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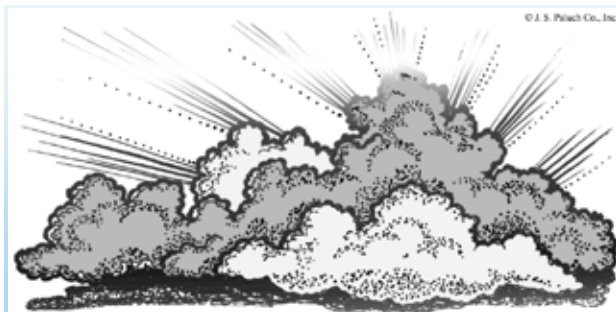
Chicago, IL 60614



May 28, 2017

Ascension of the Lord

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

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.



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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10

Vacation season is upon us, and while you are away we will be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-based ministries. Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish.

Automated giving through *GiveCentral* is an easy way to ensure our collections do not dive when attendance is low. If you have already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date.

If you have questions or need assistance, call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

Peace & Violence Recap

On Wednesday, May 3 St. Teresa's hosted an event at which a keynote speaker and thirteen organizations who are working to fight gun violence in Chicago all presented their perspectives on what's happening in our city. We are pleased to say that over 200 attended! Thank you to all our parishioners who joined us that night. We also want to say a special thank you to those who volunteered to help things run smoothly. Another great example of St. Teresa's pulling together for a meaningful purpose! If you're interested in learning more about the organizations that participated here is a list of their websites.

- Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund – dmsf.org
- UCAN – ucanchicago.org
- Chicago Jesuit Academy – cjademy.org
- Chicago Survivors – chicagosurvivors.org
- Urban Gateways – urbangateways.org
- Boy Scouts of America – pathwaytoadventure.org
- G-PAC – gpacillinois.com
- Illinois Council against Handgun Violence – ichv.org
- Strengthening Chicago's Youth – scy-chicago.org
- Umoja – umojacorporation.org
- PEAK – peakchicago.org
- The BLOC – theblocchicago.org
- Healing Corner – youcaring.com/thehealingcorner

— Nancy Van Grinsven, Ellen Moiani, Rebecca O'Brien

Visit st-teresa.net/prayforpeace for upcoming event info including 6/1 Strides for Peace 5k, and 6/11 #prayforpeace Mass.

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

Finance Bulletin Poll #2 — Operating Expenses

We were overwhelmed with the response to our last poll: *What percentage of operating expenses were covered by our donations and collections?* The answer was **80%**. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially to **Krista Kutz** who was the closest. I will hand out all the Starbucks gift cards next week.

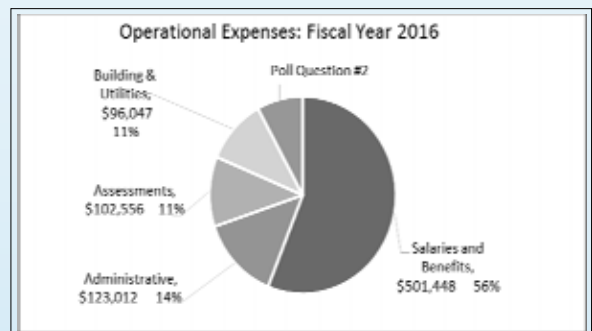
This week, we'll focus on our Operational Expenses, which help keep the lights on, the church cool, and St. Teresa's employees from living a monastic way of life.

Since our Starbucks card incentive was so successful, we'd like to offer another \$5 gift card to the first 5 people who answer the following: *What category is the "unknown" in this graph, and what % does it represent?*

You don't have to answer both correctly (or any!) to win! In fact, literally any response will get you a \$5 gift card! Think of this as a participation award. Finance council and church staff are most welcome to participate (but you can't reference your notes). Again, please email Justin Alden (justin.alden@gmail.com) or Maggie Fernandez (mfernandez@stteresaparish.org) with your guesses.

- The majority of our expenses are for the salaries and benefits for our employees.
- We have significant administrative expenses that include insurance, hospitality, utilities, supplies, and furniture.
- We pay assessments to the Archdiocese of Chicago and Priests Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA).
- We make occasional minor repairs to our buildings to maintain them properly. These are for minor repairs that would be made at any typical property.
- Lastly, our social outreach ministries are a core and celebrated expense because this is our mission! In 2016, we started "Avila in Action" where we contribute a 6% of our weekly contributions to causes that are important to our parishioners. For last year, the total contribution to Avila in Action was \$30,000.

We'd like to dedicate this finance bulletin to Dave Hilko, a parishioner who passed away recently. It was Dave's idea to report St. Teresa's finances in a more transparent fashion. In fact, the majority of this text was drafted by him just before he passed away.



Operational Expenses	FY 2016	
Salaries and Benefits	\$501,448	56%
Administrative	\$123,012	14%
Assessments	\$102,556	11.47%
Building & Utilities	\$ 96,047	10.74%
Poll Question #2	\$ 71,179	?
Total	\$894,242	100%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	5-7-17	5-14-17	5-21-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	10	10	12
Average Friday Communion Service	5	4	4
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	45	64	38
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	90	-	77
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	320	170	215
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	38	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	105	185	140
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	120	105	165
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	718	524	635
Confessions this Week	1	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	1	1	1
Weddings since January 2017	4	4	4
Baptisms since January 2017	8	10	12



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; March, 640; April, 705. 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
Saturday 6-3-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Julie Divis	Eric Fredericks	Shannon Clinton Margaret Burke
Next French Mass Saturday 6-3-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 6-4-17	9:00 AM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Therese Rowley	Andrew De Leonardis Chris Parente Jennifer Barrett	Anne Heller Michael Zost Geneva Gorgo Carly Johnston
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 6-4-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM			
Sunday 6-4-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alicia Erskine	Carmen Ubides	Kevin Ludden Ellen Moiani
Sunday 6-4-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Doug Lovette	Minister Needed (H2) Elizabeth Cuda Sara Hock	Pete Doyle Robert Martinez Mary Serrahn Jane Bronson

Sunday, May 28

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 2:00 pm, Church, Milazzo-Reid Wedding

Monday, May 29

- Memorial Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

- 9:00 am, Kitchen, CCFC Kitchen Cleaning
- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Training
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, May 31

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 8:00 pm, Church, CCFC Rosary

Thursday, June 1

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord
- Monday:** Memorial Day
- Wednesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** St. Justin
- Friday:** Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

- Domingo:** La Ascensión del Señor
- Lunes:** Día de los Caídos
- Miércoles:** La Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María
- Jueves:** San Justino
- Viernes:** San Marcelino y san Pedro; Primer viernes
- Sábado:** San Carlos Luanga y compañeros; Primer sábado

June 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, June 3

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

Saturday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 17

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

Saturday, June 24

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



Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27

5:00 pm Thomas Card

Sunday, May 28

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
12:00 pm Rev. Matthias Hoffman; Rev. James Noone;
Rev. Peter Bowman
6:00 pm Frank Kolman

Let Us Pray

Please pray for deceased ...

*Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko,
Joseph Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Anthony Mastro,
Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris, Noemie Sylvestre
and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

May Baptisms

*Edison James Affeldt (5-14-17) Isabelle King Johnston (5-14-17)
Joseph Austin Scime (5-21-17) Bodey Shea Bartolucci (5-21-17) Stella Luisa Amaya (5-27-17)*

May Baptism Anniversaries

*Dean Vaeth (5-4); Luke Kolman (5-6); Dani Shane (5-7); Lydia Hawkins (5-10);
Douglas Dean (5-11); Nicole Murphy (5-15)*

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
David Hoffman
David Ivanac
Chuck Jabaley
Ronald Jakubec
Frank Kolman
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
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
For the intentions of prayer
cards; for survivors and perpetra-
tors of sexual abuse*

#prayforpeace

We continue to pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago between May 18th and May 24th: *Antoine Alexander; Rayshon Price (16 years old); Melvin McCray; Tashika Dunbar; James King; Jonathon Green; Jermaine James; Jerrelle Johnson, Jr.; Tina Brown; Cortez Brown; and Antonio Vaughn, Sr.*

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 about twelve months.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Lecturas de la Semana

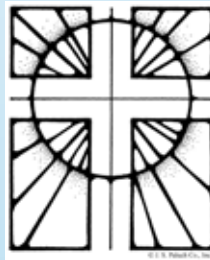
Lunes:	Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes:	Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles:	Sof 3:14-18a o Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 1:39-56
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo:	Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Día:</u> Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Treasures from Tradition

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set “formulas” for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our “bookishness” since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider “gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying ‘Amen.’” In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

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



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El mensaje de Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá o la Chinita como cariñosamente la llaman sus fieles, es sencillo: “Déjate renovar por Dios”. Renovación que ella misma recibió milagrosamente en el año 1586. En ese entonces, su imagen pertenecía a doña María, una mujer sevillana de mucha piedad.

Doña María había recibido como herencia por parte de su hermano Antonio una pintura de la Virgen del Rosario en tan mal estado que no se podía distinguir ni la Virgen madre con el niño Dios en sus brazos o los santos Antonio de Padova y Andrés apóstol. No obstante la mala condición de la pintura, doña María la colocó en su capilla donde pasaba las mañanas en oración.

Un día, una indígena y su niño pasaban por la puerta de la capilla cuando notaron un gran brillo que venía del rostro de María iluminando el resto del cuadro con colores vivos y brillantes. Inmediatamente llamaron a doña María, quien pudo ser testigo de la milagrosa renovación. Como algo muy interesante, la imagen de cerca se ve borrosa y dañada, pero de lejos adquiere distinción y nitidez. — Fray

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Share the Hope

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Comparte la Esperanza

Las lecturas de hoy para la celebración de la Ascensión del Señor una vez más nos recuerdan que los cristianos somos pueblo de esperanza. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo con elocuencia exhorta a los efesios a iluminar su mente para que puedan conocer la esperanza y la gloria que vienen de ser personas que ponen su confianza en el Señor Jesús. En el relato de la Ascensión, narrado en la primera lectura, el Señor Jesús asegura a los discípulos que el poder del Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ellos. Finalmente, en el

Evangelio, el Señor da a conocer a los discípulos que su misión es proclamar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. Esta maravillosa fiesta mantiene nuestros ojos enfocados en la esperanza en la que nos afianzamos desde el día de nuestro Bautismo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Este Jesús que les han llevado volverá de la misma manera que ustedes lo han visto ir al cielo (Hechos 1:1-11).

Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas, Dios el Señor asciende hasta su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Dios sentó a Jesús a su derecha en el reino de los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23).

Evangelio — Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones (Mateo 28:16-20).

#prayforpeace 6/11/17 | 6pm St. Teresa of Avila

Join us for a liturgy for peace, and to pray for those affected by violence.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
1950 N Kenmore Avenue, Chicago
st-teresa.net/prayforpeace



Friday Morning *Playgroup*



Join us on Friday Mornings at the St. Teresa baby-toddler playgroup

9:30 to 11:30 am

in the
Religious Education Center

(Enter at 1950 N. Kenmore)

Women's Spirituality May 30th

On Tuesday, May 30th, Women's Spirituality will meet at St. Teresa 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 at 1940 N. Kenmore Avenue.

Contact Cathy Flaherty, cghlaherty@aol.com, with any questions.

Join Men's Spirituality

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 am for prayer and conversation.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 13th

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

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.

First-Saturday / Primer-Sábado

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on June 3 at 4:00 pm in church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 3 de Junio a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for volunteers to serve throughout our more than 150 locations helping improve the lives of the people we serve.



For more information, visit the Catholic Charities Website at www.volunteerbridge.com, or email volunteer@catholiccharities.net, or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

2017 SPRED Mass and Confirmation

This year's SPRED Mass was lovely. Thanks to the parents for being so supportive of our SPRED program each year. Thanks to Marion for the tasty sandwiches and Susie for her heroic effort in bringing the cake and fruit when she was not feeling well. Also, a big thank you to Adriana and Peter who were first timers making the bread for Communion. It was perfect. I ran into so many people who expressed their kind words about how great the Mass was. It was very moving with our friends being confirmed and with their families and friends attending. Have a great summer!

— Carrie Mondschean



Left to Right: Armi Petersen, Dani Shain, Carmen Jones ("Teresa of Calcutta"), Dorian Torres, Donovan Torres ("Sebastian"), Paul Jastrzebski, AJ Soriano ("Dominic Savio"), Colleen Altman, Carrie Mondschean, Carlos Rodriguez.

A Call to Our Higher Self

Sharing stories about a lost loved one is a powerful way to communicate the most enduring and touching parts of their lives. The stories people told at my mother's wake were mostly about her many efforts to organize volunteers to serve the most vulnerable. She had spent her life for others, even as she had often struggled to make her own ends meet. As we witnessed her transitioning from this world to the next, her memory called us to our higher selves through lives of service.

Similarly, when gathered to say goodbye to my Aunt Doris, everyone had stories to tell of her enduring sense of humor. This fun-loving jokester had constantly reminded us not to take ourselves too seriously. Our memories of her lifted our spirits by the love she had shown through humor. And, no one doubted where my father-in-law stood on important life issues, or any issue for that matter. Whenever his children repeat what they call his "sermons," they feel his challenge to speak their truth to the world.

What do you think was going on in the minds and hearts of those close to Jesus as they watched him being lifted up and taken from their sight? What memories lingered of Jesus' transforming presence that brought out the best in people?

As is common in human nature, those grieving his loss gathered to share stories. They shared stories of the love they experienced



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in Jesus' eyes and touch. They shared how Jesus had believed in them in ways they couldn't. They shared the wisdom they had learned from Jesus' parables. And in their sharing, Jesus' presence came alive again for them.

What messages of hope did Jesus leave to lift his followers' spirits? Not only had Jesus appeared to them after his agonizing death, he went to great lengths to prove that he was still alive, healed and at peace. Don't we also cling to the vision that our deceased loved ones are at peace? Jesus assured them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Death may separate us, but the imprint of love we have shared will always be on our hearts. In the face of heart-wrenching grief, Jesus promises

that love never dies or leaves us. As the disciples stood spellbound watching him being taken from them, they heard the promise of Jesus' return. How comforting to know that death does not have the last word.

How had Jesus modeled speaking and living the truth in the world? Jesus lived a life in solidarity with the poor and most vulnerable. He spoke words of new life, forgiveness, healing, freedom and intimate love. In the end, it cost him his life to challenge oppressive systems. His parting words were, "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Confused and fearful, Jesus' followers were left wondering how they could keep the tenderness of his heart alive. Their dreams seemed shattered. Jesus reassured them saying, "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5), and "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). That same true spirit of Jesus lives on in the way Christians live their lives today.

Jesus instructed, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28: 19-20). What was he asking of us as Christians? As the church celebrates the feast of the Ascension, how it is calling you and I to our higher selves?

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Paolo Basil
Luke Kolman
Kate Lynch
Alex Lopez

Chris Parente
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Tom Micinski
Rebecca O'Brien

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.

Finance Council

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis

Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups
Cooper Cohen
Alexandra Vizard
Steve Kolinski

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is justin.alden@gmail.com

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

Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil
Anastasia Bullinger
Kelly Dean
Lisa Marquez
John Mitchell

Rebecca O'Brien
Chris Parente
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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.

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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
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

