

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

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October 6, 2013

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit *Alive*

Come, let us bow down
in worship; let us kneel
before the LORD who
made us. — *Psalm 95:6*

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

*At the Corner of Armitage & Kenmore Avenues
Chicago, Illinois 60614*

Stewardship Matters

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Dear Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish,

First and foremost, the Parish Finance Council wishes to thank you for your generosity that keeps our Parish a vibrant faith community. ***This past year, Parishioners gave and pledged more money than at any other point in the history of our Parish. This is certainly something for us to celebrate.*** Though our weekly Sunday collections were down about 6%, Parishioners have contributed significantly, including to our ongoing capital campaign and last spring's special capital appeal to complete repair work on the Parish Rectory.

The primary focus of the Finance Council this past year was on our operating income and expenses. This year, we had some unique challenges, including conducting a historic capital campaign (impacting weekly giving) and Fr. Frank's sabbatical. In contrast to the last several years with net positive results (collectively \$100K over the past 2 years), we finished FY13 with a \$55,000 operating deficit. Nearly all of this can be attributed to weekly collections being down versus the prior year.

I started this letter by celebrating the record year of Parish giving and then I mentioned that weekly giving was down for the year. The Finance Council has discussed the frustration that it seems we are constantly being asked to give. This can be particular frustrating to people that already give so much. To paraphrase St. Teresa, "if this is the way you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them." Indeed, I feel this same frustration myself, both monetarily and with the time I dedicate for Parish activities. I can further frustrate myself by thinking that I already give more than *my share*. However, I know that this is not the case for me and I need to continue to do what I can to maintain and support our Parish. We all share this responsibility.

For our FY14 budget, we took a more conservative approach and assumed that our weekly collections will be flat to FY12 levels. Our hope is that budgeting to FY12 levels will make the weekly burdens on Parishioners manageable, especially those that have already stretched financially to give to our capital campaign. However, this still translates into a 6% or about \$30,000 increase from this year. As we have done over the past year, we will continue to keep you apprised of our progress in the Weekly Bulletin and provide detailed monthly financial information on the Parish's website. And though we have a ways to go, our long-term goal continues to be targeting weekly giving to support all of our normal Parish operating expenses. This would allow us to use fundraising revenues for special needs and initiatives of the Parish.

Here are three things that we hope you will consider to help the Parish meet its operating needs this year:

- 1) Always remember our Parish in your prayers.
- 2) Consider your weekly giving for ordinary operating expenses. If you have not increased in the past year, please consider a 10-20% increase depending on your personal and professional circumstances.
- 3) Consider moving your weekly giving to automated. The Give Central website is easy to use and automated giving allows you to help maintain your home Parish, even when attending a mass elsewhere.

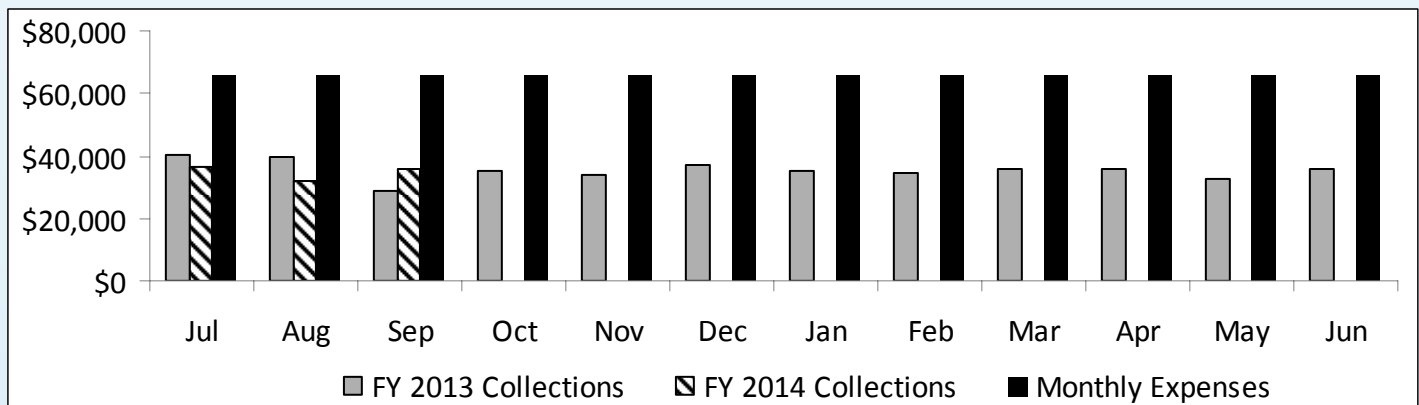
All of the members of the Finance Council take seriously the responsibility that has been entrusted to us. We are energized by your financial support for the Parish. Perhaps more importantly, we are energized by the unselfish time and talent that Parishioners give to our various ministries and missions (e.g., Haiti, Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes, Parish Council, Liturgical, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Youth Ministries, etc.).

Once again, we would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support of this wonderful faith community.

God Bless,

Bill Mack, Finance Council Chair
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Fiscal Year (07/01 - 06/30) Comparison



- The collection for last weekend, September 28-29, 2013, was \$5,066.
- For the 2014 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are down 14.4% from the 2013 Fiscal Year; versus expenses, we are have a \$63,602 deficit.
- For the 2014 fiscal year, the cost per family per week is \$36 as 430 families contribute to the Parish.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections, i.e. the goal is for the striped bars to exceed the black bars in the chart above.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the Finance Council's and Fr. Frank's goal to increase weekly giving to meet our ongoing expenses, and use the proceeds from fundraisers to fund special initiatives and outreach programs of the Parish.
- Please contact the Chair of the St. Teresa Finance Council, Bill Mack, at williamdmack@hotmail.com or (312) 706-4266. Bill can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues.
- The Finance Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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.

We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

Food Pantry Shopping List

Four items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

Boxed Cereal (sweetened and unsweetened)

Halloween Candy

Hotel Bathroom Lotions and Shampoos

Extra-strength **grocery bags** with handles



And if you have Thursday mornings free, even occasionally, it would be great to have another van driver to pick up groceries at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. If you are willing and able to do so, please contact Karen Vogel, kbreenvogel@gmail.com or Dave Hilko, dahilko@deloitte.com.

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October Baptisms



Reese Harper Mills (10-13-13)

St. Teresa said...



“We have heaven within ourselves since the Lord of Heaven is there.”

Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life.



The RCIA process is for the unbaptized who want to join the Catholic Church; and those who have been baptized either Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

Calendar at a Glance

October 6, Sunday

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time •

Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- 7:00 pm, REC3-4, The Edge
- 7:00 pm, REC4, Faith Formation Advisory Council

October 7, Monday

Our Lady of the Rosary • Nuestra Señora del Rosario

- 4:00 pm, REC1-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

October 8, Tuesday

St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi •

San Dionisio y Compañeros; San Juan Leonardi

- 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, REC4, SPRED Preparation
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Join in the
All-Day Celebration
with St. Teresa of Avila
On October 20



Save the Date

Sunday, October 20 10:00 am-3:00 pm
St. Teresa of Avila Parish Center
1950 N. Kenmore

Break for 12:00pm Mass

Plenty of Refreshments

To register email Kate Lynch at kolynchdrc@gmail.com.
Suggested Donation: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

October 9, Wednesday

- 12:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 4:00 pm, REC1-3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

October 10, Thursday

- 10:00 am, REC4, Thursday Morning Play Group
- 5:30 pm, PC3, GS, Volunteer Food Pantry Setup

October 11, Friday

- 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:30 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

October 12, Saturday

Blessed Mary Virgin • Santa María Virgen

- 11:00 am, Kitchen, Cookie Baking
- 6:00 pm, PC3-4, Chicago Citizens for Change

The Religious Ed Center (REC) is located at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave., one block south of the Parish Center (PC) at 1950 N. Kenmore. The Gathering Space (GS) is the entrance area to the PC at Kenmore Avenue. The Reconciliation Room (RR) is at the back of church next to the baptismal font.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

October 5

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

October 6

9:00 am John Mondschean
Angela Prendergast
10:30 am Maurice & Ethel Brumleve
12:00 pm Mary Jaszczor
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 in the parish office.

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Robert Byerwalter, Maria Louisa Cervantes, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pedro Garcia, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Mondschean, Donald Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Henry Pryor, John Ryan, Sophia Sanchez, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jennifer Schubeck, Robert Summins, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Wallemann, Paulette Zuckerman Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson	Theresa Jabaley	Hector J. Rivera
Berta Billavazo	Betty LaCour	Pedro Rodriguez
Kathy Derrick	Adolfo Lorenzana	Ray Romero
Basilio Diaz	Carmen Dolores Lorenzana	Jeffrey Roscoe
Jackson Fineske & Family	Carmen Felicitia Lorenzana	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Padraig Gallagher	Miguel Lorenzana	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Eloisa Gallegos	Palmira Mancini	Jack Schank
Michael Gibbons	George Maroquin	Mima Tome
Angela Goldberg	Jose Marroquin	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Kaylee Gommel	Lisa Marquez	John Wagner
Les Gordon	Margaret Sue Meadors	Bernadine Walters
Genevieve Gorgo	Bill Mobley	Jack Williams
Mrs. Grabarczyk	John Monier	Mae Witry
George Halloran	Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	David Zeunert
Kellar Harris	Elda Myers	Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse
Peg Hausen	Angel Nieves	
David Hoffman	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	
David Ivanac	Clayton Poe	
Chuck Jabaley	Deacon Hector Rivera	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
10-12-13 Saturday	5:00 pm	Rev. Chas Shelby, C.M.	Maggie Kuhlmann	Becky Francis	Leigh Hartley Luke Kolman
Next French Mass 11-9-13 Sunday	6:30 pm	Fr. Timothy Monahan			
10-13-13 Sunday	9:00 am	Rev. John Rybolt, C.M.	Karen Carpino	Michael Zost Jennifer Barrett Deana LaBrosse	Dana Vance Theresa Jabaley Phyllis Halloran Jocelyn Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass 11-17-13 Sunday	10:30 am	Fr. Octavio Munoz	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Josefina Gomez	Josie Gomez
10-13-13 Sunday	12:00 pm	Rev. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	Raquel Bech	Alice Morales-Villenas	Colin McCue Laura Barkalow
10-13-13 Sunday	6:00 pm	Rev. Mark Pranaitis, C.M.	Jim Krag	Jamie Lutkus Karen Melchert Eileen Raia	Minister Needed (C1, P) Christ Parente Minister Needed (C3) Dennis Kamalick

Spirit on Armitage

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ST. TERESA'S 5TH ANNUAL

TIME OF YOUR LIFE

PRESENTS

TAPAS DINNER &
OPEN BAR

UNIQUE LIVE &
SILENT AUCTIONS

LIVE MUSIC &
DANCING

The Spirit On Armitage

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6-10PM

VENUE: PARK WEST, 322 W ARMITAGE AVE

LIVE BAND: LOS VICIOS DE PAPA!

TICKETS: \$100 @ DOOR OR WWW.ST-TERESA.NET

All proceeds from the Spirit on Armitage fundraiser benefit St. Teresa of Avila's operating budget, which supports our good works throughout the community including our Social Ministries of Food Pantry and Loaves & Fishes Dinners for those in need, and various educational programs.

Increase Our Faith



Increase Our Faith

Today's Gospel passage falls under the category that has come to be known as the "hard sayings" of Jesus. Hard to understand, hard to apply to life today. The Apostles' request, "increase our faith," is in response to a previous "hard saying" about how frequently we are called upon to forgive others. Curiously, Jesus seems rather unforgiving in responding to their request, or in describing the manner in which they are to serve others.

Jesus uses exaggerations to wake us up to how God is present in our lives, and how we are urged to live if God is with us. None of us is called upon to uproot trees or cast mountains into the sea. The faith we have is adequate for the task we are called upon to do: spread the gospel by our witness. And living that witness is done not for self-gratification or recognition, but out of the joy of helping the world to hear the Good News. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The just ones, because of their faith, shall live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-10).

Traditions of Our Faith

Sometimes human relationships go awry, but Christ's choice for us is irrevocable. In marriage celebrations, the Church always recalls God's faithfulness to help prepare married couples for enduring the inevitable rough spots. The Byzantine liturgy does this by adorning the couple with crowns that remind them of the martyr's crown. The couple therefore takes on a vocation of witnessing to the sacredness of life in all of its suffering and joy, and of keeping their eyes fixed on the banquet of heaven.

In Eastern theology, people have a liturgical vocation to give God praise, and marriage fits within that plan. It is not so much saying prayers that counts, but becoming prayer. Interestingly, in this liturgy the couple never utters a word other than joining in the community's chants; there are no marriage vows as such. There is therefore not a hint of our Western Christian sense that marriage is a legal contract. Rather, it is all about living out one's baptismal vocation, embracing the cross, pouring oneself out in love, and opening to the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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Aumenta Nuestra Fe



Aumenta nuestra fe

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy pertenece a la categoría llamada "lecciones difíciles" de Jesús. Dificiles de entender, difíciles de aplicar hoy día. La petición de los apóstoles, "aumenta nuestra fe" es en respuesta a la previa "lección difícil" sobre cuántas veces somos llamados a perdonar a los demás. Curiosamente, Jesús no parece muy dispuesto a perdonar al responder a su petición, o al describir la manera en que han de servir a los demás.

Jesús usa exageraciones para demostrarnos cómo está Dios presente en nuestra vida, y cómo somos llamados a vivir si Dios está con nosotros. Ninguno de nosotros está llamado a desarraigar árboles o a lanzar montañas al mar. La fe que tenemos es adecuada para la tarea a que hemos sido llamados: esparcir el evangelio con nuestro ejemplo. Y vivir ese testimonio no buscando autosatisfacción o reconocimiento, sino por el gozo de ayudar al mundo a oír la Buena Nueva. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — A pesar de violencia, destrucción y ruina, el justo vivirá a causa de su fe (Habacuc 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Salmo — Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Tolera dificultades con la fuerza que viene de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:6-8, 13-14).

Evangelio — Señor, auméntanos la fe! (Lucas 17:5-10).

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Mientras muchos celebran el descubrimiento de América esta semana, los latinos celebramos más bien el Día de la Raza, insistiendo que Colón no pudo descubrir lo que no estaba ni perdido ni escondido. El 12 de octubre de 1492, Rodrigo de Triana gritó: "Tierra a la vista". Estas fueron las primeras palabras Europeas que sonaron en el hemisferio occidental. Rodrigo gritaba a los españoles agitados y cansados por su largo viaje. El les daba la buena noticia de que estaban por llegar a Guanahani, que Cristóbal Colón renombró San Salvador.

Es así como se engendró un nuevo pueblo en América. Una raza mestiza se engendró en la búsqueda de Asia y luego fue dada a luz con el derrame de sangre indígena a manos del conquistador. A través del tiempo el continente americano poblado por nativos, ha recibido sangre, cultura e idioma europea, africana y asiática. De esta manera se ha ido desarrollando nuestro mestizaje. Celebremos que somos una mezcla de sangres, culturas, lenguas y creencias. Somos raza mestiza, nacida en el dolor; trabajamos y luchamos por una vida mejor. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM,

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Loving God –



You are the Giver of all good gifts.
You are our strength and well-spring of grace.

With confident faith we entrust this parish project to your care and protection.

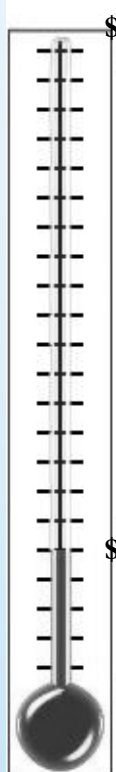
Guide us as we *build faith together*.
Bless us with a unity of mind and spirit as we accept the responsibilities and challenges of this parish undertaking. May our efforts bear fruit for the glory of your kingdom.

We thank you for all that we have and for the sacrifices and generosity of our Faith Family.

Deepen our commitment to the future of this parish and grant us the ability to share our faith and spread your Good News today, tomorrow, and always.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Building Faith Together Collections Reach \$278,000



We have formally entered the collection phase of our campaign and have collected \$278,000 in pledges so far. There is a “thermometer” depicting pledges collected located in the church, which we will update in \$88,000 increments.

Even though we have reached our pledge goal, we are still accepting pledges to cover unanticipated costs from changes in fees, demolition of the old school and convent buildings, or the renovation of the church. Pledge cards are available on the tables at the back of church and in the gathering space.

I pray that everyone will rejoice in the graces and hard work of so many of our fellow parishioners and make a meaningful gift that will lead us through a successful effort.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Frank

Men's Spirituality

The next session
Men's Spirituality Group
on Tuesday, October 8, is
Outreach to Inspiration Cafe



Hospitality Volunteers



We are currently scheduling hosts for refreshments after 9:00 am Mass for October through January.

Please consider which week you are available and sign up online (link is <http://vols.pt/XV1s5m>). The link also available at St. Teresa's website under the menus Religious Education, Family Service Opportunities.

Questions? Talk to Lina Hilko at (312) 274-0705 or LHilko@aol.com. Thanks for helping to make St. Teresa a welcoming and warm community.

Contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com and (847) 729-1220.

Family Faith Formation and Special Liturgies

Infants -Toddlers: Thursday Play Group

Every Thursday: 10:30am-1pm in REC-4. These sessions are for children & parent or nannies. Contact Rob Price: robtprice@aol.com for more info.

3-12 Year-Olds: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd There are three session options: Sun. 10:30-11:45am or Mon or Tues. 4-5:30pm in the REC. This approach uses Montessori's Method. Additional sessions prepare children for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Contact Kate Lynch kolynchdre@gmail.com.

12-14 Year-Olds: The EDGE Youth Group

Meets Sundays 7-8:30 pm in REC 4. The EDGE covers many topics and is currently discussing the Catholic Social Teachings. The Edge also includes a two year Confirmation preparation program. Contact Kate kolynchdre@gmail.com for more info.

14-18 Year-Olds: Quest Youth Group

Meets the last Sunday of the month, 7-8:30pm in REC-4. They also meet one other time during the month for service projects or social outings. Contact Kaitlin Cronin kronin@alumni.ud.edu for more info.

Special Needs Children 11-16 Year-Olds:

SPRED Every other Tuesday evening: 6:30-8:30 pm in REC4. Contact Carrie Mondschean for more info cmondschean@hinshawlaw.com

French Speaking Children CCFC.

Meets in REC on Wed. 5:30-6:30pm (K-5 grade). Sat. 4:30-6pm (6th & 7th grade) and Sun. 4:30-6pm (8th & 9th grade). Veronique Caffrey: vcaffrey@yahoo.com

Adults: Lectio Prayer Group

Meets on Wednesdays 4:00-5:15pm in REC-4. Each week we read and meditate on the up-coming Sunday readings. Everyone is welcome - no experience necessary. This is also wonderful preparation for those who are lectors. kolynchdre@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 9am mass from 9:10-9:30 am in REC-4. Children hear the Sunday readings, discuss and meditate on God's word and its meaning for our lives. Contact Laura Anderson: laura.g.anderson@gmail.com to help lead.

Children's Mass Once a month during the 9:00 am Mass. The children of the parish participate by reading, carrying gifts, altar serving, greeting, ushering, and singing. The next Children's Mass will be October 20 at 9:00 am. Contact Kate Lynch, kolynchdre@gmail.com, if your child would like to participate.

Youth Mass is the last Sunday of each month at the 6:00 pm Mass. The teens (7th-12th grade) participate by reading, altar serving, carrying the gifts, greeting, ushering and singing. The next Youth Mass will be October 27 at 6:00 pm. Contact Kate Lynch kolynchdre@gmail.com if your teen would like to participate.

Next 6:51 Club October 20th



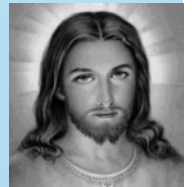
Stop by after the 6:00 pm Mass on this Sunday, October 20th, for a little food and friends. Come on out to meet your fellow parishioners.

Contact Sara Hock for more details at: sara.m.hock@gmail.com or foleysar@gmail.com

Grupo de Oración Retiro "Señor, lléname de Ti"

El Grupo de Oración de Sta. Teres de Ávila les invitamos en el dulce y divino nombre de Jesucristo, a que vengas a compartir con nosotros un corto tiempo lleno de alegrías y bendiciones.

Llene la solicitud para el 'Señor, lléname por ti' y colocarlo en la caja. Para obtener más información acerca de la retirada del grupo de oración, hablar con Carmen Ubides para obtener más información, (773) 276-8409.



Bridge-building Basics

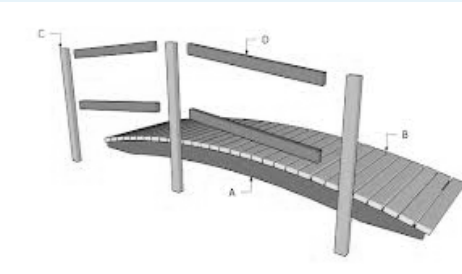
On March 13, I was standing in the pouring rain with 250,000 people watching the white smoke billow out of the chimney atop the Sistine chapel. Being soaked with the rain coming from the heavens evoked a new beginning...a new Pentecost.

We begin our lives as followers of Christ by being immersed in the waters of re-birth and the rain coming down announcing the election of pope Francis signaled a new beginning. His first gesture was to ask for us to pray for him and his ministry, and in doing so, he extended a spiritual "bridge" to the people standing before him. The ancient name for the Pope, who is the successor of St. Peter, is "pontiff," which means, "bridge-builder." We have a Pope who is a true bridge-builder, a reality that is igniting a new burst of the Spirit, ever so slowly moving the Church in a new direction.

In the first two weeks, he moved into a simple suite of rooms in the hotel in the Vatican; he washed the feet of men and women, including a Muslim; he simplified the vestments worn at the liturgy; he told the priests at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday to bring our ministry into the streets and start smelling like sheep; he went by himself into the crowds without escorts and a pope-mobile; and all this within the first two weeks of his papacy. He built many bridges with his people by his unassuming and humble gestures.

Yes, Pope Francis has taken the world by storm by acknowledging that he is first a foremost a sinner who doesn't have all the answers and prefers to speak of the Church as the People of God, an all-inclusive term that all can understand because it embraces all. Francis clearly wants to build bridges with those who are alienated from church in any way, including the non-Christian and even the atheist. He has built a large bridge with those who doubt the reality of God's love saying the church wants to listen to their doubts and questions.

Pope Francis has built a strong bridge with those who are struggling in the



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church for welcome and an open ear. He says that God sees each one of us, not through any category but as a person, a human person created in His image and likeness. For decades the church has focused itself on the correct understanding of doctrine, speaking in definitive ways that suppressed any form of dialogue. Somehow, the very Person of Christ got lost in this crusade for orthodoxy. Christ is the head of the Church and it is He who forgives. Our moral teachings and response to them must first be rooted in Christ if they are to have any meaning whatsoever. The pope seems to be saying that we got the cart before the horse, constantly preaching about a select few doctrines that have become separated from the whole body of church teaching; this is a very dangerous place to be because the Spirit of Christ is lost in the pursuit of the correct way of believing.

We just heard the parable about Lazarus and the un-named rich man, perhaps he might be all of us. The rich man was *not* a bridge-builder but one who destroyed bridges; he isolated himself in his money and possessions. Lazarus was

someone, or rather some "thing," to be walked over; he became a human stepping stone. Money and possessions are never the problem, but the extent that they isolate us from the rest of the world is a problem.

As I read the recent interview with Pope Francis that has caused so much commentary, I believe that Francis wants the church to re-focus its life, ministry and teachings on Christ. He wants the constant arguing between *left* and *right* to cease, and instead, focus on what unites us. Bridges need to be built *within* the Church so that we see ourselves as walking together in our love for Christ.

Pope Francis is clearly asking the Church to build bridges to the poor and alienated of the world. Our money and possessions are "things" that can help us to reach out to humanity. It is when we turn people into "things" that we destroy the bridge that leads us into the Kingdom. The rich man learned this so well as he became indifferent to the plight of Lazarus...he only cared about his comforts and wealth. No bridge could span the great "chasm" between the place of torment that the rich man placed himself in and the place of eternal comfort that Lazarus was carried into: one placed himself while the other "was carried," a huge difference.

The memory of that night on March 13 when Pope Francis walked onto that balcony and into the hearts of many is a memory I will cherish for the rest of my life. We are entering a new way of being "church," one open to dialogue and discussion, one that is not afraid of the many questions facing humanity; one that is able to live in the beauty and uncertainty of mystery; one that is forever building bridges, bridges that will lead us to create new paths and new directions.

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St. Teresa
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Wisneski, Chair

Jon Assell

Jessica Marx

Mark Matejka

Bertel Olson

Marjorie Rice

Michael Rice

Tony Rivera

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. PPC is kept abreast of the activities of the Parish and its operations. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish. PPC also researches the needs of the parish and works with Parish leadership to evaluate and improve our quality of life as a faith community.

The Parish Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Bill Mack, Chair

Justin Peters

Jane Bronson

Jack Halpin

Jane Ott

Dave Hilko

Steve Fortino

Andrew Deye

Becky Francis

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Information

Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Francaise</i>	6:30 pm ⁺
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 noon
	6:00 pm

⁺ First Saturday of the month

* First Sunday of the Month

Weekday Masses

Monday to Thursday	7:30 am
Friday *	7:30 am

* Communion Service only

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays	7:00 pm
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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am—7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—Noon
Closed Sundays & Holidays.

For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation,
Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion
for the Sick

Please contact Dean in the Parish Office

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For information about ...

Thursday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds),
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School)

Please contact Kate in the Religious Education Center

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