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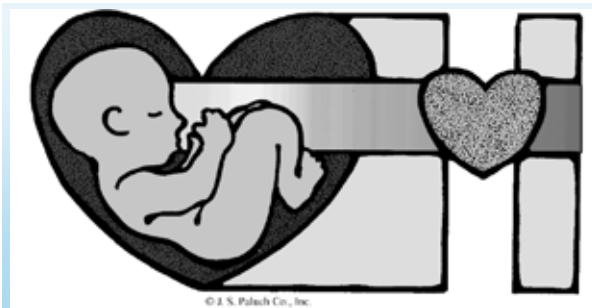
Chicago, IL 60614



February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.
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Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15

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.

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

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Wanted
Volunteers*

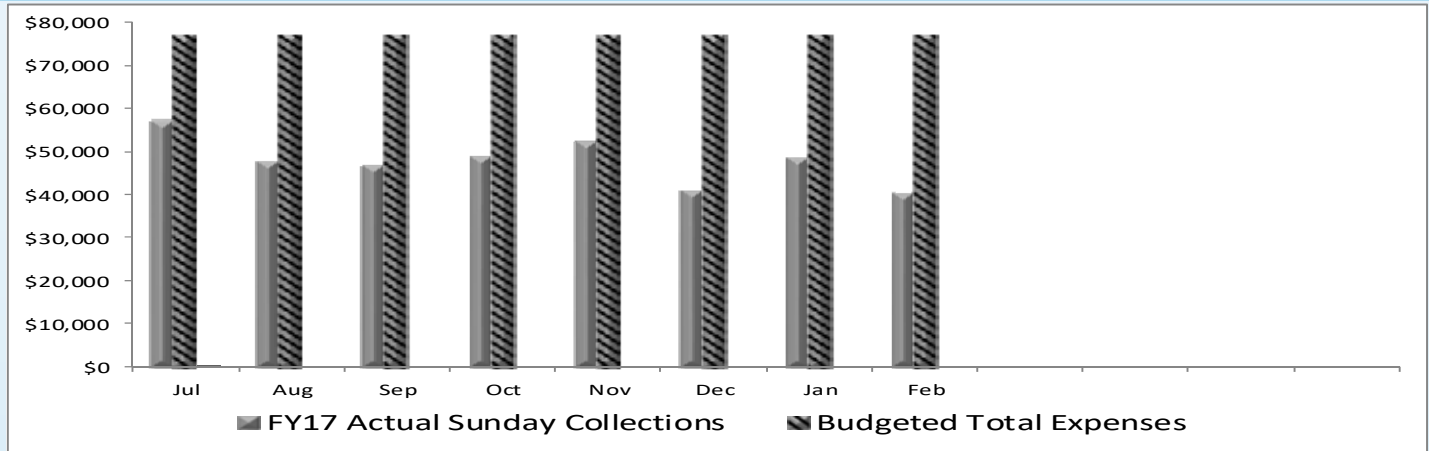
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

Refugee Mentors

Greeters

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

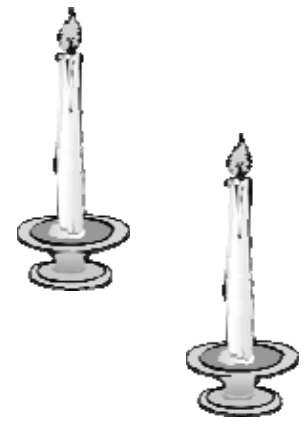
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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.
- 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@stteresaparish.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	2-19-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	7	7	7
Average Friday Communion Service	3	3	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	100	103	50
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	60	-	60
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	225	225	160
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	40	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	135	130	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	40	150	130
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	600	608	530
Confessions this Week	0	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	0	0	0
Weddings since January 2017	1	1	2
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	3	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
3-4-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Barb Schell	Minister Needed (H2)	Minister Needed (C1) Linda Harmer
Next French Mass 3-4-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
3-5-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Jamie Lutkus Theresa Jabaley Margaret Burke	Frank Swiderski Kevin Ludden Minister Needed (C3) Rose Ohiku
Next Spanish Mass 3-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Garcia, CM	Carmen Ubides Carmen Vazquez	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
3-5-17	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Carmen Ubides	Mike Usiak Bert Olson
3-5-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Mary Serrahn	Cara Gannon Ellen Moiani	Eileen Raia Dani Shane Luke Kolman Laura King

Sunday, February 26

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, REC, Lenten Workshop

Monday, February 27

- 12:30 pm, REC, Chicago House

Tuesday, February 28

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 6:00 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED PC

Wednesday, March 1

- 7:30 am, Church, Mass with Ashes
- 12:00 pm, Church, Word Service with Ashes
- 7:00 pm, Church, Mass with Ashes
- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, March 2

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

- 10:00 am, OC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Julian Calendar Lent begins
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
- Friday:** St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Casimir; First Saturday
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- Domingo:** Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** Inicio de la Cuaresma en el calendario juliano
- Miércoles:** Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y abstinencia
- Viernes:** Santa Katharine Drexel; Abstinencia; Primer viernes
- Sábado:** San Casimiro; Primer

March 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, March 4

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 11

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 18

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 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 Patrick Reidy

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
Tracy Mirabella
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 15th and 22nd:

† Delray Talbert	† Iveill Hudson	† Chad Robertson
† Eddie Thomas	† Maximiliano Arroyo	† Jorge Navarro, Jr.
† Jashawn McBride (2 mos., child abuse)	† Brent Johnson	† Eddie Wade
† John Gonzalez	† Kanari Gentry-Bowers (12 years old)	† Lazarec Collins
† Travis Joseph	† Filogonio Rivera-Camacho	† Malike Ellis
† Willie Cook	† Julian Miller	† Steven Jackson
	† Emmanuel Camacho	

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 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Sir 17:20-24; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 10:17-27
Martes: Sir 35:1-12; Sal 50 (49):5-8, 14, 23; Mc 10:28-31
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 51 (50):3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Treasures from Tradition

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch

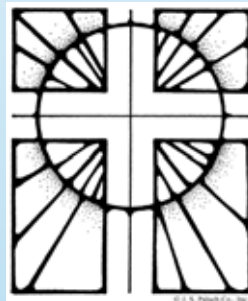
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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Empezó nuevamente la Cuaresma, este tiempo anual en que recordamos y celebramos los cuarenta días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, donde fue tentado por Satanás. El mismo nombre "Cuaresma" recuerda la importancia del número 40 en la tradición judeocristiana. Cuarenta fueron los días del diluvio, los días en que Moisés y Elías pasaron en la montaña de Dios, y los años que el pueblo de Israel caminó por el desierto a la tierra prometida. El número 40 en la Biblia simboliza las pruebas y dificultades de la vida terrenal. Cuarenta es el número de la preparación para algo importante y de crecimiento en la vida.

La Cuaresma cristiana que se remonta hasta el siglo IV no sólo conmemora los días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, sino que debe ser un tiempo para reflexionar acerca de nuestra propia vida con sus pruebas y dificultades. El Papa León Magno describe la Cuaresma como un retiro durante el cual los fieles, recordando el ejemplo de Jesús, se preparan para celebrar la Pascua con un corazón purificado y la práctica perfecta de la vida cristiana. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,

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Don't Be Anxious

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



No Se Inquieten

Pareciera que las personas tienden a inclinarse hacia el lado equivocado en asuntos sin importancia. De pronto pueden engancharse con decisiones de poca importancia como qué cenar o qué ropa ponerse.

Es frecuente que una tragedia sea la que ayude a la gente a volver a centrarse en lo que realmente es importante. ¡Qué ropa debo ponerme es tan irrelevante cuando tengo que ir a una sesión de quimioterapia! ¡Qué hay para cenar también es irrelevante para quienes están desempleados!

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que no nos preocupemos. Él no dice: "No coman. No cocinen. No compren ropa". Él dice: "No te preocupes". Jesús nos pide que no abandonemos nuestras responsabilidades sino que hagamos a un lado a nuestra ansiedad. La ansiedad demuestra una falta de confianza y Jesús nos recuerda que "Nuestro Padre en el Cielo sabe" qué es lo que necesitamos (Mateo 6:32). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Dios nunca te olvidará (Isaías 49:14-15)

Salmo — Descansa sólo en Dios, alma mía (Salmo 62 [61]).

Segunda lectura — No juzgues, sólo Dios juzgará (1 Corintios 4:1-5).

Evangelio — Dios alimenta a las aves y viste a las flores. No estés ansioso; Dios conoce todas tus necesidades (Mateo 6:24-34).

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.

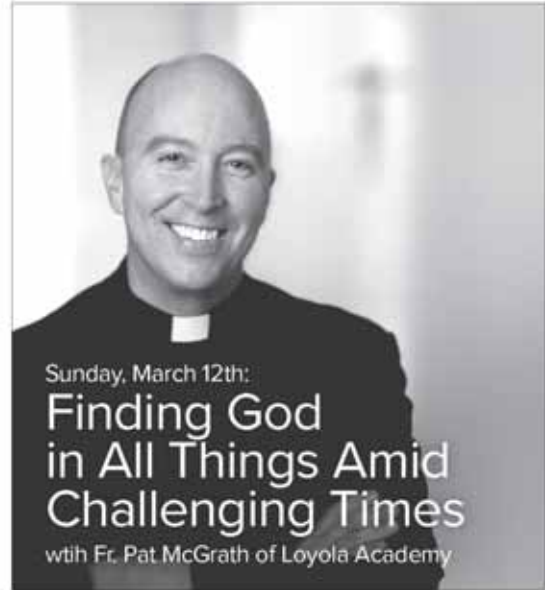
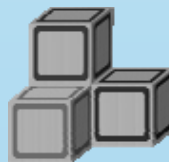
Friday Morning Playgroup Forming

A new baby-toddler playgroup is forming at St. Teresa of Avila.

**Friday Mornings
9:30 — 11:30 am**

Religious Education Center
1940 N. Kenmore Ave.

**Contact Kate Lynch for more information
klynch@stteresaparish.org**

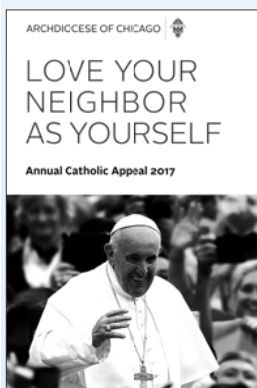


Living in today's overly busy, noisy world, it is difficult to set aside time to reflect on our faith and our God. He may be always talking to us BUT in our high-tech world, we often don't hear Him. Even Jesus has to withdraw from the crowds: "...very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus 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



If you missed last weekend's 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, it's not too late to donate.

Just complete the donation envelope according to the instructions and put your envelope into the regular Sunday collection. We'll forward your commitment to the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays in Lent.



Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics 18 years old but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

The Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy / Saturday.

Regulaciones de Cuaresma

La abstinencia de carne es para ser observado por todos los católicos de 14 años o mayores en el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.



El ayuno es para ser observado el miércoles de ceniza por todos los católicos de 18 años, pero aún no 59. Los que están obligados por la presente puede tomar sólo una comida completa. Dos comidas más pequeñas se permiten si es necesario para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo a las necesidades de uno, pero comer alimentos sólidos entre comidas no está permitido.

El ayuno, así como la abstinencia Pascual, se prescriben para el Viernes Santo y alentó para el Sábado Santo.

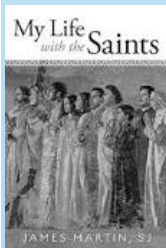
Marriage Encounter Dates

"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>.

Lenten Book Study for Young Adults



If you are a young adult in the parish (out of college and approximately more or less about under 35ish) and are still looking for a way to engage your prayerful side during lent, St. Teresa is going to be hosting a book study over James Martin's *My Life with the Saints*. It is Fr. Martin's story of becoming a priest and how the lives of the saints influenced his journey. If you aren't familiar with Fr. Martin, he was the Jesuit advisor on the movie *Silence*, the unofficial chaplain of "The Colbert Report," and is a gifted and approachable writer.

We are considering meeting weekly during lent on Sundays or Tuesdays, so if you are interested please email john.dewyze@gmail.com.

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.

Worry or Tender Trust

These late February texts combine to describe the God given gift of trust. The Gospel asks the great question of “why worry?” The wildflowers don’t worry. The birds don’t worry. Why should you? If God cares for them, why would God not equally care for you? The Isaiah text speaks of God’s tenderness as like that of a mother towards an infant. A mother gazing into the eyes of a newborn embodies trust — just as the child in that eye-lock is learning how to trust. The Corinthians passage advocates that stewards be “trustworthy,” and implies that establishing trust is about taking care of what has been entrusted to us.

Many people today argue that they are spiritual but not religious. I often argue that you can’t have one without the other. The spiritual aspects of one’s self needs tending by the religious as well as the religious side needs tending by the spiritual. How do we guard the tender trust within us without trustworthy stewarding of religious or other institutions? Imagine if schools or teachers, priests or pastors, lawyers or politicians were not worthy of trust. Then the spirit within us withers. When religious or other kinds of institutions lose their way and people don’t find meaning or value in their work, they can become dispirited and feel a great unraveling of the connection between the inner and the outer life of trust.

Lucy Bregman, in an interview captured in the article, “Spirituality: Unpacking a Glow Word,” (*Bearings*, Autumn 2016),



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says “the term [spirituality] glows so strongly that it is hard to say anything really bad about spirituality.” This alone “ought to make us wonder.” She also says there are at least 92 definitions of spirituality, mostly arguing that it is a good warm feeling or a thing.

My favorite definitions of spirituality are a *sense of meaning* and a *sense of connectedness*. The prelude to both meaning and connection is trust. Each child needs her or his mother’s eyes to be dependable so that he or she can grow up as a trustworthy person. We develop an inner glow so that we can create outer connections that are meaningful. We become builders of trust so

that others may trust — especially so that those who mistrust or have never found trust in their mother’s eyes have a way to find the tenderness God wants to give them.

Many of us are reeling from extraordinary volatility — in the church, in the environment, in technology. Families struggle with how to tend their young in these times of great change. I find that acknowledging how rapidly things are changing helps me practice trust. I don’t mistrust what is happening so much as see it, notice it, say it, remark upon it.

The kind of terrorism and public violence we see today has been hard to comprehend. Many have tragedy fatigue. We can’t even remember the latest horrific event given how frequently these tragedies occur. The sad outcome is this: we forget the awesome tenderness of God towards us. We worry. Then we start to worry about worrying.

Instead we could become more spiritual, more religious, more full of meaning and of connection. We could become meaning makers, stewards of great gifts. We could gaze with the eyes of an infant who learns to trust by looking into the tender eyes of God.

We could pray today’s psalm: “Trust in him [our tender God] at all times, O my people! Pour out your hearts before him [our tender God]” (Psalm 62:9).

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
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The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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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

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Michael Gallo
Lisa Hanzelka
Linda & Rob Harmer

Sara & Adam Hock
Michael Kmec
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Fr. Frank Latzko
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
Contact Dean in the Parish Office
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Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm ⁺
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

⁺ First and third Saturdays, September through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

