

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b

Stewardship

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A Steward's Story

I first realized what “stewardship” was in 2003 when I was interviewing activists to answer the sociological question of how and why some people, particularly heterosexual people, chose to be involved in a lesbian and gay social movement organization.

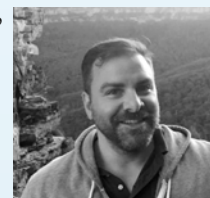
It was in one of these interviews where I met Gloria, a married woman in her late 50s from the Pacific Northwest who had two heterosexual sons. She told me, “...the bumper sticker on my car says, ‘To believe is to care, and to care is to do. So, it’s just, you can’t *not* be doing [activism] things.’”

Gloria’s words were transformative and left an indelible mark in my psyche. Like a logic problem, if

I “do” activism, then I have to “care” about others; and if I care about others, then could I “believe” in nothing? No!

From this point on, I began a journey to strengthen my soul (along with my body and mind) in unison, connecting my caring with doing in my faith, activism, and social communities.

— Danny Cortese, Stewardship Committee Member



Share your story!

Email robrien@stteresaparish.net

Special Thanks

Many thanks to all who are giving of their time, treasure and talents to make our community a special place.

Many thanks to Chris Parente and the entire Stewardship Committee for hosting this year’s ministry fair.

Fr. Frank and Fr. Tony both gave wonderful homilies to highlight the gift we have and our ability to use those gifts for the greater good.

Thank you, Deacon Dean, for sponsoring the cost of the St. Teresa Christmas ornaments. If you were not at Christmas Mass, you can still pick up a limited edition 2016 ornament at the back of the church.

Thank you to all of the ministry leaders for coming out to represent, and to everyone who attended the fair, thank you for taking steps to engage in the community.



Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- **Refugee Ministry Meeting:** Wednesday, January 18th ... 6:45 pm in the parish center. RSVP to robrien@stteresaparish.org.
- **#prayforpeace event:** Polar Peace March to support UCAN, Sunday, January 15th at 4:00 pm in Lincoln Park. Join the St. Teresa team at polarpeacemarch.org or email ellen.moiani@gmail.com.
- **Loaves & Fishes dinner:** Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5:00-6:00 pm. Register at <http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV>.
- **Food Pantry:** Saturdays, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/nLVPbN>
- **Night Ministry:** Wednesday, January 25th, bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/gxXR2u>.
- **Sign up for automated Sunday Giving:** Your support enables our mission. Please visit givecentral.org to sign up.

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

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

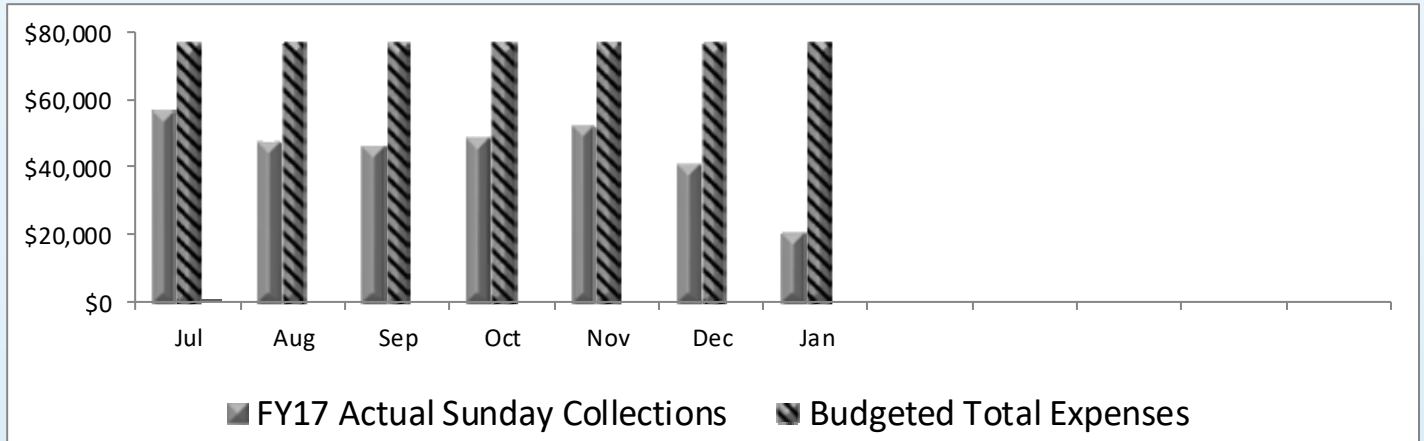
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

Refugee Mentors

Greeters

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

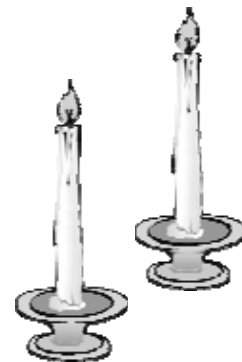
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at mddonner19199@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	1-1-17	1-8-17	1-15-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	6	6	
Average Friday Communion Service	2	3	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	55	70	
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	62	
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	55	150	
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	35	-	
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	50	150	
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	-	172	
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	195	604	
Confessions this Week	0	0	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	1	
Funerals since January 2017	0	0	
Weddings since January 2017	0	0	
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	0	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 15

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

Monday, January 16

- Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

- 6:00 pm, REC, Catechesis Training
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED
- 6:00 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 18

- 7:00 pm, PC, Refugee Meeting

Thursday, January 19

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, January 20

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

Saturday, January 21

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Día de Martin Luther King Jr.
Martes: San Antonio
Miércoles: Comienza la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
Jueves: Teofanía (Epifanía) en el calendario juliano
Viernes: San Fabián; San Sebastián
Sábado: Santa Inés

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, January 14

5:00 pm Vernon Hagenbring

Sunday, January 15

9:00 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

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.

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Rodolfo Bech, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Berendsen, Shaun Cantrell, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Andrzej Jastrzebski, 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 Billavazo</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 Zeumert</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>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
1-21-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Eric Fredericks	Minister Needed	Linda Harmer Carly Johnston
Next French Mass 1-21-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
1-22-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Geneva Gorgo Jennifer Barrett Jamie Lutkus	Rose Ohiku Margaret Burke Kevin Ludden Barb Schell
Next Spanish Mass 2-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Alejandro Lopez		
1-22-17	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Laura King	Alice Morales-Villenas	Aimee Jaszczor Mike Usiak
1-22-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Sharon Lindstrom	Dani Shain Bert Olson	Elizabeth Cuda Ellen Moiani Sara Hock Eileen Raia

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

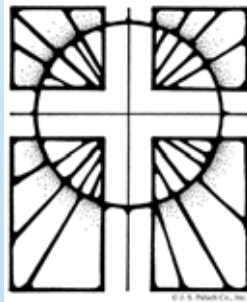
Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 85 (84):8, 10-14; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Treasures from Tradition

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Al escribir *Tradiciones de nuestra fe* me he encontrado con muchas fiestas patronales en España, Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos de América. Muchas de ellas mantienen su carácter religioso mientras que otras son simplemente una excusa para festejar, mejorar la economía local o hacer política, pero no por estas razones deben ser descartadas.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la fiesta de san Sebastián de las Ovejas en la frontera entre Argentina y Chile. Esta fiesta es más vieja que ambas naciones y su peregrinación pisa los dos suelos. A lo largo del tiempo, esta fiesta ha sufrido por razones políticas entre ambas naciones, pero a partir de 1980 las autoridades eclesiásticas, civiles y gubernamentales han intentado revitalizar esta fiesta por varios motivos.

Las autoridades eclesiásticas la usan para renovar el cristianismo añadiendo las enseñanzas y prácticas del Concilio Vaticano II a las tradiciones antiguas. Las autoridades civiles la utilizan para incrementar el comercio y el turismo en la región. Los gobiernos de Chile y Argentina la ven como un enlace benéfico entre ambas naciones.

Las fiestas patronales buscan integrar todos los aspectos del ser humano, su política, economía, cultura, celebración y religión. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Three Missions

Today we begin with one of the “servant songs” from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus’ ministry of service. Isaiah’s mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today’s Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus “outranks” John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John’s baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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Tres Misiones

Hoy comenzamos con una de las “cantos del siervo” del libro de Isaías, una canto profético sobre el ministerio de servicio de Jesús. La misión de Isaías no sólo es lograr que los hijos de Jacob se reúnan en Israel, sino también es convertirse en “una luz de las naciones” (Isaías 49:6). Jesucristo, como servidor, será el cumplimiento de la antigua profecía y la base de la nueva.

Este domingo comenzamos una serie de lecturas de la carta de san Pablo a los corintios. Aquí se define a Pablo de acuerdo a su misión: es un apóstol de Jesucristo. La Iglesia en Corinto a quien se dirige en su carta también se define: es parte de la Iglesia universal de Dios. Los corintios, como todos los cristianos, son llamados a la santidad.

Aunque la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se celebró el domingo pasado, el Evangelio de hoy también alude a la importancia de dicho acontecimiento. La lectura enfatiza que Jesús “tiene precedencia” sobre Juan: su bautismo en el Espíritu erradicará el pecado. Jesús acepta el bautismo de Juan, a pesar de que él mismo es el Cordero de Dios.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Tú eres mi servidor, Israel. Te voy a poner como una luz para el mundo (Isaías 49:3, 5-6).

Salmo — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

Segunda lectura — A los que Dios santificó en Cristo Jesús . . . tengan bendición y paz, de parte de Dios Padre y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor (1 Corintios 1:1-3).

Evangelio — Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo. Él es el Hijo de Dios (Juan 1:29-34).

Welcome, Babies!



As part of our parish refugee program we have outfitted four babies with all the essentials for their arrivals. Your overwhelming response resulted in so many wonderful donations, that Catholic Charities asked if we might support three more Moms who

are soon to give birth.

Our clothesline of requests will be in the gathering space Saturday/Sunday, January 21-22; we ask that you bring only the requested items since our overflow will be used for the rest. Most of the needed articles may be gently used. Simply attach the tag to the item and return it to St. Teresa by Sunday, February 5.

We are looking for everything from gently used crib sheets to strollers, rattles and baby carriers. And of course, cash gifts are welcomed to put toward cribs and car seats.

Thank you for your always generous response



Top: Sumaya's baby; **Left to Right:** Marie and her daughter; Tayuba and her daughter; Rabia and her two daughters

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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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

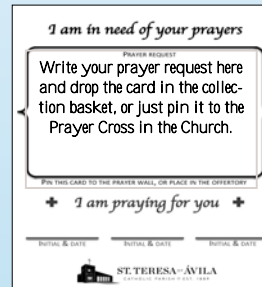
Call (312) 532-8286,
email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com,
or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Prayer Cards

Do you or does someone you know need prayers? Fill out a prayer request card and pin it to the wooden cross to the right of the tabernacle in the church. Want to let someone know that you're praying for them? Just initial and date the prayer card on the cross.

Blank Prayer Request

Cards can be found on the table next to the wooden cross in the church.



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; tooth-brushes & 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@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

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

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.



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



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA
CATHOLIC PARISH • EST. 1889

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.

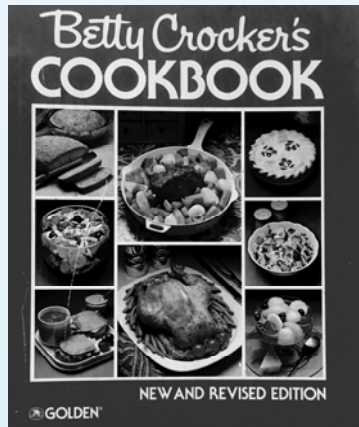
For more details, please contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com.

A Clear Call

When I graduated from high school in 1980, my godmother gave me a gift that was truly puzzling: *Betty Crocker's Cookbook*. I had no interest in cooking, and it was difficult to imagine how such a quaint book could have any relevance in my life.

As an 18-year-old woman, I had not yet sensed a “call” or vocation, yet my godmother saw future possibilities that were not on my radar: a wife and a mother. Now the cookbook’s well-worn pages testify to where and when I was responding to an ever-evolving call. Some pages hold memories of the necessity of finding recipes to create frugal meals when money was tight. Other sections help recall the satisfaction of following step-by-step instructions for canning vegetables and baking bread “from scratch,” and sticky pages trigger warm memories of baking desserts for a mom’s bible study. That quaint, puzzling gift was a confident statement about my future calls, and a certain expectation that I would offer nourishment to others.

The Scriptures on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time are a reminder of how frequently it is family, friends or mentors who will recognize our latent gifts and offer us a glimpse of where we will be called to serve. Our often-foggy vision gains a bit of clarity when others – through their confident words and actions – empower us to claim our gifts, to take on new responsibilities, and to accept that



The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect: What figurative “cookbooks” are within our power to give to others, encouraging their calls to be a source of nourishment?

we, indeed, are being called by God.

In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist boldly and confidently proclaim Jesus as the “Lamb of God” and the “Son of God.” These powerful titles lent the weight of authority and credibility to Jesus as he begins his public ministry. Not only did he establish Jesus’ solid credentials, John stated that Jesus “ranks ahead” of him. If Jesus ever struggled with discouragement in his calling because of the incessant attacks by religious leaders, or if the frustrations of not being understood by his closest friends and relatives wore him down at times, it must have been a source of strength to recall the words of the Baptist in this encounter, and the assurance

that John saw the “Spirit descend and remain” on him.

As Jesus lived out his call as the “Lamb of God” and “Son of God,” he witnessed that God’s love, mercy and compassion knew no boundaries. While John the Baptist initially recognized that Jesus “might be made known to Israel,” the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading attest that God desires salvation for all peoples and nations. This passage underscoring the servant’s awareness that his call had a wider scope than originally anticipated may have been in Jesus’ mind and heart as he brought God’s tender love and compassionate care to the outcasts, the unclean and the Gentiles. Jesus responded to a “call within a call” – the phrase St. Teresa of Calcutta used to explain how her unique vocation unfolded – as a “light to the nations,” as Isaiah foretold, his call extending far beyond Israel.

The Scriptures this Sunday hint that our calls from God are dynamic, and that they often come through the words of others, inviting, encouraging and challenging us to claim our gifts with confidence.

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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)
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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

