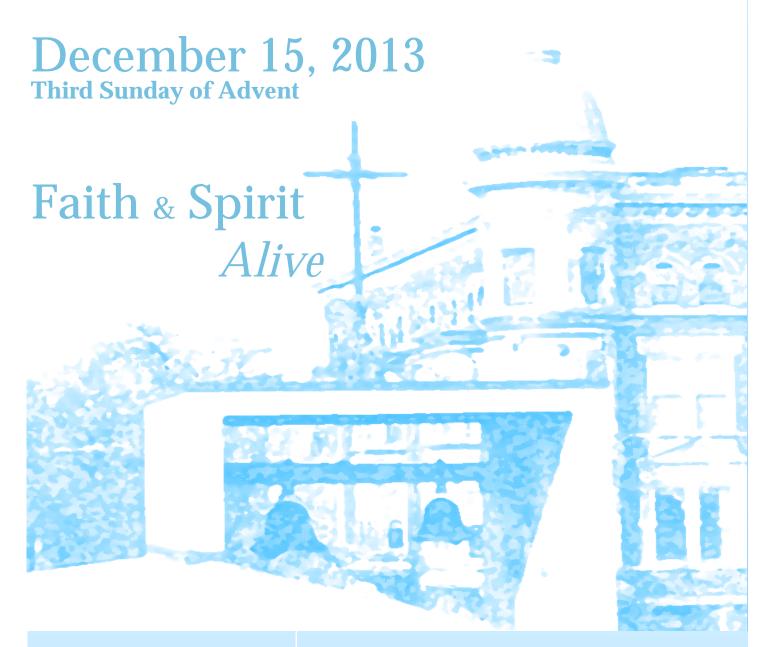
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Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

- Isaiah 35:10a

1033 W. Armitage Ave.

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

Breaking Free from the Coop

A popular tale is told of an eagle raised among chickens. Several days after this eagle had pushed his way through the hardened shell, he fell out of the nest that sat upon two large branches and into a chicken coop beneath the tree. He was an orphan in his new family of chickens. One day the farmer noticed the fledgling eagle amidst the chickens and he tried to convince the eagle that he could fly. Even though he felt something within him stir when he looked up and saw a bird flying, he just refused to believe he was anything other than a chicken.

The farmer decided to pick him up and put him on top of a fence and see if the eagle would try to take off. But he just looked down at his safe home with the chickens The farmer was determined so he brought the eagle on top of the roof of the barn and the eagle looked back down and tried to take off but couldn't because he was afraid. Wouldn't you be afraid, too? Finally, the farmer took him on top of a large hill where he couldn't see the safety of the chickens in their coop, and he took off! Yes, he flew and truly became what God had created him to become an eagle!

When Jesus entered human history by becoming a human being, a great exchange took place. As he shared in our humanity, he gave the entire human family a share in his divinity. That spark of the Divine, begun at baptism, exists in each one of us waiting to ignite



They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagle's wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint. — Isaiah 40: 31

and flame up, allowing our spirits to soar. The call of the Baptist is to become the human beings God wants us to become: a people on a pilgrim journey re-creating the world in which we live. This "recreation" is given the beautiful image of the wolf and the lamb being friends; the calf and the lion browsing with a child guiding them; a child playing with snakes in their den. Yes, the disorder after the Fall will give way to a beautiful harmony in all of God's Creation.

This grand "re-creation" demands that we remove that which prevents this creative process from unfolding: our pride and cynicism; being comfortable in our secure worlds where the *status quo* pre-

vents the world from expanding; indifference to that spark of the divine within the human heart. Yes, we must "make straight the paths," allowing the Lord an unencumbered entrance into our hearts. It all begins with repentance, a complete turning away from the darkness that keeps us in our coops. Like the eagle, we must realize our true identities as children of God called to share with Christ in transforming the world and all of creation. Our spirits are meant to soar out of the confines of a hardened heart to really see the world, God and ourselves in a whole new way.

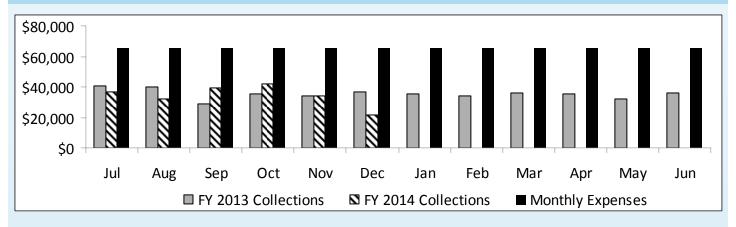
We celebrate the life of a man, Nelson Mandela, who spent 27 years imprisoned because he had a gospel vision of peace and harmony. After becoming president he brought together Blacks and Whites ending the hatred of Apartheid. A prison couldn't confine that spirit of divinity that was like a fire blazing in the core of his being. He was free within his imprisonment and he allowed himself to remain free after his release when he refused to hate those who were so cruel to him.

Advent is the time to break free from self-made "coops," role up our sleeves and get our hands and feet dirty with the business of healing, forgiving, peacemaking and building bridges.

- Fr. Frank, Homily, 2nd Sunday in Advent (12-8-2013)

Stewardship





- The offertory for last weekend, December 7-8, 2013, was \$ 8,925.
- For the 2014 Fiscal Year, Sunday and Holy Day collections are 3.3% over Fiscal Year 2013 collections; 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)
Hearty Soups
Heatel Rethroom Letions and Shampass

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 contact Dave Hilko at dahilko@deloitte.com.

Parish Calendar

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December Baptisms

Dayana Alejandra Albarracin-Alvarez (12-8-13)

St. Teresa said...



"There's no queen like humility for making the King surrender. Humility drew the King from heaven to the womb of the Virgin"

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

December 15, Sunday Third Sunday of Advent • Tercer Domingo de Adviento

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ° 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- ° 10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ° 11:00 am, Church, Practice for Lectors
- ° 1:00 pm, PC3-4, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- ° 4:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Edge Food & Faith
- ° 6:51 pm, PC3-4, 6:51 Club
- ° 7:00 pm, REC3-4, The Edge

December 16, Monday

- ° 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ° 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council

December 17, Tuesday

- ° 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ° 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Walk the Camino de Santiago in the Fall of 2014



Celebrate our 125th/500th Anniversaries in Spain

Find Out More

Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm

In the Parish Center

December 18, Wednesday

- ° 11:00 am, PC3, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- ° 4:00 pm, REC4, Lectio Divina
- ° 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- ° 7:00 pm, REC4, RCIA
- ° 7:00 pm, PC4, 2014 Camino de Santiago Info Meeting

December 19, Thursday

° 10:30 am, REC4, Thursday Morning Play Group

December 20, Friday

- ° 3:00 pm, PC3-4,Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- ° 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- ° 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

December 21, Saturday St. Peter Canisius • San Pedro Canisio

- ° 9:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- ° 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution

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 |
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| | December 14 |
| 5:00 pm | Rick Baron |
| | Seaman Apprentice Frederick Urrutia on his First Tour of Duty |
| | December 15 |
| 9:00 am | Mary Shea |
| | Teresa Baker |
| 12:00 pm | Tomasita Valasquez & Manuel Maldonado |
| 6:00 pm | For 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, Therese Kotowski, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Mondschean, Donald Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, P. A. O'Neil, Honorata Alicea Peña, Henry Pryor, Jeremy Rivera, John Ryan, Sophia Sanchez, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, Ruth Schmitz, Jennifer Schubeck, Robert Summins, John Sylvester, Jim Teterycz, Oscar R. Torres, Jon Wagenknecht, Lindsay Walleman, Paulette Zuckerman Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson Berta Billalvazo Margaret Brumfield Kathy Derrick Jackson Fineske & Family Padraig Gallagher Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Angela Goldberg Kaylee Gommel Les Gordon Genevieve Gorgo Mrs. Grabarczyk George Halloran David Harmeier Kellar Harris Peg Hausen David Hoffman David Ivanac

Chuck Jabalev Theresa Jabalev Betty LaCour Adolfo Lorenzana Palmira Mancini George Maroquin Jose Marroquin Lisa Marquez Margaret Sue Meadors Bill Mobley John Monier Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M. Elda Myers Angel Nieves Msgr. Kevin O'Neill Clayton Poe Deacon Hector Rivera Hector J. Rivera Pedro Rodriguez

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Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney,
OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
John Wagner
Bernadine Walters
Jack Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert
Survivors and perpetrators
of sexual abuse

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

| DATE | TIME | CELEBRANT | LECTOR | EUCHARISTIC BREAD | EUCHARISTIC WINE |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| 12-21-13 Saturday | 5:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Maggie Kuhlmann | Jennifer Barrett | Luke Kolman Carly Johnston |
| 12-22-13 Sunday | 9:00 am | Fr. Frank | Geneva Gorgo | Rose Ohiku Barb Schell Mark Van Grinsven | Dennis Kamalick Michael Zost Lina Hilko Mike Usiak |
| 12-22-13 Sunday | 12:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Laura King | Bert Olson | Minister Needed (C1, P) Colin McCue |
| 12-22-13 Sunday | 6:00 pm | Rev. Mark Pranaitis, C.M. | Jim Krag | Aubre Hewett Jennifer Lutkus Cara Gannon | Sara Hock Jonathan Hewett Caitlin Cronin Chris Parente |
| 12-24-13 Tuesday | 4:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Sam Szykowny Samantha Walter Stella Micinski Chloe Micinski Aine Heany | Lisa Marquez Kari Richardson Leigh Hartley | Aimee Jaszczor Frank Swiderski Laura LoBello Eileen Raia |
| 12-24-13 Tuesday | 10:00 pm | Fr. Frank | Alejandro Lopez | Kathy Richgels | Barb Schell Mary Serrahn |
| 12-25-13 Wednesday | 10:00 am | Fr. Frank | Raquel Bech | Dana Vance | Jocelyn Lutkus Karen Melchert |

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6,

7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Miércoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Jueves: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab,

16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Cant 2:8-14 ó Sof 3:14-18a;

Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24

Treasures from Our Tradition

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps.

Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his

shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La tradición mexicana de las Posadas se acompaña de las tradicionales piñatas. Aunque hay piñatas de animales y

caricaturas, la piñata original es una estrella con siete picos.

La piñata llegó al continente con los misioneros agustinos procedentes de España, mismos que la habían recibido de italianos; y éstos, a su vez, la obtuvieron de Marco Polo quien conoció decoraciones de animales coloridos en China. El asociar la piñata con las Posadas viene de la cultura Náhuatl quienes celebraban a Huitzilopochtli (dios de la guerra) del 17 al 26 de diciembre. Estos ponían cazuelas de barro decoradas con listones y plumas

sobre palos en el templo. Al romperlas, tesoros y alhajas caían a los pies de su dios.

Los misioneros mezclaron las dos costumbres para la catequesis. La estrella de siete picos representa al diablo y los 7 pecados capitales, mientras que la venda en los ojos es la fe en Cristo. El acto de pegarle a la piñata son nuestros esfuerzos cristianos a pesar de las desorientaciones que trae la vida. Romper la piñata es estar bañado con la gracia del Espíritu Santo y recibir los dones de Dios. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

- Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings/Lecturas December 15 — December 21

Promise Fulfilled

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or an-

other experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and

the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance.

The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away. — Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Promesa Cumplida

Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan de la persona fiel, de aquella que espera en Dios pero tal vez no sienta su presencia. Toda persona que busca a Dios, en un momento u otro, ex-

perimenta la ausencia de Dios. El mismo Jesús gritó durante la noche oscura de su alma.

La epístola de Santiago hace referencia a esta cuestión. Dice que debemos ser tan pacientes como la tierra abandonada y silenciosa, que espera las lentas y húmedas lluvias del invierno y las fuertes y necesarias lluvias de la

primavera. Al igual que el agricultor es consciente del precioso fruto de la tierra, también nosotros podemos ser conscientes de la valiosa cosecha de nuestra paciente espera. Dios nunca está lejos.

Los mensajeros de Juan Bautista preguntaron a Jesús si él era aquél que Juan había anunciado. Los mensajeros querían oír la respuesta que el encarcelado Juan ya sabía. Todo lo que Juan había dicho estaba finalmente aconteciendo: gracias a Jesús, la luz brilla en los ojos; las palabras de promesa son recibidas; la gente salta y baila.

La promesa de Isaías se cumple en Jesús. Rodillas inseguras y manos débiles se vuelven fuertes; el desierto estalla de vegetación; la sabana y la estepa florecen; la oscuridad es ahuyentada.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. (Matthew 11:2-11).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145]) Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10). Evangelio — "¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?" (Mateo 11:2-11).

Building Faith Together Collections Now \$398,780

We have collected \$398,780 in \$1,320,000 pledges so far in our Building Faith Together campaign. There is a "thermometer" depicting pledges collected located at the back of 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.

\$398,780 Pledge cards are available on the tables 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

Come join us at the next session of the Men's Spirituality Group on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:15 am in the Parish Center



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

Next 6:51 Club this Weekend

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

St. Teresa's 6:51 Club meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass for hospitality and community. Contact Sara Hock for more details at: sara.m.hock@gmail.com or foleysar@gmail.com

Women's Center Baby Bottle Project

St. Teresa is participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid.

Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. Your donations have helped thousands of mothers and babies since Women's Centers opened in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of on December 28th-29th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you.

Upcoming Liturgies & Events

Annika Nelson

Sunday, December 15th

Youth Participation Mass at 6:00pm; Youth Group hosting 6:51 Club with teen social afterwards

Monday, December 23rd Christmas Dinner Preparation 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Center

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:00pm

Christmas Eve

Mass10:00pm; Carols begin at 9:30pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am

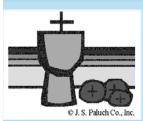
Christmas Dinner for the Poor, Homeless & Elderly served at 11:30am

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00pm

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st New Year's Day Mass at 10:00am

Saturday & Sunday, January 4th & 5th Feast of the Epiphany

Ministry of Care Available



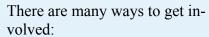
The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to mass and would like to receive Holy Com-

munion, please call Dean at (773) 528-6650 to arrange a visit.

Are You Interested in Helping?

St. Teresa of Avila Parish is hosting a Christmas dinner for community members who may be poor, lonely or elderly. The dinner will be held after the 10:00 Mass on Christmas morning, and will be served at 11:30 a.m.



Serve —You may sign up on the schedule in the Gathering Space to

serve on Christmas Day. If you are not available then, we also need help with decorations on December 22nd, and with food preparation on December 23rd. Please consider giving a few hours of your time.

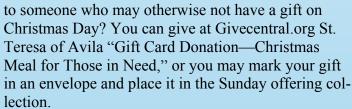
Bake — If you would like to bake a cake, pie, brownies or cookies, we ask that you drop off the dessert at the church on December 23 between the hours of 10a.m. and 5p.m.

Entertain — If you play an instrument or sing, you can sign up to entertain our guests on Christmas Day.

Pray — Pray for our guests, pray for those who serve, and pray for our parish. Pray that all of us would have a holy Christmas, as we see Christ in one

Give — We are hoping to give gift cards to all of our guests. To do this we need to raise \$2,000. Would you consider giving

another.



If you know someone who may need an invitation to this special dinner, please do let us know their name and address, and we'd be happy to send one along.

Please send an email to Laura King at Lauraking8383@gmail.com



December Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, December 7th

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Thursday, December 12th 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Set Up

Friday, December 13th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 21st 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Thursday, December 26th 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Set Up

Friday, December 27th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Lectio Divina on Wednesdays



The *Lectio Divina* group meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Religious Education Center from 4:00-5:00 pm to read, mediate upon and discuss upcoming Sunday's

readings.

For more information, call Director of Religious Education, Kate Lynch, at (773) 528-6650 or email her at kolynchdre@gmail.com



Tot Spot Toy Donation Drive

Are you or someone you know tired of always complaining about having to store those toddler toys that nobody plays with anymore?

Then why not donate them to the St. Teresa of Avila Parish's 0-3-year-old Tot Spot!! It's a great place for infants and toddlers to interact with other kids their own age.



Plus parents and caretakers can socialize and exchange parenting advice with others who have experienced what they are going through.

Please feel free to drop off your ageappropriate toy donations at the St. Teresa Parish Office at 1950 N. Kenmore. For questions please email Rob at robtprice@aol.com

Vatican Survey on Family Challenges

The Vatican will hold an Extraordinary Synod in 2014 dealing with the modern challenges to family life.

Pope Francis has asked for feedback from all Catholics. Please share your opinion on the issues they will be considering by responding to the survey questions on this site: http://www.archchicago.org/vatican-survey/

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral .

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

- 1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follow SSL encryption standards.
- 2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
- 3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.

Point, shoot, and donate to St.
Teresa's offertory collection with your *smart phone*.



Information

Weekend Masses

 Saturday
 5:00 pm

 en Francaise
 6:30 pm⁺

 Sunday
 9:00 am

 en español
 10:30 am*

 12:00 noon
 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses

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

*Communion Service only

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

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

1950 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 528-6650 • FAX (773) 871-6766 dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

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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⁺ First Saturday of the month

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