

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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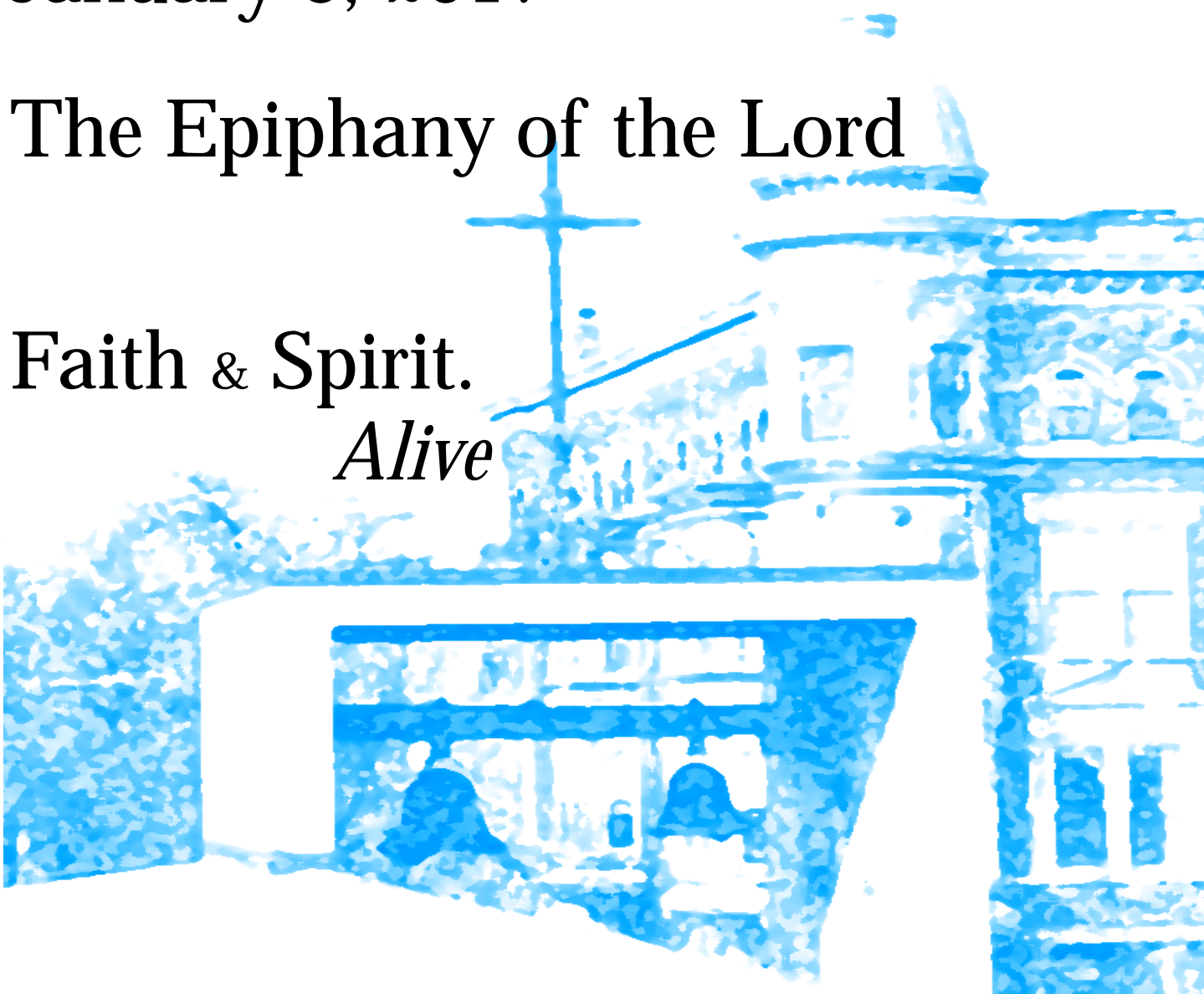
Chicago, IL 60614



January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

Stewardship

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A Steward's Story

Nancy and I are grateful for the spiritual and personal blessings we get from St. Teresa of Avila. We have been parishioners since moving to Lincoln Park in 2004. From our earliest days here, we were welcomed with the warmth of smiles and the extended arms and we have tried to respond in kind.

For us, stewardship has come through supporting a variety of ministries here at St. Teresa's. It seems like every time we step up to help, we gain something greater in return. Through the food pantry we have been brought closer to those of our neighbors who are less fortunate, reminding us of the blessings we have been given. Our involvement in the marriage preparation ministry has connected us with younger parishioners who, in turn, refresh our own marriage commit-

ment. Helping as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectoring have given us the opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation for the liturgical beauty that exists here. In addition, supporting the building expansion and *Time of Your Life* over the years has introduced us to so many generous supporters that care so much about the parish. Seeing so many others share their gifts of time and treasure is very inspiring.



— Mark Van Grinsven, Stewardship Committee Member

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 to learn more.

Welcoming Ministry

One of the action items of our Parish Transformation Process was to further enhance our welcoming initiatives. We are excited to announce a new "Welcoming Ministry."



Are you social/outgoing? Are you interested in helping with hospitality, welcoming new parishioners, even greeting folks at the door, or giving tours of the church?

You can learn more about this initiative at the Ministry Fair after the Masses this weekend, or email robrien@stteresaparish.org for more information.

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

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Wanted
Volunteers*

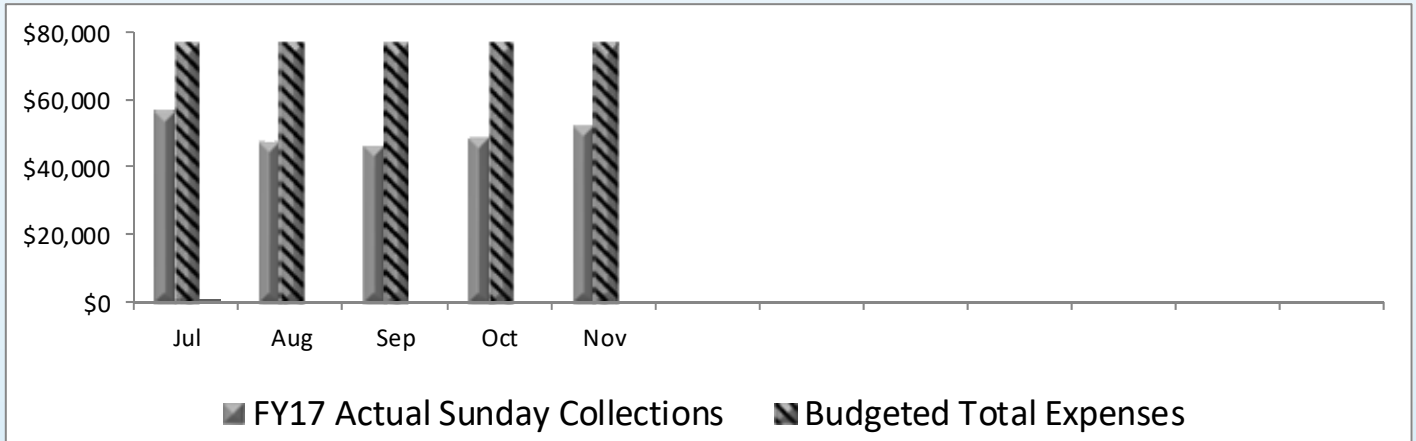
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

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

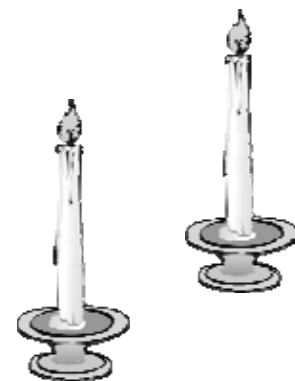


- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income versus expense. Total income includes Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, fundraising and miscellaneous donations.
- Our goal is to fund all operations 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 mddonner19199@gmail.com.
- The next Finance Council meeting is January 16th.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count: 1-1-17

Average Daily Mass Attendance	6
Average Friday Communion Service	2
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	55
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	55
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	35
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	50
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	-
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	195
Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2017	0
Weddings since January 2017	0
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	0



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; Christmas Count 780 people. 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 Owen 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 8

- 8:00 am, GS, Blest Art Sale
- 9:00 am, PC, Ministry Fair
- 9:15 am, Church, Children's Word Liturgy
- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

- 6:00 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 11

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, January 12

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Tuesday:** First Week in Ordinary Time begins
- Friday:** St. Hilary
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** La Epifanía del Señor; Semana Nacional de Migración
- Lunes:** El Bautismo del Señor
- Martes:** Comienza la Primera Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
- Viernes:** San Hilario
- Sábado:** Santa María Virgen

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

Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm Patricia Trussel; Nicole Pelley

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
 12:00 pm Gloria Santiago; Concepción Ramirez & Eusebio Lopez
 6:00 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
 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 Zeunert
 Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
1-14-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Rob Harmer	Eric Fredericks	Leigh Hartley Casey Bowles
Next French Mass 1-21-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
1-15-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Barb Schell	Kevin Ludden Michael Zost Lauren Hogel	Veronique Caffrey Carly Johnston Jamie Lutkus Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass 2-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Alejandro Lopez		
1-15-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Claire Kenkel	Maria Montes	Bob Pedro Laura Moran
1-15-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Callie Pogge	Elizabeth Cuda Mike Usiak	Dani Shain Mary Serrahn Cara Gannon Anne Seigenthaler

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28 o Heb 1:1-6 y 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:14-20 y 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39):2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Treasures from Tradition

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

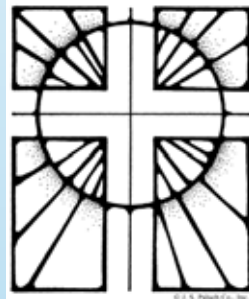
Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebres italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebres se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

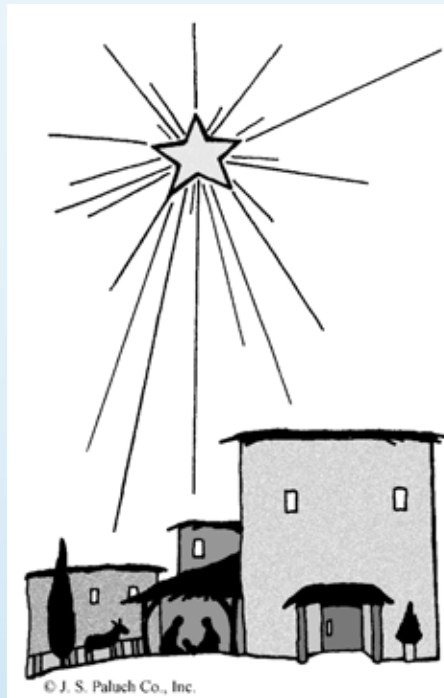
Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los venezolanos celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



The Star of Bethlehem

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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La Estrella de Belén

El desarrollo del relato de la Encarnación continúa hoy cuando la Iglesia celebra la Epifanía. La historia de los Magos de oriente es uno de los relatos más fascinantes de las Escrituras. Nos enseña mucho sobre qué podemos esperar, incluso en circunstancias y lugares que pueden parecer insignificantes. Belén era un pueblo diminuto, lo que hoy diríamos un pueblo sin siquiera un semáforo. Sin embargo, es sobre este lugar aparentemente insignificante que la estrella guía se detuvo en su búsqueda del lugar en donde el Salvador nacería. Muchas veces no comprendemos que la estrella de Belén se posa en nuestra vida diaria, donde podemos sentir la presencia de Dios, manifestada de maneras diversas y nuevas. La Epifanía nos llama a salir de nuestro estupor y a reconocer a Aquél que viene a salvarnos.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

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.



STOP IN
FOR QUIET PRAYER
TUESDAYS
6:00 TO 7:30 PM



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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

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 Feb 17-19, 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,
or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Next Men's Spirituality January 24th

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.

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 or email 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 return your baby bottles now.

Blest Art Here This Weekend!

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 7th-8th, 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. 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 or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

Epiphanies

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

There are two epiphany stories in most people’s lives. The first one, for me and many believers, is found in the depiction of Matthew’s Gospel in the annual Christmas plays we witnessed as children or later directed as a parish catechist. In that story three older boys dressed in the most elegant (to a child) costumes walk slowly down an aisle carrying their precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as the choir sings “We Three Kings” and, in rare cases, where the boy/kings themselves sing their own parts.

This is the Epiphany story of the wonder and mystery of Emmanuel the God with us - the God who is present for every one even the “foreign” Wise Men.

The second epiphany story is the story of how communities of people and individuals, you and I, came to believe in the presence and power of God in our own lives today. These are the personal stories of epiphanies in which we first came to experience the presence of God among us. They are the “aha” experiences that deepened our faith that God is truly with us in the here and now. There are many of them, stories of a God with skin. People and events where we see that light has come, and upon them the LORD shines. (Isaiah 60:1-2)



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For me it was my dad. An “abba” who taught me how to read by sharing the daily newspaper headlines and comic section while I sat on his lap long before I went to first grade. A man who made me feel safe, who challenged me when I needed it, who encouraged and guided without taking away my freedom, who let me make mistakes and then showed me how to learn from them. He took the experience of meeting the signs “Irish need not apply” to later impressing on his children the value and talents of every human being no matter their color, country of origin, financial situation, gender or sexual preference – long before there were movements or slogans. As a child and young adult I would not have

named my dad as an experience of God’s presence. It was later in life that I was able to name it. Often our epiphanies come not in the moment but in later reflection on people and events in our lives.

As a hospice chaplain I have the privilege of journeying with those who are dying and their loved ones. Almost daily I see the presence of God with us. I see couples expressing the faithful love of many years, both in concern for each other and in the deep grief of anticipated loss. I see alienated children return to a parent’s bedside after years of separation and be embraced by that parent. I see estranged family members come together to support their loved one. It doesn’t always happen, but when it does it is an epiphany.

And then there are the public figures and the “behind the scenes” unsung epiphany people who are prophetic in their actions for justice. These are the people who work to provide clean water and good nutrition for those around the world. Those who spend their lives working for reconciliation within countries where there has been ethnic cleansing or those who are making gains to educate others about sexual slavery and so many other contemporary issues.

On this feast I leave you with an epiphany question to ponder for yourself: “How are you an epiphany of the presence of God to others?”

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

Finance Council

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Justin Alden

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis
Andrew O'Dekirk

Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil
Anastasia Bullinger
Kelly Dean
Lisa Marquez
John Mitchell

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

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

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

Sara & Adam Hock
Michael Kmec
Jackie Koesters
Fr. Frank Latzko
Barbara McHugh
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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
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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

