



St. Teresa
of Avila
Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012

**It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.**

— *Isaiah 43:25*

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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Sharing the Surplus

The Miller family has operated its farm in Colorado since 1949. They have worked hard to keep their farm viable through very tough times.

Today they raise vegetables to sell at local farmers' markets. But not long ago, the Millers got a huge surprise when they opened the farm for free gleaning—the ancient practice of picking up leftover food in fields after the harvest—and forty thousand people showed up in eleven thousand vehicles to collect free potatoes, carrots, and leeks. About thirty acres of the six-hundred-acre farm became a parking lot. The Millers' fields were

picked so clean on one Saturday that their plans for a second day had to be cancelled. "To say we were overwhelmed is putting it mildly," Chris Miller told local reporters. "People obviously need food." Altogether, she said that around 600,000 pounds of produce had been gleaned from the fields in that one day.

Living Stewardship Now

Take a good look at what surpluses you are hanging on to. What is in closets or boxes you never open? Begin with one closet or one box at a time and divide the contents into what you need, what you can give away, and what you can put in the trash. Dispose appropriately. Then go on to the next one and do the same.



Un Exceso Compartido

La familia Miller ha tenido y administrado su granja en Colorado desde 1949. Ellos han trabajado muy duro para mantener su granja a flote durante tiempos bien difíciles. Actualmente cultivan vegetales para venderlos a los mercados locales. Pero no hace mucho la familia Miller recibió una gran sorpresa cuando se le aparecieron cuarenta mil personas en once mil vehículos el día que abrieron las puertas de su rancho, siguiendo una costumbre antigua, para que el público viniera a recoger gratuitamente lo que había quedado de la cosecha de papas, zanahorias

y puerros. Cerca de treinta de los seiscientos acres de la granja se convirtieron en estacionamiento. Los terrenos de la granja de la familia Miller se quedaron tan limpios ese sábado que tuvieron que cancelar sus planes de abrir un segundo día. "Nos quedamos cortos si decimos que fue un día asombroso. Obviamente hay personas que necesitan alimento", le dijo Cristina Miller a un reportero local. Dijo también ella que en total se habían recogido alrededor de 600,000 libras de hortalizas en un solo día.

La corresponsabilidad vivida ahora

Fíjate bien en todo lo que te sobra. ¿Qué hay en tus armarios o en esos cajones que nunca abres? Empieza por un armario o un cajón a la vez y divide su contenido en tres pilas: lo que necesitas en una, lo que vas a dar en otra y lo que vas a echar a la basura en la tercera. Puedes deshacerte de todo apropiadamente. Después haz lo mismo con el próximo armario o cajón.

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

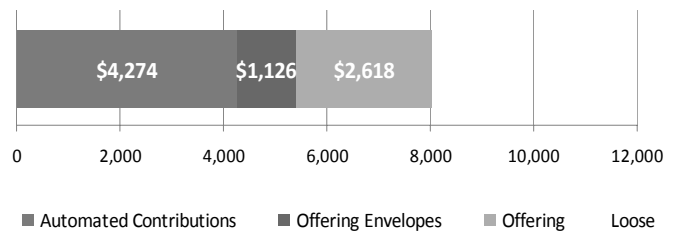


Larger, sturdy paper and plastic shopping bags with handles are always in need.

Weekly Collections Recap For February 5, 2012

Automated Contributions	Offering Envelopes	Offering Loose	Total
\$4,274	\$1,126	\$2,618	\$8,018

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



We are currently running a \$3,982 deficit of our budgeted Sunday collections of \$12,000 for the weekend of February 12, 2012. Currently we are at a 2% 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.

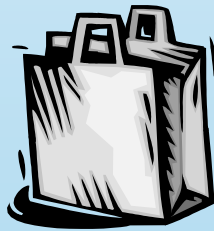
Website & Bulletin Materials

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.

Readings, Liturgy & Tradition

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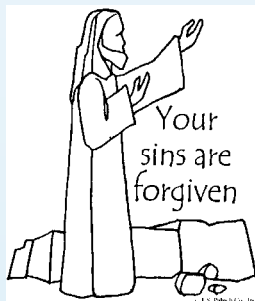
Today's Readings

First Reading — Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25)

Psalm — Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you (Psalm 41).

Second Reading — God has given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment (2 Corinthians 1:18-22).

Gospel — They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this” (Mark 2:1-12).



Forgiveness of Sins

Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: “[S]ee, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who “did not call upon me” and “grew weary of me” (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. “It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; / your sins I remember no more” (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us—that Jesus is God’s “yes,” and that all God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God’s promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man’s sins. But that’s what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, “[P]ick up your mat, and go home” (Mark 2:11). The man “rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away” (2:12). — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Treasures from Our Tradition

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life’s abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally “Good-bye to the Flesh,” these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life’s wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter’s waters. — James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas, Liturgia Y Tradición

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El Perdón de los Pecados



Isaías anunció la palabra del Señor: “Yo voy a realizar algo nuevo” (Isaías 43:19). ¿Y qué era esta cosa nueva? Una promesa para un pueblo que “no me [ha] invocado” y que “me [cansó]” (43:22); una promesa de perdón. “Si he borrado tus... crímenes y no he querido acordarme de tus pecados” (43:25).

Pablo dijo a los corintios –y nos dice a nosotros– que Jesús es el “sí” de Dios, y que todas las promesas de Dios se cumplen en Jesús. ¿Incluye esto la promesa de Dios de perdonar los pecados? Marcos da la respuesta cuando relata cómo algunas personas bajaron a un parálítico a través de un agujero en el techo, en busca de curación.

Por lo que sabemos, nadie pidió que se le perdonaran los pecados al hombre. Pero eso es lo que Jesús hizo, tal y como había anunciado Isaías. Entonces, para que no quedara duda de su autoridad en la Tierra para perdonar los pecados, Jesús le dijo: “Recoge tu camilla y vete a tu casa” (Marcos 2:11). El hombre “se levantó inmediatamente, recogió su camilla y salió de allí” (2:12). – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La cuaresma tiene sus raíces en la preparación para el bautismo de adultos y en el arrepentimiento de pecadores públicos. Ambas se concentran en la conversión y en especial en los tres pilares de la misma. La cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de encontrarnos de manera fuerte y vital con estos tres pilares: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Éstas son las prácticas cuaresmales que la iglesia ha ido proclamando y practicando desde tiempos antiguos. Son prácticas que los cristianos deberíamos emplear todos los días de nuestra vida, pero con mayor fervor durante la cuaresma para poder celebrar dignamente las fiestas de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La conversión es un proceso por el cual regresamos a participar de la vida divina que recibimos en el bautismo. Dios Padre mandó a su Hijo para salvarnos. He allí el por qué, el ayuno, el altruismo y la oración es colaborar con Dios. Dios mismo colabora con nosotros derramando su Espíritu en nuestros corazones. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos practicar el ayunar, ayudar y orar de manera vital. – Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de hoy

Primera lectura — Hago algo nuevo: Borro, por amor a mí mismo, sus ofensas; sus pecados no recordaré jamás (Isaías 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25).

Salmo — Sáname, Señor, porque he pecado contra ti (Salmo 41 [40]).

Segunda lectura — Dios ha puesto su sello sobre nosotros y ha enviado el Espíritu a nuestros corazones (2 Corintios 1:18-22).

Evangelio — Jesús perdona los pecados del hombre parálítico (Marcos 2:1-12).

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Sant 3:13-18; Mc 9:14-29
Martes:	Sant 4:1-10; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles:	Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50); 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves:	Dt 30:15-20; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado:	Is 58:9b-14; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo:	Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24); 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

Sacraments & Ministries

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St. Teresa says...



“Oh, what a pity! Oh, what great blindness, that we seek rest where it is impossible to find it!”

Ministry of Care

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

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

February 19, Sunday

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Séptimo 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
- 5:00 pm, PC1-2-3-4, Mardi Gras

February 20, Monday

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

February 21, Tuesday

St. Peter Damian • San Pedro Damián

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC4, RCIA
- 6:00 pm, REC 1, SPRED Preparation
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step Meeting AA
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, Kitchen, SPRED Agape

February 22, Wednesday

Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence • Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno y Abstinencia

- 6:00 pm, PC1-2, Cuisine du Coeur
- 6:00 pm, APC, 12-Step RA Meeting
- 7:30 pm, APC, 12-Step AA Meeting

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

February 23, Thursday

St. Polycarp • San Policarpo

- 4:30 pm, REC1-2-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 5:30 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup

February 24, Friday

Abstinence • Abstinencia

- 10:00 pm, 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, Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

February 25, Saturday

- 9:30 am, APB, 12-Step SA
- 11:00 am, PC1-2, Femi Outreach Meeting



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

February 18

5:00 pm All Deceased Members of the Parish

February 19

9:00 am Josephine Stern

Norma Weldy

10:30 am Gabriel Bernal

12:00 noon All Deceased Members of the Parish

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, Phyllis Carlino, 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, Melory Mizicko, Cindy O'Keefe, Ben & Susan Patrasso, Jim Teterycz, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

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

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
2-26-12 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Maggie Kuhlmann	Lisa marquez	Leigh Hartley Kari Richardson
2-26-12 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Mary Beth Hughes	Dennis Kamalick Bernadette Diaz Rose Ohiku	Lina Hilko Jennifer Barrett Annie Monak Frank Swiderski
2-26-12 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Benjamin Aguilar	Belen Gonzalez Gerardo Martinez	Carmen Vazquez	Bolivar Gonzalez
2-26-12 Sunday	12:00 noon	Fr. Frank	Brian Kuhns	Bob Pedro	Myrna Gomez Kinsella Tom Kinsella
2-26-12 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Tony Dosen	Sharon Lindstrom	Wendy Tynan Karen Melchert Jonathan Assell	Kathy Richgels Jane Ott Katie Assell Eileen Raia

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Life Goes On: The Gift of Our Faith

Fairly regularly I like to hit a daily mass at St. Peter's in the loop. It is so convenient. The Franciscans there offer six masses a day. They typically are around thirty minutes in length. It is so easy and it is a nice break in the middle of the day or a nice way to end the work day before going home.

This past Valentine's Day I attended the 5:00pm mass at St. Peter's. I don't recall the priest's sermon. What I do remember was a little story the priest shared at the very end of mass. He told the assembly that on Valentine's Day he wears a certain pair of socks with hearts on them to remind him of a little girl.

Years back his father died on February 5th. He was at a parish that had a school and the second graders all made him Valentine cards. One little girl wrote him a card and drew a picture of a man in a coffin on the front of the card. On the front of the card was written "Dear Father, I am very sorry that your dad died. I am sure he was a very nice man." On the inside of the card was written "Oh well, Happy Valentine's Day."

The good Franciscan said, "Isn't that what's wonderful about our faith. Life goes on. We experience death, but it does not have the final word. The resurrection of our Lord is the final word. And life goes on."

One of my professors in graduate school once said, "You cannot learn to live until you learn to die." Life and death, in so many ways, it's all around me. But for me as a Christian, life goes on, and on, and on. It truly is a wonderful thing about the faith.

**Join us for the next session of
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, February 28th
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

Help Wanted

St. Teresa parishioner has three part-time positions available: Sales, Clerical-administrative and Delivery. Call Mark at (312) 560-5449 if you're interested in applying.

Women's Spirituality



On Tuesday, February 28th, 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. Hope you can join us. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.

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Refreshments Served

St. Teresa Parent-Baby Journey

We have a new group forming at St. Teresa, the PBJ - Parent-Baby Journey. Twice a month the group will meet to discuss an article or book designed around raising children in our very busy world. Subjects from how to recognize your baby's spiritual growth to eating food in a processed world will be topics of choice. Parents with children ages 0-3 are welcome to join us. For more information contact Erica Saccucci at esaccucci@gmail.com

Next Meeting: Friday, March 2nd @11am in the Religious Education Building Room 4. We'll be discussing a chapter from the book *The Religious Potential of the Child*, contact Erica for a copy.

Annual Catholic Appeal

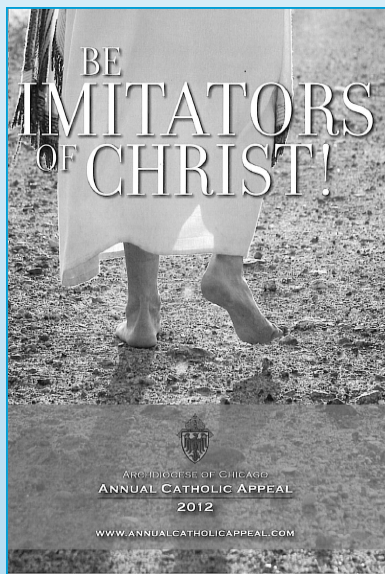
Our faith is lived in schools and parishes, soup kitchens and counseling centers, on street corners and in churches, where people of all backgrounds in every neighborhood of the Archdiocese of Chicago are served.

Your gift to the Annual Appeal helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation, and initiatives for life, peace and justice. Through its support of Catholic Relief

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Please make a pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Any funds raised are carefully spent; it is money for God's work, and we will use it accordingly. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many.



2012 Operation Rice Bowl – We're Invited

This Lent, the faith community of St. Teresa of Avila will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet in the back of church and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.



Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to **pray** with our families and faith communities, **fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry, **learn** about our brothers and sisters around the world, and **give** sacrificial contributions to help those in need. Visit orb.crs.org for additional resources to use at home.

The Cardinal's New Question

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

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

“What specific things can Parishes do to make the Sunday Mass a living encounter with the Risen Christ?”

Ken and Tom are to present our Parish suggestions in the next Deanery meeting May. Please provide your suggestions and ideas by speaking to them directly or using the specially marked collection container to deposit your written ideas before February 25th.



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Journey of Motherhood Retreat

Looking for an opportunity to grieve your child or unborn baby in a spiritual way? Please join us for this very special time of reflection, healing and hope. The healing journey after the loss of a child can take many twist and turns. How do you navigate through overwhelming grief? For the retreat, we will be joined by Carol Regina Winter, mother of six, who will reflect on her experience with the death of two children.

We are planning break-out sessions on the topics of miscarriage, infertility and loss of a child. Please invite friends or family who may be suffering to attend this retreat with you.

Journey of Motherhood Retreat: Love and Loss of a Child

St. Clement, Fahey Center (connected to the church)

Saturday, February 25, 8:45am - 11:00am

RSVP to Cindy Ilagan Hengge at cindyihkirandesign.com

Muchisimas Gracias y Sorpresa! Many Thanks & Surprise!

El domingo 5 de Febrero despues de la Misa de 10:30 am tuvimos un gran almuerzo. Obsequio por una nueva hermana en Nuestra parroquia, la Sra. Maria Gonzalez .Le ayudaron su linda familia y amistades. Que El Señor les multiplique en bendiciones!

El Domingo pasado, nuestro parroquiano Sr. Ruben Gomez dio una sorpresa de cumpleaños a la Presidenta del Grupo de Damas Hispano. Todos estaban contentos y felices con canticos, alimentos y buen tiempo! Miles Bendiciones!

On February 5, after the 10:30 am Mass, we had a great lunch given by Mrs. Maria Gonzalez; she is a new member in our parish. Her family and friends helped her with the lunch. May the Lord multiply their blessings!

Last Sunday, parishioner, Ruben Gomez, gave a birthday surprise to the president of the Hispanic ladies group after the 10:30 am Mass. What a great surprise! Blessings to all!

— Carmen Ubides

You're Invited to a Bible Study!

Sunday Mornings at 10:15am – 11:45am

- Join at any time
- No preparation required
- Convenient time between morning masses
- Childcare available (call to arrange)
- Bring your coffee, breakfast, and bible!



Our Presenter: Tom Kosnik

Tom comes to us with a Masters of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union. Tom spent four months in Israel studying scripture and has hosted several well received bible studies at St. Teresa in his 15 years at the parish.

Sunday, February 19, 2012 JOIN US!!! Our next meeting we will explore Christ's Passion In preparation of the season of Lent we will discuss the Passion of Christ according to St. Mark. Learn about the roles the disciples played and the rich symbolism surrounding the events of our Lord's sacrifice.

Future Bible Study Dates

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
19	4	1	6
	18	15	20
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For more information contact Kate Garwood at (601)454-0837 or katiemgarwood@gmail.com

Therapy for Everyone

People often think of utilizing therapy only when under severe distress. While therapy is extremely beneficial for those going through difficult times, whether due to a recent major life change or feeling unable to cope with depression or anxiety, it is also useful for dealing with day-to-day stressors. In our fast-paced lives, we sometimes forget to take care of our mental health and going to therapy before daily stressors become huge problems can be a proactive strategy for doing just that. Therapy can help with stress management, relationship challenges, parenting difficulties, or life transition issues. It can be a protective strategy to keep stress from turning into distress.

Melanie McNally is a licensed therapist, currently working with the Claret Center. She is available to meet with you weekdays, weeknights, and weekends in a private office at St. Teresa. Sliding scale is available. Call or email to schedule an appointment to protect your mental health. (773) 643-6259, ext. 38 or maxwellmelanie@yahoo.com

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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.

Counseling Services

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