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February 23, 2014 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

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The Building Committee meets periodically to discuss renovation fundraising issues in the Parish Center.

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Fr. Frank is president of the Renovation Committee; his email is fjsasso@aol.com.

The Renovation Committee usually meets once per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center to discuss progress on the church renovation.

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The Parish Office phone number is 773-528-6650. Office hours are 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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Letter from Fr. Frank

February 23 — March1

Dear Parishioners -We have all seen how the strength of our parish is rooted in the people who make it a gathering of community and faith. While a small parish, St. Teresa of Avila has achieved a great deal and has set even greater goals for ourselves in the months and years ahead. As we've grown, we've been blessed to have had the energy and talent of volunteers who contribute to liturgy, community outreach, fundraising, the finance and parish councils, and dozens of other ministries that have made such a difference to so many in need. As we move forward with our many initiatives for 2014 and beyond, we have come to realize the need for a ministry organization that could outline the many committees and working groups that are actively engaged in the good work of our parish. To that end, we have developed a ministry organizational chart to help guide our activities and investments so that our efforts can have an even greater impact on our mission. And it is already having an impact on how we are working together in an integrated fashion with the parish staff, finance council and parish council.

While there are many involved in parish activities, there is still a need for others to contribute their time, ideas, and energy. Many of you have shared your interest to get involved in some way with the work of our parish and now a good time to step into an area that interests you most. I promise that you will have a positive impact on the work we do and on the people we serve.

Please take the opportunity to look over our ministry leadership chart on the cover of this bulletin to see if there is a group for which you would like to volunteer. Let that group leader know of your interest or any questions you have about what may be involved. We'd love to have you join up.

Together, we can realize our vision for making St. Teresa of Avila a great parish for the next 125 years and a continued blessing to those we serve.

Blessings.

Fr. Frank

Fr. Frank Pastor

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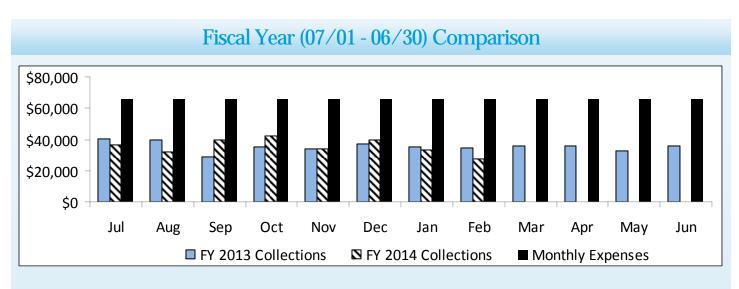
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Stewardship

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- The offertory collection for February 15-16, 2014, was \$6,540.
- 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 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

February 23 — March 1

° 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word

4:00 pm, REC4, Confirmation Preparation

° 4:00 pm, PC3, Kitchen, Edge Faith & Food

10:30 am, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

February 24, Monday

February 25. Tuesday

10:00 am, Kitchen, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur Cooking

4:00 pm, PC3, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

° 10:00 am, Kitchen, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur Cooking

10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality

12:30 pm, PC4, Chicago House

° 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council

° 5:30 pm, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur ° 6:00pm, PC3-4, REC, SPRED Preparation

° 6:15 am, PC3, Men's Spirituality Group

° 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

° 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality Group

° 7:00 pm, PC4, Quest

March Baptisms

Sofia Mahon (3-1-14)

St. Teresa said...



"All that which ends with life is but a breath of wind."

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

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- 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 26, Wednesday

February 23, Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

- ° 10:00 am, Kitchen, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur Cooking
- ° 4:00 pm, REC4, Lection Divina
- ° 5:30 pm, PC4, CCFC Choir
- ° 5:30 pm, PC4, CCFC Choir
- ° 7:00 pm, PC3, RCIA
- ° 7:00 pm, REC4, Book Club

February 27, Thursday

- ° 10:00 am, Kitchen, PC3, Cuisine du Coeur Cooking
- ° 10:30 am, REC4, Thursday Morning Play Group

 - February 28, 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

March 1, Saturday

Blessed Virgen Mary; First Saturday • Santa María Virgin; Primer Sábado

- ° 9:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- ° 10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- ° 10:00 am, PC4, Kitchen, Cuisine du Coeur Cooking
- ° 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
- ° 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- ° 5:30 pm, PC3, CCFC Choir
- 6:00 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

March **Food Pantry Schedule**

Saturdav. March 1st 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Thursday, March 6th 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Set Up

Friday, March 7th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March15th 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

Thursday, March 20th 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Set Up

Friday, March 21st 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, March 29th 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up 10:00 am to 12:00 am 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.

- - ° 5:30 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- ° 4:00 pm, REC1-4, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

February 22

5:00 pm All deceased members of the parish.

February 23

Aloisia Ehrenhöfer
Jeremy Rivera
Anne Sanders
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, Casillas Family, Maria Louisa Cervantes, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Mark Dudley, Emmanuel & Julia Faloyin, Pedro Garcia, Genevieve Gorgo, Dickie Harris, Jack Heil, Francisca Hernandez, Pat Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Teresa Joan Kilcullen, Therese Kotowski, Laura Lee, Catherine Malec, Mike McCabe, Melory Mizicko, John Mondschean, Donald & Maggie Finn Morich, Sally Jo Morrow, Walter Mulvihill, 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 Michael DeBlasis Kathy Derrick Jackson Fineske & Family Padraig Gallagher Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Angela Goldberg Kavlee Gommel Les Gordon Mrs Grabarczyk George Halloran David Harmeier Kellar Harris Peg Hausen David Hoffman

David Ivanac Chuck Jabaley Betty LaCour Adolfo Lorenzana Palmira Mancini George Maroquin Jose Marroquin Lisa Marquez Margaret Sue Meadors Bill Moblev John Monier Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M. Elda Mvers Angel Nieves Msgr. Kevin O'Neill Clayton Poe Deacon Hector Rivera Hector J. Rivera

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Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCHARISTIC WINE
3-1-14 Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Chas Shelby, CM	Raquel Bech	Kari Richardson	Luke Kolman Lisa Marquez
French Mass 3-1-14 Saturday	6:30 pm	Fr. Timothy Monahan			
3-2-14 Sunday	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Jane Ott	Dana Vance Theresa Murray Geneva Gorgo	Mary Serrahn Barb Schell Lina Hilko Michael Zost
Spanish Mass Sunday 3-2-14	10:30 am	Fr. John Fahey-Guerra, CSsR			
3-2-14 Sunday	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Mike Usiak	Laura LoBello	Colin McCue Bert Olson
3-2-14 Sunday	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Eileen Raia	Chris Parente Aubre Hewett Katie Assell	Jonathan Hewett Jon Assell Jamie Lutkus Cara Gannon

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
	Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;
	Mt 6:24-34

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Stgo 3:13-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 9:14-29
Martes:	Stgo 4:1-10; Sal 55 (54):7-11a, 23; Mc 9:30-37
Miércoles:	Stgo 4:13-17; Sal 49 (48):2-3, 6-11; Mc 9:38-40
Jueves:	Stgo 5:1-6; Sal 49 (48):14-20; Mc 9:41-50
Viernes:	Stgo 5:9-12; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mc 10:1-12
Sábado:	Stgo 5:13-20; Sal 141 (140):1-3, 8; Mc 10:13-16
Domingo:	Is 49:14-15; Sal 62 (61):2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor
C	4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Treasures from Our Tradition

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grape seed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nur-

tured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil

to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift! - Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

personas las evitaban. Eran gitanas, esas a las que mi



Aún lo recuerdo, estaba viajando en el metro de la ciudad de Roma cuando subieron dos mujeres con niños. Vestían como si fueran a una fiesta de disfraces. Noté que todas las

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

mamá y mis tías me iban a dar si no me portaba bien. Los gitanos no tienen una buena reputación entre las naciones. Tienen la misma reputación de los pastores de Palestina que vivieron en tiempos de Jesús. Se piensa que son ladrones e inmorales, gente a la que hay que tenerle miedo. Sin embargo, decimos que

Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor. En Jesús, todas las personas que jamás creeríamos capaces de alcanzar la santidad, lo logran. Tal es el caso del Pelé o Zeferino Jiménez, un gitano que en 1936 fue fusilado por militares españoles. El motivo de su muerte fue la enseñanza y difusión de la fe en Cristo. Su muerte fue la cumbre de una vida de fe como franciscano seglar. El ejemplo de vida que este gitano nos dio, logró hacer que los españoles lo respetaran y olvidaran sus prejuicios en contra de su gente. Además de eso, evangelizó a sus hermanos gitanos. - Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, © J.

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Give Better than You Receive

Jesus' words in today's Gospel continue to contrast the Jewish law and practice with the practice of the followers of Jesus. Today's Gospel continues with slight variations the formulation: "You have heard . . ." and "What I say to you

is . . ." The old laws of retaliation were once created to soften the severe and vengeful retaliations common among the peoples that surrounded the struggling people of God. The would-be followers of Jesus again feel surrounded by people bent on retaliation. So Matthew presents Jesus, who asks his followers not only not to retaliate at all but to "turn the other cheek."

He asks that his listeners give the one who asks more than he or she seeks. Jesus asks us to love and pray for those of our home country and the alien, the ones who love us and the ones who hate us. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Es Major Dar Que Recibir

Las palabras de Jesús continúan contrastando la practica y Ley judía con los seguidores de las enseñanzas de Jesús. El Evangelio de hoy continúa con una ligera variación de la frase "Ustedes han oído que se dijo..." y

> "yo les digo que. . ." Las antiguas leyes de venganza se escribieron para mitigar las represalias severas y vengativas tan comunes entre los pueblos que rodeaban al pueblo guerrero de Dios. Aquellas personas que querían ser seguidores de Jesús también estaban rodeadas por personas empeñadas en vengarse. Por lo que Mateo presenta a Jesús pidiendo a sus

seguidores que si alguien los golpea en una mejilla que pongan la otra.

Él les pide a las personas que lo escuchan que den más de lo que alguien les pida. Jesús nos pide amar y orar por nuestros conciudadanos y los extranjeros, a los que amamos y a quienes nos odian. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103). **Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).



Parish Life

February 23 — March 1

Building Faith Together Collections Now \$563,962

\$1,320,000 We have collected \$563,962 in 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

\$563,962 fees, demolition of the old school and convent buildings, or the renovation of the church.

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

Women's Spirituality February 25th

Women's Spirituality will gather on Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:30 pm in the Religious Education Center (1940 N. Kenmore Avenue). Enter at the doorway south of the main Parish Center entrance on Kenmore Avenue.

Feel free to join in every month for prayer, quiet discussion and reflection.

For more information, contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com



Last Year's Palms & Ashes at the 'L'

Please bring in your palms from last year and drop them off in the sacristy. We'll use them for ashes on this Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

St. Teresa will distribute ashes at the 'L' once again this year and we're looking for volunteers. There's a sign-up sheet at the statue of the Mary in the back of church.

Contact Tom Micinski at

(773) 528-6650 or tmiciski@stteresaparish.org to find out more information.

Book Club Meeting Dates

Feeling stagnant in your faith? Looking for something more? Join our book club! Our goal is to build camaraderie and look at and discuss big issues in our lives



and faith as we keep on this adventure called life. Our first book will be *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Matthew Kelly. We are ordering books now and would love for you to join us for our first meeting in February!

Dates: Wednesdays February 26; March 12 & 26; April 9 & 23; and May 7.

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Religious Education Center, Room 4 (1940 N. Ken more)

For additional information please contact Addison Carpenter (addison@idreamtalent.com; 312-848-5499) or Paul Drake (pdrake12@gmail.com). No need to bring anything but yourself and maybe a friend!

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Ashes

at the

Parish Life

February 23 — March 1

SUNDAY – MARCH 2, 2014 11a.m.-3 p.m. Mascarade en Noir et Blanc

A CELEBRATION OF REGIONAL FRENCH FOOD

La Cuisine du Coeur

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Center

1950 NORTH KENMORE AVENUE • CHICAGO, IL. 60614 St. Teresa of Avila Parish, in cooperation with its French Community, is sponsoring afternoon luncheon featuring an assortment of home-made regional French specialities accompanied by wine and beer. Proceeds from this event will be used for parish operating expenses including Social Outreach Ministries.

Adults – Thirty five dollars Children – 18 years of age and under – Ten dollars BLACK and WHITE ATTIRE PREFERRED



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Point and shoot this QR code to purchase your tickets for Cuisine du Coeur's *Mascarade en Noir et Blanc* now!

Next 6:51 Club is March 16th

Stop by after the 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, March 16 for a Lenten Rice Bowl Dinner. 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

First Saturday—Primer Sábado February 1 — 1 de Febrero

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on March 1st at 4:00 pm in the church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción de Rosario sábado primero a nuestra señora de Fátima el 1 de marzo a 16:00 en la iglesia.

We're Counting on You!!

Do you have a few spare hours during the month? Why not put those to good use and help the parish?!



We are looking for new members for the Counting Team. Groups meet for a

few hours once a month to help the parish count the collection for the week. Please contact Erica if you're interested at: esaccucci@stteresaparish.org

Men's Spirituality February 25th

Come join us at the next session of the Men's Spirituality Group on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:15 am

in the Parish Center

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

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 the upcoming Sunday readings.



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

Reflection February 23 — March 1

Cutting to the Heart of the Gospel

This past Christmas this parish hosted a Christmas dinner for those in need, an experience that helped us all, both volunteers and guests, to get at the heart of what Christmas is really about. Jesus is trying to do the same thing, to "get at the heart" of the Law and Gospel, by teaching that all actions have their origin in the human heart. Acts of killing, lust and dishonesty begin with inner thoughts and drives that lead one to act on those desires. Gospel living demands that we even explore our motivations in serving the poor.

One of the volunteers asked a guest about his experiences in shelters and finding places that are welcoming and secure. This guest wrote down his own ideas on creating a place that homeless individuals can go to and gave his testimony to the volunteer. These are some of his thoughts, which help to "get at the heart" of not only Christmas but our own mission as a parish community:

"We know how shelters treat homeless people and we don't want to be like that. We want to be treated like human beings. We don't want to be treated like cattle...treat us as you would treat your own family. It's sad but there has to be a system so this doesn't get abused and quickly become like other places.

While some may not want a skill maybe they can come and play cards or chess. Maybe we can be taught computer skills like how to get on the internet. Maybe



If our righteousness is to exceed that of the Pharisees and scribes, we can't simply serve a meal and call it a day.

we can work on spelling and reading. A shelter can be a place to just find sleep and rest, if just to take a nap, get some food and clothes. We could use some form of entertainment, like T.V. or music. The people who come need to help out as well. No hostility...."

These words are like the words of Jesus in the gospel, being like a "two edged sword" that pierces the heart and gets at what we are really about.

Our Christmas dinner helped us to see that at the heart of the gospel is not just serving the poor but getting to know their stories and sharing our own stories; it's about creating community by eating with our guests and perhaps even giving them the opportunity of serving the volunteers, reversing the roles...turning the tables around, so to speak.

If our righteousness is to exceed that of the Pharisees and

scribes, we can't simply serve a meal and call it a day. We need to engage and interact with guests and other volunteers creating community or "church."

Feeding those who are hungry is a Gospel mandate, but the righteousness that Jesus speaks about demands that we ask why there are growing numbers of poor and so much poverty and why there seems to be such inequity in our economic system. Anyone who truly wants to find an answer to these questions will most certainly pay a price in one's family, friendships and social networks.

As Dorothy Day said in so many words, when you feed the poor you are called a saint; when you ask why there are so many poor, you are called a communist.

Getting at the heart of the gospel and Law means we must try and answer these questions.

- Fr. Frank's Homily for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2014

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Lina Hilko, Chair

Jessica Marx Bert Olson Marjorie Rice Michael Rice Tony Rivera Justin Peters Rebecca O'Brien Paolo Basil Amir Rafizadeh Addison Carpenter

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			
en Francaise	$6:30 \text{ pm}^+$			
Sunday	9:00 am			
en español	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 ⁺ No 7:30 am Mass on national holidays on Mondays

* 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 1940 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 528-6650 • FAX (773) 871-6766 klynch@stteresaparish.org