

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1

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 
- 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.

(Final Four) Fondue Party!

A limited number of space remains for St. Teresa Annual Fondue Party on **Saturday, April 1st. \$75/person**, 100% of the proceeds benefit St. Teresa of Avila.

This year's party is being hosted in the home of Janel & Mike Palm, along with co-hosts Rebecca & Kerry O'Brien.

Come out to have a great time with fellow parishioners, and make some new friends along the way. Enjoy food, drinks and fondue donated by Geja's Cafe. Basketball fans fear not! The Final Four games will be on for you to cheer on your favorite teams.

Email Janel at janel.palm@mac.com to RSVP.



Gala Volunteers Needed



The *Time of Your Life Gala* returns to Germania Place this year on Saturday, November 11th. Save the date!

The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's event. If you are fun, social, outgoing, and not afraid to ask your friends, family, coworkers, or complete strangers to buy a ticket or donate an item to our auction, then this ministry could be just the place for you.

Email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org for more info.

Offertory Campaign Results

Many thanks to the tremendous support of the parish in our recent offertory campaign. The results are in: We have 48 new givers on Give Central, and another 50 people have participated in our campaign by making an increase to their weekly giving.

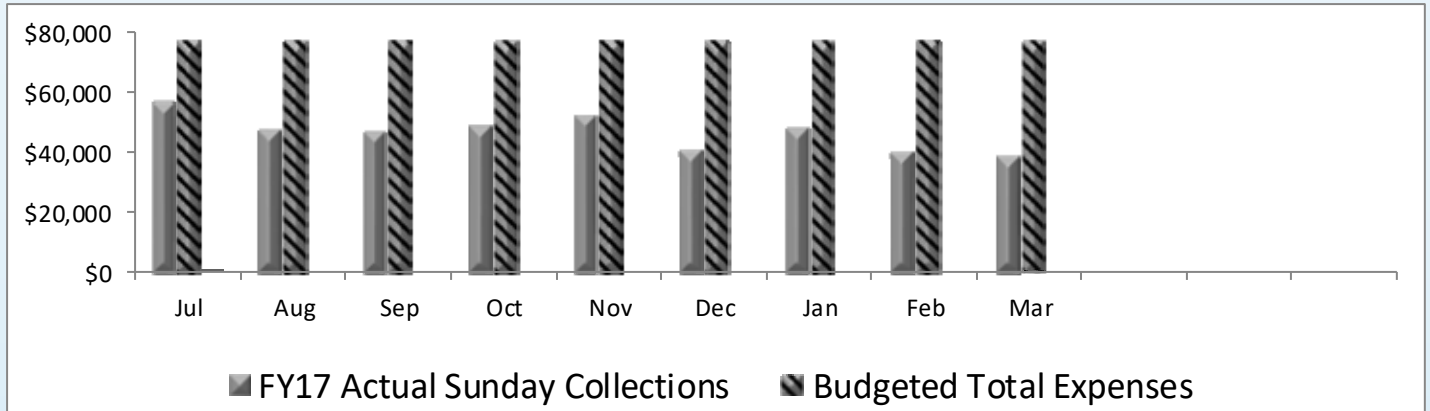
On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for stepping up to help the finances within the parish. It's inspiring to see the community come together in this way to make our parish better.

The success with this campaign will get us closer to our goal of covering 100% of our expenses from Sunday Offertory Collections. With a strong financial foundation, we can do even more for our members, the community, and those in need.



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:		
	3-5-17	3-12-17	3-19-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	8	12	12
Average Friday Communion Service	3	3	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	75	80	100
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	65	-	70
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	240	190	190
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	60	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	140	145	150
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	150	210	130
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	730	625	640
Confessions this Week	0	21*	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1	1	0
Funerals since January 2017	0	1	2
Weddings since January 2017	1	3	3
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	3	3	3

* First Confessions

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570. 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
4-1-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Minister Needed	Leigh Hartley	Lisa Hanzelka Kari Richardson
Next French Mass 4-1-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
4-2-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Children's Service	Mark Van Grinsven Rose Ohiku Ellen Moiani	Jamie Lutkus Nancy Van Grinsven Carly Johnston Minister Needed
Next Spanish Mass 4-2-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Carmen Ubides Carmen Vazquez	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
4-2-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Claire Kenkel	Carmen Ubides	Laura Moran Mike Usiak
4-2-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Eileen Raia	Bert Olson Margaret Burke	Cara Gannon Sharon Lindstrom Dani Shane Elizabeth Cuda

Sunday, March 26

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 4:00 pm, PC, *Romero* with Fr. Frank

Monday, March 27

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, March 28

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 4:20 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Catechist Training
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED PC
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Meeting

Thursday, March 30

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 1

- 10:00 am, REC-Church, 1st Communion Retreat
- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Fist Saturday Rosary
- 4:00 pm, GS, Loom
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma
Viernes: Abstinencia
Sábado: Primer sábado

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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April 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 8

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

Saturday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 29

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, March 25

5:00 pm Jay Rhoads; Patricia Young

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
12:00 pm Georgina Garcia; Guadalupe Madrid de Montes
6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 am Elinora Moral Eav

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, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Anthony Mastro, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., 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
Bolívar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon
Mrs. Grabarczyk
George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
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
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 March 16th and 22nd:

† Ishmael Jackson † Donovan Swint
† Titus Jackson † Robert Crenshaw
† Charles Lockett

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: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Treasures from Tradition

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta semana recordamos el nacimiento de uno de nuestros propios héroes: César Estrada Chávez, quien nació en Arizona en 1927 y falleció en Los Ángeles, California en 1993. El racismo y la injusticia de su tiempo, obligaron a él y su familia a salir de su natal Arizona, pues sus padres perdieron sus tierras a causa de unos malhechores. En 1938 el destino lo llevó a Los Ángeles, al barrio "Sal, si puedes".

Con la ayuda de Dolores Huerta y otras personas, en 1962 fundó el movimiento sindical de campesinos que daría a luz a *United Farm Workers* para protestar por las injusticias que nuestro pueblo sufría en los viñedos, situación que bien puede describirse como barbarie. Muchos se unieron a la "huelga" y al boicoteo de uvas bajo la bandera roja del águila azteca y el estandarte de Guadalupe. De esta manera, con símbolos de nuestro origen indígena y religioso, César nos enseñó que "Sí se puede" salir adelante.

En dos ocasiones, en 1972 y en 1988 respectivamente, debido a que algunos compañeros del movimiento querían incurrir en la violencia para salir adelante, César hizo un ayuno de 24 y 36 días respectivamente. De esta manera exhortó una vez más a todo el movimiento de que sólo mediante el trabajo, la fe y el sacrificio se pueden lograr las cosas. ¡Sí se puede! —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Children of the Light

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Hijos de la Luz

El futuro rey, David, en la primera lectura de hoy, es un ejemplo de un tipo de personaje presente a lo largo de las escrituras hebreas. Es el hijo que nace fuera de lugar (no es ni el mayor ni el preferido) pero a fin de cuentas recibe la promesa de la alianza. El espíritu de Dios lo llena con su unción. En esto, se parece al hombre que nació ciego del Evangelio de hoy. La familia de David y la comunidad del ciego no esperaban que la gracia milagrosa del amor de Dios obrara por medio de ellos. Quizás ellos, también, estaban "ciegos" por las expectativas y suposiciones de los que los rodeaban. Sin embargo, luego de ser tocados por Dios, ambos "vieron" la presencia de la voluntad de Dios para ellos. Ambos se convirtieron en mensajeros de la voluntad de Dios. Ese mismo Espíritu de unción de Dios nos llenó en nuestro bautismo; se nos dio un cirio como símbolo de que somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Luz de la Luz. Nuestra vocación, entonces, es cumplir esa iluminación, esa unción, como se nos dice en Efesios, viviendo como "hijos de la luz". Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).

Evangelio — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

Coffee? Tea? Bible Study?

Join fellow St. Teresa members in studying the *Acts of the Apostles*, just down the street at Starbucks. Each study runs for nine weeks - join at any time. Participants will be provided two books: the scripture and a workbook to respond to questions about the scripture. Pick a night and join the group!



All groups meet at Starbucks, 1001 W. Armitage Ave.

- Monday at 7:00 pm, leader Jackie Koesters
- Tuesday at 7:00 pm, leader Marisol Sarabia
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm, leader Karen Carpino

Questions? Email Jackie Koesters at jackiekoesters@gmail.com

Loom Visit April 1-2 After Masses

Representatives from LOOM will be at St. Teresa during the weekend of April 1-2 to showcase their hand-made crafts.

LOOM is a group of Artisan Women Refugees who create functional art, one-of-a-kind objects. These are women who have fled war and violence from around the globe, currently we have Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Burma, Malaysia and Sudan represented at our weekly workshops.

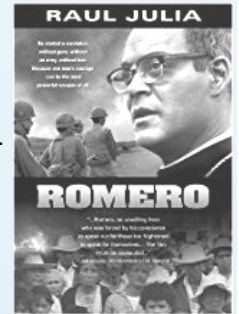
At LOOM they get the opportunity to create beautiful products, form a supportive community, learn from each other and from local artists, earn an income and empower themselves in their readjustment in the new country and culture different from the ones they come from.

If you would like to see more about us or some of our products you can visit our website www.loomchicago.com



An Evening in El Salvador this Sunday

All are invited to join Fr. Frank for *An Evening in El Salvador* on Sunday, March 26...for a movie and discussion; 6:00 pm Mass; and afterwards, some Pupusa.



4:00 pm –View the 1hour, 45 minute movie *Romero*, about the life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero who died for his opposition to the tyrannical repression in El Salvador on March 24, 1980.

6:00 pm – Attend Mass with Fr. Frank

7:00 pm – Then partake in a Pupusa tasting while discussing the movie and Fr. Frank's last visit to El Salvador.



Pupusas were first created centuries ago by the Pipil tribes who inhabited the territory now known as El Salvador, and is the only extant traditional native dish remaining.

Join us for this celebration in support the 2017 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project.

Please let Fr. Frank know if you plan to attend.

Women's Spirituality March 28th

On Tuesday, March 28th, join Women's Spirituality for an evening of quiet prayer, reflection and discussion in the Religious Education Center, Atrium



III, at 7:30 pm. Enter directly into Atrium III at the first door south of the main Parish Center on Kenmore Avenue.

Contact Cathy Flaherty, cglaherty@aol.com, with any questions. Hope to see you Tuesday.

Experience the Passion of Christ through Living Stations

Experience the Passion of Christ through live interpretation. This annual event will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and all are welcome.

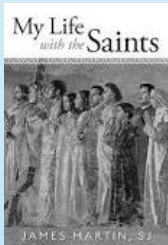
We are also looking for some additional “actors” to help (children and adults). Every year, we have parishioners read each station while the costumed actors interpret the station with no movement. It is a very beautiful and minimal way of interpreting the story of Christ's passion.



If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Carrie Mondschean at (312) 320-1160 or cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com, or Kristen Castelloni at (773) 710-0068 or kristen@rlcanning.com.

There will be a rehearsal on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the church and there will be a mandatory dress rehearsal beginning at 1:00 pm on Good Friday, April 14, prior to the Stations. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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.

6pm 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:

- 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!



First-Saturday / Primer-Sabado

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on April 1 at 4:00 pm in church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 1 de Abril a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

You Are Sent

A couple crosses the street to welcome a new neighbor. Knocking on the door, they feel awkward. What if they appear foolish? Mindful of their mission, they proceed with the goal of making their neighborhood a welcoming place.

Today's readings remind us of times when we are sent and invited to go beyond what is seen.

We may not carry a horn of oil, or stumble toward a distant pool. But God sends us to visit a sick relative, comfort a grieving friend, or help someone with homework. Regardless of the task, we may sometimes feel awkward or even afraid. In the spirit of Samuel who, in today's first reading, is being sent for a mission, we can ask ourselves: "What is my mission?" or "How is God calling me to serve?"

Samuel's motives are to follow God's call, and that means going beyond what he sees. Additionally, Samuel was invited to experience the unexpected. David, seemingly the weakest, is God's choice.

The theme of seeing carries through to the Gospel. Imagine being blind and overhearing Jesus say that your blindness is because "the works of God might be made visible" — seen — in you. God will use you. God sees something special when God looks at you.

Jesus doesn't heal you instantly. You must journey to wash. You are sent. Does your faith allow you to expect healing?

Remember Naaman, the



In being sent, we exercise faith. We hope. Things may not turn out as we expect. Anything is possible when God sends us forth.

leper from Syria, who, in another story from the Hebrew Scriptures, goes to see Elisha (2 Kings 5) for a cure. Instead of meeting him, the prophet sends Naaman a message, telling him to wash seven times in the Jordan. Naaman gets angry. He expected Elisha to see him personally, and do something extraordinary. Naaman's servant must convince him to go and wash, saying, "If the prophet told you to do something extraordinary, would you not do it?"

Naaman's healing, David's selection as king, and the blind beggar's healing all involve people being sent, and taking steps to go beyond hesitations, first impressions and expectations.

I wonder if the person

healed of blindness in today's Gospel was excited to have mud put on his eyes, or did he feel foolish stumbling to the pool?

God wants action from us. Samuel steps up to God's challenge, despite fear. The person healed risks looking foolish yet acts nevertheless. Am I willing to imitate them?

I may avoid accepting my mission, and have many excuses. Today's Gospel is full of them: "It's not really the blind beggar." "He really wasn't blind from birth." "Jesus can't be God because he cured on the Sabbath." "Ask our son — I'm not going to commit myself to an answer."

Forget the excuses. Rather, ask yourself: "What would I see and do, if I were not afraid?"

The second reading briefly touches on things seen: "Everything exposed by the light becomes visible." Do I submit my decisions to the light that is Christ, so I can see situations with new eyes?

I wonder if the man born blind expected the consequences of seeing. Could he foresee being grilled by the Pharisees, ridiculed, mistreated and thrown out of his faith community? Once your eyes are open, it's difficult to ignore what is seen.

In being sent, we exercise faith. We hope. Things may not turn out as we expect. Anything is possible when God sends us forth.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
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Luke Kolman
Kate Lynch
Alex Lopez

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Mary Paz Ramirez
Tom Micinski
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Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Justin Alden

Steve Fortino
Becky Francis
Andrew O'Dekirk

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Anastasia Bullinger
Kelly Dean
Lisa Marquez
John Mitchell

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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

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Shannon & Jonathan Clinton
Michael Gallo
Lisa Hanzelka
Linda & Rob Harmer

Sara & Adam Hock
Michael Kmec
Jackie Koesters
Fr. Frank Latzko
Barbara McHugh
Tom Micinski
Rebecca O'Brien

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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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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
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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

