



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2011

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

— *Psalm 128:1a*

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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the past four decades, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has served as a way to bring the Gospel to light in the lives of the poor and to give Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago a way to participate in putting Catholic social teaching into action. Through your generous donations, this year CCHD is funding eighteen organizations in Cook and Lake Counties. These organizations provide programs that create jobs, provide training for adults and educational opportunities for children, and help to stabilize neighborhoods.

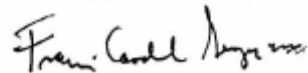
Inspired by Catholic social teachings, CCHD is committed to addressing the root causes of poverty. At the core of the CCHD mission is respect for human life from conception to natural death, acknowledging that all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and are endowed with certain inalienable rights.

Please make a special effort during this season of thanksgiving to give generously to the CCHD collection on November 19–20, 2011. Remember that your contribution to CCHD is *not a hand-out, but a hand up*, offering hope and help to low-income families and communities. Through your generosity, you share in Jesus' mission "to bring good news to the poor...release to the captives...and to let the oppressed go free..." (Luke 4:18).

One hundred percent of CCHD funding comes from individual donors just like you. Your contribution—no matter the amount—does make a powerful difference. May God bless you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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.

The Pantry is in need of three volunteers to help shop for groceries twice a month. Please contact Mike Usiak usiak@sbcglobal.net or the Parish Office to sign up. The Food Pantry also 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.

All are welcome to attend.



The 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

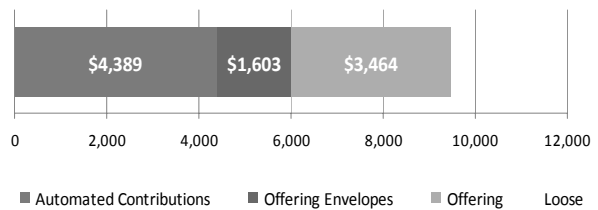
- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity: One Human Family
- Care of God's Creation

Weekly Collections Recap For November 6, 2011

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Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,389	\$1,603	\$3,464	\$9,456

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



We are currently running a \$2,544 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of November 6, 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 or dvaeth@sttereseparish.org

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

Change Our Lives

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or (memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission “to love and serve the Lord.” Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God’s continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, “Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives” (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ’s own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love. — Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Cambia Nuestras Vidas



Las cartas de Pablo a los tesalonicenses están entre sus primeros escritos movidos por su creencia, y la creencia de la comunidad de la Iglesia joven, de que el retorno de Cristo era inminente, y que dedicar tiempo y atención a otras cosas era tontería.

Con el paso del tiempo este fervor disminuyó un poco. Hoy, cuando escuchamos sobre la llegada del fin de los tiempos, podemos preguntarnos si la tenemos que tomar en serio, si es que realmente creemos que Cristo todavía puede venir por nosotros como “un ladrón en la

noche” (1 Tesalonicenses 5:2). ¿Significa esto que debemos ponerle un paro a establecer metas a largo plazo, despojarnos de nuestros calendarios y agendas anuales, dejar de ahorrar para una educación universitaria? Por supuesto que no. Lo que significa es que necesitamos cambiar nuestra vida, vivir como hijos de la luz e ir iluminando el mundo que nos rodea con la luz del Evangelio. Entonces, en aquél día, cuando los detalles de nuestra vida diaria se tornen poco importantes, estaremos listos para encontrar nuestra paz y seguridad en Cristo Jesús. — © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

La Eucaristía es Nuestro Sacrificio

La imagen del sacrificio en relación a la Eucaristía nos es muy familiar, no sólo por la experiencia de vida, que a menudo es muy sacrificada, sino porque fue la manera en que el pueblo hispano, históricamente hablando, aprendió a ver la Eucaristía y a celebrarla como tal: sacrificio. No hay nada de malo en que la Eucaristía sea sacrificio, porque lo es, es el sacrificio de Cristo por nosotros; al celebrar la Eucaristía como el sacrificio de Cristo, la Iglesia se hace consciente de que Cristo ha muerto una sola vez en la cruz y que el sacrificio que celebramos es en memorial de su pasión dolorosa, de su gloriosa resurrección y de su admirable ascensión al cielo. La imagen del sacrificio nos sigue llamando aún más porque en esa palabra reflejamos nuestra vida y lo que traemos a la celebración. Refleja la historia de nuestros pueblos, no sólo de sufrimiento, sino de la solidaridad que Dios ha tenido con nuestro propio sufrimiento. La celebramos como un acompañamiento mutuo, de nosotros a Dios y de Dios a nosotros en la persona de Cristo, que también es Dios y que por nosotros murió. — Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Un esposo es capaz de confiar su corazón a su esposa que es como una joya (Proverbios 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Salmo — Bendito sean los que temen al Señor (Salmo 128 [127]).

Segunda lectura — El día del Señor vendrá como el ladrón en la noche (1 Tesalonicenses 5:1-6).

Evangelio — Porque has sido fiel en lo poco, ven a compartir la alegría de tu Señor (Mateo 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lc 18:35-43
Martes:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lc 19:11-28
Jueves:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lc 19:41-44
Viernes:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lc 19:45-48 ó (el memorial de la Dedicación) Hch 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
Sábado:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Sal 23 (22); 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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November Baptisms



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

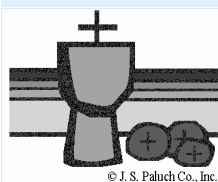


St. Teresa says...

“Poverty of spirit is a good that includes within itself all the good things of the world...Poverty of spirit embraces many of the virtues. In it lies great dominion.”

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 13, Sunday

Thirty-third Sunday Ordinary Time • Trigesimo Tercer 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
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, RCIC Spanish
- 1:00 pm, AVD, Archdiocesan PR Committee Meeting
- 1:30 pm, REC2, Church, Reconciliation Preparation
- 1:30 pm, PC1-2, Reconciliation Preparation for Parents
- 4:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

November 14, Monday

- 7:00 pm, PC1-2, Parish Council
- 7:30 pm, AVC, 12-Step Meeting

November 15, Tuesday

St. Albert the Great • San Alberto Magno

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC-4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 6:00 pm, PC1-2-3, SPRED Total Community
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

November 16, Wednesday

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude • Santa Margarita de Escocia; Santa Gertrudis

- 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 17, Thursday

St. Elizabeth of Hungary • Santa Isabel de Hungría

- 4:30 pm, PC3-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Wreath-Making
- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

November 18, Friday

Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
• La Dedicación de las Basílicas de Santos Pedro y Pablo; Santa Rose Philippine Duchesne

- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 6:00 pm, Mart Plaza, Time of Your Life Fundraiser

November 19, Saturday

Blessed Virgin Mary • Santa María Virgen

- 9:00 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 3:00 pm, PC3-4, Virgin of Providence Setup

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Mass Intentions

November 12

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

November 13

9:00 am Sam & Lee Incandela
 10:30 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
 12:00 noon Susan Patrosso
 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 Granzeier, Timothy Halpin, Lee Incandela, Michael Kinsella, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrosso, 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>Pat Johnson</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>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>Robert Usiak</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>Karen Breen Vogel</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</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
11-19-11 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Dave Kostelansky	Lisa Marquez	Maggie Kuhlmann Jean Kostelansky
11-20-11 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Pascal Kasanziki	Elizabeth Rooney	Dan Anderson Michael Zost Dennis Kamalick	Frank Swiderski Theresa Jabaley Jennifer Barrett Tom Kosnik
11-20-11 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Frank	Gerardo Martinez Belen Gonzales	Carmen Vazquez	Bolivar Gonzales
11-20-11 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Tony Dosen	Amy McCue	Maggie Malone	Alice Morales-Villenas Bob Pedro
11-20-11 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Sharon Lindstrom	Luke Kolman Wendy Tynan Jonathan Assell	Katie Assell Lina Hilko Jane Ott Nancy Van Grinsven

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Contemplative Prayer: Easier Said than Done

This past week the Men's Spirituality Group took on the topic of contemplative prayer. We did not talk about what contemplative prayer is or the difficulty involved in developing the practice of contemplative prayer. Instead, we participated in an exercise of doing contemplative prayer.

Praying contemplatively is so unlike most forms of prayer. When we pray, usually we do most of the talking with very little listening. Praying contemplatively reverses this chain of communication between the one praying and God; the one praying attempts to quiet the mind and soul in order to listen to God. Good to do, but difficult to achieve.

In contemplative prayer, God does not actually talk in words to the one praying like two humans having a conversation, but moves us internally toward certain elements in our lives that will bring us deeper into a union with God. Sometimes these elements in our lives are pleasant and we sense the love and mercy of God. At other times, these elements are painful, exposing the faults and weaknesses that we must walk through in order to develop a deeper relationship with God.

Our own Saint Teresa of Avila is considered a contemplative. We believe that she achieved a certain state and union with God and that God inspired her to articulate her experiences to us novices. Sometimes, it is a challenge reading the contemplative saints that are there in their practice of contemplative prayer. It is like trying to read and understand physics when we don't quite have algebra down.

If you are interested in developing a contemplative prayer practice I suggest the following two resources by Martin Laird titled (1) *Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation* and (2) *A Sunlit Absence: Silence, Awareness, and Contemplation*. These two resources are modern, easy to read, easy to understand, and addresses most of the issues involved in developing a contemplative prayer practice.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, November 22
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

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.

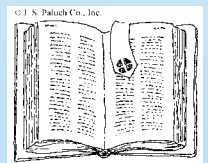
Please contact Amir at Amir@staying-true.com or speak to a TOYL representative after mass to sign up.

Next Bible Study November 20th

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 20, December 4 and December 18.

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



BIBLE STUDY

Women's Group Advent Prayer Tuesday, November 29th

Join the circle of prayer for quiet, candle-lit prayer, meditation and reflection.

It is an invitation to slow down, to renew hope, to keep vigil in expectation of Christ's coming. 7:30 p.m. in Avila Place, 1939 N. Kenmore Avenue

2011 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 13.

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.

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Pick Up 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.

Virgin of Providence Celebration Sunday, November 20th

Next weekend the St. Teresa Community will celebrate the feast day of the Virgin of Providence at the 10:30 am Mass. There will be a feast day celebration after Mass. Everyone is welcome.



Please call Hector Rivera at 773-987-8866 if you or your children would like to participate in the celebration.

Fair Trade Market November 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

Blood Drive November 27th

The gift of giving blood is very precious. By donating your blood you are giving another person a chance at life.

St. Teresa tries to host blood drives throughout the year so that we can reach out further into the community and give back.

On Sunday, November 27th we will host a blood drive from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Appointments are recommended. To schedule your appointment, please call the parish office at 773-528-6650.



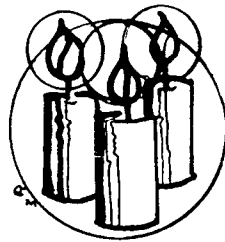
Treasure of the Gospel

What would you do if you won a million dollars? Perhaps Jesus knew that telling a story about money would get attention!

It's unfortunate that the word "talent," used in the parable for the coins entrusted to each servant, in English means "an innate ability or "something at which one excels." But Matthew's Gospel is not merely about something as tame as sharing our gifts or talents with one another, though that is always part of our call to serve our community. This is a disturbing and challenging story about what followers of Jesus are to do with the Gospel as they wait for the Lord and watch in faith. A "talent" refers to a huge amount of money, commonly thought to be 15 years' wages for a typical worker. We might say a master gave each servant a million dollars!

In today's story, two servants set out immediately with this treasure. They invest and work to double the money to prove the master right in trusting them with this large sum. And what of the third servant? This servant paints the master in a very different light, describing him as a "demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter, so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back" (Matt 25:24-25). He buried his million bucks and gave it back to the master intact.

But what does the parable



you are
children
of light

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tell us about the master? He goes on a journey and entrusts his servants with vast amounts of money — an unimaginable treasure to give servants.

He exhibits amazing trust that the servants will take care of his money while he is away. When he learns how the first two have doubled the treasure, he offers lavish praise — "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matt 25:21, 23) — and gives them more money and authority. He even concludes with: "Come, share your master's joy" (Matt 25:21, 23). This is really an extraordinary master — trusting, welcoming, generous, benevolent. He gives his servants freedom to risk and to act.

Matthew's community was being invited to open their eyes and see God calling them to invest the treasure the Lord had left them. The treasure is the good news that Jesus taught them, all the ways he invited them to be a community that loves

God "with all your heart ... soul ... and mind" and loves "your neighbor as yourself" (Matt 22:37-39), as we heard a few weeks ago. They could choose to increase the treasure, as the first two servants did, or choose the safer, easier, less risky course, as did the third servant.

It is tempting to hide a treasure in the ground. At least it is safe, and it's effortless. Fear can impede us from reaching out. It can get us stuck. In the passage that immediately follows and that we hear next week (Matt 25:31-46), Matthew tells his community what will be necessary to invest and grow this treasure: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." These were not easy tasks then and are no easier now. Forget fear, do God's will.

Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians reinforces the message of being ready to act, "for the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (5:2). Live each moment alert and aware of what you have been given. What treasure did Jesus give us? How did Jesus act? Go and do the same.

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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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