

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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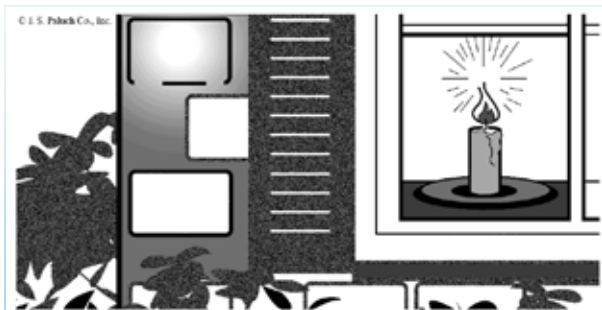
Chicago, IL 60614



January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14

Stewardship

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Refugee Update!

This week we received the following email from Brother Joe at the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program:

“On Wednesday, we received the Batal family, a Syrian case of 5. Upon arrival, they informed us their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter had traveled with them from Jordan to New York. In New York, they were informed their daughter would be going to Michigan, while we received her parents and siblings in Chicago. We contacted Michigan, who confirmed the processing glitch, and they agreed to transfer the case to Chicago. The family arrived in Chicago on Saturday morning. They’ll stay with their parents for about a week, since we didn’t have housing prepared for them, but hope to find a separate apartment nearby.

This family of 3 consists of Abdulkarim (age 30), the father, who was a tailor, his wife, Latifa (age 19), who is the daughter of the Batal family, and their daughter Bisan, who is 1 1/2 years old. Latifa is also in the early stages of pregnancy. They are from Aleppo.”

St. Teresa will provide financial assistance for the first three months of rent, plus security deposit, and furniture for their new home. Volunteers from the parish will act as mentors and friends to the family. Please pray for the family, and stay tuned for details. Donations to the refugee fund can be made at:

givecentral.org/location/209/10945.

Merci

Many thanks to all who are working tirelessly to prepare for *Cuisine du Coeur: France, Food & Fashion*, on January 29th. The event brings stewardship alive by putting to use the culinary talents and cultural gifts of our French Community. Please join us!



Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for children.

Please also consider volunteering one hour of your time to support the event – whether washing dishes, greeting people at the door, or staying to assist with event breakdown.

Volunteer sign up and ticket sales available at st-teresa.net.

A Steward’s Story

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

— Daniel Summins, Stewardship Committee Member

Share your story!

Email robrien@stteresaparish.net

Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- **Cuisine du Coeur: France, Food & Fashion:** Sunday, January 29th, 10:30am-3:30pm. Volunteers are needed for one-hour shifts. Combine attending with volunteering! Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/Dp8Xcb>. 
- **Loaves & Fishes Dinner:** Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5pm-6pm. Register at <http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV>.
- **Food Pantry:** Saturdays, 9am-12noon. 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. Get started at givecentral.org.

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

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

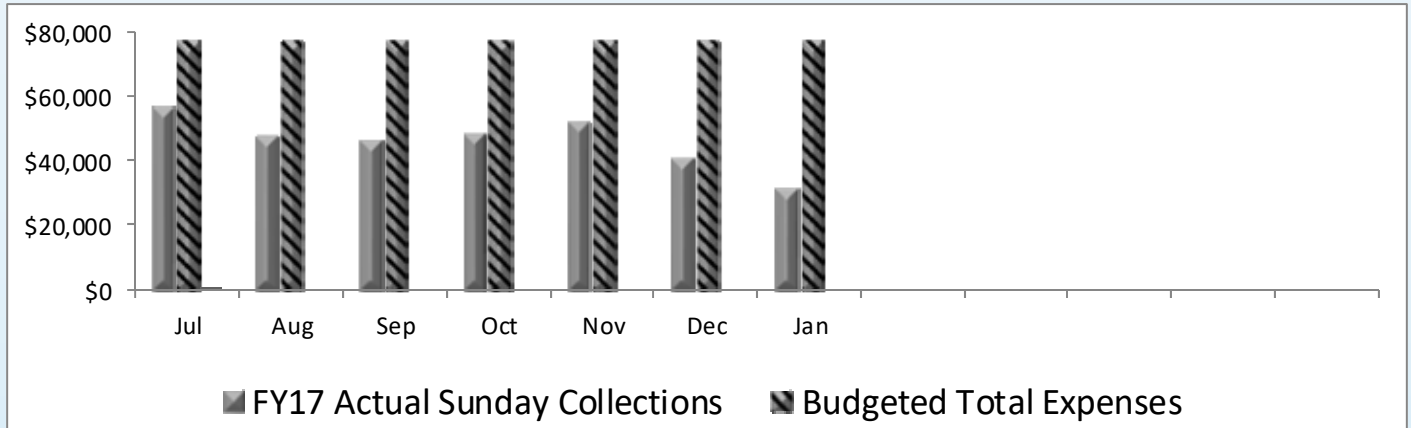
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

Refugee Mentors

Greeters

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

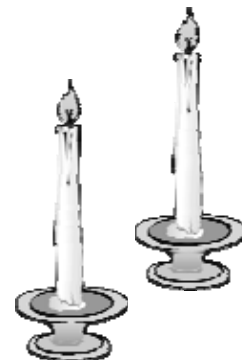
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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.
- This year, the Christmas Collection was 33,580 and the Greenery sale netted \$1,511.
- 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.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	1-1-17	1-8-17	1-15-17	1-22-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	6	6	7	
Average Friday Communion Service	2	3	3	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	55	70	53	
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	62	-	
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	55	150	198	
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	35	-	-	
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	50	150	210	
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	-	172	88	
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	195	604	549	
Confessions this Week	0	0	0	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	1	0	
Funerals since January 2017	0	0	0	
Weddings since January 2017	0	0	1	
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	0	0	3	



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 22

- 9:15 am, Church, Children's Word Liturgy
- 11:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, January 23

- 10:30 am, Kitchen-PC, Cuisine de Coeur
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, January 24

- 6:30 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 25

- 11:00 am, Kitchen-PC, Cuisine de Coeur
- 5:00 pm, Kitchen-PC, Night Ministry

Thursday, January 26

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 11:00 am, Kitchen-PC, Cuisine de Coeur

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 11:00 am, Kitchen, Cuisine du Coeur
- 11:30 am, Church, Memorial Mass

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul
- Thursday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas
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- Domingo:** Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Santa Marianne Cope; San Vicente de Zaragoza
- Martes:** San Francisco de Sales
- Miércoles:** La Conversión de san Pablo;
- Jueves:** San Timoteo y San Tito
- Viernes:** Santa Ángela de Merici
- Sábado:** Santo Tomás de Aquino

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 21

5:00 pm Bill Walsh

Sunday, January 22

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 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</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley Ronald Jakubec Krista Kutz Tom Kinsella Liz Kunkel Betty LaCour Carmen D. Lorenzana Gabriel Lozada Palмира Mancini George Maroquin Jose Maroquin Lisa Marquez Margaret Sue Meadors Daniel Meyer Bill Mobley John Monier Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M. Elda Myers John Paul Nelson Angel Nieves Msgr. Kevin O'Neill Frank O'Toole Clayton Poe Carol Poyner</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley Deacon Hector Rivera Hector J. Rivera Luis Rivera Pedro Rodriguez Ray Romero Jeffrey Roscoe Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD Jack Schank Will Sullivan Laura Szejka Mima Tome JoAnn Jahnke Trainer Marianne Usiak Sara Vega Susan Violapiano Jack Williams Valerie Williams Mae Witry David Zeumert Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
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Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
1-28-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Luke Kolman	Kari Richardson	Linda Harmer Lisa Hanzelka
Next French Mass 1-21-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
1-29-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Rose Ohiku Geneva Gorgo Carly Johnston	Ellen Moiani Jocelyn Lutkus Michael Zost Kevin Ludden
Next Spanish Mass 2-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Alejandro Lopez		
1-29-17	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Sasha Woods	Bob Pedro	Maria Montes Laura Moran
1-29-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Eileen Raia	Veronique Caffrey Sara Hock	Bert Olson Margaret Burke Minister Needed (C3) Elizabeth Cuda

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mc 3:22-30, *o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración*

Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35

Miércoles: Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18

Jueves: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 4:21-35

Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mc 4:26-34

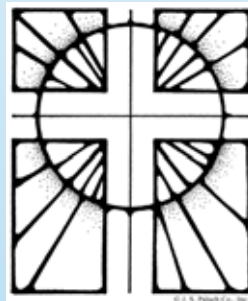
Sábado: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41

Domingo: Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 146 (145):6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Treasures from Tradition

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Los retablos de metal son famosos en muchas partes de Latinoamérica. Estos pequeños retablos o laminitas contienen imágenes de Cristo, la Santísima Trinidad, María, los ángeles u otro santo/a pintados sobre lámina, madera u otro material para decorar los altares familiares de los hogares hispanos. Aunque los retablos no siempre siguen las normas del arte cristiano, los retablos latinoamericanos son bellos ejemplos de la mezcla de culturas amerindias, europeas y africanas. Pero no todos los retablos son pequeños. En muchas iglesias coloniales de Latinoamérica se encuentran retablos

gigantescos hechos de mármol o madera, cubiertos de oro y joyas que recuerdan los grandes retablos europeos, pero con el color y folclor latinoamericano.

Originalmente, los retablos europeos eran pequeños y móviles, de tal manera que se podían colocar sobre un altar para la celebración de la Misa. Cuando la Iglesia fue construyendo sus propios templos, los retablos empezaron a formar parte de la decoración de los santuarios y tomaron dimensiones impresionantes. Los retablos pequeños pasaron a los hogares de los fieles, quienes quieren tener a Cristo y sus santos como parte de su diario vivir. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Liberation and Reform

Liberación y Reforma

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

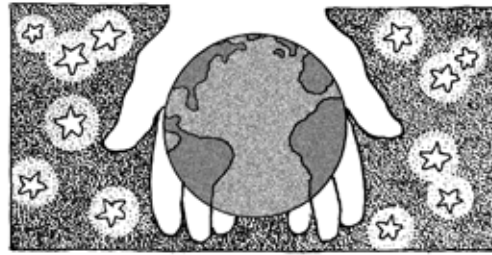
As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Aunque quizá tengas que usar un atlas para determinar que Isaías está hablando de Galilea, la primera lectura de hoy (parte de la cual se leyó en Navidad) profetiza el futuro ministerio de Jesús en esa provincia. La luz que trae la salvación y regocijo es, fundamentalmente, Cristo. El tema es la liberación: liberación de la ignorancia ("tinieblas") y también del pecado (el "yugo").

Mientras Isaías identifica un lugar, así Pablo describe una actitud: la actitud que crece, incluso entre gente buena, de equiparar su propia voluntad con el bien común. Esto siempre origina desacuerdo, y así ha ocurrido en Corinto. Pablo no permitirá esto; todos somos miembros del "partido de Cristo". El Evangelio no es para dividirnos.

Mateo cita a Isaías en el Evangelio de hoy, y presenta a Jesús como el cumplimiento de las profecías de Isaías. El tema es "Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los Cielos" (Mateo 4:17). Para difundir este mensaje, Jesús comienza a elegir discípulos, y hoy conocemos a cuatro de ellos: Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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Today's Readings

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 — 9:3).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27).

Segunda lectura — Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).

Evangelio — Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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 to help families in need.



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

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.

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

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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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.

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.



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



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From Darkness to Light

Today's readings are filled with contrasts: rich and poor, darkness and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership. Speaking to us today, Isaiah offers the image of rich nations being humbled. He foretells the coming of a savior from the poor, lowly land of Galilee. The second reading revealed the division in the early church as the newly baptized searched for their identity, aligning themselves to the one who baptized them. Paul had to remind them that the fledgling church had only one leader, Jesus, the crucified and risen Christ. Paul boldly challenged the people of Corinth, and challenges us today, to be "perfectly united in mind and thought." In our Gospel, we hear that Jesus (who was, indeed, perfectly united in mind and thought with God) withdrew after hearing of John's imprisonment, moved to Capernaum, and from there began calling forth those who would be his disciples. Finally, Psalm 27 proclaims "The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?" We can imagine David, and even Jesus, calling out to the Lord in their darkness and fear. Two millennia later, we continue to call upon God to lead us out of our darkness.

In our human experience, it is difficult to truly know the strength of the light unless we have experienced some form of physical, emotional or spiritual darkness. We can't know the peace of unity without experiencing the pain of divi-



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sion. We can't know the impact we can have on one person or on our world without seeing the emptiness caused by solitude and scarcity. Historically, division has had disastrous results. In the United States, divisive elections fractured a country that now struggles to unify. Following in the footsteps of Isaiah and Paul, luminaries such as Mahatma Gandhi, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and today, Pope Francis have shown us that we can live lives of peace and unity. Our challenge is to find methods to apply them in our country, in our communities, in our workplaces, in our homes, in our places of worship, and most importantly, within our-

selves.

When we truly examine our hearts, where do we dwell? Do we dwell in the darkness that is ignorance and self-righteousness? Do we go through our days with an "us vs. them," or "mine vs. yours" mentality? Do we withdraw and hoard our God-given gifts and treasures from those who truly need them? While *we* are dualistic by nature, God is not an either/or God. God is a both/and God.

In today's readings, God meets and walks with us in the darkness, in the division and in the solitude, calling us to light, unity and action. In the busyness of our days, how often do we ignore God, who is constantly and lovingly calling us to this wholeness?

Throughout our lives, the tension between dark and light, division and unity, withdrawal and leadership is one way God draws us into a deeper relationship. As we go forth this week, let us look at our lives and contemplate how God is calling us from our own physical, mental or spiritual darkness into light, from our unthinking words and actions that divide to words of peace that have the power to heal and mend relationships. And let us to consider the gifts and talents we can share with others who are struggling.

How many of us can honestly say we are "perfectly united in mind and thought" with one another and with God? That is today's challenge.

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
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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Stewardship

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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
klynch@stteresaparish.org

For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick

Contact Dean in the Parish Office
dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

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

