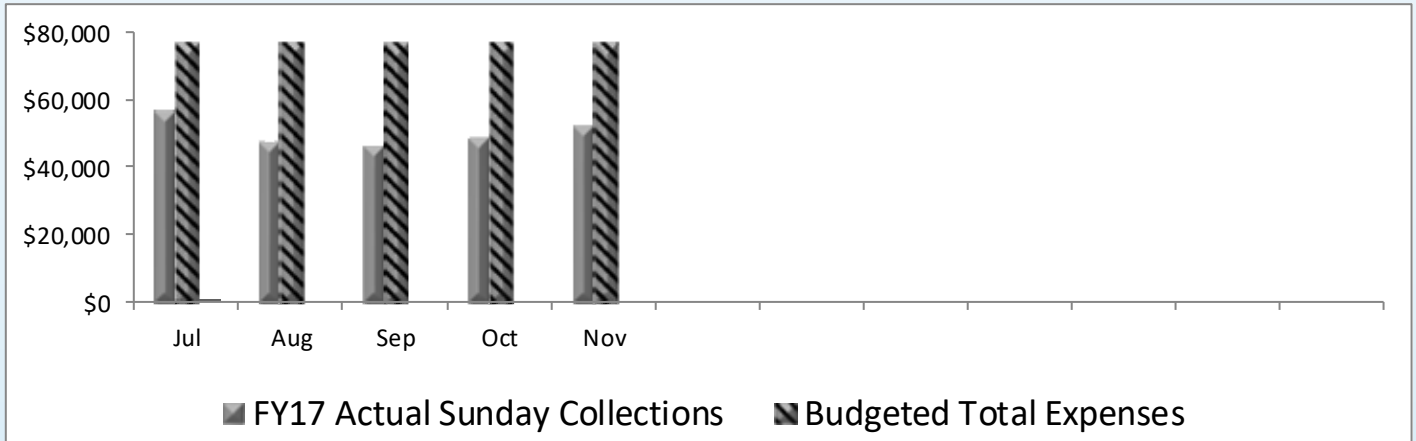
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

Refugee Mentors

Greeters

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

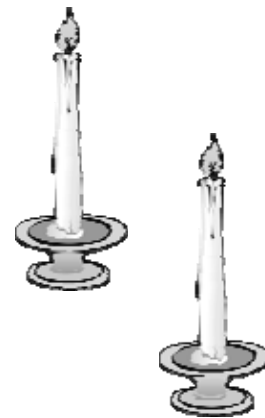
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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.
- 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, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at mtonner19199@gmail.com.
- The next Finance Council meeting is December 19th.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

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

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

Monday, December 12

- 1:00 pm, PC, Cuisine du Coeur Meeting
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

Tuesday, December 13

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass
- 7:30 pm, PC, CCFC Potluck

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Martes: Santa Lucía
Miércoles: San Juan de la Cruz
Viernes: Primer día de las Posadas

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



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.

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Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray

Saturday, December 10

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

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am Christopher Michael Buciak
 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>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>Ronald Jakubec</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Krista Kutz</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu</i>	<i>Tom Kinsella</i>	<i>Luis Rivera</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ryan Dean</i>	<i>Liz Kunkel</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Michael De Blasis</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Kathy Derrick</i>	<i>Carmen D. Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Kim Duffy</i>	<i>Gabriel Lozada</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Isabelle Eiffert</i>	<i>Palмира Mancini</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Alice Flynn</i>	<i>Jose Maroquin</i>	<i>Will Sullivan</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Lisa Marquez</i>	<i>Laura Szejka</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Daniel Meyer</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Marianne Usiak</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Sara Vega</i>
<i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i>	<i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i>	<i>Susan Violapiano</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Paul Nelson</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Peg Hausen</i>	<i>Frank O'Toole</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Carol Poyner</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.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
12-17-16	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Eric Fredericks	Lee Hartley Carly Johnston
French Mass 1-7-16	6:30 PM	Rev. William Piletic, CM			
12-18-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Chris Parente Jennifer Barrett Kevin Ludden	Barb Schell Margaret Burke Jamie Lutkus Rose Ohiku
Spanish Mass 1-1-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
12-18-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Mike Usiak	Carmen Ubides	Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro
12-18-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sharon Lindstrom Lector: Lector Needed	Dani Shain John Eiffert Cara Gannon	Sara Hock Elizabeth Cuda Bert Olson Eileen Raia

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

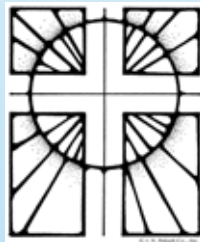
Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de Santa María Virgen.
Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 7:18b-23
Jueves: Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lc 7:24-30
Viernes: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Sábado: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Treasures from Tradition

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchos conocemos la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el Tepeyac, pero ignoramos que en Extremadura, España ya había una imagen de la Virgen con el nombre de Guadalupe. En 1252, la Virgen se le apareció al campesino Gil Cordero pidiéndole que trajera a los sacerdotes del pueblo para que escarbaran al lado del Guadalupe (río escondido). Al hacerlo, encontraron una pequeña estatua morena de la misma Virgen. Esta imagen, según la documentación enterrada con ella, la cual también relata su origen, fue escondida durante el ataque de los moros en el año 711.

Había sido un regalo del Papa Gregorio Magno al obispo de Sevilla después de que había resultado milagrosa. Su primer milagro fue el salvar al pueblo romano de una plaga en el año 591. Cuando la llevaron en procesión alrededor del castillo papal se apareció un arcángel que luego terminó la plaga.

Esta misma imagen fue un regalo al Papa Pelagio II traída de Constantinopla donde había sido trasladada con los restos del evangelista san Lucas en el siglo IV. Estaba con los restos de este santo porque él mismo la había esculpido en el primer siglo. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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A Season of Hope

Tiempo de Esperanza

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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Hoy podemos deleitarnos con el simbolismo que las lecturas de la misa nos ofrecen. En especial, la visión de Isaías de una tierra sedienta que florece en abundancia contiene un mensaje para cada uno de nosotros. La mayoría de las veces somos como esa tierra sedienta. Dejamos que las olas del consumismo, que se apoderan de tantos, nos absorban. Buscamos realizarnos en las cosas que el dinero puede comprar. Lamentablemente, esto nos deja como una tierra baldía, sedienta de algo que el dinero no puede comprar. Este tiempo sagrado tiene mucho que ofrecer para saciar nuestra sed. En una palabra, este tiempo ofrece esperanza. Se nos dice que los rescatados por Dios conocerán el gozo y la dicha. Para ellos, la pena y la aflicción habrán terminado. Tengamos esperanza en estas promesas.

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Today's Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).



Primera lectura — ¡Estén fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos. Los redimidos del Señor serán coronados con alegría eterna (Isaías 35:1-6a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca

(Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú el que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” Jesús les contestó, “Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que han visto y oído” (Mateo 11:2-11).

Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”



Men's Spirituality December 13th

Looking to discuss your spirituality with men of the parish as you also put that spirituality into practice by feeding the hungry?



Join the St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group this Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:30 am in the Parish Center as we prepare a portion of the meal for this week's Loaves and Fishes dinner.

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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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 or Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com

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.

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St. VINCENT
— Family Services —

A Mission of the Daughters of Charity

Church Chat

Advent is at its mid-point with the Third Sunday called "Gaudete Sunday," meaning "Rejoice." Christmas is drawing nearer and the light on our Advent wreath is getting stronger. Let's let these remaining two full weeks of Advent root us in prayer and meditation as we make the preparations for Christmas.

There will be a Christmas gathering in the Rectory next Sunday the 18th of December. Kerry O'Brien's fantastic Lamb feast will be the main fare. The celebration will begin at 7:00 pm after the 6:00 pm Mass. All are welcome!!!

Thank you to Sasha Woods for producing our new parish booklet and having it printed at her own expense; her booklet showcases our renovated church and explains the meaning behind its art and architecture. And thank you to all who helped by taking pictures, gathering information, and writing.

Special thanks to Mairead Reidy, Geneva Gorgo and Lorrie Donnell for organizing this ministry to help a number of mothers and their new born babies.

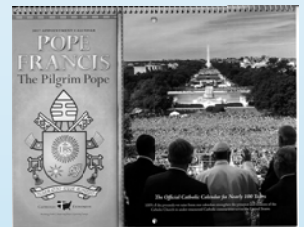
Their efforts were in response to a request by Catholic Charities to help refugee mothers. Our own refugee family is doing well and getting acclimated to life in Chicago. Thanks to Katherine Nicklin and the entire refugee committee for organizing the various activities for the family. May our parish strengthen its resolve to reach out to refugees. The Camino raised enough money to sponsor three new families. We'll need new volunteers for each new family. – Peace, Fr. Frank



2017 Calendars

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

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



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.



Joy is in the Ministry

During the first Holy Week after he was elected, Pope Francis raised a few eyebrows and opened many eyes. On that Holy Thursday he visited a prison for young people where he celebrated the annual washing of the feet. Not only did he wash the feet of Catholics, he included Muslims and women in the ritual. This was a big surprise for many Catholics, especially some clergy. For centuries, the Holy Thursday washing of the feet had been exclusively reserved to Catholic men.

During this past year, the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Pope initiated a custom of going out of the Vatican one Friday a month to perform some “work of mercy.” In August the Holy Father went to a home for women recovering from prostitution, many of whom had been victims of trafficking. This, too, was an eye-opener for many people.

In the Gospel today, John the Baptist, in prison for following his conscience, sent a group of his disciples to talk to Jesus. Unsure of whether Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, John’s message to Jesus was, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

Jesus responded using a clear reference to Isaiah 35:5-6: “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good



What if someone were to ask us the question put to Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” How would we answer?

news brought to them.”

If someone were to ask Pope Francis, “Are you the Holy Father who was chosen for the church?” could he not answer in words much like Jesus’? We see in Pope Francis the works of love and mercy that we saw in Jesus.

In two weeks we will sing, “Joy to the world.” The liturgy calls us to rejoice already today. “Gaudete,” rejoice! The coming of our Savior is at hand. Joy ought not be put off. Even as we work to prepare the way of the Lord we do it with light hearts, for we know that our Savior is coming to us soon.

In the first reading we hear this proclamation from Isaiah: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus.” Sometimes we experience our own

lives as being barren as a wilderness and as parched as a desert. During those trying times it may be hard for us to be glad and rejoice when we are struggling.

The same is true for others. Sometimes people – perhaps even people very close to us – may be hurting or struggling, may feel like their lives are hopeless, barren and dry. How can they find a cause for joy and gladness?

For inspiration this Advent, we need only look to examples set by Jesus and by Pope Francis. Their actions have brought comfort and healing to countless people. Their love and mercy have brought hope and joy.

What if someone were to ask us the question put to Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” How would we answer? Jesus ascended to the Father when he had completed his work on this earth. He left it to us to continue his work here. The hungry will be fed, the homeless will be sheltered, the lonely will be visited ... and *all* will find a cause for great joy when each baptized person continues the ministry and compassion of Jesus.

And we will find our own joy, too, as Jesus ministers to us through others, even (or especially) the ones to whom we are ministering.

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

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
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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.

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.

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.

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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

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

