



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2012

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— *Mark 1:15*

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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The Raw Material



Imagine Jesus sending his disciples for psychological testing today. “The men you have picked for management in your new organization have been thoroughly tested. Most appear to lack the background, education, and skills necessary for your enter-

prise. Peter needs a firm hand and anger management. Andrew shows no leadership qualities. James and John place personal ambition above loyalty. Thomas’s skepticism could undermine morale. Matthew’s previous business was blacklisted in Jerusalem. James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus are political radicals. Only one candidate shows real potential. He is socially skillful, resourceful, highly motivated, and enjoys contacts in high places. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your right-hand man.” Like the apostles, we lack faith, we have much to learn, we are selfish, we have a past, and we doubt. If Jesus used them he can use us, and with his help we can grow stronger and accomplish great things for him. Jesus’ call is urgent. Answer now.

Living Stewardship Now

God does not demand moral perfection before you can be of worthy service. God asks for a loving heart and a willingness to stick with your commitment.

Materia Prima



Imagínate a Jesús enviando a sus discípulos hoy para hacer unas pruebas psicológicas. Es probable que los resultados fueran: “Los hombres que usted ha escogido como empresarios en su nueva organización han pasado por nuestras pruebas

rigurosamente. La mayoría de ellos parecen carecer de la experiencia, la educación y las habilidades necesarias para su empresa. Pedro necesita aprender a tomar decisiones y saber manejar su ira. Andrés no demuestra tener cualidades de liderazgo. Santiago y Juan ponen su ambición personal por encima de su fidelidad. El escepticismo de Tomás pudiera menoscabar la moral. El negocio anterior de Mateo estaba en la lista negra de Jerusalén. Santiago, el hijo de Alfeo, y Tadeo son demasiado radicales en la política. Sólo un candidato demuestra tener posibilidades. Es hábil en lo social, emprendedor, bien motivado y además tiene buenos contactos en lugares de influencia. Nosotros recomendamos a Judas Iscariote para ser su mano derecha en la empresa”. Igual que los apóstoles nosotros carecemos de fe, tenemos mucho que aprender, somos egoístas, tenemos un pasado y dudamos. Si Jesús los utilizó a ellos puede utilizarnos a nosotros, y con su ayuda podemos fortalecernos y lograr grandes cosas en su nombre. El llamado que te hace Jesús es urgente. Responde ahora.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Dios no exige la perfección moral como requisito para servirle. Dios te pide un corazón amoroso y tu fidelidad en el compromiso.

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 15, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,082	\$2,004	\$2,965	\$9,051

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



We are currently running a \$2,949 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of January 15, 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@stteresaparish.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 next Food Pantry Committee meeting is Monday, March 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

All are welcome to attend.

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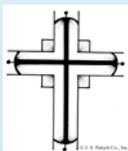
Today's Readings

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).



Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

A New Day Dawns

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well? – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Treasures from Our Tradition

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!" – James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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Un Nuevo Amanecer

Hoy escuchamos la manera en que Jonás, enviado por Dios para advertir a la gente, pasa como un torbellino por las calles de Nínive, asustando a los ciudadanos hasta el pánico. ¡Y funciona! Dios tiene un cambio de corazón, al ver “sus obras” como la gente se aparta del mal (Jonás 3:10). Un nuevo amanecer.

Luego escuchamos a Pablo decir a los corintios: “Este mundo que vemos es pasajero” (1 Corintios 7:31). Pide un cambio de corazón. Sin llegar a decir que no hagan sus actividades diarias, les insta, misteriosamente, a vivir “como si” no están haciendo las cosas que están haciendo. Es un nuevo amanecer.

Finalmente, Jesús se encuentra en la orilla y clama: “El Reino de Dios ya está cerca” (Marcos 1:14). Simón y Andrés abandonan sus redes –e incluso a su padre– y lo siguen. Es un nuevo amanecer.

Todo el mundo tiene que cambiar cuando amanece un nuevo día: los ninivitas, los corintios, los apóstoles, ¡hasta Jesús! ¿No es hoy un nuevo amanecer para nosotros también? – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La cruda realidad de nuestro continente es que América es tierra de mártires. Esta semana recordamos el martirio del indígena quechua Segundo Francisco Guamán de Ecuador. Como la mayor parte de los indígenas americanos, los quechuas consideran la tierra como pertenencia de la comunidad humana. De ella come y vive todo ser viviente. Desde la llegada de los europeos la tierra americana ha sido explotada y con ella los indígenas también.

El siglo pasado unos campesinos ecuatorianos dirigidos por Segundo Francisco comenzaron a reunirse con el Ministerio de Agricultura y el Instituto Ecuatoriano de Reforma Agraria y Colonización. Que agencias civiles tomen interés por los derechos del indígena es siempre “buena nueva”. Lamentablemente lo que es “buena nueva” para la muchedumbre pobre es “mala noticia” para los poderosos. Uno de éstos decidió vengarse en contra de los campesinos. En su rabia, asesinó al joven Segundo Francisco de sólo 25 años de edad. Pero su muerte, como la de todo mártir, no fue en vano. Su sangre derramada sobre la madre tierra ha ido sembrando más movimientos por los derechos de los indígenas. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,

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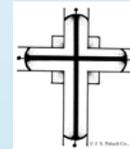
Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Con los avisos de Jonás los ninivitas se arrepienten de su maldad (Jonás 3:1-5, 10).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — El mundo que conocemos está pasando (1 Corintios 7:29-31).

Evangelio — Jesús empezó a proclamar: “El reino de Dios ha llegado. Tomen otro camino y crean en la Buena Nueva” (Marcos 1:14-20).



Lecturas de la Semana

- Lunes:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mc 3:22-30, o cualquier lectura de la misa “Por la paz y la justicia,” nos. 887-891
- Martes:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mc 3:31-35
- Miércoles:** Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Mc 16:15-18
- Jueves:** 2 Tim 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Mc 4:21-25
- Viernes:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mc 4:26-34
- Sábado:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mc 4:35-41
- Domingo:** Dt 18:15-20; Sal 95 (94); 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28

Sacraments & Ministries

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January Baptisms



Noah Giangreco (1-15-12)

St. Teresa says...



“Teach by works more than by words...we must all try to be preachers by our deeds.”

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 22, Sunday

3rd Sunday in ordinary Time • Tercer 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
- 10:15 am, Rectory, Bible Study
- 10:30 am, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 12:00 pm, REC1-2-3, Spanish RCIC

January 23, Monday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children •
Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños por Nacer

- 12:30 pm, PC1-2, Chicago House
- 7:00 pm, PC1-2, Finance Council
- 7:30 pm, APC, Monday Night 12-Step SA Group

January 24, Tuesday

St. Francis de Sales • San Francisco de Sales

- 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group
- 9:30 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:30 pm, PC4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, REC1, SPRED Preparation
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, Kitchen, SPRED Agape
- 7:30 pm, APC, Women's Spirituality Group

January 25, Wednesday

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle • La Conversión de San Pablo, apóstol

- 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

January 26, Thursday

Ss. Timothy and Titus • Santos Timoteo y Tito

- 6:00 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup

January 27, Friday

St. Angela Merici • Santa Ángela de Merici

- 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

January 28, Saturday

St. Thomas Aquinas • Santo Tomás de Aquino

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



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

January 21

5:00 pm	All Deceased Members of the Parish
	January 15
9:00 am	Carlos W. Hernandez
10:30 am	Gabriel Bernal
12:00 noon	Carlos W. Hernandez
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 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, Laura Lee, Isabelle Martinez, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrosso, 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
Theresa Jabaley
Pat Johnson
Dave Kostelansky
Dave Kostelansky II
Betty LaCour
Adolfo Lorenzana
Carmen Dolores Lorenzana
Carmen Felicitia Lorenzana
Miguel Lorenzana
Lori Lyons
George Maroquin
Jose Marroquin
Tammy Martin & Family
Natasha McShane
Margaret Sue Meadors
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
Frank Nekic
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
John Wagner
Bernadine Walters
Jack Williams
Michael Woyan
Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
1-28-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Becky Francis	Leigh Hartley Jane Bronson
1-29-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Kotryna Hilko	Dennis Kamalick Valerie Williams Lina Hilko	Theresa Jabaley Nancy Van Grinsven Mark Van Grinsven Tom Kosnik
1-29-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Alex Lopes Maria Montes	Antonio Bosque	Carmen Cruz
1-29-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Amy McCue	Myrna Gomez Kinsella	Tom Kinsella Alice Morales-Villenas
1-29-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Sharon Lindstrom	Karen Melchert Maggie Malone Eileen Raia	Kathy Richgels Wendy Tynan Luke Kolman Jane Ott

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A Weekend with the Franciscans

This past weekend I joined my dad on a men's weekend retreat in Michigan. The retreat house was nothing special. The Capuchin Franciscans ran the retreat house and God bless them for performing their ministry. There were sixty men from all over Michigan attending the retreat. It was my father's fifteenth year on this particular retreat.

The retreat format was structured: morning prayer, evening prayer, Mass both days, four talks throughout the weekend – a fairly standard program. The Franciscans facilitated a reconciliation / healing service, however, that I have never seen before, and it was quite powerful.

The first half of the service was a communal penance service. Fr. Jerry gave a fantastic homily that was followed up by a wonderful examination of conscience based on the prayer of St. Francis. Four priests were present to hear brief confessions, and nearly all sixty men went to confession. General absolution was administered which was followed up by the blessing of oil.

Fr. Jerry then invited up any man that needed a healing blessing. A number of the men on this retreat were there with other men from their parishes. So, when someone went up, two or three guys went up with him. Fr. Jerry placed his hand on the man while his fellow parishioners stood behind him and placed their hand on his shoulder in support.

Guys would go up and whisper something into Fr. Jerry's ear. Some of them had heavy hearts. After a few moments of praying over the person, Fr. Jerry would anoint the man with oil on the head and on the hands. No words were spoken yet the powerful support that was communicated was overwhelming.

Most men have football friends or golfing partners that are good and healthy relationships. I'm not sure how many men have supportive relationships with other men that are healing. About one-third of the men on the retreat took part in a verbal evaluation and everyone said the reconciliation / healing service was one event they would not change.

As we move into the New Year I re-invite all our male parishioners to our men's spirituality group. For many of us it has become a really good thing in our lives.

**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

Women's Spirituality in January

On Tuesday, January 31st at 7:30 pm., women of St. Teresa's who seek spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for quiet prayer, reflection and conversation are invited to gather in Avila Place. We meet monthly, September through May, generally on the last Tuesday of the month.

In January, one of our group will gather us in prayer and share reflections on her recent two week volunteer experience in South Sudan. Hope you can join us. Contact Cathy Flaherty, (773) 472-8456, with any questions.



Need a New Perspective for the New Year?

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

9:00am Hospitality Hosts Needed

Did you know that this fellowship after the 9:00 am Mass is hosted by St. Teresa parishioners? Each week, someone makes coffee, sets out the treats and cleans up afterward.

Lina Hilko has just taken over the host scheduling from Marilyn Aleide, who is stepping down after three years of this important work. Lina is looking for new parishioners willing to help as hosts. This is a service opportunity which gives you flexibility -- you can do it twice a year, once a month or anything in between, whatever works for you.

If you're interested in learning more, please write down your e-mail address on the signup sheet at the refreshment table after Mass or talk to Lina or Dave Hilko.

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.

Open Invitation to Bible Study



BIBLE STUDY

Every other Sunday morning at 10:15am - 11:45am.
Meet in the gathering space after the 9:00am Mass.

- Join at any time.
- No preparation required.
- Convenient time between the morning masses.
- Childcare available (call to arrange).

Bring your coffee, your breakfast, and your bible!

Topic for Sunday January 22, 2012

In lieu of the coming season of lent, we will be covering the **Passion of Christ** according to St. Mark. Learn about the roles the disciples played and the rich symbolism surrounding the events.

Our Presenter: Tom Kosnik

Tom comes to us with a Masters of Divinity from Catholic Theological Seminary. He has spent four months studying scripture in Israel. Tom has hosted several well received bible studies at St. Theresa's over the past few years. Please consider joining us.

For more information, please contact Kate Garwood at 601-454-0837 or katiemgarwood@gmail.com.

Bring in Your Palms

Please bring in your palms from last and drop them off in the sacristy.

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



“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.

A Loss of Imagination

One morning a few hundred years ago, Galileo and his neighbor stood together watching the dawn. Both of them saw the same physical reality: the sun gradually growing larger. But they interpreted that reality in different ways. The neighbor imagined the sun rising. Galileo imagined the earth declining. And that difference in imagination is why Galileo went on to become the father of astronomy and Galileo's neighbor went on to work at McDonalds.

“Imagination is the ground of all knowledge.” So said the father of modern philosophy, Immanuel Kant. But these days we don't trust imagination. We reject any unusual view of things by scoffing, “That's just your imagination!” But to imagine is not to make something up out of nowhere; to imagine is to make something of what is already there. To imagine is to look at reality from a novel, more creative and truer point of view.

In the time surrounding the life and death of Jesus, the Jewish religion was in a crisis of imagination. Their ancient images no longer fit the modern situation. They no longer answered newly formed questions. They no longer fulfilled newly felt longings. They imagined that God made his dwelling in the Temple, but how could they ignore the temples of Zeus and Apollo? They imagined they were a nation chosen by God, special to God, but what



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about all those other nations — especially the ones God seemed to be blessing with success over the Jews? They imagined that God accepted their sacrifices, while they mocked their neighbors who believed God actually ate their sacrifices. They still profoundly believed in their God, but their stagnant imagination reduced their magnificent, exciting God into an idol they could control.

Then along came Jesus. He saw the same reality, the same God, but he imagined them from a new perspective. He called his vision “good news.” In his imagination, Jesus saw that God was a God of all people, that all nations were equally distant from God and equally close to God. In his imagination, he envisioned God as a Father who blessed instead of cursed, loved instead of judged. He imagined earth as an outpost of heaven. He imagined the kingdom of Caesar transformed into the kingdom of God.

But he realized that no one else had his imagination, so he had to draw pictures for them. As Einstein would later say about the cosmos: “You cannot imagine it; you cannot understand it.” That is why Jesus spoke in parables. He imagined the kingdom as leavened bread, as a lost sheep or coin or son. He imagined the kingdom to grow from a seed into a huge bush, even while people were asleep. He imagined the kingdom to include everyone, especially those unwelcome anywhere else. Out of the rich imagination of Jesus, a new religion was born.

The religion blossomed for a while. Then it lost its imagination, and fulfilled linguist Amos Wilder's prediction that “when imagination fails, then doctrine ossifies, preaching is wooden, litanies are empty, consolation is hollow and ethics become legalism.”

Once in a while, the church steels its nerve and steps into the water, but then it panics and begins to sink, like Peter. And Jesus has no recourse but to put her back in the boat and wait for another surge of imagination.

— Fr. James Smith, 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

Sergio Mora
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Parish Pastoral Council

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell	Jessica Marx
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Becky Khayum	Bertel Olson
Catherine Kosnik	Tony Rivera

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.

Counseling Services

Theresa Nollette, M.Div., LCSW

Pastoral Counselor
(312) 540-0320
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Mary Ellen Moore, Ph.D.

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