



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2011

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

— *Philippians 4:13*

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Parish Mission Statement

The 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.

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Dress the Part

The Gospel today has some surprising twists. A king is hosting his son's wedding feast. Guests are invited—surely a great honor. But some invitees are too busy and refuse. Others get angry and attack the messengers. The king punishes those who murdered his servants and opens up the banquet to anyone. The hall fills up with a motley crew of guests. The king spots one man who is not dressed for the occasion and cannot explain why, so he is thrown out. Yet wasn't the man pulled in off the street? Yes, but the king had a wedding garment for each guest, and this man did not bother to pick one up, thereby insulting his host. We are all invited to the table of the Lord. Our *outer* wedding garment is to dress with care and respect. Our *inner* garment is to "put on Christ," clothing ourselves in his love and goodness in order to be worthy of the Kingdom.



Living Stewardship Now

How do you get ready to come to church? Prepare your heart with prayer, and dress your body with simplicity.

Vístete Para La Ocasión

El Evangelio de hoy presenta unos recovecos sorprendentes. Un rey ofrece a su hijo un banquete de bodas. Algunas personas son invitadas; de seguro un gran honor. Pero algunos están muy ocupados y rehúsan la invitación. Otros aún se enojan y atacan a los mensajeros. El rey castiga a aquellos que han asesinado a sus criados y abre el banquete para todos. El salón se llena de convidados, pero el rey se fija que un hombre no está vestido para la ocasión ni puede explicar por qué, por eso lo arroja afuera. Pero, ¿acaso no venía el hombre de la calle? Ciertamente, pero el rey tenía una ropa de boda para cada uno de sus invitados y este hombre no se molestó en recoger una, y de esa manera insultó a su anfitrión. Todos somos invitados a la mesa del Señor. Nuestra ropa *exterior* de bodas es el esmero y respeto con que nos vestimos. Nuestra ropa *interior* es revestirnos de Cristo, "ponernos" su amor y bondad para poder ser dignos del Reino.

La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

¿Cómo te preparas para ir a la iglesia? Prepara tu corazón con la oración y viste con sencillez.

St. Teresa of Avila Food Pantry Shopping List

The St. Teresa Food Pantry can always use non-perishable food items such as those listed below.

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| Pasta Sauce (26 oz.) | Canned Soup (10 oz.) |
| Canned Beans (15 oz.) | Canned Vegetables (15 oz.) |
| Canned Fruit (15oz.) | Spaghetti O's (15 oz.) |
| Peanut Butter (18 oz.) | Chili (15 oz.) |
| Tuna | Cereal |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Pasta |
| Boxed Soap Bar (4-5 oz.) | |

Sizes are the Maximum

Please check the expiration dates on all food items before donating them; we discard anything that is past the expiration date.

If your family would like to sponsor a large amount of a particular item, please contact Mike Usiak at usiak@sbcglobal.net.



The next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

Ministry of Care

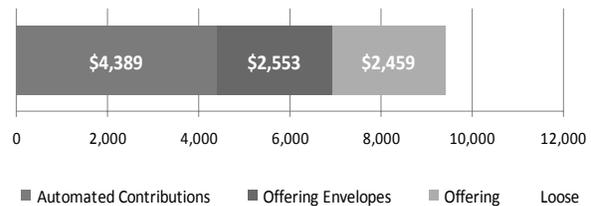
The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church. If you know of someone who cannot come to mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean Vaeth at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.

Weekly Collections Recap For October 2, 2011

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Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,389	\$2,553	\$2,459	\$9,401

Weekly Sunday Collections (Budget of \$12,000)



We are currently running a \$2,409 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of October 2, 2011. We are currently at a 14% increase over last fiscal year to date.

Comments & Concerns

We want to ensure that any questions or concerns are fully addressed. Please contact the Finance Council Chair, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections and key issues.

We also encourage you to attend the monthly Finance Council meetings on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Website & Bulletin Materials

Articles must be submitted by 11:00 am on Monday to be considered for the following Sunday's bulletin or for posting on the Website. Please contact Dean at (773) 528-6650, ext. 230 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

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Today's Readings

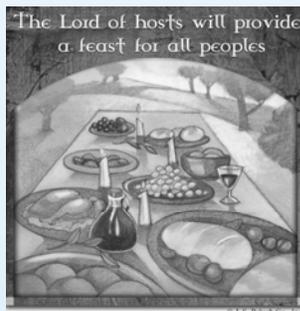
First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

God Revealed to the Nations



What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace.

Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us. —

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Agnus Dei

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it.

During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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Dios Se Revela A Las Naciones



¡Qué maravillosas imágenes tenemos hoy del Reino de Dios! Isaías nos habla de un gran banquete –un banquete celestial– una fiesta con abundancia de platillos suculentos y vinos exquisitos. Es una celebración del mismo Señor, explica Isaías, cuando Dios unirá a todas las naciones, secará toda lágrima, y destruirá la muerte para siempre. Entonces, también, la tierra entera se regocijará en el Señor y se deleitará en la gracia salvadora de Dios.

Jesús, asimismo, habla del Cielo en términos de una fiesta. Aquí, el Reino de los cielos es como el banquete de bodas que el rey ofrece para su hijo. Es también un festín de abundancia, donde ofrece terneros gordos. Pero muchos de los invitados no quieren asistir, así que el rey invita a cualquiera que quiera honrar a su hijo con su presencia. Y Pablo nos dice que sea que vivamos en la abundancia o en circunstancias humildes, todo lo podemos en el Señor que nos fortalece. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Comunión en la Mano

El recibir el Cuerpo de Cristo en la mano no siempre nos es fácil, de hecho a veces nos causa problemas. Quizá porque consideramos que no somos dignos de recibir la divinidad de Cristo, de tener en ella a Dios mismo hecho pan. Si siguiéramos este argumento al pie de la letra habría que cuestionarse respecto a qué parte de nuestro cuerpo está limpia de pecado para con ella recibir al Señor. La respuesta es lógica. No implica ninguna falta de respeto a la divinidad de Cristo, a su cuerpo, el recibirlo en la mano. Es más bien la gratitud ante un Dios que, a pesar de que no nos queremos lo suficiente como para considerarnos dignos de tenerlo en nuestra mano, no sólo se nos da en la mano, sino que lo comulgamos. Eso habla de cómo es Dios, de lo que es él. Además, esta tradición de comunión en la mano, data desde el año 386 y san Cirilo, obispo de Jerusalén hablaba ya de ella en sus catequesis mistagógicas. El recibir la comunión en la mano, no es cuestión de indignidad o falta de respeto, es también una forma de tomar la responsabilidad propia de vivir conforme a lo que recibimos. — Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor preparará un banquete y secará las lágrimas de todos los rostros (Isaías 25:6-10a).

Salmo — Viviré en la casa del Señor todos los días de mi vida (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — No importa las circunstancias en las que nos encontremos, nuestras necesidades se resolverán en Cristo Jesús (Filipenses 4:12-14, 19-20).

Evangelio — La invitación se ha enviado; todo está listo; vengan a la fiesta (Mateo 22:1-14 [1-10]).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Rom 1:1-7; Lc 11:29-32
Martes:	Rom 1:16-25; Lc 11:37-41
Miércoles:	Rom 2:1-11; Lc 11:42-46
Jueves:	Rom 3:21-30; Lc 11:47-54
Viernes:	Rom 4:1-8; Lc 12:1-7
Sábado:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lc 12:8-12
Domingo:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Sal 96 (95); 1 Tes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



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Interested in the Catholic Faith?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.

The RCIA process is for the un-baptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

RCIA will begin this Fall. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Begins This Week

There are still a couple openings in the Tuesday and Thursday classes (4:30-6:00pm). Please spread the word, especially to families with 3-5 year olds.

We are looking for someone who can sing with the children before classes on Tuesday or Thursday for twenty minutes: 4:15-4:35pm. Contact Kate Lynch at klynch@sttereseparish.org or (773)528-6650.

October Baptisms



Abigail Jeanette Griffiths (10-2-11)
Morgan Urban (10-2-11)
Jake Michael Wald (10-2-11)
Sophia Noelani Zamora (10-8-11)
Trey Michael Anderson (10-15-11)
Oliver George Johnson (10-16-11)
Kaylee Makena Norberg (10-16-11)
Alivia Evangeline Jacinto (10-16-11)
Eoin Patrick Fingleton (10-22-11)

Calendar at a Glance

October 9, Sunday

Twenty-eighth Sunday Ordinary Time • Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:15 am, PC1-2, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC1-2, Baptism Preparation
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

October 10, Monday

- Office Closed for Columbus Day

October 11, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3-4, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:00 pm, PC1-2, SPRED Total Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

October 12, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting

- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting

October 13, Thursday

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00pm, PC3-4-GS, Food Pantry Setup

October 14, Friday

St. Callistus I • San Calisto I

- 10:00 am, PC1-2-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

October 15, Saturday

St. Teresa of Jesus • Santa Teresa de Jesús

- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA



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Mass Intentions

October 8

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

October 9

9:00 am Angela Prendergast
 10:30 am Eleuteria Arce
 12:00 noon Naomi Harmon-Kirksey
 6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Alfonzo Ardana, Amalia Bech, Greg Bruce, Ethel Brumleve, John Breault, Gaspar Diaz, Julia Faloyin, Isabella Feliciano, Carlos Hernandez Gomez, Manuel Gomez, Donald Grabarczyk, Sr. Joan Granzel, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Jeanne Kreilkamp, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben Patrasso, Victims of the War & Domestic Violence

Let us also pray for those who are ill, especially...

<i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>J. D. Kautzer</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Dave Kostelansky</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Robert Usiak</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>Karen Breen Vogel</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Jim Zwicky</i>
<i>Susan Hanula</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Frank Neki</i>	
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>P. A. O'Neil</i>	
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	
	<i>Nella Palazzolo</i>	

Our Mass intentions have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office at (773) 528-6650, ext.230 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 six months. If you wish the name of a loved one left on the list longer than six months, please contact Dean Vaeth at the parish office.

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
10-15-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	David Kostelansky	Leigh Hartley Jean Kostelansky
10-16-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Mark Trinkka	Tom Kosnik Theresa Jabaley Dennis Kamalick	Katie Broussard Annie Monak Bernadette Diaz Ruston Broussard
10-16-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Edilo Cortez	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
10-16-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Amy McCue	Colin McCue	Bob Pedro Wendy Tynan
10-16-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Christine Villoch	Eileen Raia Becky Francis Kathleen Kramer	Karen Melchert Anita Rosso Jane Ott Kathy Richgels

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The Challenge of Accepting God's Call

I love caller ID. I love it even more now that I have a phone that talks to me. A call comes in and my phone announcing to me who is calling. It's wonderful. I don't have to get up from the table or couch to look and see what number is coming in. Remember the old days? Painful.

Our modern day technology makes it so easy to reject incoming phone calls. Rejecting incoming live face-to-face calls from friends or relatives or associates takes, well, more finesse. I am proud to say that I have refined the fine art of rejecting such face-to-face calls. The art entails a slice of active listening + a few nods of the head followed by a question that diverts the incoming call and lets me off the hook.

Reading the call of Moses, I find that I am in good company. Moses, for example, at first, tried to reject God's call. Imagine that. Moses basically said, "OK God, I cannot be a leader because I have a speech impediment." God said, "I will take care of that, I will send with you Aaron to do all the talking. You just show up and use this staff that I am going to give you."

Reading through "the call" of other major Old Testament prophets I continue to find that I am in good company. It turns out that they all tried to reject God's initial call. But God, wonderful as God is, consistently responds, "Don't worry about your faults and defects. I will take care of that."

Typically, when I am rejecting a call from anyone (including God), I am simply putting myself first. I sense this dynamic is part of a pattern in all of us and why it repeats itself with all the Major Prophets. "Accepting" a call is to put myself aside for a little bit and sincerely respond. Not easy to do... all the time.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, October 11
from 6:15 am to 7:30 am in the parish center.**

Contact Dan Anderson at (773) 844-4494 or dananderson@ameritech.net or Tom Kosnik at (312) 527-2950 or tkosnik@visusgroup.com

— Tom Kosnik

Annual SPRED Mass October 16th at 6:00 pm

Every year St. Teresa's SPRED community shares with our parish its annual SPRED Mass. SPRED stands for Special Religious Development, an archdiocesan program ministering religious growth and development to our friends with special needs.

St. Teresa's SPRED program is for our friends from 11 to 16 years of age. St. Vincent de Paul Parish and Immaculate Conception parishes are also in our deanery and minister to friends of different age groups.

Our mass uses music and interpretive movements to interpret the psalms, readings and Gospel. Please come join us for this beautiful and inspirational way to experience our mass.

Come join us Sunday October 16th at 6:00 pm.

The Cardinal's Question

Ken Jaszczor and Tom Kinsella are the St. Teresa of Avila Parish representatives to our Deanery, the organizational level between the Archdiocese and the Parish. They have been tasked to obtain your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Specifically, Cardinal George is seeking your help to develop concrete actions to address the problems facing our community of faith. We will be presented with several issues to consider throughout the year.

Please take time to pray over and consider the current question:

"What are specific things Parishes can do to help people recognize that attending Sunday Mass will make a difference in their lives?"

Ken and Tom are to present our Parish suggestions in the next Deanery meeting in January. Please provide your suggestions and ideas before the end of December by speaking to them directly or using the specially marked collection container to deposit your written ideas.

Join Us At This Year's *Time of Your Life* November 18th, 2011

Tickets are now on sale for our annual fundraiser *Time of Your Life*. Individual tickets are \$125/person, and \$1250 for table of 10. This inspiring evening features drinks, dinner, live music with dancing and of course our stellar live and silent auctions. Tickets have sold out the last two years, so please reserve early! Tickets will be sold after each mass, or you may reserve online by visiting www.st-teresa.net.

We are in the final stages of procuring items for our Live and Silent Auctions. We are still taking items, but need them soon! If you or someone you know are able to donate restaurant certificates, hotel stays, theater tickets and other local experiences, please contact Deana LaBrosse at drlabrosse@sbcglobal.net.

Sign up for Bible Study Today

Interested in learning more about the Bible? Join a great group of men and women from the parish who desire to dig deeper into the Word.



BIBLE STUDY

St. Teresa's Bible Study plans to meet twice a month and will be using a top-rated bible study resource. Bible study will meet on Sundays from 10:15am to 12:00 noon on the following Sundays in the Rectory:

October 9	October 23
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18

If you're interested, please call Katie Garwood at (601) 454-0837 or email her at katiengarwood@gmail.com.

St. Teresa of Avila Says ...



"If through my intercession I could play a part in getting a soul to love and praise God more, even if it be for just a short time, I think that would matter more to me than being in glory."

St. Teresa of Avila's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Poor

Thursday, November 26th
12:00 Noon
In the Parish Center



The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation

Greenery Order Forms Coming



It's hard to believe it, but it's time to start thinking about the holidays.

Starting next weekend, we will be taking orders through October for Greenery for the Holidays.

We will be using the same great vendor we have in the past, offering an arrangement of wreaths, garland, and mantel pieces.

Look for order forms next weekend after all masses. All Greenery items must be pre-ordered, for deliver the first weekend in December.

2011 Year-End Financial Report

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Dear Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish,

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your generosity that keeps our Parish in sound financial health. All of the members of the Finance Council take seriously the responsibility that has been entrusted to us. Given our diverse backgrounds in finance, accounting, and business, we serve as an important resource to Fr. Frank and the Parish.

The Finance Council is pleased to provide you with a financial summary for our 2011 Fiscal Year (7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011). Our Parish is in good financial health, ending the year with an **operating surplus of \$70,401**. This is the second year in a row that the Parish has ended a fiscal year in a positive position, highlighting the strength of your giving and our continued focus on cost management. St. Teresa of Avila Parish is one of only 20% in the Archdiocese that operates with a balanced budget. Below are several key highlights:

- Total operating revenue was \$781,000 and total operating expenses were \$711,000, resulting in net revenues of \$70,401.
- The Time of Your Life was again a significant success because of all who organized and contributed to the event. **TOYL netted \$170,000 this year**. This annual event and weekly collections of approximately \$525,000 provided the Parish the needed financial resources to support operations.
- Even after retaining an appropriate amount to deal with unexpected needs, the Parish was able to make several needed repairs.
- The Parish paid in full all assessments and contributions to the Archdiocese and the Priest Retirement Fund for FY2011.
- This spring, the Archdiocese conducted a thorough review of our Parish's finances and internal controls. **The audit showed that our internal controls are strong**. We adopted several recommendations, including purchasing a new safe for weekly collections and adopting a monthly financial report packet that represents how a business or not-for-profit reports its results.
- Notably, the **Parish has no debt outstanding**. Because of many parishioners' contributions, we were able to completely retire a \$57,000 capital loan.

In addition to the financial performance of the Parish, we have much to celebrate this year:

- We had **56 baptisms, 25 first communions, 6 funerals, 4 RCIA candidates and 9 marriages**.
- **104 of our children** participated in religious education classes.
- The Parish continues to thrive with **966 registered families** (1888 individuals).
- 250 families (400 individuals) participate at St. Teresa, but are not registered. On average, Sunday mass attendance is approximately 600 people.
- Our **Food Pantry** program added an additional distribution day each month that began this past spring. This calendar year, **our Parish will distribute approximately 3800 bags of food** to those in need. An additional 195 new clients have signed up for the program. This year, our Parish will fund 36 distributions.
- We served an average of 80 people per week through our **Loaves & Fishes Dinners**.
- Importantly, more of our parishioners are getting involved in activities away from Sunday mass, such as our spirituality and social justice groups. In short, we have a healthy and vibrant faith community.

The Finance Council strives to operate under a balanced budget while still providing the services and programs that keep our faith community thriving. The 2012 budget calls for a 5.3% increase in operating expenses, driven by adding personnel hours, increasing the output for our Social Outreach programs, and an increase in our Parish assessments. We have budgeted for average weekly collections and Time of Your Life proceeds on par with FY2011 to achieve a balanced budget. Both the full FY2011 annual report and our 2012 budget are available on the Parish website.

The next facet of our development as a community involves the strategy around our facilities. The long-term facility committee, working in conjunction with Fr. Frank and staff, has developed a three-phase approach to meet the Parish's needs as we continue to grow. Obviously, this entails soliciting your feedback, and we hope that you will actively participate in the discussion.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of this wonderful faith community.

God Bless,

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Infant Baptism

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during mass, and on the third Sunday of the month following the noon mass. Parents are required to attend baptism preparation session. Please call Dean at the parish office (773) 528-6650, ext. 230 to schedule a preparation session and baptism at least three months in advance.

Marriage

Weddings are held at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoons. Call the parish office for an appointment at least six months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

For those interested in becoming Catholic or simply desiring to learn more about our Catholic faith, contact Fr. Frank..

Children's Religious Education

Religious education is offered for children from age 3 through 8th grades. Two programs are offered - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori program) and a middle school program for 7th and 8th grade. For more information on religious education programs or sacramental preparation, please contact Kate Lynch at the parish office, ext. 232.

Registration

Registration forms are available at the back of church or at the parish office, or on our website at www.st-teresa.net.

Time for Prayer

The church may be opened for private prayer during the day. Please come to the parish office.

Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday	7:30 am
Friday *	7:30 am

**Communion Service only*

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday	7:00 pm
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Reconciliation

Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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