

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Be holy, for I, the LORD,
your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

Stewardship

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Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- Host hospitality after 9:00 am Mass: Hosts needed in April, May & June. Sign up at signup.com/go/BnYEHC
- Host or attend a Bible Study: Begins March 5th. Groups are forming. Email jackiekoesters@gmail.com for details.
- Attend the Time of Your Life Gala kickoff planning party: Wednesday, March 21st. Time and location TBD. For Details, Email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org
- Join the Welcoming Committee: Are you interested in greeting people on Sunday's, hosting a hospitality, giving tours of the church or helping with new member dinners? Email kmkutz@gmail.com for details.
- Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5pm-6pm. Register signup.com/go/NUtfbV.
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9am-12noon. Sign up at signup.com/go/nLVPbN
- Night Ministry: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at signup.com/go/gxXR2u.
- Sign up for automated Sunday Giving: Your support enables our mission. Get started at givecentral.org.



Refugee Ministry Update!

Our Parish is standing together with refugees who have come to Chicago seeking a new life. To help them, we are working with Catholic Charities to find employers willing to hire them. Many need entry level jobs as they improve their English and get acclimated. Many others have well developed skills they would like to put to use. They are all eager to work and contribute to their new country.

We are currently looking for the following positions :

- Janitorial
- Construction and General Labor
- Tiling/Flooring
- Painting
- Driving
- Retail

If you think you may have an opening, please call or e-mail me to arrange an interview. If you have, or know of, any **other opening**, please let us know. We will try to match your position with one of the refugees.

Pat Murray (312) 388-9112 patrickfmurray@mac.com

Donations to the refugee fund can be made at: givecentral.org/location/209/10945.

Looking for Stories

Do you have a story to tell that involves Stewardship? Has volunteering your time, or donating to a cause changed you in some way? How has volunteering helped you connect with your church, or experience a deeper connection with God? Can you share your story to inspire others?

Share your story!

Email robrien@stteresaparish.net

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

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Volunteers*

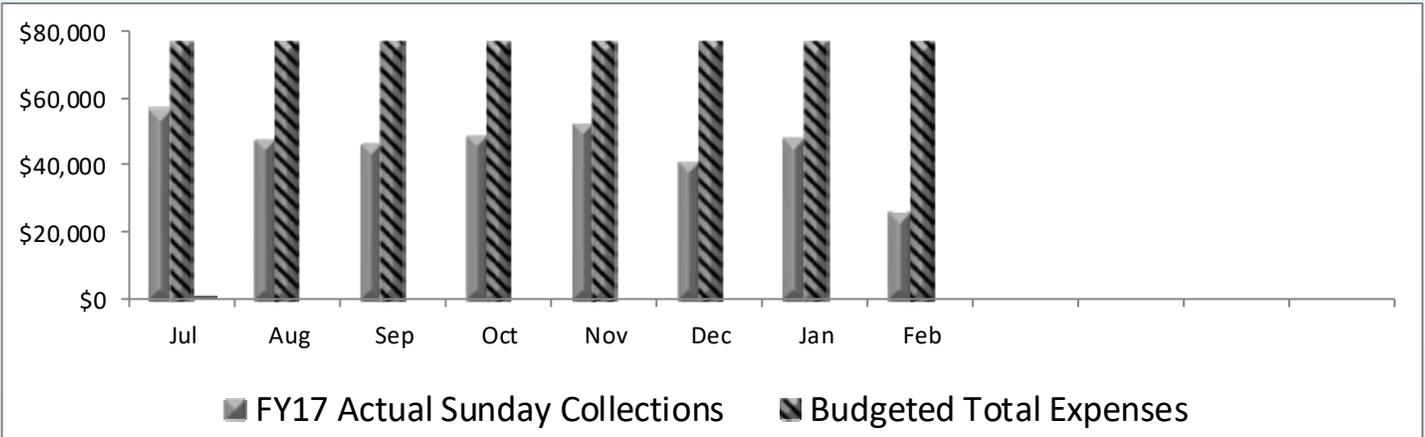
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

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; 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:	2-5-17	2-12-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance		7	7
Average Friday Communion Service		3	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		100	103
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		60	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		225	225
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		40	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		135	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		40	150
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		600	608
Confessions this Week		0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		1	0
Funerals since January 2017		0	0
Weddings since January 2017		1	1
Infant Baptisms since January 2017		3	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 2017 January Count averaged 489 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 Calendars

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
2-25-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Minister Needed	Carly Johnston Kari Richardson
Next French Mass 2-18-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
2-26-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Karen Carpino	Theresa Jabaley Rose Ohiku Kevin Ludden	Michael Zost Frank Swiderski Jocelyn Lutkus Margaret Burke
Next Spanish Mass 3-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Garcia, CM	Alejandro Lopez		
2-26-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Laura Strybel	Laura Moran	Anne Seigenthaler Ellen Moiani
2-26-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Callie Pogge	Eileen Raia Luke Kolman	Cara Gannon Veronique Caffrey Sharon Lindstrom Bert Olson

Sunday, February 19

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 20

- President's Day — Parish Office Closed
- No 7:30 am Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 6:30 pm, PC-Church, Minister Training

Thursday, February 23

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, February 24

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

Saturday, February 25

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Damian
- Wednesday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Polycarp
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- Domingo:** Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Día de los Presidentes
- Martes:** San Pedro Damían
- Miércoles:** La Cátedra de San Pedro
- Jueves:** San Policarpo

February 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, February 4**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, February 11**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, February 18**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, February 25**
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 Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Rodolfo Bech, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Berendsen, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Shaun Cantrell, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Joseph Kamalick, 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

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
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
Dave Hilko
David Hoffman
David Ivanac*

*Chuck Jabaley
Ronald Jakubec
Krista Kutz
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*

*Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Will Sullivan
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*

#prayforpeace

Please pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago between February 9th and 14th:

† Priscilla Gloria Reyes	† Alvin Stoll	† Ryan Ellis
† Edwin Eliseco Chuy Cutzal	† Kennan Turner	† Takiya Holmes (age 10)
† Walter Long, Jr.	† Taurins Pope	† Lavontay White Jr. (age 2)
† Aliya Acosta (age 2 mos., child abuse)	† Tenisha Mallet	† James Johnson

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@sttereseparish.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.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Lecturas de la Semana

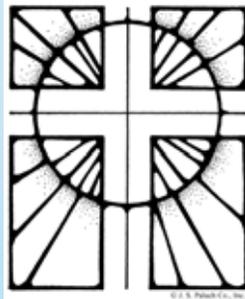
Lunes: Sir 1:1-10; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Mc 9:14-29
Martes: Sir 2:1-11; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles: 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Jueves: Sir 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mc 9:41-50
Viernes: Sir 6:5-17; Sal 119 (118):12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mc 10:1-12
Sábado: Sir 17:1-15; Sal 103 (102):13-18; Mc 10:13-16
Domingo: Is 49:14-15; Sal 62 (61):2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Treasures from Tradition

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called “Christians.” From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Aún lo recuerdo, estaba viajando en el metro de la ciudad de Roma cuando subieron dos mujeres con niños. Vestían como si fueran a una fiesta de disfraces. Noté que todas las personas las evitaban. Eran gitanas, esas a las que mi mamá y mis tías me iban a dar si no me portaba bien. Los gitanos no tienen una buena reputación entre las naciones. Tienen la misma reputación de los pastores de Palestina que vivieron en tiempos de Jesús. Se piensa que son ladrones e inmorales, gente a la que hay que tenerle miedo.

Sin embargo, decimos que Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor. En Jesús, todas las personas que jamás creeríamos capaces de alcanzar la santidad, lo logran. Tal es el caso del Pelé o Zeferino Jiménez, un gitano que en 1936 fue fusilado por militares españoles. El motivo de su muerte fue la enseñanza y difusión de la fe en Cristo. Su muerte fue la cumbre de una vida de fe como franciscano seglar. El ejemplo de vida que este gitano nos dio, logró hacer que los españoles lo respetaran y olvidaran sus prejuicios en contra de su gente. Además de eso, evangelizó a sus hermanos gitanos. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Divine Wisdom

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Sabiduría Divina

El mensaje del Señor, por medio de Moisés, fue "no te vengarás ni guardarás rencor . . . , ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Levítico 19:18). Podríamos pensar, "Excelente enseñanza pero no es muy realista".

Y en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se adelanta. ¿Si te golpean, pon la otra mejilla? ¿Tratar a los enemigos como si fueran amigos? Y así otra vez, estamos tentados a pensar que son bonitos ideales, pero no muy prácticos en el "mundo real".

Pablo hace eco a las palabras de Jesús cuando les dice a los corintios que lo que parece ser sabiduría de los hombres es absurdo para Dios. La sabiduría divina brilla sobre los buenos y los malos, llueve sobre los honestos y deshonestos, sin distinción. Debemos examinar nuestra sabiduría y sentido común para ver cómo estos se comparan con la sabiduría de Dios, y hacer los ajustes correspondientes. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

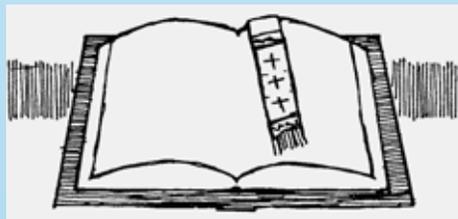
Today's Readings

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

Parish Life

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Join the 6PM Mass Choir!

Do you like to sing church music? You're invited to join other parishioners once a month to sing as a choir at 6:00 pm Mass.



This is a friendly group that has no weekly rehearsals, no robes, no age limits, and no auditions. Simply meet by the piano at 4:30 pm for a warm-up and brief rehearsal before 6:00 pm Mass.

Mark your calendar to sing with the choir for any of these Masses:

- Sunday, February 26th at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, March 19th at 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am
- Sunday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

Email Krista Kutz at kmkutz@gmail.com if you're interested in joining. All are welcome!

Girl Scout Cookie Sale!

Members of our local Daisy Troop will sell cookies on Sunday, March 5th from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm.

Stock up on all your favorite varieties and try our brand new S'mores cookie for only \$5/box.



All girl scouts in the parish are welcome to participate at the booth sale.

Please contact Janel Palm to secure your spot. janelpalm@mac.com, (773) 575-3028.

Sign up for online giving at

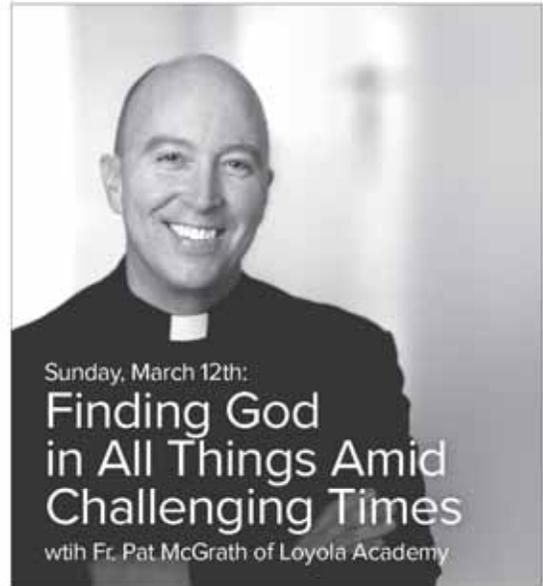
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Living in today's overly busy, noisy world, it is difficult to set aside time to reflect on our faith and our God. He may be always talking to us BUT in our high-tech world, we often don't hear Him. Even Jesus has to withdraw from the crowds: "...very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where He prayed." Lent is the perfect time to set aside time to reconnect with Our Lord. Join Fr. McGrath, of Loyola Academy, for *Finding God in All Things Amid Challenging Times*, an afternoon of quiet reflection, observations and conversation.

Sunday, March 12th
Immaculate Conception Church
1431 N. North Park Avenue
1:30pm-4:00pm
immediately following 12:30 p.m. Mass

Fr. Pat McGrath, SJ, President of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, is a popular retreat leader and noted homilist who focuses on the practical living of our Catholic faith. He uses storytelling, scripture and wisdom from the Catholic tradition and the spirituality of St. Ignatius to help us reflect and experience God.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal This Weekend

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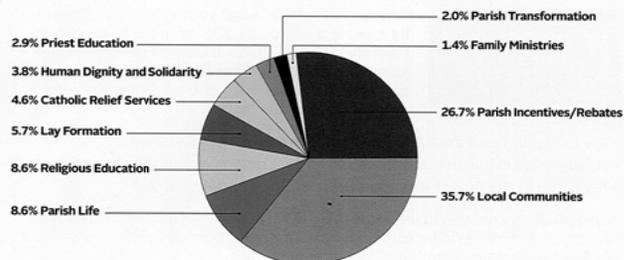
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Ministry Priorities of the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal	
\$ 5,000,000	<i>Local Communities:</i> support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
\$ 1,200,000	<i>Parish Life:</i> programs to support parish vitality – evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$ 1,200,000	<i>Religious Education:</i> support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$ 800,000	<i>Lay Formation:</i> continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$ 640,000	<i>Catholic Relief Services:</i> assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$ 535,000	<i>Human Dignity and Solidarity:</i> activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace and Justice initiatives
\$ 400,000	<i>Priest Education:</i> continuing education for priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$ 275,000	<i>Parish Transformation:</i> programs to revitalize local parish communities
\$ 200,000	<i>Family Ministries:</i> programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
\$ 3,750,000	<i>Parish Incentives/Rebates:</i> funds raised in excess of individual parish goals are returned to the parish for use with their local ministries
\$14,000,000 Ministries Total	
\$ 1,500,000	<i>Cost of Appeal:</i> design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors who implement the Annual Catholic Appeal
\$15,500,000 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal	

Any funds raised are carefully spent; it is money for God's work and we use it accordingly.



Next Men's Spirituality February 28th

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.

Marriage Encounter Dates

"Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 7-9, 2017, June 9-11, 2017, or August 11-13, 2017, all in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Early registration is highly recommended.



For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at (630) 577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

God Calls Us to Holiness

On June 17, 2015, nine members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina were shot to death while participating in a Bible study in the basement of their church. The shooter, a 21 year-old self-proclaimed white supremacist, had *wandered* into the room that evening.

Can you picture it? Nine black church-goers in the midst of prayer and study, look up to see a young white man in jeans and a sweatshirt.

Did they politely ask him to leave? Did they threaten to call the police if he did not leave? No. They invited him to join them. For a time, he did just that, he participated in their Bible study. And just as they were ending their session, heads bowed in prayer, he pulled a gun out of his fanny pack and one by one he shot them. Can you imagine the anguish the families of those nine people experienced? I cannot. I cannot even begin to imagine what it must be like to lose a loved one so suddenly and so violently. And that is what makes the next part of this story so stunning. Only three days later, when invited to share a statement at the shooter's bond hearing, several of the family members turned to the shooter and said "I forgive you."

In today's first reading, God instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to be holy as the Lord their God is holy, to bear no hatred in their hearts, to take no revenge, to cherish no grudge and to love their neighbor as themselves. And who is their neighbor? Jesus responds to this



Did their forgiveness mean they no longer hurt? No. Yet their decision to love and forgive not only stopped a potential cycle of violence and vengeance, it made it possible for good to follow.

question in Chapter 10 of Luke's Gospel with the parable of the good Samaritan: *your neighbor is the one who is not like you*. In today's Gospel as Jesus brings his Sermon on the Mount to a close, he seems to save the most challenging part for last: Love not only those who are like you or even those who are not like you. Go one step further. Love your *enemy*. In this way, you will be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Few of us will be called to love in such horrific circumstances as those who lost loved ones in Charleston that night. But all of us have people around us who are difficult to love. It might be that co-worker who loudly snaps her gum in the next cubicle, or perhaps the committee chair who never listens to our ideas. It might be the protesters

blocking traffic, or a family member with whom we haven't spoken in many months. The wisdom of the world might call us to be righteous in our particular situation, but as Paul tells us in the second reading, the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God. God calls us to holiness.

The man who shot those nine people was certainly not a friend. He was indeed their enemy. Yet, even in the midst of unimaginable pain, their family members knew that this man was still their neighbor. From somewhere deep inside themselves they knew that they were called to love that neighbor, to love their enemy. Did their forgiveness mean they no longer hurt? No. I am quite sure the family members of those victims continued to ache deeply. Yet their decision to love and forgive not only stopped a potential cycle of violence and vengeance, it made it possible for good to follow.

Only twenty-three days after the shooting, the Confederate flag — long believed to be a racist symbol — was removed from South Carolina's statehouse.

These family members reflect the spirit of today's readings. They show us how to be holy and perfect as the Lord our God is holy and perfect. It cannot have been easy for them. But they show us that with God's grace, it can indeed be done.

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
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Finance Council

Jane Bronson Jack Halpin Ray Genellie Justin Alden	Dave Hilko Steve Fortino Becky Francis Andrew O'Dekirk
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Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil Anastasia Bullinger Kelly Dean Lisa Marquez John Mitchell	Rebecca O'Brien Chris Parente Mary Serrahn Dan Summins Mark Van Grinsven
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Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is chicago2381@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Transformation Committee

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
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Barbara McHugh
Tom Micinski
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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
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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

