



**St. Teresa**  
*of Avila*  
Catholic Church

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 6, 2011**

**Stay awake, for you know  
neither the day nor the hour.**

— *Matthew 25:13*

**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.

# Stewardship Matters

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## Is He Here Yet?

Christians through the ages have hoped that Jesus would return in their lifetime. Jesus himself promised his disciples that he would return, but warned, “But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). Certain individuals have predicted Christ’s return, only to leave people disillusioned and angry. Natural disasters, wars, and tragedies make people wonder if these signal the “end of times.” But the question is this: If you were absolutely certain that Jesus would return next week, what would you do that you aren’t doing now? Make peace with someone? Let go of grudges and resentment? Tell people how much you love them? Repent of your sins? Do special favors? Pray a lot? Throw a party? Stop holding back and do these now. You can’t take possessions to heaven, but you can take your deeds.

### Living Stewardship Now

What is the most painful burden on your heart? Decide to set it right today. If you cannot make amends in person, share your sorrow with God in confession.



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## ¿Ya Llegó Él?

Los cristianos de todas las épocas han abrigado la esperanza de que Jesús volviera durante la vida terrenal de ellos. El mismo Jesús prometió a sus discípulos que regresaría, pero les advirtió: “Por lo que se refiere a ese Día y cuándo vendrá, nadie lo sabe, ni siquiera los ángeles de Dios, sino solamente el Padre” (Mateo 24:36). Algunas personas han predicho la segunda venida de Cristo y lo único que han conseguido es desilusionar y enojar a muchos. Los desastres naturales, las guerras y tragedias hacen que la gente se pregunte si son éstos los signos del “final de los tiempos”. Pero la pregunta a hacernos es ésta: Si supiera que Jesús vendría de nuevo la semana próxima, ¿haría algo diferente a lo que estoy haciendo ahora? ¿Haría las paces con alguien? ¿Abandonaría mis rencores y resentimientos? ¿Le diría a las personas cuánto las amo? ¿Me arrepentiría de mis pecados? ¿Haría favores especiales? ¿Rezará mucho? ¿Daría una fiesta? Pues no esperes más y haz estas cosas ahora. Tus bienes no te los puedes llevar al cielo, pero sí tus buenas obras.

### La Corresponsabilidad Viva Ahora

¿Por qué se angustia más tu corazón? Decídet a poner las cosas en orden hoy. Si no puedes enmendar las cosas en persona, comparte tu contrición con Dios en la confesión.



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## 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



Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

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](mailto:usiak@sbcglobal.net).

The Food Pantry needs larger, sturdy paper and plastic bags with handles. Please drop them off in the church, parish center or parish office.



**The next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

## The 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

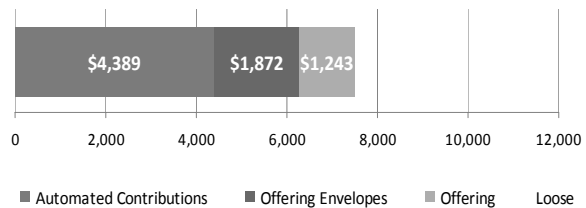
- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation

## Weekly Collections Recap For October 30, 2011

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Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,389	\$1,872	\$1,243	\$7,504

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



We are currently running a \$4,496 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of October 30, 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](mailto: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 or [dvaeth@sttereseparish.org](mailto:dvaeth@sttereseparish.org)

# Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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## Today's Readings

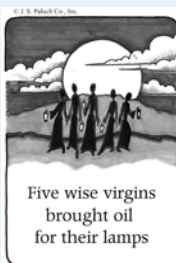
**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

## Expecting the Unexpected



If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, *never* start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
<b>Thursday:</b>	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
<b>Sunday:</b>	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

## Concluding Rites

The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. That includes the parish announcements, which are usually given following the Prayer after Communion. Believe it or not, the announcements, which are not an "official" part of the Mass, have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! The deacon or the homilist—even the bishop—would announce coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate. Today's parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning, and community building. They should be succinct and should include only significant events and activities in the life of the parish. But even when they are long and tedious, the announcements (and the parish bulletin) flow out of the concluding rites of the Mass. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

# Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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## Esperar lo Inesperado



Si alguna vez se te pasó por la mente que a Jesús le faltaba un poco del sentido del humor, el Evangelio de hoy destierra esa noción. La parábola de Jesús sobre las cinco jóvenes precavidas y las cinco jóvenes descuidadas es sumamente chistosa. Las circunstancias de la parábola sin duda resultaban familiares a los que escuchaban a Jesús, como lo son para nosotros. Las bodas nunca, *nunca* comienzan a la hora. Siempre hay un retraso. Botones que se caen al último minuto. Flores que se marchitan. Vehículos llenos de invitados atascados en el tráfico. Solistas que contraen laringitis. ¡Novias, novios o sacerdotes que llegan tarde! Así que la única manera razonable de encarar una boda es con buen sentido del humor, conscientes de que algo va a salir mal, y, cuando eso suceda, sonreír.

Jesús cuenta esta historia chistosa para alentarnos a que seamos vigilantes, sí; a estar preparados, sí. Pero no nos la cuenta para que nos amarguemos y nos ensombrecamos. Los apesadumbrados tiemblan, titubean, pierden de vista su lugar y propósito, y se quedan dormidos. Los festivos saben que sucederá lo inesperado —más que seguro— así que están despiertos en su puesto y listos para cumplir su propósito en el acto. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## La Eucaristía es Nuestro Banquete

La Eucaristía es una celebración de hermanos y hermanas a la que se acude a participar, no a ver. Vamos a ella a comer y a beber algo muy especial, con una actitud muy especial. La celebración plena y total de este sacramento se da solamente cuando se participa plena y totalmente en este banquete. No es como quien va a una fiesta de cumpleaños y, al invitarle a pasar a la mesa dice: “Yo sólo vine a ver, muchas gracias”. Pero la Eucaristía no es algo mágico, es divina, no mágica; no obra en nosotros a menos de que participemos en ella como se espera que lo hagamos. Vamos a ella no a manifestar lo que no somos, sino a reafirmar lo que somos, hijos e hijas de Dios, por eso es banquete gozoso. Vamos a dar gracias por lo que Dios ha hecho en nosotros, por lo que queremos que haga. Vamos a sentarnos a la mesa para compartir de un mismo pan y celebrar la misma alegría: que Cristo se hace pan para que todos comamos; que se hace vino para que todos bebamos. Coman y beban. — Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de hoy

**Primera lectura** — La sabiduría la encuentran los que la buscan (Sabiduría 6:12-16).

**Salmo** — Mi alma está sedienta de ti, oh Señor, mi Dios (Salmo 63 [62]).

**Segunda lectura** — No se acojogen como los que no tienen esperanza (1 Tesalonicenses 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Evangelio** — Las vírgenes necias no estaban preparadas para la llegada del novio (Mateo 25:1-13).

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Sab 1:1-7; Lc 17:1-6
<b>Martes:</b>	Sab 2:23 — 3:9; Lc 17:7-10
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Sal 46 (45); 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
<b>Jueves:</b>	Sab 7:22b — 8:1; Lc 17:20-25
<b>Viernes:</b>	Sab 13:1-9; Lc 17:26-37
<b>Sábado:</b>	Sab 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lc 18:1-8
<b>Domingo:</b>	Pro 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Sal 128 (127); 1 Tes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

# Sacraments & Ministries

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## November Baptisms



*Ryan Patrick Torchen (11-6-11)*  
*Brendon Michael Bell (11-12-11)*  
*Kane Edward Kearney (11-12-11)*

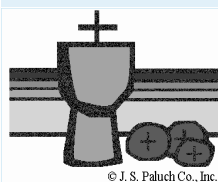


## St. Teresa says...

“I understood the great blessing there is in not paying attention to what doesn’t bring us closer to God.”

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

Thursday, November 24th  
12:00 Noon  
In the Parish Center



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.

## Calendar at a Glance

### November 6, Sunday

Thirty-second Sunday Ordinary Time • Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, Nine AM Nursery
- 9:15am, REC, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 10:15 am, Rectory, Bible Study
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, RCIC Spanish
- 3:00 pm, PC3-4, Helpers Gathering

### November 7, Monday

- 7:30 pm, AVC, 12-Step Meeting

### November 8, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men’s Spirituality Group
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC-4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration



### November 9, Wednesday

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome • La Dedicación de la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán

- 11:00 am, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:30 pm, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 am, PC3, Time of Your Life
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting

### November 10, Thursday

St. Leo the Great • San León Magno

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC-3, GS, Food Pantry et Up

### November 11, Friday

St. Martin of Tours • San Martín de Tours

- 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

### November 12, Saturday

St. Josaphat • San Josafat

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

# Mass Schedule & Intentions

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## Mass Intentions

### November 5

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

### November 6

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 am Jaime Hernandez

Annette Vazquez

12:00 noon Susan Patrasso

6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

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.

## 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 Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Victims of the War & Domestic Violence*

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

*Johnnie Mae Alexander  
Alicia Anderson  
Berta Billalvazo  
Patricia Chuck  
Basilio Diaz  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Kaylee Frederking  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Les Gordon  
Genevieve Gorgo  
Geneva Gorgo  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.  
David Hoffman  
Rod Holzkamp*

*Chuck Jabaley  
Pat Johnson  
Dave Kostelansky  
Betty LaCour  
Adolfo Lorenzana  
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana  
Carmen Felicita Lorenzana  
Miguel Lorenzana  
Lori Lyons  
George Maroquin  
Jose Marroquin  
Tammy Martin & Family  
Natasha McShane  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Elda Myers  
Frank Neki  
Angel Nieves  
P. A. O'Neil  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Nella Palazzolo*

*Honorata Alicea Peña  
Hector J. Rivera  
Irma Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.  
Philomena Russum  
Jack Schank  
Ruth Schmitz  
Mima Tome  
Robert Usiak  
Karen Breen Vogel  
John Wagner  
Bernadine Walters  
Michael Woyan  
Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
11-12-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Becky Francis	Leigh Hartley	Lisa Marquez Kari Richardson
11-13-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Lina Hilko	Jennifer Barrett Bernadette Diaz George Halloran	Mary Beth Hughes Annie Monak Valerie Williams Rose Ohiku
11-13-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Frank	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Francisco Perez	Carmen Cruz
11-13-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Luke Kolman	Myrna Gomez Kinsella	Tom Kinsella Brendan Lynch
11-13-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Kevin Carlino	Christine Villoch Kathy Richgels Mark Van Grinsven	Nancy Van Grinsven Gavin Rehkemper Eileen Raia Karen Melchert

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## Letting Go Attitudes That Block God's Call

Old Rick was taller than the average bear. Fairly thin, tall, unkempt hair for the most part...you get the picture. My co-workers and I called him "Rickels" for short, to get under his skin mainly. He was our supervisor and he was a pain in the rear. His management style was horrendous. "My way or the highway" he would say with an edge. "OOOO-kay, Rickels" was the standard response.

Rick was easy to size up. Other people in the company were far more sophisticated; they had the exact same "My way or the highway" attitude, but were much harder to figure out. Typically, I would find out that I was not doing things their way far after the start of the project, after the boat was down river so many miles, when turning back was not an option.

When it comes to responding to God's call, I have to admit that many times I take on a "My way or the highway" attitude. I don't sense that I am alone.

Here is how it goes. Something will arise and, if it is too uncomfortable for me to deal with, I will figure out a way to exit myself from the situation. "That's not my dog fight." "It is not my responsibility to address this situation." I certainly like the feel-good part of being a husband, a dad, of being involved in a church community and having positive spiritual experiences; but it is the uncomfortable experiences I don't care for.

Our faith tradition tells us that many of the saints struggled with this very same issue; that it took many of them years to let go of the "My way or the highway" attitude toward God's call and learn to simply respond in a consistent and positive manner. This is a difficult thing to accomplish. I have made a commitment this November to pray to my saints to help me let go of my "My way or the highway" attitude so that I can more appropriately and freely respond to God's call.

**Join us for the next session of  
Men's Spirituality Group  
on Tuesday, November 8  
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

## Remembering Our Loved Ones

### ALL SOULS



There is a Remembrance Table placed near the altar to put pictures and mementos to honor our family members and friends who have died with the hope of rising again.

If you would like to participate, please bring in your photos and mementos for the table.

## CCHD Weekend November 12-13

In 2009, 43.6 million Americans lived at or below the poverty line, the highest number in the 51 years for which data is available. With many families living one paycheck away from financial instability, there is little hope that more Americans won't face poverty in the years to come.



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions and find ways to improve their lives and their neighborhoods.

The CCHD accomplishes its goal by making society more just by empowering the poor. Every year CCHD funds projects in Chicago and across the United States to help poor communities end the conditions that perpetuate poverty.

Participating in CCHD next weekend is a way to help strengthen our commitment to social justice for our communities. To learn more about CCHD programs go to [www.archchicago.org/cchd](http://www.archchicago.org/cchd)

## Pick Up Your New Lector Workbooks

The new liturgical year, Year B, begins with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27, 2011. English and Spanish *2012 Workbook for Lectors* are now available in the sacristy after Mass.

Lectors are asked to sign the logbook when they pick up their copy.



### Volunteers Needed For This Year's Time of Your Life

**Greeters:** Welcome guests and assist with registration. A great fit for those who have bought tickets but still want to help out.

**Spotters:** This is a very important role. As a spotter you will be an assistant to the auctioneer during the live auction portion of the evening. Since this takes place during the dinner it is a good fit for those who are not planning to purchase tickets.

**Set up and break down:** We will need help Thursday afternoon and evening transporting items to the venue, and help with set up Friday afternoon before the event. Also looking for a few people to assist with close out and break down after the event.

Please contact Amir at Amir@staying-true.com or speak to a TOYL representative after mass to sign up.

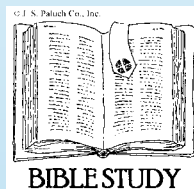
### Come to Bible Study Today

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.

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 from 10:15 am to 12:00 noon on the following Sundays in the Rectory:

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.



### 2010 Christmas Giving Tree



St. Teresa's is working with St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) who is providing us with the names of 185 needy children between the ages of 5 and 15.

Giving Tree tags will be available on the Feast of Christ the King (November 20). St. Teresa's is being asked to return the gifts wrapped by December 14th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.

Thank you for your gift of love.

#### Giving Tree Gift Ideas

- Book bags
- Art supplies
- Books
- Age-appropriate toys



#### Returning Gifts

- Please wrap all gifts and return them with the gift tag attached.
- Gifts can be returned between November 20th and December 14<sup>th</sup> at any weekend Mass or to the Parish Office.

### Fair Trade/Green Market Nov. 13th

Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and help support indigenous artisans from around the globe!

Local vendors will offer quality, eco-friendly products including clothing, jewelry, accessories, home décor, beauty and bath products and gourmet treats—all are ethically-sourced. Featured goods use recycled and natural materials.

Exercise your purchasing power to achieve positive world change by supporting sustainable and fair trade business practices in your purchasing choices.

**November 13, 2011 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Saint Clement School**  
**2524 North Orchard**  
**Chicago, IL 60614**

### Big Thank You

St. Teresa neighbor, Jayson Home & Garden, graciously donated more than 20 beautiful centerpieces for our *Time of Your Life* fundraiser to be held on Friday, November 18th.

Jayson's is located at 1885 N. Clybourn Ave.  
When you shop there, ask for Neil Goltz and give him a big Thank You! from St. Teresa.

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## Be Prepared

Weddings are always delicate affairs. We can never be sure if they will go as planned or if a glitch will develop in the middle of the festivities. The wise bridesmaids found it prudent to have extra oil on hand just in case. They took steps to be prepared, since they were unsure how long the wedding party might be delayed. The foolish bridesmaids found out that the last minute was too late to get prepared.

This is not a parable about sharing but about being ready. When the foolish bridesmaids returned from seeking additional oil, the bridegroom had already arrived, and would not open the door because he did not know them. Like the guest without the wedding garment (Matt 22:11-14), all have the same chance to be part of the reign of God. All the bridesmaids had the opportunity to be prepared.

In these parables proclaimed at the end of this year (the servants with the talents and the separation of sheep from goats), we see Matthew encouraging his community to remain prepared by living attentively in the present while being aware of the future. The reign of God is coming, yet the community must be alert to God's active presence among them now. Don't make frantic last-minute attempts to straighten out your lives, but live in prepared anticipation. Be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, and there is no need for fear. Hold on to that faith long into the night as you wait, even though the bridegroom



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**Life is but a collection of minutes: each fresh with potential. I can choose to use them for a greater good or do otherwise.**

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is nowhere in sight — stay awake, hope and pray.

Life is but a collection of minutes: each fresh with potential. I can choose to use them for a greater good or do otherwise. The bridesmaids did not know the hour of the wedding party's arrival, and some missed the Lord's coming because they were not living each moment to its full possibility. If I only have a collection of minutes, what will I do with my stash? Will I spend them bringing the reign of God any closer to reality? Will I find a way to combat the barriers separating me from my sisters and brothers? Will I choose to delve into the roots of injustice and follow — or even blaze — a trail to greater unity, justice and compassion?

Matthew called his community to face issues of their time such as alienation and prejudice. We too live in a world where people are discriminated against because of their mannerisms, customs or val-

ues. Racism and prejudice have crippled communities. Jesus offered God's people another way to live. If unjust treatment happens to even one person, the reign of God cannot be celebrated and is not yet fully present.

Jesus took strong stands; he followed firm convictions, including whom to call friends and disciples, those with whom he would eat, what authorities to face, what blindness to confront. These last chapters of Matthew show clearly where Jesus' beliefs and confrontations would lead him. Yet he faithfully followed the path, believing he was bringing the reign of God into the world. If we see, believe and act in the manner that Jesus did, we, too, might face the same confrontations. Yet we will know we are bringing about God's reign.

Like the bridesmaids, we are called to be awake and ready to take a stand. We are called to be attentive to the present by making God's reign come about here and now. Though the bridegroom is not in sight, each of us is called to serve and act in hope.

How ready will I be?

— Denise Simeone, Celebration Publications

# Directory

## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

## Staff

### Pastor

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Deacon Hector Rivera

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### Maintenance/Housekeeping

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Hilko, Chair

Brian Graziano	Tony Rivera
Joe Haley	Mark Matejka
Becky Khayum	Dave Wisneski
Catherine Kosnik	

## 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](http://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.

## Counseling Services

### Theresa Nollette, M.Div., LCSW

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### Mary Ellen Moore, Ph.D.

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