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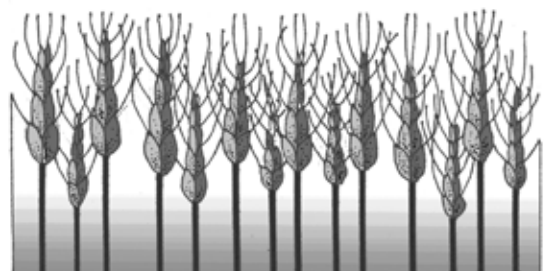
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July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

Stewardship

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A Note from Fr. Frank

I hope everyone's Summer is going well. It's hard to believe that we are in mid-July already getting ready for Fall!

This past Monday we had a wonderful dinner for new parishioners, giving them a formal and delicious welcome thanks to the culinary skills of Mike Usiak. And a huge thanks to Krista and Craig for organizing all the logistics, making the dinner a reality. These new parishioners are already bringing new life and new ideas to our parish.



Time of Your Life, our annual fundraiser, is off and running. Raffle tickets and tickets to the main event can be purchased at timeofyourlifegala.com. The gala evening will take place on Saturday, November 11th.

On August 15th, I will be traveling with five other parishioners to establish our new ministry on the border in San Benito, Texas. Our hope is to establish a relationship with the people at this mission called, "La Posada," helping in their ministry with refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers. Any parishioner can go down to San Benito at anytime during the year for a few days and personally encounter people who are struggling to find a safe home to live and work. This ministry will allow a human face to be placed on a painful issue that is crying out for a compassionate response. Unfortunately, the current political reality is making it even harder to make such a response. But respond we must.

Today's gospel is the *Parable of the Sower*. How is the seed...Christ... trying to take root in your life? Is the "soil of your heart" able to crack to shell of this seed, allowing Christ to rise forth? Countless seeds are lavishly being thrown your way by a God who just won't give up until just one takes root.

Peace,
Fr. Frank

Raffle and Ticket Presale!

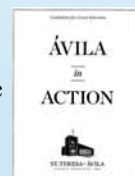
Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash. Snag your tickets early to this sell-out event and you'll save some money while ensuring that St. Teresa maintains a strong cash flow over the summer season. Tickets are \$125/person now through August 30th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.

Raffle tickets are on sale and our goal is to raise \$50,000 this summer by encouraging our friends, family, coworkers, or fellow philanthropists, to buy a ticket. \$100 gets you a chance at winning your choice of four great trips: Jamaica, Paris, San Diego, or American Music Awards.

Visit timeofyourlifegala.com to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email Mike at usiak@sbcglobal.net.

Avila in Action

Do you know of an organization working to change the world for the better? Nominate them for an Avila in Action Grant Award! The application window is now open. Simply forward the link below to an organization of your choice and invite them to apply by listing your name as the "nominating parishioner."



The online application window will be open from June 15th – July 31st. Applications will only be accepted on our website and applicants must be nominated by a registered parishioner. There is no limit to the number of organizations a registered parishioner may nominate.

Apply at st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action

About Avila in Action

Stewardship is rooted in the idea that all we have is a gift from God, and with grace we gratefully give back to God from what we have been given. In 2016, the Stewardship Committee along with the Finance Council made a prayerful decision to dedicate 6% of Sunday collections to giving, and to seek input from the parish on how the funds are distributed. This initiative has been named *Avila in Action*. Parishioners may nominate a charity of their choice to receive Avila in Action grant funds.

Questions may be directed to Rebecca O'Brien at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.

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

Win a \$10 Starbuck's Card for Capital Expenses Poll #4!

The last bulletin question was: *What represented 7% (\$54,526) of St. Teresa's Operational Income for 2016?*

The answer was: *"Charitable Outreach Donations." St. Teresa parishioners donated \$54,526 via Charitable Outreach Donations. This comprised 7% of our total operating income for fiscal 2016.*

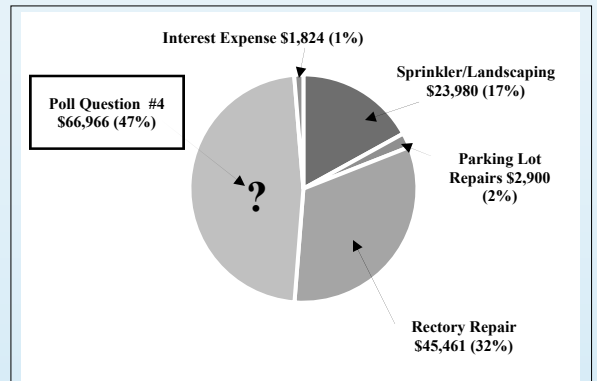
Janel Palm was our winner! Thank you Janel and the other person who participated (**Thanks, Mom!**). We didn't have as many participants as we did for the previous bulletin. In fact, participation from the previous question was comprised 95% by Finance Council members, so it didn't really count.

To improve the response, we're doubling the Starbucks reward to \$10.00! A maximum of 10 people can win the gift card, but everyone's name will be published.

In this bulletin, we'll focus on St. Teresa's Capital Expenses. The two-fold question is: *What category is the "Poll Question #4" in this graph? And where did the money go?*

You don't have to answer both questions correctly to win. **Hint:** literally any answer will do. But perhaps the weekly bulletin finds its way from Mass to the inside of your car door and then the garbage when you clean your car while filling up with gas. **Can you prove the finance committee wrong, show us you read this column, and participate?**

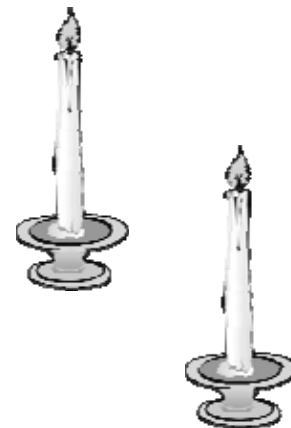
Finance council and church staff are most welcome to participate (but you can't reference your notes). Please email me, Justin Alden, at justin.alden@gmail.com or Maggie Fernandez, our Business Manager, at mfernandez@sttereseparish.org with your guesses. We'll publish the winner's names next time.



St. Teresa Capital Expenses	FY 2016	%
Sprinkler System / Landscaping	\$ 23,980	17%
Parking Lot Repairs	\$ 2,900	2%
Rectory Repair	\$ 45,461	32%
Poll Question #4	\$ 66,966	47%
Interest Expense	\$ 1,824	1%
	\$141,131	100%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	7-2-17	7-9-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	10	10
Average Friday Communion Service	5	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	105	57
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	29
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	130	140
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	35	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	75	130
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	70	130
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	415	486
Confessions this Week	1	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	3	3
Weddings since January 2017	6	7
Baptisms since January 2017	18	20



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; May, 573; June, 541. 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 7-22-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Barb Schell	Lisa Marquez	Carly Johnston Luke Kolman
Next French Mass Saturday 8-12-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 7-23-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Geneva Gorgo Margaret Burke Anne Heller	Rose Ohiku Jamie Lutkus Molly Malloy Frank Swiderski
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 8-6-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 7-23-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Alice Morales-Villenas	Mike Usiak Anne Seigenthaler
Sunday 7-23-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Sara Hock	Dani Shain Mary Jo Weis Chris Parente	Cara Gannon Mary Serrahn Elizabeth Cuda Sharon Lindstrom

Sunday, July 16

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

Monday, July 17

- No Activities Planned

Tuesday, July 18

- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, July 19

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, July 20

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Committee

Friday, July 21

- 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

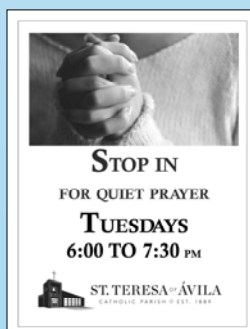
Saturday, July 22

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

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Camillus de Lellis
- Thursday:** St. Apollinaris
- Friday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Saturday:** St. Mary Magdalene

- Domingo:** Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Martes:** San Camilo de Lelis
- Jueves:** San Apolinario
- Viernes:** San Lorenzo de Brindis
- Sábado:** Santa María Magdalena



July 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, July 1

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

Saturday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 15

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

Saturday, July 22

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

Saturday, July 29

- 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, July 15

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

Sunday, July 16

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
12:00 pm Joseph Jaszczor; Maria del Carmen Martinez
6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Let Us Pray

Please pray for deceased ...

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

July Baptisms

Reid Paul Eck (7-2-17), Charles Robert Donovan (7-9-17), Blake Consiglio (7-9)

July Baptism Anniversaries

Caroline Mondschean (7-14), Anne Heller (7-26), Christopher Parente (7-29)

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
Joyce Jaszczor
Frank Kolman
Krista Kutz
Liz Kunkel
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Palmira Mancini
George Maroquin
Jose Maroquin
Lisa Marquez*

*Margaret Sue Meadors
Sage Mesen
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
Bob Semmer
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Susan Violapiano
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert*
For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

#prayforpeace

We continue to pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between July 6th and 12th: **Michael Gonzalez; Corvel Brown; Gregory Johnson; Jonathan Halbert; Francina Lowery; William Moore; Kelvin Harper; Robert Hicks; Devonte Morgan; Derwin Moore; Maurice Willis; Jerame Moore; Shedrick McPherson; Aaron Gordon; Jermaine Blandin; Robert Cooley; and Arthur Smith**

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We list the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

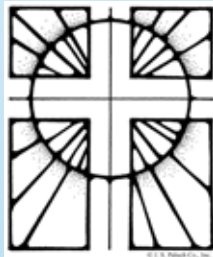
Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Sal 124 (123):1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Martes:	Ex 2:1-15a; Sal 69 (68):3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Miércoles:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Sal 103 (102):1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Jueves:	Ex 3:13-20; Sal 105 (104):1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Viernes:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Sal 116 (115):12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Sábado:	Ex 12:37-42; Sal 136 (135):1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Domingo:	Sab 12:13, 16-19; Sal 86 (85):5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Treasures from Tradition

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek for “thanksgiving.” For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Uno de los pasajes bíblicos más bellos tiene que ser el de Isaías 11:6. El profeta proclama la paz mesiánica como una paz en donde animales voraces como el lobo, el leopardo, el león y la osa habitarán tranquilamente con animales mansos como el cordero, el cabrito, el ternero y la vaca “y un niño pequeño los conducirá”. Esta es una paz donde la justicia rectifica las desigualdades y pone fin a la violencia. En esta profecía el Cristo es un niño que pastorea el mundo con una eficacia sorprendente.

Él hace lo que los gobernantes del mundo pretenden hacer pero nunca logran, pone fin a la guerra, la pobreza y el hambre.

Por esta razón hay muchas imágenes del Niño Jesús como el Santo Niño de Atocha, el Niño Jesús de Praga, el Divino Niño de Bogotá y el Niño Jesús en manos de san Antonio, entre otros. Éstas captan el deseo cristiano de que el niño venga a conducirnos hacia la paz mesiánica y a la vez, nos recuerda que hay que ser como niños para entrar en el reino de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Fruit of the Word

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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Fruto de la Palabra

La semilla es la Palabra de Dios. Las metáforas de la agricultura en todas las lecturas de hoy brindan riqueza al mensaje de que la palabra de Dios, cultivada en nuestro corazón, produce mucho fruto en nuestra vida. La creación misma espera la redención de todos, hasta nuestro cuerpo aguarda la resurrección. Así como nos regocijamos por el cumplimiento de la Palabra de Dios, así la creación toda cantará de gozo en el Reino de Dios. La Palabra de Dios es eficaz y santa, produce exactamente lo que dice. No es inútil ni vacía, sino rica en

significado para quienes la escuchan y son sanados. Quienes escuchan la palabra de Dios y la guardan, con toda la creación, darán mucho fruto y cantarán de gozo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalms — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — La palabra de Dios siempre cumple lo que él quiere (Isaías 55:10-11).

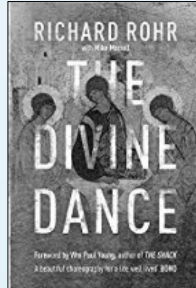
Salmo — Los granos que caen en la tierra buena darán una cosecha abundante (Salmo 65 [64]).

Segunda lectura — Toda la creación anticipa ansiosamente la revelación de la gloria plena de Dios (Romanos 8:18-23).

Evangelio — El que tenga oídos, que entienda y reciba las enseñanzas de Jesús (Mateo 13:1-23).

Book Club this Weekend!

St. Teresa is going to be hosting a young adult book study over Richard Rohr's *The Divine Dance*. If you are interested in meeting with a group of 20 and 30 somethings to discuss this book, your faith, and enjoy some great community, we want you!



We will start meeting on **Sunday, July 9th, after the 6:00 pm Mass** for an hour or so each week.

If you are interested please email john.dewyze@gmail.com

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.

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



If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@gmail.com.

Learn it. Grow it. Serve it.

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THEOLOGY ON TAP



Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap speaker series! Our parish will be focusing on the "Learn it" track, where we will partner with parishes in our community to host exciting events that will focus on how each one of us can further develop our relationship with Jesus and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the events below!

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Socializing begins at 6:30pm
Kelly's Pub, Marge's Still, Kincade's, Orso's Rooftop

Week One

July 17, 7:00 p.m.

Kelly's Pub: 949 W Webster

Jesus and the Avengers

Darius Villalobos

Week Two

July 24, 7:00 p.m.

Kincade's Bar and Grill: 950 W Armitage

Get the Heck Out!

Margaret Motto

Week Three

July 31, 7:00 p.m.

Marge's Still: 1758 N Sedgwick

Athletics and Faith

Sr. Stephanie Baliga

Week Four

August 7, 7:00 p.m.

Orso's Rooftop: 1401 N Wells

The Four Commandments of

Contentment

Fr. Ed Shea

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and at the Lincoln Park and Old Town parishes this summer, please visit www.totchicago.org or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu

Sign up for online giving at

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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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Sign Up for the Annual Men's Retreat on September 8th-10th

Looking for an opportunity to hear God speaking to you? Silence speaks volumes.

St Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us at our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 8th-10th.

This special weekend is spent in silence, providing space to let go of the preoccupations of daily life to allow room to hear God in the depths of your soul.

Retreat master Fr. Peter Etzel, S. J., who has been leading retreats for more than 20 years, will lead a series of talks on *Who Is the Man I Want to Be?* Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be

rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

You can sign up directly at
jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/
(please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)

Contact Craig Dean at either
(312)948-5605 or cdean@aegpartners.com
for more information.

Carpooling will be available.



Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Parish SPRED Program

Immaculate Conception and Saint Joseph Parish will be hosting a SPRED program (Special Religious Development) designed for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and other challenges.



We will welcome adults with special needs 22+ years old from the near north and mid-north parishes that do not have this ministry yet. We presently work in collaboration with St. Vincent de Paul, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Josaphat Parishes.

We invite volunteer catechists from all nearby parishes to share God's love for us with those who are so often forgotten.

For more information about serving as a SPRED catechist or to be a participant in SPRED, please contact Julia Hess at jchqofa3@gmail.com

For information on SPRED, link to
<http://www.spred-chicago.org>

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Jesus and the Avengers:

Superheroes, the Bible, and the Greatest Team-Up Never Told

Monday, July 17 at 7:00pm

Kelly's Pub, 945 W. Webster Ave., Chicago

Scripture is supposed to be an important part of our faith-lives, but sometimes it can be hard to follow, it doesn't always make sense, and may not resonate in our lives. To help us understand scripture better, it helps to compare it to things that we do know and understand. This talk will let us examine the similarities and differences between the Sacred Word and popular fiction today.

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In a Word, You are a Word

There are many ways to preach the word of God. The ordained have the privilege and responsibility to preach formally — the homily — during the communal celebration of the liturgy. But, what is it to preach? To preach is to live by the Gospel mandates. To preach is to break open the word of God for and with those whom we encounter. Preaching may take place at a Scripture study or a religious education gathering. Perhaps preaching is encountered at a retreat or while sitting by someone on the back porch discussing the daily readings. Admittedly, this is a broad perspective of preaching and, at its heart, preaching is an act of evangelization.

By virtue of the teaching and formation ministry in which I am involved, I am embedded in the Dominican culture and tradition. Dominican men and women, by vocation, are preachers. Embedded in any culture or tradition for any length of time, a person begins to embody that which surrounds and enfolds him or her. Among qualities of the Dominican charism which find special resonance with me is that of *sacra praedicationis* — sacred preaching ... a sacred word.

The tradition of the *sacra praedicationis*, put simply, is this: St. Dominic understood that the whole church preached the Gospel when the whole church lived the Gospel. He understood that the word spoken and lived in its fullest is the sacred preaching done by clerics



How will we as words spoken by God, accomplish the will of God through the action of the Word in, with and through us so that we, too, might water a parched creation?

and lay women and men alike. And, even now this *is* done by lay men and women, by religious and by the ordained.

We hear today in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah that just as rain and snow come down and do not return to the heavens until they water the earth so too the word of God comes forth from God's mouth and does not return until it accomplishes the will of God.

In Matthew, Jesus tells the disciples: "Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears because they hear." We have in this proclamation the acknowledgment of *the* Word spoken by God — Jesus himself. The Word uttered from God's mouth lived, forgave, taught, hoped, suffered, died and rose; this Word completely — and for all time — accomplished the will of

God. Do we see and hear? Are we blessed?

The word is paradoxically still accomplishing the will of God through the power of the Spirit in each of our lives. For me there is a resonance between this message and my life as *sacra praedicationis*. I am a word spoken into being by God. We are the words that have come forth from the mouth of God in this day and age. We are the words that will not return to God until we achieve the end for which God sent us.

What is the word of God that you need to speak by your life fully lived? Is it a word of kindness and compassion? Is it a word of redress and challenge? Is it a word of forgiveness and healing? Is it a word of guidance? Sustenance? Nurture? Liberation? Is it the word of love?

We are a word spoken by God. Who we become in this life gives voice to that word. For those who have eyes to see and those who have ears to hear ... what word will they hear in their hearts because of our life well-lived in resonance with the Gospel message? How will we each be a *sacra praedicationis* in this world, in our workplace, in our neighborhood and in our families? How will we as words spoken by God, accomplish the will of God through the action of the Word in, with and through us so that we, too, might water a parched creation?

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
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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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Danny Cortese
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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

Marilyn Aleide
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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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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

