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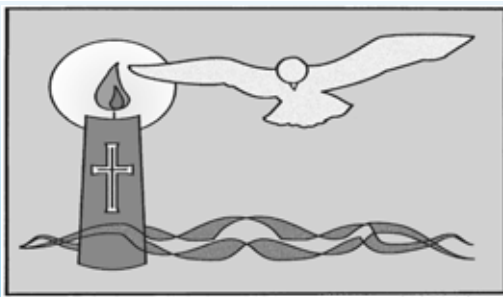
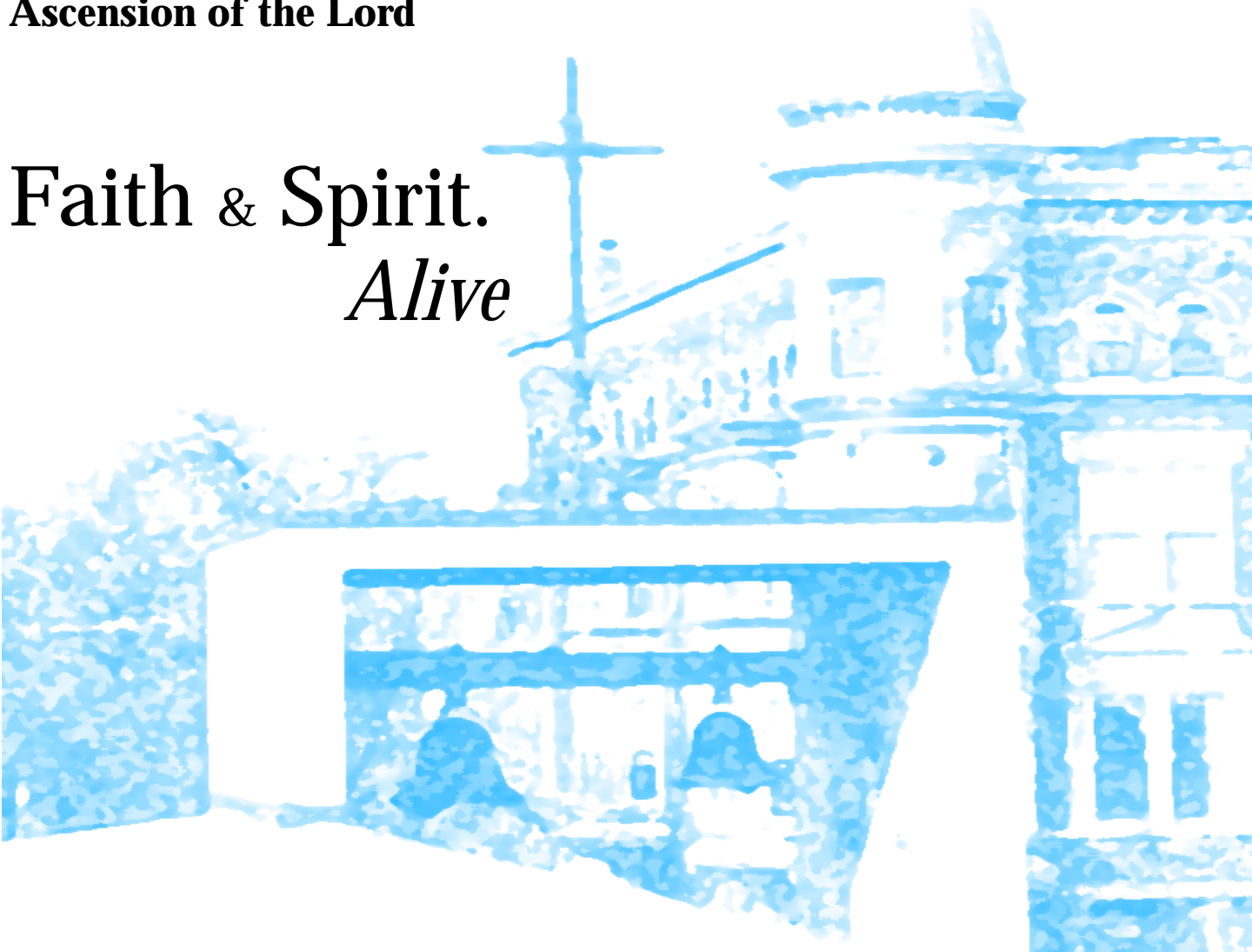
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May 17, 2015

Ascension of the Lord

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**Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.**

— Mark 16:16

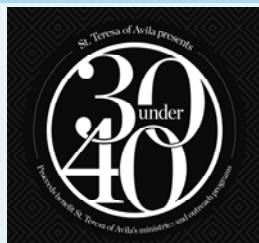
Stewardship

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18 Hosts Needed

30 under 40 is a series of parties, mini-fundraisers, hosted throughout the year by our under-40-year-old community. Hosts are tasked with raising a minimum of \$1000 to support the mission of St. Teresa of Avila parish.



Over 40? Sit back and relax. Attend as many of the parties as you like, and let the under-40-something's do the work!

Twelve parishioners have proudly joined the 2015 class of 30 hosts. We are recruiting 18 more party people to plan an event that will strengthen our community. Do you have a special talent or hobby?

Get creative and work it into your own theme, or use one of the ideas below:

- Mad Men Style Cocktail Party
- Happy Hour at Kincade's
- Post Hunger Walk Tailgate
- Bouncy House BBQ
- Picnic at Montrose Beach
- Whiskey Tasting Party
- Cooking Lesson
- Margarita & Guacamole Tasting
- Halloween Party
- Poker Party

If you have any questions about *30 under 40* or would like to host a party, please email Chris at Christopher.parente@gmail.com.

You may also call Rebecca in the parish office at 773-528-6650, or visit st-teresa.net/30under40 for more information.

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 follows 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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Hunger Walk Registration Now Open



St Teresa is forming a team to participate in this year's the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) annual Hunger Walk. Please join us on **Saturday, June 20th, at Soldier Field Gate 6 at 8:00am** for a fun and easy 5k-walk along the lakefront. All proceeds we raise come directly to St. Teresa's Food Pantry.

For each walker registered to St Teresa's team, we receive a \$12 credit at GCFD — enough to buy 3 bags of groceries. Also, the GCFD will match the first \$5,000 we raise in sponsorship with a 20% donation.

If you can't walk this year, please sponsor us at: <http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/goto/tteresafoodpantry>.

The Hunger Walk is free to all walkers. **To walk with us, you must do two things:**

1. For St Teresa's Food Pantry to benefit from your participation, each member of your party must register to walk at the following link. Indicate that you are walking on behalf of member Agency A01459 St Teresa Food Pantry.

<http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/HWRRegister>

2. Then in order for us to know that you will be joining us, please join the St. Teresa team at our team site — only one person per household needs to do this.

<http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/goto/stteresafoodpantry>

Free Bus: We will have a bus departing St Teresa's parking lot at 7:00 am. To request a space on the bus, please email Mairead Reidy at mairead.reidy@yahoo.com. Bus space is limited and offered on a first-to-sign-up basis.

Visit st-teresa.net for more information.

We greatly appreciate your support.

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

**Graphic
Designers**

**Web Trainees
(Word Press)**

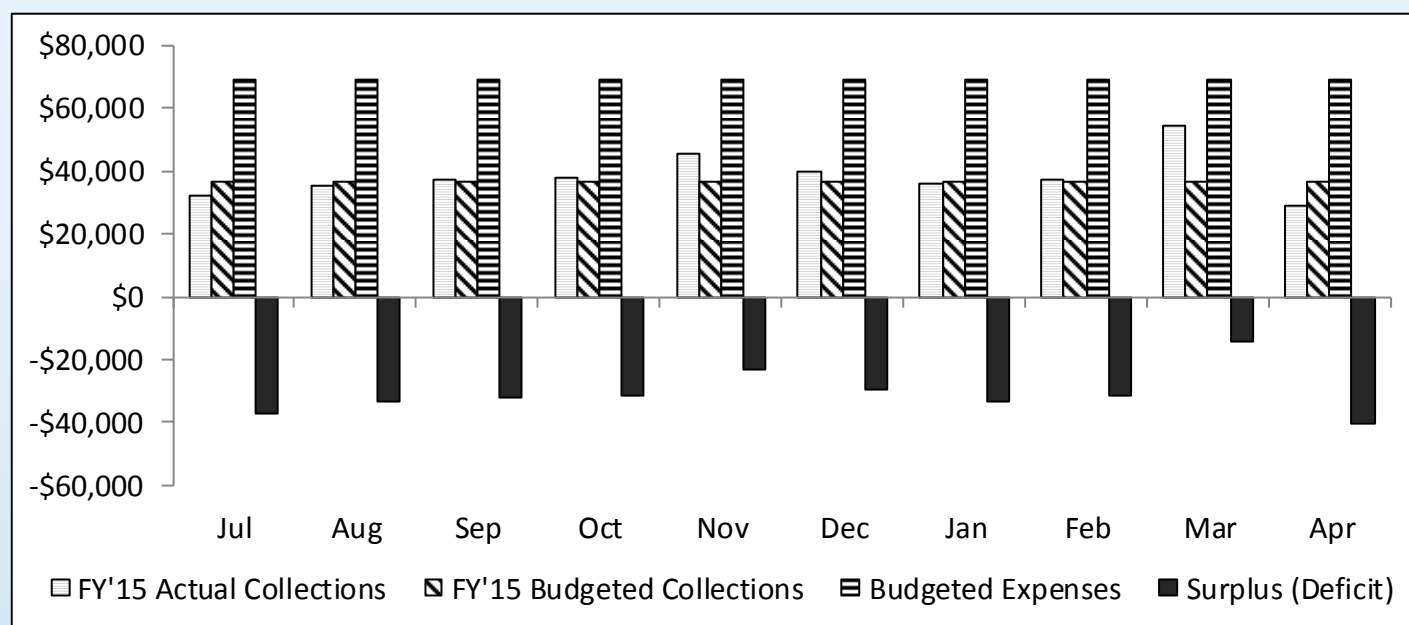
**Social Media
Admins**

**Ushers for
Weekend
Masses**

**30 under 40
Hosts**

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparis.org or (773) 528-6650

Fiscal Year (07/01 - 06/30) Comparison to Date



- For the 2015 Fiscal Year, Sunday Offertory Collections are 3% above the budgeted collection amount. This results in a fiscal year to date deficit of \$266,152.
- For the 2015 fiscal year, the cost per family per week is \$37 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 Erica Saccucci, Parish Business Manager, at escaccucci@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650. Erica can provide you with the latest financial status, projections, and key issues. Our financials are also available on our website st-teresa.net
- The Finance Council meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Updated as of April 23, 2015

Parish Calendar

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May Baptisms



Monica Isabela Polhemus (5-3-15)
John Francis Ubik IV (5-10-15)
Brooklyn Rose Bartolucci (5-10-15)
Liam White (5-17-15)

About Courage, St. Teresa said...

“What would it matter when you are in the arms of God, if the whole world blamed you? He has the power to free you from everything, for once he commanded that the world be made, it was made...”



Calendar at a Glance

May 17, Sunday

- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:51 pm, PC, Movie “Romero”

May 18, Monday

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

May 19, Tuesday

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House

May 20, Wednesday

- No Activities Planned

May 21, Thursday

- 9:00 am, PC3-4, Food Depository Delivery
- 10:00 am, Kitchen, PC, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council Meeting

May 22, Friday

- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

May 23, Saturday

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord
Monday: St. John I
Wednesday: St. Bernadine of Siena
Thursday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
Friday: St. Rita of Cascia
Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost

Domingo: La Ascensión del Señor
Lunes: San Juan I
Miércoles: San Bernardino de Siena
Jueves: San Cristobal Magallanes y compañeros
Viernes: Santa Rita de Casia
Sábado: La Vigilia de Pentecostés

May 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, May 2nd

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

Saturday, May 9th

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

Saturday, May 16th

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

Saturday, May 23rd

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

Saturday, May 30th

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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Mass Intentions

May 16

5:00 pm	For Fr. Donald Eruaga and the Parishioners of St. Killian *
	May 17
9:00 am	Julia Faloyin; Walter Roux; and also for Fr. John Siemianowski and the Parishioners of St. Kieran (Chicago Heights)*
12:00 pm	Georgina Garcia; Manuel A. Gomez; and also for Fr. Pedro Campos and the Parishioners of St. St. Kevin *
6:00 pm	For Fr. Julian Lanza and the Parishioners of St. Julie Billiart (Tinley Park)*

* We continue to pray for all the parishes in the Archdiocese.

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...

Casillas Family, Dorothy Cooney, Margaret Dean, Teresa Dempsey, Mark Dudley, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, Genevieve Gorgo, Francisca Hernandez, Betty Hultberg, James H. Mack, Carol Marquez, Frank Mirabella, Eleanor Monak, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, Charley Pierce, Patrick Reidy, Maurice Shatto, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson	David Hoffman	Marie Koesters-Ranley
Dorothy Barns	David Ivanac	Deacon Hector Rivera
Dolores Berendsen	Chuck Jabaley	Hector J. Rivera
Berta Billalvazo	Ronald Jakubec	Pedro Rodriguez
Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek	Tom Kinsella	Ray Romero
Michael De Blasis	Liz Kunkel	Jeffrey Roscoe
Kathy Derrick	Betty LaCour	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Kim Duffy	Carmen D. Lorenzana	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jackson Fineske & Family	Palmira Mancini	Jack Schank
Alice Flynn	George Maroquin	Mima Tome
Padraig Gallagher	Jose Maroquin	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Eloisa Gallegos	Lisa Marquez	Susan Violapiano
Michael Gibbons	Margaret Sue Meadors	John Wagner
Angela Goldberg	Daniel Meyer	Bernadine Walters
Kaylee Gommel	Bill Mobley	Jack Williams
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	John Monier	Mae Witry
Les Gordon	Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.	David Zeunert
Mrs. Grabarczyk	Elda Myers	
George Halloran	John Paul Nelson	Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse
David Harmeier	Angel Nieves	
Kellar Harris	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	
Peg Hausen	Clayton Poe	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
Saturday 5-23-15	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Lector Needed	Kari Richardson	Lisa Marquez Minister Needed (C2)
Next French Mass Saturday 6-6-15	6:30 PM	Pere Timothy Monahan			
Sunday 5-24-15	9:00 AM	Rev. Collins Ekpe, CM	Phyllis Halloran	Geneva Gorgo Jennifer Barrett Jamie Lutkus	Karen Secrest Michael Zost Minister Needed (C3) Lina Hilko
Next Spanish Mass 6-7-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Carmen Vazquez Carmen Ubides	Maria Montes	Carmen Cruz
Sunday 5-24-15	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Alejandro Lopez	Bob Pedro	Minister Needed (C1, P) Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 5-24-15	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Karen Carpino	Eric Fredericks Luke Kolman Bert Olson	Chris Parente Cara Gannon Jonathan Hewett Aubre Hewett

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes:	Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles:	Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo:	Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Treasures from Our Tradition

Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Después de los eventos del Viernes Santo los discípulos se encerraron en el Cenáculo porque tenían mucho miedo.

Estaban precisamente ahí, donde habían celebrado la Última Cena con Jesús. Según los relatos que nos presentan los evangelios, Jesús se les aparecería en ese mismo lugar. De hecho, cuarenta días después de su muerte, Jesús ascendió al cielo. Luego de que Jesús ascendiera al cielo, los discípulos se quedaron atónitos viendo hacia arriba. El famoso "Himno a la alegría" nos invita a ver "más allá de las estrellas". Sin embargo, los ángeles le dicen a los seguidores de Cristo que dejen de ver las nubes y se pongan a trabajar (Hechos 1:11).

Al regresar a su Padre, Jesucristo envió su Espíritu sobre la comunidad cristiana primitiva haciéndolos testigos de su resurrección. De esta manera dieron inicio a la canción que dice: "Que esperan un nuevo día", y esperando van cantando el mensaje de aquel que estando en el cielo puede vivir en el corazón de los que le aman. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glíz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Proclaim the Gospel

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Proclama el Evangelio

Hoy celebramos uno de los dogmas de nuestro Credo: que el Señor ascendió a los cielos. Del Evangelio de san Marcos escuchamos las últimas palabras que Jesús les dirigió a sus discípulos momentos antes de ascender a los cielos. Fueron palabras con un encargo, no menos real para nosotros que para los discípulos de entonces. Jesús nos encarga: "Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda criatura". Para la gran mayoría de nosotros, esto significa que proclamamos el Evangelio con el testimonio de nuestra vida diaria. Cuando tratamos a otros con dignidad y respeto, ayudamos a los menos afortunados que nosotros, actuamos

corresponsablemente con los muchos dones que hemos recibido, y nos reunimos como familia de Dios para adorar y alabar al Padre —todas estas son señales de que el Evangelio ha echado raíces en nuestras vidas. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Today's Readings

First Reading — This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13* [1-7, 11-13].

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Jesús se elevó en presencia de los discípulos (Hechos 1:1-11).

Salmo — Entre voces de júbilo, Dios asciende a su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Dios Padre sentó a Jesús a su derecha en los cielos (Efesios 1:17-23) o *Efesios 4:1-13* [1-7, 11-13].

Evangelio — Jesús fue llevado al cielo después de pedir a sus discípulos que fueran por todo el mundo proclamando el Evangelio (Marcos 16:15-20).



Volunteers Needed for 9:00 am Mass Hospitality

We are currently scheduling **hosts for June through September for refreshments after the 9:00 am Mass**. Please consider your availability during our toughest scheduling months: Summer.



Sign up today on the sheet at the refreshment table. Or you can click on the word "Volunteer" from the St. Teresa website Home page to get to the parish VolunteerSpot Sign-Up site (or go directly to <http://vols.pt/XV1s5m>).

Thank you for sharing a spirit of welcome and helping to build community at St. Teresa. Questions/training: Contact Lina Hilko at LHilko@aol.com.



2014 Hunger Walk Team Photo: More than 100 people walked for St Teresa's team last year — that earned our pantry credits for more than 3,000 bags of groceries.

Bring your family and friends for a fantastic opportunity to bring greater awareness of the need to feed the hungry, meet new fellow St Teresa parishioners, and to raise money for our food pantry. **Join us on June 20, 2015 for this year's Hunger Walk.**

If you can't walk with us this year, giving a \$100 sponsorship will buy 25 bags of groceries.

See page two for information about signing up and sponsoring St. Teresa.

Camino Presentation June 7th

On June 7th after the 6:00 pm Mass, there will be a presentation about walking the Camino de Santiago.

Hear about the sights and sounds of Spain; the experiences of Fr. Frank and the other parishioners who walked the Camino last year, and the possibility of other Caminos. Is there a Camino in your future?

Refreshments will be served.

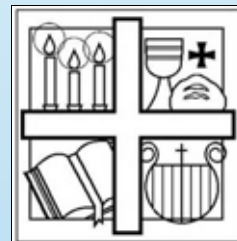


Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers Update Meeting June 10th

Current Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are strongly encouraged to attend an important update-training meeting covering the church renovation and the inclusion of a Deacon in our liturgies.

Topics included in the meeting are:

- Changes in logistics brought on by the church renovation;
- New assignments for purification of vessels used for distribution of Holy Communion;
- Changes in Lector and Eucharistic Minister assignments when a deacon is present on the altar.



All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers should attend the meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 7pm in

Online Parish History Posted



Check out the St. Teresa of Avila Online Parish History at:

<http://125years.st-teresa.net>

Save the Date June 21st Parish Blessing & Open House

Join us on Sunday, June 21st as we formally celebrate the completion of our church renovation.



Bishop Kane will celebrate a very special Mass at 10:00am, with a blessing of the altar. Following the Mass, the buildings will be open to the public for an open house including tours of the space, food and drink and family friendly activities.

To accommodate this special parish event, there will be no 9:00am and 12:00pm Mass on Sunday June 21st.

Stay tuned for more details.

Next Men's Spirituality May 26th

Are you interested in enriching your faith through discussion with men of all ages? Join the Men's Spirituality Group on one of the Tuesdays below at 6:30am in the Parish Center. Please contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com for more information.

This summer, we will also be reading and discussing the book *Baseball as a Road to God: Seeing Beyond the Game* by John Sexton.



Join us for some of those meetings before your team is mathematically eliminated...

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| May 26 | Ascension, Pentecost and Spreading the Word |
| June 9 | <i>Baseball as a Road to God</i> : Innings 1-3 |
| June 23 | <i>Baseball as a Road to God</i> : Innings 4-6 |
| July 14 | St. Benedict and Benedictine Spirituality |
| July 28 | <i>Baseball as a Road to God</i> : Innings 7-9 |

I Have Some *Bad* News and I Have Some *Good* News

Bad News: Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation.
Good News: Neither does St. Teresa's outreach!

St. Teresa's Food Pantry distributes about 130 bags of groceries every Saturday of the year — *every Saturday, no exceptions*. And it takes **9 volunteers every Saturday** to serve those who depend on us for groceries. During the summer months, it's very difficult to get the volunteers we need.



That's why we're asking you to *please sign up for a summer Saturday now!* Help us keep our schedule filled and help us serve our Food Pantry guests.

It's so easy to sign up. Go to VolunteerSpot at <http://vols.pt/AFsRya> to browse volunteer openings, and pick a date. Be sure to click the green "SAVE" button. You'll get an automated confirmation email and an automated reminder. With VolunteerSpot, it's also easy to remove or switch a date if your summer plans change.

The Food Pantry team is so grateful to everyone who has helped keep the volunteer schedule since October 2014 pre-filled for weeks in advance.

Help keep that commitment going strong this whole summer! *Got Questions?* Contact Dave Hilko at DaHilko@Deloitte.

Women's Spirituality May 26th

Tuesday, May 26th, will be the last gathering of the season before our summer hiatus.

Join Women's Spirituality for an evening of quiet prayer, reflection and lively conversation.

Meet in the Religious Education Center entering at the Kenmore Avenue doorway just south of the main Parish Center entrance. Contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol, with any questions.



Pass It On

“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11)

The historic, bodily presence of Jesus has come to an end.

Those disciples who walked with him and talked with him and dined with him; those faithful ones who followed him and watched him heal the sick and cure the lepers and make the blind see and the deaf hear; those people who left family and jobs to listen to this son of a carpenter teach them to do such radical things as forgive 70 times seven, love even their enemies, feed the hungry, be servants to all — those very same ones now stand sadly in today’s first reading and look up to the sky as Jesus ascends into the heavens.

Now what do they do? They’re in grief. They’re overwhelmed with loss. They’re overcome with a profound experience of abandonment and emptiness.

We’ve all experienced this feeling to one degree or another in our lives. All of us have lost something or someone that we treasured. Many times these losses have brought us to tears or anger. Some have even triggered behaviors on our part that we now wish we could take back.

That’s where these people, the followers of Jesus, were on this day that we now celebrate as the feast of the Ascension.

But notice that the angels in the story, the messengers from God, don’t let them stay stuck there. They jar them back into reality with a sin-



“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?”

gle question: “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?”

Which, translated, means: There’s no time to mope, no time to feel sorry for yourselves. There’s a great message of good news to be preached and lived out. And, don’t forget, Jesus made a startling promise: “You will receive a power from the Holy Spirit coming upon you. And you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.” That same Spirit will be available whenever two or three are gathered in his name; whenever we read sacred scripture; whenever we celebrate the Eucharist; whenever we feed the hungry, house the homeless, visit and care for the sick.

You are not alone, Jesus told his disciples over and over again. That terrible feeling of abandonment, Jesus assured them, would be fully

addressed.

And it was. In fact, that earliest community of people who dedicated themselves to the life and love of Jesus did just as the angels told them — and caught fire in the process, a fire lit by the Spirit. And the fire that came to consume them raged so brightly that within less than 200 years, most of the known world became aware of a group called “Christians.” Just think, they did it without anything like Facebook or Twitter or even a printing press!

When you consider that there was no social media in those days, no TV or radio or anything other than a word-of-mouth means of spreading the message, it is truly remarkable how exciting and freeing the good news of great joy was to so many people. For over 2,000 years, in spite of sometimes very flawed and even shocking emissaries, this same message has been presented, and it is offered to you and me this very day: We are loved, not abandoned; we are cherished, not forgotten; we are treasured, not dismissed.

It all happened because our God is Love. As Maya Angelou put it: “Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.”

Our job now is to pass it on.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Bert Olson
Anna Althoff
Alex Lopez

Justin Peters
Amir Rafizadeh
Laura King

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
Matt Donner
Chris Parente

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
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

Frank Swiderski
Steve and Anmarie Kolinski
Dave Hilko
Kim Walter
Phyllis Halloran
Kelly Dean
Jack Halpin

Marilee Halpin
Justin Peters
Nancy Van Grinsven
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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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Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

Our Mission 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.

Dealing with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

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](#)
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For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
[Contact Dean in the Parish Office](#)
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Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm ⁺
Sunday	9:00 am
<i>en Español</i>	10:30 am*
	12:00 pm
	6:00 pm

⁺ First and third Saturdays, October through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

7:30 am Monday through Thursday
7:30 am Fridays Communion Service

