

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



## July 26, 2015

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Faith & Spirit. *Alive*



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

STOP IN FOR QUIET PRAYER

### TUESDAYS

*BETWEEN*

**7:00 & 8:30 PM**

*BEGINNING*

**AUGUST 4, 2015**



**ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA**  
CATHOLIC PARISH ✦ EST. 1889



The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food  
in due season.

— Psalm 145:15

# Stewardship

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## Auction Items Needed!

Your Life Auction committee needs the help of our interesting and dynamic parishioners to create yet another incredible line up of items. Who do you know that has access to one-of-a-kind experiences? Do you know anyone who could arrange any of the following?



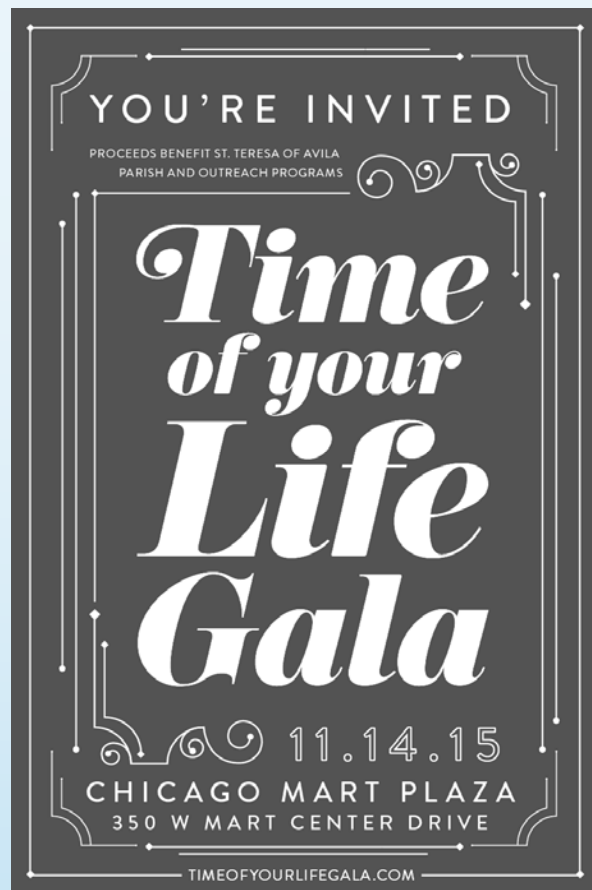
- Fashion week tickets in NY or Paris?
- A visit with the Stanley Cup?
- VIP concert experiences
- Walk-on role on a TV show?
- Any other unique or priceless experience?

A simple phone call to one of your contacts can make a HUGE impact at our annual auction. Email Janel at [janelpalm@mac.com](mailto:janelpalm@mac.com) or call Rebecca in the Parish office at (773) 528-6650 to discuss your idea.

### In the Month of June:

- 40+ people cooked and served food at the Loaves & Fishes Dinner
- 30+ people volunteered their time to assist with the Parish Blessing Mass and Open House
- 1 parishioner donated food for the Open House Celebration
- 25 people attended a 30 under 40 party and raised approx.. \$2,000
- 8 people met to brainstorm auction ideas for the Time of Your Life gala
- \$11,000 was raised for the Food Pantry by Hunger Walk donors and participants
- 40+ people worked with the Food Pantry to distribute groceries to those in need
- 6 people signed up for automated contributions via Give Central

This is just a sampling of how people are making use of their Time, Treasure and Talent. See below for more ideas on how you can help.



## Are You on Give Central?

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10*

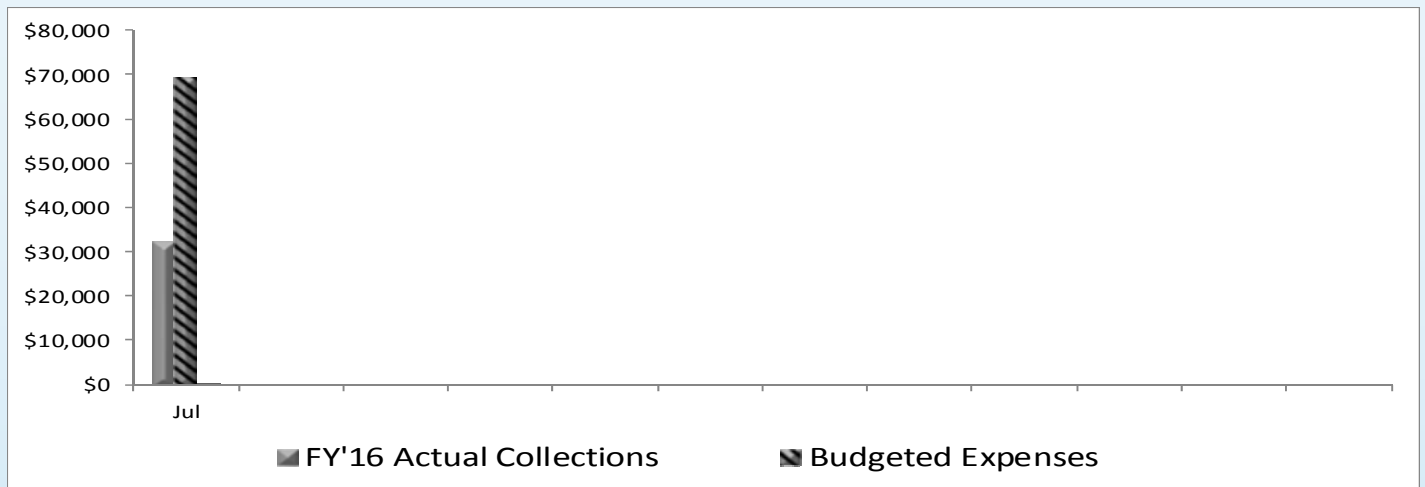
Vacation season is upon us, and while you're away we'll be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-based ministries. Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won't dive when attendance is low.

If you've already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

<b>Most Wanted Volunteers</b>	<b>Graphic Designers</b>	<b>Web Trainees (Word Press)</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration Team</b>	<b>Hospitality Host Coordinator</b>	<b>Event Committee Members</b>
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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



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income, versus expense. Total income includes Sunday collections, Christmas, Easter, fundraising, and miscellaneous donations.
- 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.
- A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our GiveCentral push over the past few months, we have been able to increase collections. Thank you, all donors, for your dedication to 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 July 27th, 7:00 pm.**

We hope everyone had a relaxing 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend! Our collections during the Masses (not including automated) over the weekend were \$1580, on average we collect \$3500 or more during the fall, winter, and spring months. This leaves us with a \$2000 gap from this past weekend. With having parishioners on vacations or out of town over the summer, this means we could lose between \$4000 and \$8000 in a few months.

Please help us remain financially stable during this vacation season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections do not dive when attendance is low. If you have already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. Call the office at (773)528-6650 to get help or offer to take us on vacation. Register at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org).

# Parish Calendar

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## August Baptisms



**Grayson James Gill (8-9-15)**  
**Emma Carolina Bressler (8-30-15)**  
**Michael Alexander Bressler III (8-30-15)**

## 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

### July 26, Sunday

- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 6:51 pm, PC, 6:51 Club Hospitality

### July 27, Monday

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council

### July 28, Tuesday

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group

### July 29, Wednesday

- No Activities

### July 30, Thursday

- 9:00 am, Food Pantry Delivery

### July 31, Friday

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

### August 1, Saturday

- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Wednesday:** St. Martha  
**Thursday:** St. Peter Chrysologus  
**Friday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola  
**Saturday:** St. Alphonsus; First Saturday

**Domingo:** Décimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
**Miércoles:** Santa Marta  
**Jueves:** San Pedro Crisólogo  
**Viernes:** San Ignacio de Loyola  
**Sábado:** San Alfonso de Ligorio; Primer Sábado

### August 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

**Saturday, August 1st**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

**Saturday, August 8th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution

**Saturday, August 15th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, August 22nd**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, August 29th**  
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

## Mass Intentions

## In Our Prayers

### July 25

5:00 pm For Fr. Robert Rizzo the Parishioners of St. Hubert (Hoffman Estates) \*

### July 26

9:00 am For John Stanley; and for Fr. John Dearhammer and the Parishioners of Church of the Holy Spirit \*  
 12:00 pm For Dorothy Monier; and for Fr. Michael Kalc and the Parishioners of Holy Rosary \*  
 6:00 pm For Fr. James Hyland and the Parishioners of Most Holy Redeemer (Evergreen 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.

### 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, Lucille Stanko, Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

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

<i>Alicia Anderson Dorothy Barns Dolores Berendsen Berta Billalvazo Ann Buehler Susan Conway Michael De Blasis Kathy Derrick Kim Duffy Jackson Fineske &amp; Family Alice Flynn Padraig Gallagher Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Angela Goldberg Kaylee Gommel Bolivar Gonzales, Jr. Les Gordon Mrs. Grabarczyk George Halloran Kellar Harris Peg Hausen</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>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 Jack Williams Mae Witry Jim Woods David Zeunert  Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
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## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
Saturday 8-1-15	5:00 PM	Fr. Chas Shelby, CM	Lisa Hanzelka	Eric Fredericks	Kevin Ludden Margaret Burke
Next French Mass Saturday 8-15-15	6:30 PM				
Sunday 8-2-15	9:00 AM	Fr. Tony Dosen, CM	Barb Schell	Mark Van Grinsven Theresa Jabaley Rose Ohiku	Jamie Lutkus Minister Needed (C2) Frank Swiderski Nancy Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass 8-2-15 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Belen Gonzalez Tony Rivera	Josefina Gomez	Carmen Ubides
Sunday 8-2-15	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sasha Woods	Mollie Wanek	Laura Moran Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 8-2-15	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Callie Pogge	Minister Needed (H2, T) Eileen Raia Sharon Lindstrom	Sara Hock Minister Needed (C2) Dani Shane Lauren Hogel

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday:</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
<b>Sunday:</b>	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Mt 13:31-35
<b>Martes:</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Sal 103 (102):6-13; Mt 13:36-43
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Ex 34:29-35; Sal 99 (98):5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 o Lc 10:38-42
<b>Jueves:</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Sal 84 (83):3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
<b>Viernes:</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Sal 81 (80):3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Sábado:</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
<b>Domingo:</b>	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Sal 78 (77):3-4, 23-25, 54; Ef 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Sooner or later, as they plan their wedding liturgy, a couple will receive some advice about a “unity candle.” They need one, they are told (at great expense); it is a tradition; it is what Catholics have always done. Not so. In the last thirty years or so, the custom has enjoyed wide popularity in the United States. It has never been officially part of our liturgy, and it exists in tension with some of our core symbols. Usually there are two smaller candles and one larger one to be lit from the smaller. Large candles in our tradition always mean Christ, and smaller ones are always tokens of our baptismal candle. If the candles are meant for a kind of renewal of baptismal vows, then the meaning is clearer, yet this is seldom the understanding. Why, then, are those smaller candles extinguished?

It’s hard to tell where these pesky candles came from. Some suggest that the Presbyterian Church, which has a very lean wedding liturgy, introduced them as an option for extending a short service. Generally, it’s been experienced as a “photo opportunity” rather than a genuine liturgical ritual. The “unity candle,” a recent invention rather than an authentic tradition, has not been approved as an adaptation to our rite, and it is to be hoped that it will gradually disappear from view. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Para los hispanos y las personas de otras culturas, el recuerdo y vinculación con nuestros antepasados es algo muy importante. De hecho, en las culturas

latinoamericanas se usan los apellidos del padre y de la madre para enfatizar de dónde y de quiénes provienen. Muchas personas han conservado esta misma tradición aquí en Estados Unidos. Este sentido de conectarnos a nuestros antepasados también se encuentra en la fe cristiana. Mediante la imposición de manos, por citar un ejemplo, llegamos hasta los apóstoles.

Podríamos decir que los cuatro evangelios subrayan esta vinculación con los orígenes de nuestra fe. La forma en que lo hacen, aunque pequeña, es interesante. Luego de que todos comieron de los panes y los peces multiplicados por Jesús, recogieron doce canastos llenos de pan. En cierta manera, los evangelistas aseguran que el pan que Jesús dio al gentío de su tiempo nos lo sigue dando hoy en la eucaristía. Ahora, este pan es la carne de Jesús, quien se hace ofrenda y hostia (sacrificio) por nosotros. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Feeding the World

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Alimentando al Mundo

Al oír las narraciones de cómo Eliseo y Jesús multiplican los alimentos, y el salmo responsorial sobre como la mano del Señor nos alimenta, es fácil caer en la tentación de pasar por alto el maravilloso himno de la carta a los efesios en la Segunda lectura. El himno se centra en los números más potentes de la tradición bíblica: el uno, el tres y el siete. La médula del himno es el número uno, repetido siete veces. Tres de ellas se refieren a la Iglesia: un solo cuerpo, un solo Espíritu, como también una sola es la esperanza. Los próximas tres son los fundamentos de la Iglesia: un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo bautismo. Y todos estos se juntan en un solo Dios y Padre de todos. La idea de repetir los milagros obrados por

Eliseo y por Jesús al alimentar las multitudes nos desalienta, claro está, pero la carta a los efesios nos ofrece un modo más realizable de vivir como Iglesia y de alimentar a los demás en la Iglesia: ser siempre humildes y amables; ser comprensivos y soportarnos mutuamente con amor, y esforzarnos en mantenernos unidos en el Espíritu con el vínculo de la paz. ¿Quién de nosotros no puede "alimentar" a la comunidad de la Iglesia viviendo de esta manera? Es verdad que siempre estamos llamados a "alimentar" al mundo en el sentido literal de la palabra, pero nuestra misión como Iglesia también nos dice que a los demás también hay que alimentarlos por la manera en que vivimos y actuamos cada momento de cada día. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel** — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Eliseo da de comer a cien hombres con veinte panes de cebada (2 Reyes 4:42-44).

**Salmo** — Bendeciré al Señor eternamente (Salmo 145 [144]).

**Segunda lectura** — Pablo exhorta a los efesios a que se muestren dignos de la vocación que han recibido; siendo comunidad unida, llena de fe y esperanza

(Efesios 4:1-6).

**Evangelio** — Jesús da de comer a un enorme gentío con cinco panes de cebada y dos pescados (Juan 6:1-15).

## Join in the Men's *Silent Retreat* At Bellarmine Hall, September 11-13

A group from St. Teresa will be attending the Men's Silent Retreat at Bellarmine Hall in Barrington the weekend of September 11 -13. Our participation has been growing the last few years, and we want to continue that momentum as the experience is even more meaningful when one shares the "silence" with friends. **All men 18 and older are welcome!**



Past participants know this as a powerful opportunity to take time for yourself, get away from distractions of the day and have space for reflection, meditation and come into closer contact with God. You can attend the retreat master talks, meet one-on-one with a priest, participate in Mass and other traditions, or simply spend the time alone on the beautiful grounds.

**Sign-ups are at [bellarminehall.org](http://bellarminehall.org), click on Retreat Listings / Retreats for Men / Sept 11-13 Retreat.** Please indicate you are with the Matt Carpenter group, which has special priority for the weekend. The retreat lasts from Friday evening until late morning on Sunday. We will arrange car pools for those headed out from the city and toast the weekend with a beverage at a local watering hole before the retreat begins.

**Questions? Contact Craig Dean at [cdeanhockey@gmail.com](mailto:cdeanhockey@gmail.com) or 312-948-5605.**

## First Saturday—Primer Sábado August 1 — 1 de Agosto

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



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 1 de Agosto a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

## 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



If you're interested in volunteering to either cook for Loaves & Fishes or serve our guests, contact Amir at [amir@staying-true.com](mailto:amir@staying-true.com).

## About Self-denial, St. Teresa said...

"I desire, Lord, to please You...If it's necessary to live in order to render You some service, I don't refuse all the trials that can come to me on earth."



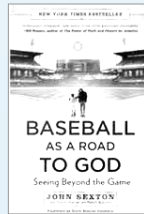
**Check out the St. Teresa of Avila Online Parish History at:**  
<http://125years.st-teresa.net>



### Next Men's Spirituality July 28th

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.



**July 28** *Baseball as a Road to God: Innings 7-9*

### Christmas in August

Help us honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano, who was prematurely taken from this life at Christmas-time 2010 after a long battle with leukemia. Although it isn't Christmas quite yet, we are planning something special for the 9:00 am Mass on August 30th.




**Please bring a new, unwrapped item that is suitable for children of all ages to any of the Masses that weekend or any Mass prior to August 30th.** You may also drop off the item during office hours at the parish office. These gifts will be delivered to the Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago, where doctors and nurses undertook heroic efforts to extend Isabella's life.

Another reason we have chosen Comer is that a significant number of the patients at Comer do not have insurance or the private means to pay and receive care, which is paid for with Medicaid or other subsidies. The gifts do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Books, pencils, pads, crayons and other arts and crafts materials, games, etc. will go a long way to put a smile on the kids' faces.

Please make certain that the gift is new because so many of the kids have weak immune systems. Gifts should not be wrapped so staff at Comer can decide what to distribute to each child. The hospital staff will then wrap the gifts.

We are doing this at this time of year because it is unexpected and will hopefully be a wonderful surprise for the kids and will help lift their spirits a bit. To add to the feeling of that Christmas morning surprise, the songs at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, August 30th will have a Christmas theme.

So, come prepared to sing some Christmas carols even though the temperature will most likely be in the 80s. And please bring a gift to help honor the memory of Isabella Feliciano.



**Now you can look forward to Mondays!**

Theology-on-Tap (TOT) is a free 4 week speaker and conversation series for Young Adults, 20s and 30s, married and single. It's a night fueled by faith, food and beer.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1010 W. Webster Ave. will be hosting TOT at 7:15 pm on Mondays. Contact rcarmic1@depaul.edu for more information.

- **Monday, July 27 Peter Wojcik "The Church of Pope Francis"**
- **Monday, August 3 Matt Faley "Myths of Sex, Love and Marriage"**

### There's Still Time to Donate!!

**Thank You** to all who supported this year's St Teresa Hunger Walk Team on June 20th at Soldier Field.

To date, we have raised over \$11,000, enough to keep our pantry in food for over six months.

**There's still time to donate...** Checks and on-line donations ([www.chicagosfoodbank.org/goto/stteresafoodpantry](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/goto/stteresafoodpantry)) will be accepted **until July 31.**



## Abundant Life

The multiplication of loaves and fishes reveals Jesus as the Bread of Life, manna from heaven to a hungry world. Like Moses, Jesus communes with God on the mountain, then feeds the people in the wilderness. Like Elijah the prophet, Jesus multiplies loaves. Everyone is satisfied and there is even food left over.

John's Bread of Life discourse is layered in biblical themes that came true in the Eucharist for the early church. When they gathered to read the scriptures, break the bread and share the cup, the followers of Jesus invoked his risen presence in their midst. When they had shared his peace with each and received him in Communion, they could celebrate that they were the body of Christ in the world, sent to share his saving mystery in history.

We are the body of Christ in the 21st century. We are his face to the world, his hands in service, his prophetic voice on behalf of the needy and his merciful heart to one another.

The story in today's Gospel holds many truths for us about our ministry here and now. Like the first disciples, we are right to feel overwhelmed by the challenges before us. So many hungry, thirsty, abused and exhausted people look at us with the expectation that we will respond because we are Christians.

It all seems impossible, and so first we pray for them, asking God to meet their needs. But God replies, "You yourselves give them



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what they need." We have so little, we think, but God insists that we take what we have and share it anyway.

From our small efforts, our five barley loaves and two fish, greater possibilities occur. Resources multiply, programs expand, more people become aware and join the effort. Miracles happen.

This was the witness of Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker Movement, begun in the depths of the Great Depression. She named one of her books *Loaves and Fishes* to celebrate the abundant life that flows from any small, generous effort to help others. Isn't this the story of many parish meal programs and pantries?

Where there is faith and the will to help, everyone is fed, some

with food and others with joy at having the chance to share.

But the story did not end there for the disciples of Jesus, and it cannot stop there for us. When Jesus first saw the crowds waiting for them, he knew their deepest hunger was for hope. So he taught them at length about God's unconditional love, generosity of heart, mercy and forgiveness.

Perhaps they didn't realize it, but he was preparing them for the miracle that followed. As evening came and the need for food became evident, something happened. First, a small boy shared his food. More food appeared, so much in fact that when everyone had been fed, there were enough leftovers to fill 12 large baskets.

From anxiety, even panic, over a shortage of food, shared abundance saved the day. Instead of competing over too little, people were celebrating a love feast among a crowd of strangers that had become a community of friends.

What do we need to convince ourselves of what we say we believe: that God always provides? We are the instruments of that Providence for one another. When Jesus made a meal the way his followers were to remember him, he was preparing them to be his continued presence in the world. When we share what we have received, the world will know that we are his disciples.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx  
Bert Olson  
Anna Althoff  
Alex Lopez

Justin Peters  
Amir Rafizadeh  
Laura King

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

## Finance Council

Jane Bronson  
Jack Halpin  
Chris Parente

Dave Hilko  
Steve Fortino  
Becky Francis

Matt Donner is president of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mdonner19199@gmail.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  
Alicia Slubowski  
Dante Domenella, *Architect*  
Dwayne Piyatilake, *Stained Glass Artist*  
Fr. Frank

**Parish Offices** are at 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.

The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The Bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net.

Contact Dean in the Parish Office  
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## Parish Staff

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## Ministry Leadership Chart

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### Special Events & Fundraising

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### Stewardship

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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

### 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

<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

