



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2012**

Your body is a temple
of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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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You Will See

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist watches Jesus go by, and announces that Jesus is the promised Lamb of God. Andrew and another man follow Jesus, who asks what they are looking for. Their answer is strange: they want to know where he lives. Jesus replies, "Come, and you will see." The next day Andrew takes his brother, Simon, to meet the Messiah—the Anointed One. Jesus looks hard at Simon and, from what he perceives, renames him Peter ("the rock"). The two encounters are ordinary and yet life-changing. Jesus walks past John, and then offers Andrew and his friend hospitality and companionship. Jesus meets Peter, looks at him, assesses his character, and accepts him as a friend. The simplicity of Jesus' manner demonstrates his willingness to receive people "as they are" but also to see their potential. He does not offer explanations of who he is, but takes people to his home and lets them see for themselves.

Living Stewardship Now

Jesus sees you, accepts you, and welcomes you for who you are. Show your gratitude in *worship* of God, who loves and saves you; *service* to others in the parish and the community; *gifts* to the church and to good causes of your choice.



Lo Verás

En el Evangelio de hoy Juan el Bautista ve a Jesús venir hacia él y dice que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios prometido. Andrés y otro hombre siguen a Jesús quien les pregunta lo que andan buscando. La respuesta de ellos es extraña, pues dicen que quieren saber dónde él vive. Jesús responde: "Vengan a ver". Al día siguiente Andrés lleva a su hermano Simón para que conozca al Mesías, el ungido. Jesús mira a fondo a Simón y por lo que puede percibir, le da el nuevo nombre de Pedro ("la roca"). Los dos encuentros son ordinarios y produjeron un cambio de vida.

Jesús camina hacia Juan, y después le ofrece a Andrés y su amigo hospitalidad y compañía. Jesús conoce a Pedro, le echa una mirada, hace una valoración de su carácter y lo acepta como amigo. Esa sencillez demuestra su buena disposición para recibir a las personas "tal y como son", pero también les hace ver sus propias capacidades. No ofrece explicaciones prolongadas acerca de quién es él, sino que lleva a las personas a su casa y les permite ver por sí mismas.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Jesús te ve, te acepta y te recibe tal como eres. Demuestra tu gratitud *alabando* a Dios que te ama y te salva; *sirviendo* a otras personas en tu parroquia y comunidad; *ofreciendo* algo de tu dinero a la Iglesia y a las causas buenas de tu predilección.

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

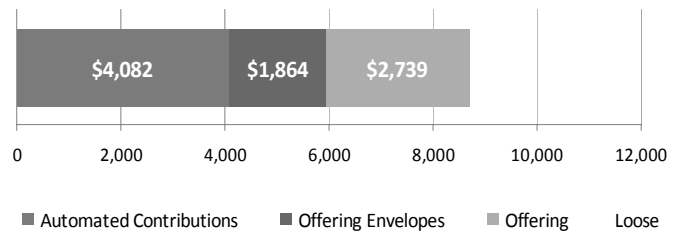


Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Weekly Collections Recap For January 8, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,082	\$1,864	\$2,739	\$8,685

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



We are currently running a \$3,315 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of January 8, 2012. Currently we are at a 4% increase over collections from last fiscal year.

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

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



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

All are welcome to attend.

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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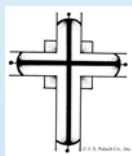
Today's Readings

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).



Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Speak, Lord, We are Listening

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Habla, Señor, Estamos Escuchando

En la primera lectura de hoy Dios llama repetidas veces en la noche a un niño dormido. Ni el niño, Samuel, ni su maestro, Elí, entienden quién está llamando. Pero la persistencia de Dios los convence. Samuel ya está listo; no para hacer algo todavía, pero dispuestos a escuchar. “Habla Señor, tu siervo te escucha” (1 Samuel 3:10).

En el Evangelio, Jesús está afuera enseñando. Varias personas lo ven y comienzan a reunirse alrededor. Pronto se convierten en discípulos y, al igual que el joven Samuel, están listos, no para hacer algo todavía, pero dispuestos a escuchar. “Habla”, dicen, “te escuchamos”.

La voz de Dios está siempre con nosotros, ya sea que estemos despiertos o dormidos. Se arremolina a nuestro alrededor como la niebla en una costa envolviéndonos, suavemente nos urge a despertar, a escuchar. Estar conscientes de la voz es lo primero; luego la voluntad de escuchar; y más luego, con el tiempo, la decisión de actuar, de vivir según la Palabra de Dios. Vamos a pedir hoy por la capacidad de mantener los oídos abiertos para que no se pierda la voz de Dios. —

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Según una vieja costumbre latina, no se les debe llamar por nombre a los niños mientras todavía están en el vientre de su madre. Mis padres siempre me hablaban por nombre durante el embarazo de mi mamá. Esto por supuesto molestaba a mi abuelita quien decía que si me iban a hablar por nombre sería mejor llamarme Tiburcio. La gran sorpresa de mis padres fue que nació el día de san Tiburcio. Gracias a Dios mis padres no eran tradicionalitas, sino tuviera que pasar mi vida con ese nombre.

Muchos latinoamericanos todavía siguen la tradición del onomástico; de dar a su hijo o hija el nombre del santo o de la santa en cuyo día nació. Esta costumbre se hace con doble intención: 1) para implorar la protección del santo sobre el recién nacido y 2) para que el niño o la niña tenga un buen ejemplo como modelo para su vida. Esta última razón implica tener que conocer e imitar al santo o a la santa.

Si tu hijo nace el 16 de enero puedes nombrarlo: Fulgencio, Acurcio, Adiuto, Frisio y Tolomeo. O si es niña, Priscila o el femenino de los previos. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Samuel responde al llamado del Señor: “Habla, Señor, tu siervo te escucha” (1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19).

Salmo — Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

Segunda lectura — Tu cuerpo es un templo del Espíritu Santo; por tanto glorifica a Dios en tu Cuerpo (1 Corintios 6:13-15, 17-20).

Evangelio — Los primeros discípulos empiezan a seguir a Jesús y declaran que es el Mesías (Juan 1:35-42).



Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mc 2:18-22
Martes:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24); 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20

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January Baptisms



Noah Giangreco (1-15-12)

St. Teresa says...



“Just as there are many mansions in heaven, there are many paths.”

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



Calendar at a Glance

January 15, Sunday

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:00 am, PC1-2, 9AM Nursery
- 9:15 am, REC4, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, Spanish RCIC
- 4:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

January 16, Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.
Office Closed

- 7:00 pm, PC1-2, Finance Council

January 17, Tuesday

St. Anthony • San Antonio

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration



January 18, Wednesday

- 5:30 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:00 pm, PC4, Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:00 pm, PC3, TOYL 2012 Kick-off Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APB, 12-step SA Meeting
- 8:00 pm, PC1-2, CCFC Bible

January 19, Thursday

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

January 20, Friday

St. Francis; St. Fabian • San Fabián; San Sebastián

- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 6:30 pm, Church, Memorial Service
- 7:00 pm, PC3-4, Memorial Service Reception
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

January 14, Saturday

St. Agnes • Santa Inés

- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA

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Mass Intentions

January 14

5:00 pm Sr. Mary Cecelia Quirke

January 15

9:00 am All Deceased Members of the Parish
 10:30 am Gabriel Bernal
 12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish
 6:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

January 17

7:30 am Carlos W. Hernandez

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...

<i>Johnnie Mae Alexander</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>
<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Theresa Jabaley</i>	<i>Nella Palazzolo</i>
<i>Berta Billalvazo</i>	<i>Pat Johnson</i>	<i>Honorata Alicea Peña</i>
<i>Patricia Chuck</i>	<i>Dave Kostelansky</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Basilio Diaz</i>	<i>Dave Kostelansky II</i>	<i>Irma Rivera</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Kaylee Frederking</i>	<i>Adolfo Lorenzana</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Carmen Dolores Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Carmen Felicita Lorenzana</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, O.C.D.</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Miguel Lorenzana</i>	<i>Philomena Russum</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Lori Lyons</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>George Marroquin</i>	<i>Ruth Schmitz</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Jose Marroquin</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Genevieve Gorgo</i>	<i>Tammy Martin & Family</i>	<i>John Wagner</i>
<i>Geneva Gorgo</i>	<i>Natasha McShane</i>	<i>Bernadine Walters</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Michael Woyan</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>Fr. Patrick Harrity, C.M.</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Frank Nekic</i>	
<i>Rod Holzkamp</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	
	<i>P. A. O'Neil</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 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
1-21-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	David Kostelansky	Jean Kostelansky	Lisa Marquez Gavin Rehkemper
1-22-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Mary Beth Hughes	Frank Swiderski Rose Ohiku Dan Anderson	Michael Zost Geneva Gorgo Annie Monak Jennifer Barrett
1-22-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin	Alex Lopes Maria Montes	Antonio Bosque	Carmen Cruz
1-22-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Dennis Kamalick	Bob Pedro	Aimee Jaszczor Colin McCue
1-22-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Katie Assell	Jonathan Assell Luke Kolman Jane Ott	Eileen Raia Sharon Lindstrom Leigh Hartley Lina Hilko

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Any Spiritual Resolutions This Year?

I really don't like working out at the gym in January. Don't get me wrong. I generally work out five days out of the week. I just don't like it in January. The gym is filled with "tons" of people who have made New Year's resolutions. Neophytes generally, clogging up the machines and the weight room. The arrival of February comes as a relief.

Research shows that most people do make New Year's resolutions and that most participants will give up by the end of January. It's really anyone's guess; goals too lofty, too many big changes to tackle at once, not enough support from loved ones are just some of the reasons they fail.

How about on the spiritual side? Any spiritual New Year's resolutions for you? This was our last men's spirituality topic. Many concepts emerged, two are worth noting.

First, I have to make room. That is, in order to start doing something I want to do, I have to stop doing something else. Not uncommon for my life to become cluttered with activity that is not aligned with what I ultimately want to accomplish. These activities are not necessarily bad habits, they are just non-effective patterns of behavior. In the end, I have to stop doing something to make room for something new.

Secondly, I have to make room physically; I have to stop being a junk collector. I am convinced that my family has a junk collecting gene. Physically purging helps me. In the end, it becomes difficult for me to attach to something spiritual if I do not detach from something physical. Many Saints have written about this dynamic. Recall the quote from Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

If you have made resolutions this year, add in spiritual resolution. Stay strong, don't give up easily, be forgiving to yourself when you get off track, and most of all, make room.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, January 24th
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

2012 TOYL Kick-Off Meeting Scheduled

Do you have some ideas on how to make our Annual Fundraiser better? Not sure how you'd like to be involved? Come to our first meeting and see how you can help us out! We need you!

**TOYL Kick-Off Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
7:00 pm in the Parish Center**

If you have questions, please contact Erica Scullion at ericawestrich@gmail.com or (773) 870-5214.

Bring in Last Year's Palms

Please bring last year's palms to church and drop them off in the sacristy.

We'll use them for ashes on Ash Wednesday which is February 22nd.



Need a New Perspective for the New Year? Parish Leadership Day is February 18th

It's not too late to register for a new outlook on 2012. Whether you're thinking about how to get involved or already are an active parish leader, join us as we worship, learn and gather for the 2012 Parish Leadership Day, February 18th at Loyola Academy in Wilmette.

Parish leaders can hone their skills and be inspired to become more effective in their respective ministries at Parish Leadership Day. Attendees can choose from among more than 100 workshops, have lunch with Cardinal George, and network with parish leaders from throughout the greater metropolitan area.

To browse through the workshop offerings, visit online at www.archchicago.org/departments/councils and click on Parish Leadership Day.

For more information or to register, contact Tom Kinsella at t.kinsella@sbcglobal.net by February 10th to register with the St. Teresa Parish Group.

6:51 Club Meets January 22nd

The *6:51 Club* invites you to join us next Sunday, January 22nd, after the 6:00 pm mass, for a social hour and dinner. We will be trying out some healthy recipes for the new year. All are welcome!

The *6:51 Club* usually meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday of the month, but since New Years Day was the 1st Sunday, we are meeting on the 4th Sunday this month.

Know Someone Wounded by Abortion?

There will be a special Holy Hour at Saint Clement to pray for compassion, healing and reconciliation for everyone who has been wounded by abortion, including mothers, fathers, siblings, doctors, and clinicians. The unborn infants who have died are in God's loving hands, but many others are still suffering. Please join us to be the voice of God's compassion for them on Thursday, January 19th at St. Clement Church, 642 W. Deming Place.

We'll begin at 6:45 pm and Father Manny Dorantes will celebrate Benediction at 7:30 pm.

Do More Than Make It Through This Winter – Make a Difference!

The Center for Economic Progress is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with low-income families to help them move toward financial security.

Volunteer at a Tax Preparation Site

- No experience is necessary—choose a position to fit your current skills or learn something new.
- All training is provided; classes run in January.
- Volunteers are asked to commit 20 hours (averaging to a few hours a week) between January and April.
- Community sites are available throughout Illinois.

Volunteer Positions Available

- Tax preparers: Work with clients to file federal and state tax returns and provide counseling on tax credits and forms.
- Tax site assistants: Perform essential non-tax-preparation activities, including client intake, translating and educating on basic banking options available on site.

See why over 1,100 volunteers dedicated last winter to serving 28,000 families statewide. Register to volunteer, view training schedules and find a site near you at www.economicprogress.org/volunteer.

“Home for the holidays!” “There's no place like home!” “Mi casa, es su casa.”



THE INNER VOICE, INC.

Yes, these are cliché, but imagine that you and your family are homeless. Worse yet, you, your spouse, your children are not able to remain together. Members of your family are in different locations without each other's support.

Max Moses, the spouse of parishioner Kari Richardson, was just appointed Interim CEO of *The Inner Voice, Inc.*, an agency that runs seven interim homeless shelters designed to keep families together enable self-reliance and provide hope.

Inner Voice has been serving the needs of Chicago's homeless for 27 years and provides services to over 7,000 clients a year (visit www.innervoicechicago.org). As you can imagine, times are tough and *Inner Voice* is in desperate need of basic supplies for those living in the shelters.

Inner Voice is asking St. Teresa parishioners to help by donating such items as:

- Toiletries (toilet paper, shampoo, soap)
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper goods
- Silverware
- Plates and Bowls
- Plastic Cups

Of course, you can just donate a gift card from Target, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, or similar stores, and *Inner Voice* will purchase what they need most.

Drop off your donations in the church on the weekend or to Avila Place at 1930 N. Kenmore Ave. from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm during the week from now through January 29th.

Kincade's Super Bowl Party

St. Teresa parishioners are hosting the 2nd Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th at Kincade's on Armitage. The cost is \$ 55.00/person before Saturday, January 28th, \$75.00 per person after the 28th, and cash only on game day. Included in the cost is an open bar and food from kick off through the end of the game. First- and second-half prize winners, game squares, etc.

Contact Steve Kolinski at kolinski@midlandtoledo.com, or Amir Rafizadeh at amir@staying-true.com.

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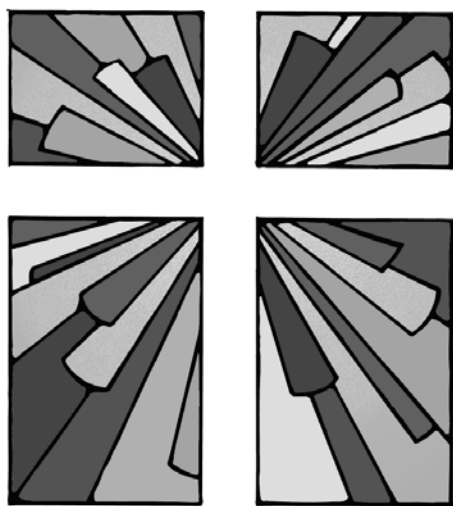
Toward and Adult Faith

When I was in first grade, I fell in love with my teacher and decided that when I grew up I was going to be just like her. In high school I determined that entering a religious community would make me a “woman of God” just like the women I so admired. My early vocational wanderings were a roller coaster ride typically adolescent in nature. I would be up one minute, having found the perfect role model, and down the next when all did not go as planned.

While admiring others is a normal stage in the process of finding our own unique vocation, adult faith demands much more. In order to stand with the psalmist today and say, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will,” we must stand alone in our own shoes, ready to bear the burden of our own personal calling. How can we do this? In today’s readings, the prophet Samuel and apostles Andrew and Simon Peter show us the way.

The boy Samuel is half-asleep in his bed in the Temple when God first calls him. Too young to recognize the Lord’s voice, he goes to his mentor, the high priest Eli, thinking Eli has called him. Only after some discernment do they realize that the voice is coming from God. Samuel steps into adult faith and says, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

This story is a lesson for us: Expect to hear God speak. Stand on holy ground. Pray before sleeping,



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Our personal search to discover God’s writing on our own hearts takes courage, but it is the only path of adult faith.

again upon waking. Find a mentor skilled in discernment. Address God with boldness, stating your readiness to listen. Discern, then act.

In today’s Gospel, Andrew and Simon Peter amplify the lesson Samuel has already taught us, and they refine it further. They agree that one must prepare for and expect the call of God. They also understand the importance of a mentor and look to John the Baptist for guidance. Andrew teaches us the importance of contemplation when he asks Jesus where he lives. Call leads to conversation, and this invites an even deeper relationship. Andrew also has the courage to share his call with his brother

Simon. They are invited to build community with Jesus. Contemplation and community are essential elements of an adult faith journey.

Today’s Gospel is all about recognition. John the Baptist points to Jesus and directs his own disciples to him. Andrew recruits Simon Peter, and together they seek out Jesus. Jesus, in turn, recognizes them. He responds to their questions and invites them to come and stay with him. He gives Simon a new name.

We need this same mutual recognition with God. Once we recognize God and God in turn calls us, nothing will ever be the same. Imitating others may get us started, but relying on them for our identity and vocation is not enough. Our personal search to discover God’s writing on our own hearts takes courage, but it is the only path of adult faith.

Many years ago I attended a covenant retreat given by Sister of St. Joseph Sue Mosteller, who served with the L’Arche Daybreak community in Ontario for over 30 years. During our week together she assured us that our vocation was written on our own hearts. Have the courage to listen and see and respond. Take the lessons from today’s readings. Read your own heart. Dare to say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Step into the world of adult faith.

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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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