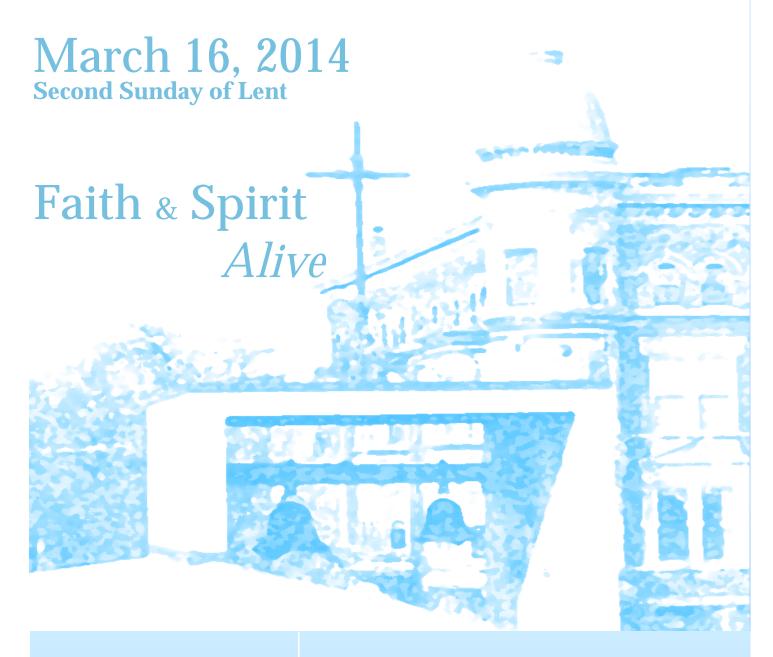
# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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"Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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# 2014 Lent, Holy Week & Easter Schedule

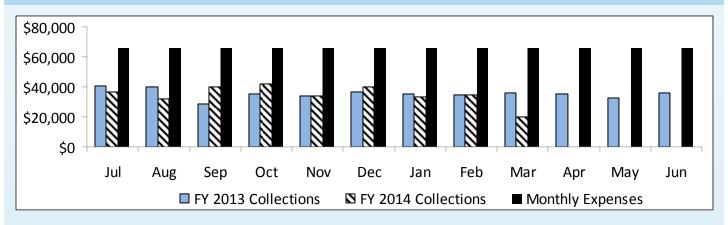
| Lent  |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| Lenten Reconciliation   | Wednesday, March 19th                      | 6:30pm — 8:30pm   |  |  |
| Morning Mass  | Mondays-Thursdays                          | 7:30am  |  |  |
| Communion Service   | Fridays                                    | 7:30am  |  |  |
| Eucharistic Adoration   | Tuesdays                                   | 7:00pm — 8:30pm   |  |  |
| Holy Week   |  |   |  |  |
| Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion   | Saturday-Sunday<br>April 12th — April 13th | Saturday, 5:00pm;<br>Sunday, 9:00am, 12:00pm,<br>6:00pm |  |  |
| Mass of the Lord's Supper   | Thursday, April 17th                       | 7:00pm  |  |  |
| Living Stations of the Cross<br>Contact Carrie at<br>cmondschean@hinshawlaw.com | Friday, April 18th                         | 3:00pm  |  |  |
| Liturgy of the Lord's Passion   | Friday, April 18th                         | 7:00pm  |  |  |
| Easter  |  |   |  |  |
| Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord   | Saturday, April 19th                       | 8:00pm  |  |  |
| The Resurrection of the Lord  | Sunday, April 20th                         | 9:00am, 12:00pm (No 6:00pm<br>Mass)                     |  |  |
| Family Lenten Events  |  |   |  |  |
| 6:51 Club Lenten Rice Bowl Meal<br>after Mass in the Parish Center              | Sunday,<br>March 16th                      | 7:00pm to 8:00pm  |  |  |
| Jump Sky High/Cheese Pizza in   | Friday.                                    | 5:30pm to 8:30pm  |  |  |
| Niles for All Families  | March 21st                                 | 5:30pm to 8:30pm  |  |  |
|   |  | 5:30pm to 8:30pm<br>10:00am to 12:00pm                  |  |  |
| Niles for All Families Family Preparation of Loaves &                           | March 21st<br>Sunday,                      |   |  |  |

See page 9 of today's bulletin for more information on Parish Lenten Reconciliation (March 19), Jump Sky High/Pizza in Niles (March 21), and Family Preparation of Loaves & Fishes Dinner (March 23).

# Stewardship

**March 16 — March 22** 





- The offertory collection for March 8-9, 2014, was \$6,669.
- 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

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## **Baptisms**

No Baptisms

#### St. Teresa said...



"The Lord helps those who are resolved to render him service and glory."

# 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

## March 16, Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent •
Segundo Domingo de Cuaresema

- $^{\circ}$  9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ° 10:00 am, PC3-4, Hospitality
- ° 6:51 pm, PC3-4, Rice Bowl Meal

## March 17, Monday St. Patrick • San Patricio

° 7:00 pm, PC3, Finance Council

## March 18, Tuesday St. Cyril of Jerusalem • San Cirilo de Jerusalén

- ° 5:00 am, GS, All Day Primary Election
- ° 6:00pm, PC3-4, REC, SPRED Community
- ° 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

## March 19, Wednesday St. Joseph • San Jose, Esposa de la Virgen María

° 5:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

- ° 6:30 pm, Church, Lenten Reconciliation
- ° 7:00 pm, PC3, RCIA

#### March 20, Thursday

- $^{\circ}$   $\,$  10:30 am, REC4, Thursday Morning Play Group
- ° 4:00 pm, REC4, Lection Divina
- $^{\circ}$   $\,$  5:30 pm, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Setup

## March 21, Friday Abstinence • Abstinencia

- ° 10:00 am, PC4, Anniversary Book Committee
- $^{\circ}$   $\,$  10:00 am, PC3, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- ° 3:00 pm, PC3-4, Loaves & Fishes Set Up
- ° 5:00 pm, PC 3-4, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- ° 6:00 pm, Jump Sky High in Niles
- ° 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

#### March 22, Saturday

° No Activities Planned

# Throughout Lent Eucharistic Adoration TUESDAYS 7:00-8:30PM St. Teresa of Avila Catala Charle 1037 W. Armitage Ave. \* Chicago, Illinois 60684 773-528-6650 \* WWW.st-teresa.net

## March Food Pantry Schedule

#### Saturday, 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.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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*March 16* — *March 22* 

|          | Mass Intentions |  |
|----------|-----------------|--|
|          | March 15        |  |
| 5:00 pm  | Patricia Young  |  |
|          | March 16        |  |
| 9:00 am  | Mary Ann Brown  |  |
| 12:00 pm | Jeremy Rivera   |  |
|          | Robert Riordan  |  |
|          | Lucille Sanders |  |
| 6:00 pm  | Diego Tobon     |  |
|          |                 |  |

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, Patrick Reidy, Jeremy Rivera, John Ryan Sophia Sanchez, Angel Santana, Maurice Shatto, 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...

Berta Billalvazo Margaret Brumfield Michael DeBlasis Kathy Derrick Jackson Fineske & Family Padraig Gallagher Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Angela Goldberg Kaylee Gommel Les Gordon Mrs Graharczyk George Halloran David Harmeier Kellar Harris Peg Hausen David Hoffman

David Ivanac Chuck Jabaley Betty LaCour Carmen D. 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

Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney,
OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Mima Tome
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<br>BREAD                             | EUCHARISTIC<br>WINE   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| 3-22-14<br>Saturday               | 5:00 pm  | Fr. Frank           | Maggie Kuhlmann              | Lisa Marquez                                     | Laura LoBello<br>Carly Johnston                               |
| French Mass<br>4-5-14<br>Saturday | 6:30 pm  | Fr. Timothy Monahan |                              |  |   |
| 3-23-14<br>Sunday                 | 9:00 am  | Fr. Frank           | Lina Hilko                   | Mary Serrahn<br>Geneva Gorgo<br>Jennifer Barrett | Dana Vance<br>Minister Needed (C3)<br>Barb Schell             |
| Spanish Mass<br>Sunday<br>4-6-14  | 10:30 am | Fr. Octavio Munoz   | Tony Rivera<br>Carmen Ubides | Josefina Gomez                                   | Francisco Perez   |
| 3-23-14<br>Sunday                 | 12:00 pm | Fr. Frank           | Tony Rivera                  | Amy Jaszczor                                     | Colin McCue<br>Karen Secrest                                  |
| 3-23-14<br>Sunday                 | 6:00 pm  | Fr. Frank           | Mike Usiak                   | Kaitlin Cronin<br>Jonathan Hewett<br>Eileen Raia | Aubre Hewett<br>Kathy Richgels<br>Cara Gannon<br>Mollie Wanek |

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 **Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-

21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk

15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13;

Lc 6:36-38

**Martes:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 23:1-12

**Miércoles:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5,

27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a

**Jueves:** Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

**Viernes:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;

Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sábado:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12;

Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

**Domingo:** Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2,

5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## **Treasures from Our Tradition**

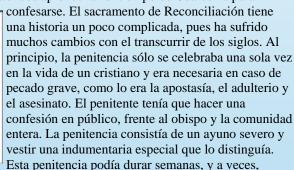
Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final

preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the "elect" for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the non baptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the Eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muchos católicos aprovechan el tiempo de Cuaresma para



meses. Durante este tiempo, el penitente no podía estar presente en la mesa de la Eucaristía hasta que el obispo le diera la bendición de reconciliación, la cual, a menudo, se llevaba a cabo el Jueves Santo. Con el paso del tiempo, los cristianos se dieron cuenta de la necesidad de celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación con más frecuencia y por otras clases de pecado.

Algún tiempo después, esta práctica cayó en el desuso y fue sustituida por la confesión privada, la cual se originó entre los monjes irlandeses. Después, esta práctica fue aceptada por toda la Iglesia. De esta manera es que nació el sacramento de la reconciliación que conocemos hoy. Actualmente, a pesar de que la Iglesia dice que no es necesario acercarse al confesionario antes de recibir la Comunión, se nos exhorta a confesarnos por lo menos una vez al año, o lo antes posible después de haber cometido pecado grave. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

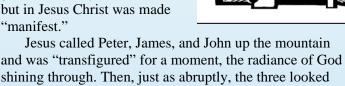
# Readings/Lecturas March 16 — March 22

## Seeing Though

Today's readings invite us to look more deeply, to catch a

glimpse of Divine Reality hidden within the "stuff" of life. God challenged the elderly Abram and his wife to leave home for a land that God would show them. Their eyes would see the land, but only God could "show" it as a divine gift. Paul reminded Timothy that God's grace had always been available, but in Jesus Christ was made "monifect."

up . . . and saw only Jesus.

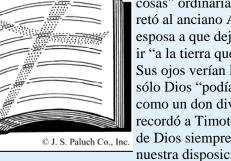


During Lent we're invited to "see through" to God's presence in the stuff of life: prowling the supermarket, waiting in traffic, arguing with the kids, cleaning the bathtub. We wouldn't really have to "do" anything, if we could only glimpse divine love supporting us, holding us together. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Ver la Presencia de Dios

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a mirar más profundamente

para poder dar un vistazo a la realidad divina encerrada en "las cosas" ordinarias de la vida. Dios retó al anciano Abram y a su esposa a que dejaran su casa para ir "a la tierra que te mostraré". Sus ojos verían la tierra, pero sólo Dios "podía" mostrarla como un don divino. Pablo recordó a Timoteo que la gracia de Dios siempre ha estado a nuestra disposición, pero que en



Jesús se "manifestó".

Jesús invitó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan para que subieran al cerro y allí se "transfiguró" por un momento, y el resplandor de Dios brilló a través de él. Luego, con la misma rapidez, los tres miraron. . . y sólo vieron a Jesús.

Durante la Cuaresma se nos invita a "mirar más allá" para ver la presencia de Dios en las cosas ordinarias: ambulando por el supermercado, esperando en el tráfico, discutiendo con los hijos, limpiando la bañera. No tendríamos que "hacer" nada más si pudiéramos divisar el amor divino que nos apoya y nos sostiene. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a). **Salmo** — Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros,

puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]). **Segunda lectura** — Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10). **Evangelio** — "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo" (Mateo 17:1-

## Building Faith Together Collections Now \$581,571

\$1,320,000 We have collected \$581,571 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

\$581,571 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

## Taking Action On Your Faith

After 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, March 16, Maria Fitzsimmons, organizer with the Office for Peace and Justice of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will meet with those interested in learning more about faith and social justice. Maria will speak briefly about social justice in our faith tradition and will look to hear from parishioners.

If you are interested in taking action on your faith with the community of St. Teresa of Avila and the larger Catholic and faith communities of Chicago, please join us to share your thoughts and talk about next steps.

For more information about how you can get involved, contact Fr. Frank or Maria atmfitzsimmons@archchicago.org or (773)456-8886.

## Women's Spirituality March 25th

Women of St. Teresa's community are invited for Women's Spirituality on Tuesday, March, 25th, at 7:30 pm in the Religious Education Center (1940 N. Kenmore) for prayer, reflection and discussion in our season of Lent.



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

## Men's Spirituality March 25th

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

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

## Next Book Club Meeting March 26th

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 would love for you to join us for our next meeting!

Dates: Wednesdays on March 26; April 9 & 23; and

May 7. **Time:** 7:00 pm

Place: Religious Education Center, Room 4

(1940 N. Kenmore)

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!

## 125th Anniversary of St. Teresa's

Our nearing parish anniversary pairs with the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila. A book is being planned to commemorate both events. Can



The St. Teresa of Avila campus (church, school and convent) prior to the 1959 Easter fire.

you help? We will be asking for:

- **Writers** to submit event and committee stories and personal memories;
- **Photographers** to take pictures at parish gatherings;
- **People with long memories** to fill in the last 125 years!

Needed are pictures of events including sacraments, parties, group, meetings, classes, etc. that have been collected over the years. Photos need to be: **clear**, **black and white or color, and captioned**.

Captioned pictures may be placed in the box in the gathering space labeled **Photos**; pictures will all be returned to the owners. Please identify the people in the photo, the event, and if possible, the year. Put your name on the back so the pictures may be returned.

Digital photos may be sent, with captions, to genevag22@gmail.com.

Questions and suggestions may be given to members of the Book Committee: Cathy Flaherty, Geneva Gorgo, Myrna Kinsella, Tom Kinsella, Carmen Ubides and Carmen Vazquez.

## 6:51 Club "Rice Bowl" This Sunday

Stop by after the 6:00 pm Mass on this 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@gmpail.com

## **Upcoming Parish Events**

**Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service** - Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. Opportunities for individual confession will also be available. Bring your whole family to celebrate reconciliation and God's confession of love for you.

**Jump Sky High trip to Niles** - Friday, March 21: 6:30-8:30pm at Sky High Sports (6424 W Howard St, Niles, IL 60714). Cost is \$23 - include \$9/hour of jumping and \$4 for Cheese Pizza dinner. RSVP to Kate Lynch by Thursday March 20 at kolynchdre@gmail.com

Family Meal Preparation for Loaves & Fishes - Sunday, March 23: 10 am - 12 noon in the Parish Center. Parishioners are invited to help prepare a meal on Sunday morning that will be served on Friday night to the homeless at Loaves and Fishes. Please RSVP to Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com if you are available Sunday to chop vegetables and prepare this meal.

## Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Paul

There will be a pilgrimage to Turkey July 9-20, 2014, with Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ and Fr. John Ferone, SJ, to the house of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus, to some of the Seven Churches of Asia, to the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul and beyond.



Email Leigh Hartley for more details at:
udflyer47@yahoo.com
Register by March 31st if possible.
There is literature on the table in the gathering space.



## Reflection

### *March 16 — March 22*

## Breaking Good, Breaking Bad

Recently, I got addicted to a miniseries called, "Breaking Bad," a story about a man diagnosed with terminal cancer who decides he wants to do everything he can to financially provide for his wife and two children. He develops a unique formula for making a particular drug that he is able to sell through a dealer. His intentions were very noble; the means to making those intentions were illegal, destructive and morally bankrupt.

I was truly absorbed by the visual depiction of a human being spiraling out of control, then "devolving" into a human monster. The instant he realized the power he had with his "talent" and how much money he could make, he had a "breaking bad" experience that claimed his life for evil. While "breaking bad" he broke his marriage, his family, and indeed every relationship he had, especially the relationship he had with himself. This main character even developed a nickname to indicate his new identity as a human being defined by power and money and control. For me, watching this fictional character slowly becoming evil and dark was compelling.

I believe we can all have "breaking bad" experiences where we are overcome with destructive desires and impulses. Thankfully, these experiences are short-lived as we allow God's Grace to once again reclaim our hearts. This first Sunday of Lent takes us into the desert of temptation to face the darkness



Let's make this Lent an experience of "breaking good," allowing God's love and grace to shape our lives.

and refuse to give into to "breaking bad." The devil simply wanted Jesus to deny his identity and mission by taking short cuts and denying his mission to embrace and experience *all* the realities of human existence, particularly, pain, suffering and what we fear the most: death.

The Spirit led Jesus into the desert to face his own "breaking bad" moment by refusing to give in to the devil and thereby defining his life by the devil's terms. That same Spirit that led Jesus into the desert was the very Spirit that was "breathed" into Adam after God fashioned him out of clay. That breath of divinity is what claims us...seals us as children of God. We not only have a biological DNA but a spiritual one as well. We are created by God to have life and to live it in abundance. Our spiritual DNA has wired us to help God in the recreation of the world. This power, lost by a breech that occurred in humanity at a definitive moment we call the "Fall," has been restored in baptism.

Baptism is our "breaking good" experience, one that defines us and our very humanity for goodness and beauty and Truth.

Lent is the springtime of allowing the Spirit to lead us into the desert to allow this "breaking good" experience to surface and be strengthened. We are destined to evolve into human beings who live lives of selfless love, building a world that brings people together in peace and hope. God wants to use our flesh and blood, our spirits and souls to transform the world.

Lent is the season that teaches us it's never too late to start again...to recommit our lives to Christ and allow his Presence and Love to define who we really are. We are destined to be totally and completely transformed by the Resurrection. And we don't have to wait...it is happening now, every time we say "No" to sin and "Yes" to Grace. Let's make this Lent an experience of "breaking good," allowing God's love and grace to shape our lives.

Fr. Frank Homily, First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2014

## St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

#### **Pastoral Council**

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

Lina Hilko is president of the Parish Council; her email is lhilko@aol.com

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

#### **Finance Council**

Justin Peters Jane Bronson Jack Halpin Jane Ott Dave Hilko Steve Fortino Andrew Deye Becky Francis

Bill Mack is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is williamdmack@hotmail.com

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

#### **Building Committee**

Steve Kolinski
Caleb Marx
Bill Mack
Jane Bronson
Jose Cervantes
Carol Christensen
Dave Hilko

Dan Hurley Karen Kinsella Frank Swiderski Dave Espinoza John Mitchell Dan Summins

Dan Summins is president of the Building Committee; his email is dsummins@hotmail.com

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

#### **Renovation Committee**

Paolo Basil Frank Swiderski Steve and Anmarie Kolinski Dave Hilko Kim Walter Phyllis Halloran Kelly Dean Jack Halpin
Marilee Halpin
Justin Peters
Nancy Van Grinsven
Alicia Slubowski
Dante Domenella, Architect
Dwayne Piyatilake, Stained Glass Window Artist

Fr. Frank is president of the Renovation Committee; his email is fisasso@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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## **Weekday Masses**

Monday<sup>+</sup> to Thursday 7:30 am Friday \* 7:30 am

\* No 7:30 am Mass for national holidays on Mondays

\* Communion Service only

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

#### 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)

Contact Kate in the Parish Office kolynchdre@gmail.com

#### For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick Contact Dean in the Parish Office dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

#### **Weekend Masses**

 Saturday
 5:00 pm

 en Francaise
 6:30 pm<sup>+</sup>

 Sunday
 9:00 am

 en Español
 10:30 am\*

 12:00 noon
 6:00 pm

+ First Saturday \* First Sunday