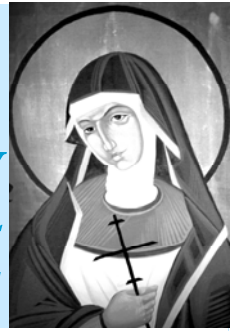


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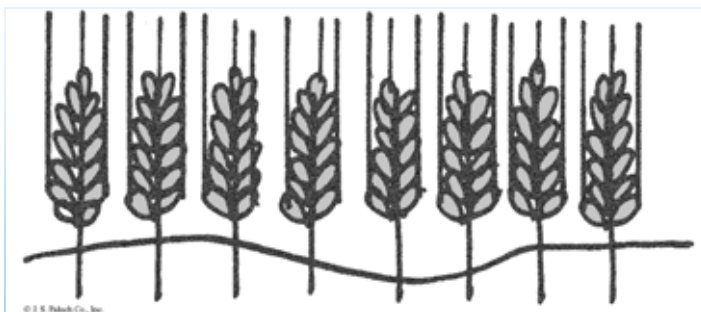
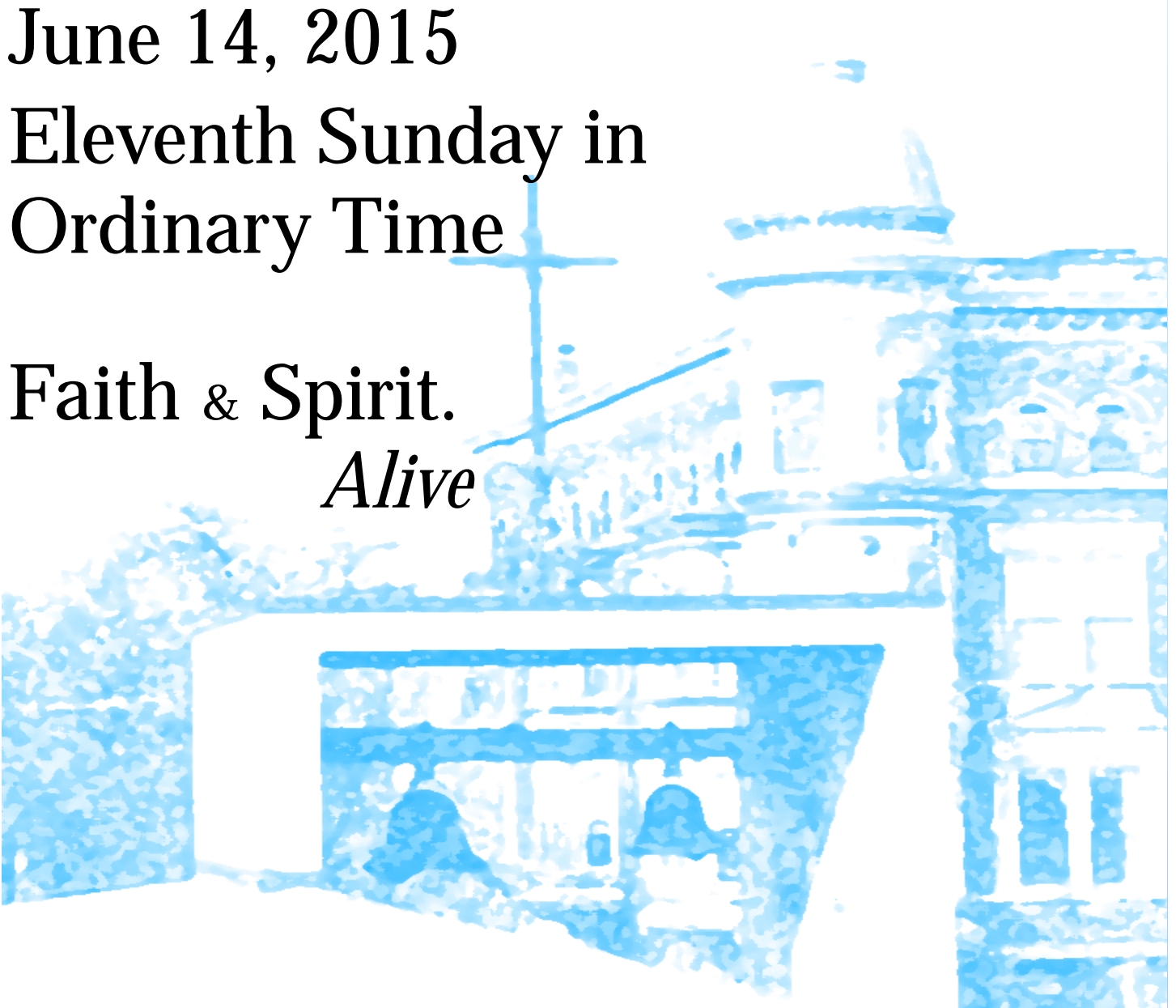
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June 14, 2015

Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.  
*Alive*



**They that are planted in the house of the  
Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

— Psalm 92:14

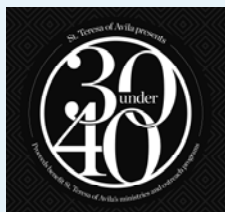
# Stewardship

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## Get Social and Raise Funds!

Sign up to attend any one of our *30 under 40* parties. Parties are open to ALL, and 100% of the proceeds are donated to St. Teresa of Avila. Sign up before they sell out at [st-teresa.net/30under40](http://st-teresa.net/30under40).



— **Grilling: Tips & Tricks, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Spend an evening honing your BBQ skills with instruction from St. T's very own: Mike Usiak. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers and a grilled dinner after the lesson. *Hosted by Kristen Castelloni at her home in Lakeview. \$75/person, 15 spots available.*

— **Tiki Boat Hooky Party, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm.** Leave work early and join us on a 35' tiki-themed party barge, with a water slide! Spend a few hours on Lake Michigan enjoying the skyline, the sun, and tropical drinks of course! *Hosted by Rebecca and Kerry O'Brien. \$125/person, 9 spots available.*

— **Chicago Crosstown Classic Party, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-5pm.** Come to O'Donovan's for drinks and appetizers during the Chicago Crosstown Classic. Gear up for an afternoon of watching the classic rivalry and get in on some Chicago baseball trivia for a chance to win a prize! *Hosted by Jon & Katie Assell \$60/person, 18 spots available*

## You're Invited!

The *Time of Your Life* Auction Committee is creating yet another stellar auction for this year's event. What would you like to see in the auction lineup? Come help us generate ideas for the *Time of Your Life* Auction!

Relax and chat with fellow parishioners in the comfortable home of Mike and Janel Palm, on Tuesday, **June 23 at 6:30pm**, and help us make this the best live and silent auction yet! Snacks and drinks provided. Everyone is welcome. **Please RSVP to Janel - [janelpalm@mac.com](mailto:janelpalm@mac.com), 773-575-3028.**



**2014 Hunger Walk Team Photo:** Last year more than 100 people walked for St. Teresa and we earned pantry credits for more than 3,000 bags of groceries. See page 9 for more details about signing up or visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net).

## Hunger Doesn't Take Summer Vacation. 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](mailto:DaHilko@Deloitte).

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Volunteers**

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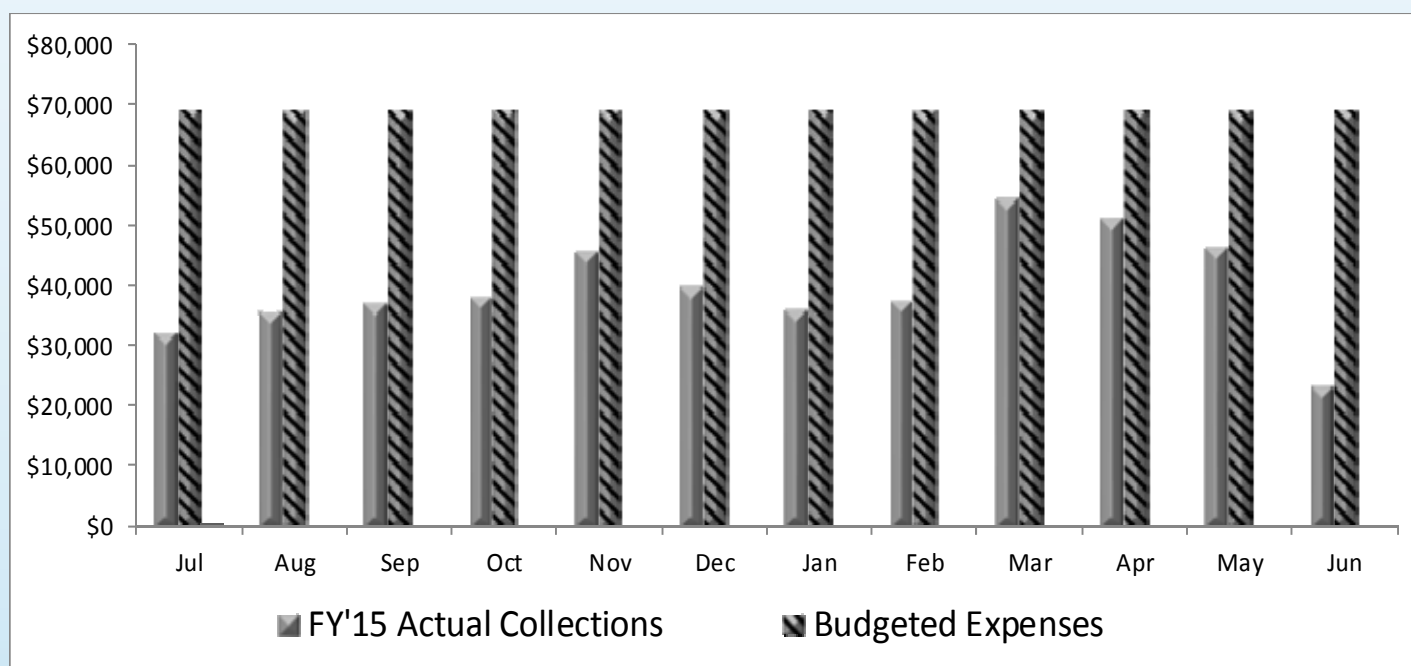
**Eucharistic  
Adoration  
Team**

**Saturday  
Food  
Pantry**

**Event  
Committee  
Members**

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) or (773) 528-6650

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



- A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our GiveCentral push over the past few months, we have been able to increase collections over 5%. Thank you, all donors, for your dedication to the parish.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- 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 Business Manager, Erica Saccucci with any questions at [esaccucci@stteresaparish.org](mailto:esaccucci@stteresaparish.org). Our financials are also available on our website at [www.st-teresa.net](http://www.st-teresa.net).
- The next Finance Council meeting is Monday, June 15th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Updated as of June 7, 2015**

# Parish Calendar

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## June Baptisms



**Thomas Bear Fulghum (6-7-15)**  
**Laney Kathleen Serrahn (6-14-15)**  
**Arabella Marie Rupp (6-20-15)**  
**Eleanor Ponder Wanek (6-28-15)**

## Interested in the Catholic Faith?



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

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

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

## Calendar at a Glance

### June 14, Sunday

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:00 am, REC, Baptism Preparation

### June 15, Monday

- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council

### June 16, Tuesday

- No Activities Planned

### June 17, Wednesday

- No Activities Planned

### June 18, Thursday

- 9:00 am, PC3-4, Food Depository Delivery
- 6:30 pm, PC, Islam & Muslims Presentation

### June 19, Friday

- 12:00 pm, PC, Kitchen, CCFC Cooking
- 3:30 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Setup
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

### June 20, Saturday

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

### *Saints & Special Observances*

**Sunday:** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Friday:** St. Romuald  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**Domingo:** Undécimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
**Viernes:** San Romualdo  
**Sábado:** Santa María Virgen



### *June 2015 Food Pantry Schedule*

#### Saturday, June 6th

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

#### Saturday, June 13th

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

#### Hunger Walk Saturday, June 20th

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

#### Saturday, June 27th

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

### June 13

5:00 pm For Fr. David Dowdle the Parishioners of St. John of the Cross (Western Springs) \*

### June 14

9:00 am For Fr. Avitus Kigurta and the Parishioners of St. John de La Salle \*

12:00 pm Helen Zalewski; Mary Ann Matouski; and for Fr. Ted Schmitt and the Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist (Streamwood) \*

6:00 pm For Fr. Robert Kyfes and the Parishioners of St. John Fisher \*

\* 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...

*Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Teresa Dempsey, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, James H. Mack, Carol Marquez, Frank Mirabella, Eleanor Monak, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, Charley Pierce, Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Dolores Berendsen  
Berta Billalvazo  
Michael De Blasis  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Alice Flynn  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.  
Les Gordon  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
David Harmeier  
Kellar Harris  
Peg Hausen  
David Hoffman*

*David Ivanac  
Chuck Jabaley  
Ronald Jakubec  
Tom Kinsella  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Daniel Meyer  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.  
Elda Myers  
John Paul Nelson  
Angel Nieves  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Clayton Poe  
Marie Koesters-Ranley*

*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  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Susan Violapiano  
John Wagner  
Bernadine Walters  
Jack Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeumert*

*Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
Saturday 6-20-15	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Karen Carpino	Lisa Marquez	Carly Johnston Eric Fredericks
Next Spanish Mass 7-5-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Maria Montes Alex Lopez	Carmen Vazquez	Francesco Perez
Special Dedication Celebration Sunday 6-21-15	10:00 PM	Most Reverend Francis Kane	Wenceslaus Noukoudjo (French) Alejandron Lopez (Spanish)	Katie Assell Carmen Ubides	Veronique Caffrey Luke Kolman Christopher Parente Deacon Dean Vaeth
Sunday 6-21-15	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Jim Krag	Sharon Lindstrom Amir Rafizadeh Minister Needed (H4)	Dani Shane Sara Hock Eileen Raia Cara Gannon

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15  
**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23  
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34  
**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;  
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42  
**Martes:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Sal 146 (145):2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48  
**Miércoles:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Sal 112 (111):1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Jueves:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Sal 111 (110):1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15  
**Viernes:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Sal 34 (33):2-7; Mt 6:19-23  
**Sábado:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Sal 34 (33):8-13; Mt 6:24-34  
**Domingo:** Jb 38:1, 8-11; Sal 107 (106):23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mc 4:35-41

## Treasures from Our Tradition

A wedding celebrated in the Eastern Church has a form that was fixed a thousand years ago. In the West, our story is more complicated by constant change and variation. As the world's structures tottered in the ninth century, bishops and priests stepped into the void left by collapsing civil structures. For the first time, marriage was referred to as a sacrament, and wedding ceremonies were to be in public (assuring the free consent of the bride) after an investigation of the couple by a priest. The custom of the blessing of the bridal room diminished, and was finally forbidden in 1012 by the Council of Rouen, although it continued for centuries. In the diocese of Perigueux in France, a ritual from 1827 had the parish priest clad in surplice and stole sprinkling the bridal couple as they stood modestly in their pajamas by the wedding bed. Next the bed and all those present were sprinkled, too! That's a tradition that few Americans, either the betrothed or the clergy, are ready to revive! — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Jesús manifiesta su poder mediante el perdón de los pecados (Marcos 2:1-12). Por medio de la reconciliación con

Dios, Jesús sana a los enfermos, marginalizados y hasta sus propios enemigos. Este poder de perdonar pecados Jesús mismo lo encarga a su Iglesia, infundiendo su Espíritu sobre los primeros discípulos (Juan 20:22-23).

Según el Símbolo (Credo) de los Apóstoles, los cristianos creemos en el “perdón de los pecados”. Esta creencia se relaciona con creer en el Espíritu Santo, la Iglesia, la comunión de los santos, la resurrección del cuerpo y la vida eterna. En el perdón de los pecados, el Espíritu Santo manifiesta su continua presencia y acción en la Iglesia y comunión de los santos. Quienes reciben el perdón de los pecados mediante la celebración del Bautismo o el sacramento de la Reconciliación, están preparados para la resurrección y la vida eterna.

El perdón de los pecados manifiesta el poder de Cristo, del Espíritu Santo y de la Iglesia. Los cristianos estamos llamados al perdón; perdonando, así como deseamos ser perdonados. Perdonando, como Jesucristo. — Fray

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## All is Grace

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading is selected for the light it sheds on the day's Gospel. Today, Ezekiel sees God lifting up the lowly tree and making the withered tree bloom. So in the second parable of today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us by promising that, as fragile seeds grow into an abundant harvest, and the tiny mustard seed into a hearty plant, so God will grow the kingdom from small beginnings to an instrument of salvation for all. In the first parable, the land yields fruit "of its own accord" (Mark 4:28). Not only is the initiative God's, but the parable teaches that the seed's growth, though invisible at first, is actually unstoppable! To be sure, those who depend on the impressive or dramatic in order to be convinced or encouraged will be disappointed in the slow unfolding of the kingdom that Jesus announces. But for those who do accept the kingdom, all is grace, and that grace is certain.

Though the second reading is not coordinated with either the first reading or Gospel on these Sundays, today's is thematically appropriate. Saint Paul argues that our experience of God's trustworthiness thus far should make us a people of undaunted courage and unshakeable faith. But at the same time Paul warns that faith should also make us aware of our responsibility to do good.

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## Todo es Gracia

Durante los domingos del Tiempo Ordinario, la lectura del Antiguo Testamento se relaciona con el tema del Evangelio de ese domingo. Hoy Ezequiel ve a Dios elevar los árboles pequeños y florecer los árboles secos. Y en las parábolas del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos anima poniendo como ejemplos el fruto abundante que puede dar una semilla y que la semilla tan pequeña de mostaza crece y se convierte en uno de los arbustos más grandes, y así es Dios quien hace crecer el Reino de un pequeño comienzo a un instrumento de salvación para todos. En la primera parábola la tierra por sí sola produce el fruto (Marcos 4:28). Además de la iniciativa de Dios, la parábola enseña que el crecimiento de la semilla, al principio invisible, no se puede detener. Para estar seguros, las personas que dependen de lo que impresiona o llama fuertemente la atención para estar convencidas o animadas pues van a estar

decepcionadas en lo despacio que se hace realidad el reino que Jesús anunció. Pero para quienes aceptan el reino, todo es gracia y la gracia es verdadera.

Aún cuando la segunda lectura no se relaciona ni con la primera ni con el Evangelio durante estos domingos; hay que considerar el mensaje que tiene la de hoy. San Pablo afirma que en nuestro camino de fe confiamos en Dios y esto debe hacernos un pueblo de valor indomable y fe inquebrantable. Y al mismo tiempo Pablo nos advierte que la fe también debe hacernos conscientes de nuestra responsabilidad de hacer el bien. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

**Gospel** — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Elevaré los árboles pequeños (Ezequiel 17:22-24).

**Salmo** — ¡Qué bueno es darte gracias, Señor! (Salmo 92 [91]).

**Segunda lectura** — En el destierro o en la patria, nos esforzamos por agradar al Señor (2 Corintios 5:6-10).

**Evangelio** — El hombre siembra su campo, y sin que él sepa cómo, la semilla germina y crece (Marcos 4:26-34).

## 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.

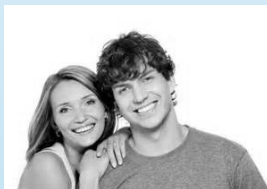


Sign up today on the sheet at the refreshment table. Or you can click on the word "Volunteer" from the St. Teresa website Home page to get to the parish Volunteer-Spot Sign-Up site (or go directly to <http://vols.pt/XV1s5m>).

Thank you for sharing a spirit of welcome and helping to build community at St. Teresa. Questions/

## World Wide Marriage Encounter

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most precious gift that God has given to each one of us. God feeds us, nourishes us and gives us the grace that transforms us to live the holy life he has called each of us to live.

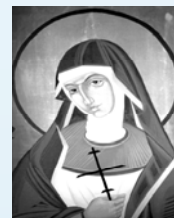


Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on June 12-14, 2015 or August 7-9, 2015 or October 16-18, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Deje que el Encuentro Matrimonial les ayude a resucitar el romance en su matrimonio. Para más información de los Fines de Semana en español, llamar a Javier y Gaby Vargas si vive en el área de Joliet al numero (630) 621-8984 [gabyjaviervgs@gmail.com](mailto:gabyjaviervgs@gmail.com), en el área de Chicago y los suburbios llamar a Oscar y Luz Delgado (847) 826-9525, [odelro@aol.com](mailto:odelro@aol.com), para los que vivan en el área del sur de Chicago y el Noroeste de Indiana llamar a Juan y Elia Zambrano (708) 825-4099 [eliaza4726@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eliaza4726@sbcglobal.net).

## About Patience, St. Teresa said...

Patience  
Everything obtains.  
Who possesses God  
Nothing wants.  
God alone suffices.



## Our Online Parish History



Check out the St. Teresa of Avila Online Parish History at:  
<http://125years.st-teresa.net>

## Food Pantry Shopping List

There are four items the Food Pantry could *really* use:

- **Oatmeal**
- **Boxed Cereal (sweetened and unsweetened)**
- **Hearty Canned Soups**
- **Extra-strength grocery bags with handles**

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please contact Dave Hilko at [dahilko@deloitte.com](mailto:dahilko@deloitte.com).



## Loaves & Fishes Shopping List

Our Loaves & Fishes team could really use the following three items for the preparation of their Friday evening meals:

- **Flour**
- **Vegetable Oil**
- **Sugar**



## Next Sunday, June 21st Parish Blessing & Open House

Join us next Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> as we formally celebrate the completion of



our church renovation.

Bishop Kane will celebrate a 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 next Sunday.

Visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) for more details.

## Next Men's Spirituality June 23rd

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](mailto: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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|----------------|---|
| <b>June 23</b> | <i>Baseball as a Road to God: Innings 4-6</i> |
| <b>July 14</b> | St. Benedict and Benedictine Spirituality     |
| <b>July 28</b> | <i>Baseball as a Road to God: Innings 7-9</i> |

## Register Now for the 2015 Hunger Walk



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 comes 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 with us this year, please consider sponsoring us at:

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

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](mailto:mairead.reidy@yahoo.com). Bus space is limited and offered on a first-to-sign-up basis.

Visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) for more information.

We greatly appreciate your support.

## Sowers of Seeds

Today we return to the Gospel of Mark after three months away for Lent and Easter. When we last heard from Mark, it was at the end of Chapter 1. We read that Jesus had cured a leper. Today we resume with stories about the kingdom of God likened to seed. This text is in the second half of Mark's fourth chapter.

What was happening in the development of the good news from Chapter 1 until now? Jesus cured a number of people. Jesus finished bringing together the group of 12 disciples to become his closest collaborators, the apostles. And Jesus began laying out the teachings on the reign of God that would set the course for the rest of his ministry and teaching.

Today we have the parable of the seed and sower and the parable of the mustard seed. These follow the parable of the lamp — and there are so many other parables. It is as if Jesus is bursting with the reality of the reign of God, and he just has to find every way possible to share that good news. Parables provided a universal language of story, so that the variety of hearers then and through the ages could connect with his message.

Now to the seed and the sower. It doesn't take long working in the garden or working with a farmer to realize how little we truly know about the plants we work with. There are always some mysteries to the events of planting, watering, fertilizing, cultivating and



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**We sow seeds of goodwill, love, collaboration and challenge. Will those seeds take root? ...We must continue to sow these seeds of the reign of God and trust in God for the outcome.**

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harvesting.

Every time we do those things, something is different. It may be the seeds or shoots, the condition of the soil, the rain or drought. We rely on something to happen, and we hope that it is good. But we never know the outcome until the final day. As Jesus said, "The sower scatters seed ... and the seed sprouts and grows ... but the one who scatters the seed does not know how" (Mark 4:26-27).

Jesus indicates that plentiful seeds are scattered. "The kingdom of God is like this ..." We are among sowers of seeds in the kingdom. We sow seeds in gestures of kindness and encouragement. We

sow seeds in words of understanding and solace. We sow seeds of goodwill, love, collaboration and challenge. Will those seeds take root? We don't know at the time. We must continue to sow these seeds of the reign of God and trust in God for the outcome.

The other parable Jesus gives us today is that of the mustard seed. Here we are presented with an image of a large tree that provides habitat for birds without reserve. This tree "grows up and becomes the largest of shrubs and with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade" (Mark 4:32).

That is an image of welcome, abundant lodging and respite. The reign of God has room for all. There are no prerequisites or limitations. "The birds of the sky" does not indicate preferences. Anyone coming along is welcome into the reign of God to find shade and rest.

You and I are privileged to hear this parable and know that we are unconditionally welcome into God's kingdom. As disciples of Jesus, it is our responsibility to live and to share the meaning of this parable. We do that in our lives of hospitality in the Lord. We do that in working to see that our parishes, schools, social service agencies and all parts of church and society are open and welcoming to all. Thus we promote the coming of the reign of God, as Jesus calls us.

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

## Building Committee

Steve Kolinski  
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Bill Mack  
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Dave Hilko

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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  
Alicia Slubowski  
Dante Domenella, *Architect*  
Dwayne Piyatilake, *Stained Glass Artist*

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.

Parish Offices are 1950 N. Kenmore, (773) 528-6650, FAX (773) 871-6766. 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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### 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](#)  
[kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org)

### Weekend Masses

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

<sup>+</sup> First and third Saturdays, October through June

\* First Sundays

### Weekday Masses

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

