

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.  
*Alive*



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**God has commanded that every  
lofty mountain be made low.**

— Baruch 5:7

# Stewardship

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## November's Good News

- The food pantry distributed 943 bags of groceries
- Loaves & Fishes served 348 guests a hot meal
- 150 servings of chili was prepared for our first Night Ministry meal service
- 90+ volunteers helped with our food service ministries
- 300+ people attended the *Time of Your Life Gala* and raised over \$150,000 to support our parish
- 40+ people contributed time to plan or help with the *Time of Your Life Gala*
- 7 new families registered as parishioners
- 6 people signed up for automated contributions via Give Central
- 40+ volunteer catechists taught children & adults across 8 religious education programs

Did you know that St. Teresa of Avila funds our outreach programs? When you donate to the Sunday collection, you not only support the operations of the parish, but our outreach ministries as well. One simple way you can help is to sign up for regular automated contributions through Give Central. Visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) and click on "donate" or contact the parish office for support.

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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## Clothes Urgently Needed

Every week many men are deported from Broadview Detention Center in only the clothing they were detained in: summer clothes, sleepwear, etc.



As a parish community of St.

Teresa of Avila, please consider participating in our clothes collection program by donating new, small or medium men sweatshirts and sweatpants as well as medium and large men's coats, to alleviate the physical suffering of our immigrant brothers and sisters.

Bring your donated items to St. Teresa after any Mass between December 29th and January 3rd.

**This project is organized in collaboration with the Office for Immigrant Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.**

[www.catholicsandimmigrants.org](http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org)

## Five New 30 Under 40 Parties

They're back! 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.



**NEXT UP: Wine Tasting at Madison Vines, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm.** Join St. T's wine lovers for a 3-hour wine tasting event in Chicago's West Loop. You will spend the evening having fun and learning about wine from a professional wine instructor. Ask all those wine questions you always wanted to know or just sip and enjoy the night away. While you are enjoying your wine, a selection of Hors D'oeuvres will also be served.

— Hosted by John Mitchell \$50/person

Sign-up to attend, or view the entire party lineup at [st-teresa.net/30under40](http://st-teresa.net/30under40) or stop by the bulletin board in the gathering space.

Visit [st-teresa.net/volunteer](http://st-teresa.net/volunteer) to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

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Volunteers*

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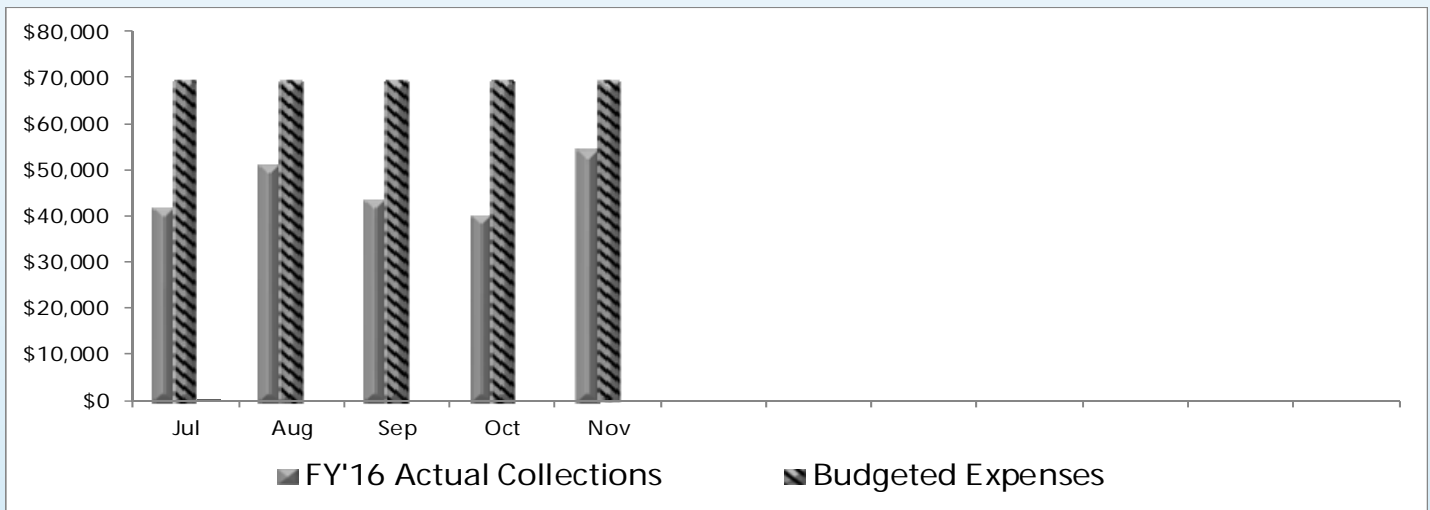
Graphic  
Designer

Night Ministry  
Volunteers

Cookie  
Bakers

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 met 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.
- Please contact the Business Manager, Erica Saccucci with any questions at [esaccucci@stteresaparish.org](mailto:esaccucci@stteresaparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair. Our financials are also available on our website at [www.st-teresa.net](http://www.st-teresa.net).
- The next Finance Council meeting is on December 21st at 7:00pm.

Please help us remain financially stable during the rest 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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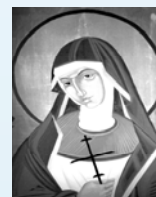
## December Baptisms



Carolyn Rose Calderisi (12-6-15)

## St. Teresa says about parents...

I sometimes reflect on the great damage parents do by not striving that their children might always see virtuous deeds of every kind.



## Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday, December 6

- 9:00 am, GS, Greenery Sale
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, PC, Hospitality
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, Edge

### Monday, December 7

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Tuesday, December 8

- 6:30 am, PC, Men's Spirituality Group
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, PC, SPRED Party
- 7:00 pm, Church, Immaculate Conception Mass

### Wednesday, December 9

- No Activities Planned

### Thursday, December 10

- 6:30 pm, PC, Lector Training

### Friday, December 11

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

### Saturday, December 12

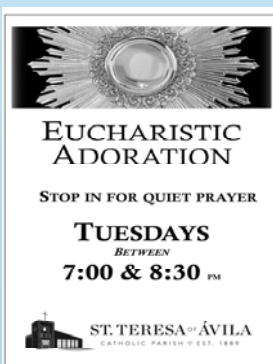
- 9:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Setup
- 10:00 am, PC, GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm, Church, Riggins-Donels Wedding
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
**Tuesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Wednesday:** St. Juan Diego  
**Friday:** St. Damasus I  
**Saturday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
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- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo de Adviento  
**Lunes:** San Ambrosio; Día para Recordar Pearl Harbor  
**Martes:** La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María  
**Miércoles:** San Juan Diego  
**Viernes:** San Dámaso I  
**Sábado:** Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

### December 2015 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, December 5th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, December 12th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 am Distribution
- Saturday, December 19th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, December 26th**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



# Mass Schedule & Intentions

## Mass Intentions

### December 5

5:00 pm For Jerica Elaine Harris; and for Fr. Robert Roll and the Parishioners of St. Bride \*

### December 6

9:00 am Doris Reed and George Halloran, Sr.; Bridie Ryan; Emmanuel Faloyin and for Fr. Jacque Beltran and the Parishioners of Most Blessed Trinity (Waukegan) \*

10:30 am Concepcion Ramirez and Eusebio Lopez; Ethel and Maurice Brumleve; John Wagner

12:00 pm For Fr. Wojciech Kwiecien and the Parishioners St. Blasé (Argo) \*

6:00 pm For Fr. George Velloorattil and the Parishioners of St. Bernadine (Forest 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](mailto: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.

## Let Us Pray

### Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Barbara Byrd, Sr. Barbara Jean Ciszek, Georgina Garcia, Bolivar Gonzales, Jerica Elaine Harris, Fred Jabaley, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, James H. Mack, Frank Mirabella, Jennifer Mosher, Walter and Germaine Mulvihill, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, Lucille Stanko, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence

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

Alicia Anderson

Dorothy Barns

Dolores Berendsen

Berta Billavazo

Ann Buehler

Susan Conway

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

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

Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.

Elda Myers

John Paul Nelson

Angel Nieves

Msgr. Kevin O'Neill

Frank O'Toole

Clayton Poe

Carol Poyner

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

Will Sullivan

Laura Szejka

Mima Tome

JoAnn Jahnke Trainer

Susan Violapiano

Jack Williams

Mae Witry

David Zeunert

Survivors and perpetrators of

sexual abuse

We pray for those who have died and those who are ill every Tuesday at Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Come join us in quiet prayer.

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC BREAD	EUCCHARISTIC WINE
Saturday 12-12-15	5:00 PM	Rev. Chas Shelby, CM	Casey Bowles	Luke Kolman	Carly Johnston Kevin Ludden
Next French Mass Saturday 12-19-15	6:30 PM				
Sunday 12-13-15	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Children's Service	Jamie Lutkus Karen Secrest Margaret Burke	Geneva Gorgo Ellen Moiani Minister Needed (C3) Eric Fredericks
Next Spanish Mass 1-3-16 Sunday	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
Sunday 12-13-15	12:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Daniel Kang	Carmen Ubides	Mike Usiak Minister Needed (C2)
Sunday 12-13-15	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sharon Lindstrom	Amir Rafizadeh Jane Bronson Veronique Caffrey	Eileen Raia Katie Assell Jon Assell Chris Parente



# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
<b>Sunday:</b>	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Lunes:</b>	Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26
<b>Martes:</b>	Gén 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Jueves:</b>	Is 41:13-20; Sal 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Viernes:</b>	Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Sábado:</b>	Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima María Virgen
<b>Domingo:</b>	Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

## Treasures from Our Tradition

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand! — Rev. James

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## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los Protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia Romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

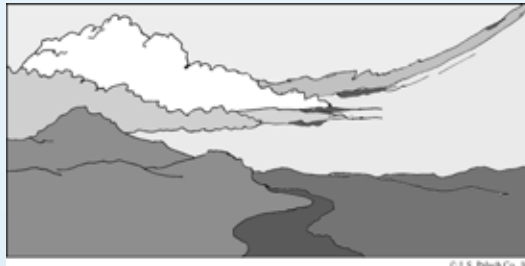
En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios). — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Put on Joy

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Vístete de Gozo

Hoy Baruc nos habla del esplendor que se acerca para la ciudad de Jerusalén y para todos nosotros, sea donde fuere nuestro hogar. Despójate de conflictos, nos dice, y vístete de gozo. Como una vieja cobija favorita, el gozo nos queda a la medida, y qué bien nos mantiene calientes, por muy frío que sople el viento.

Pablo sabe de ese gozo cuando escribe su carta a los filipenses, orando para que crezcan en su habilidad de discernir lo que es bueno y justo. Y Lucas nos habla de Juan, el que fue anunciado por Isaías y que canta una canción parecida: “Preparen el camino del Señor” pues la salvación está al llegar.

Hombre adelantado a su época, Baruc se pasó la vida alegremente esperando una gloria lejana. En este segundo Domingo de Adviento, Pablo y Juan saben que esta gloria se acerca. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

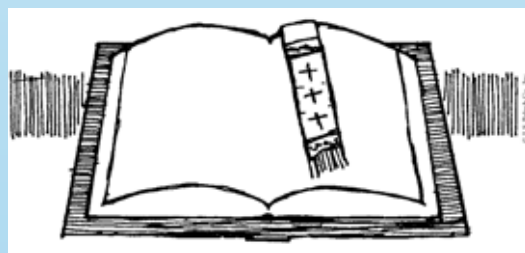
## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos. Un Dios misericordioso y justo guía a Israel con alegría (Baruc 5:1-9).

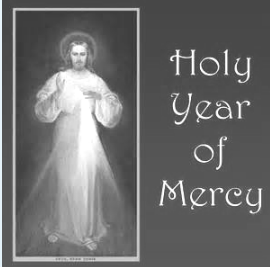
**Salmo** — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

**Segunda Lectura** — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento de lo que vale la pena

para que lleguen irreprochables al día de Cristo (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Evangelio** — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Todos podrán ver la salvación de Dios (Lucas 3:1-6)

## Communal Reconciliation Service



Please join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 16th for our Communal Advent Reconciliation Service.

There will be Scripture readings, a short reflection, a communal examination of conscience, and act of contrition with the opportunity for individual confession.

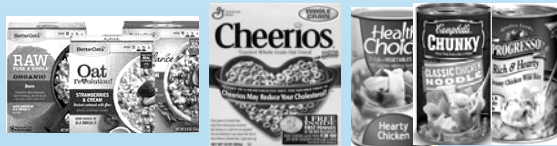
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## Food Pantry Shopping List

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

- Pasta & rice (all kinds)
- Oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Regular- and family-size deodorant & shampoo; tooth-brushes & toothpaste
- Extra-strength grocery bags with handles



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

## If you missed getting a tag from the 2015 Christmas Giving Tree ...

St. Teresa Parish is again working with St. Vincent de Paul Center (Halsted and Webster) who are providing us with the names of 195 needy children between the ages of 5 and 13.

If you missed getting a tag, all you have to do is buy a gift for a boy or girl between the ages of 5 and 13. Wrap it, label it as "extra," say on the label the age and gender for which the gift is most appropriate, and bring it to St. Teresa no later than December 15th.

Gifts can be age-appropriate toys, books, backpacks, art supplies etc.

We're being asked to return the gifts wrapped by December 15th so they can be given to all the children before Christmas.

**Thank you for your generosity.**



## 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).



## Baby Bottle Project

Beginning on this weekend, St. Teresa of Avila will participate in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.



This non-profit organization directly assists families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the three Chicagoland locations of *The Women's Centers* handle 5,000 appointments with expectant mothers.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the week of January 4th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for *The Women's Centers*. Please return the baby bottles; they are recycled afterwards.

Thank you for supporting *The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland*.

## Men's Spirituality December 8th

Men of the parish: Are you looking to deepen your faith and meet peers on the same journey? Have you been curious about the St. Teresa



Men's Spirituality Group? Turn over a new leaf and join us in the parish center on the following Tuesday mornings at 6:30am. We meet for an hour and adjourn before morning Mass. This group has meant a lot to its members during the past seven years. Find out why.

- **December 8:** The Immaculate Conception and Rosary
- **December 22:** Octave of Christmas

Please contact Matt Priesbe at [mpriesbe@aol.com](mailto:mpriesbe@aol.com) for more information.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith.



Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic Schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare.

**Flyers are in the bulletin. Envelopes are in the pews. Please give generously.**

## Changes in Christmas Mass Times

The Christmas Mass times are changing this year to the following:

- Christmas Eve Family Mass remains 4:00 PM
- Christmas Eve Mass is now 8:00 PM with Christmas Carols at 7:30 PM
- Christmas Day Mass is now 10:30 AM, with Christ-



## Children's Participation Masses

St. Teresa's next monthly Children's Participation Mass will be Sunday, December 13th at the 9:00 am.

All children are invited to help as greeters, collection basket ushers, or gift bearers at these Masses. Children in 4th grade and up can serve as lectors upon receiving preparation.



Other Children's Masses next are: January 10; February 7; March 13; April 10; and May 8.

**To RSVP for a certain task, to indicate interest in lectoring, or to receive monthly reminders and invitations, please email Kate Lynch at [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com).**

## Hoping You'll Return

"It seems life has played a game on me, I'm lost in a sea of misery. My love has turned his back on me; heartache, why won't you let me be."

"Baby, have some mercy. Please don't make me beg on bended knees, oh please. Mercy, mercy, mercy. Please have mercy on me."

Can you imagine Queen Latifah singing that? Well, she does. This version was written by Gail and Vincent Levy. The interlude goes: "How can I face life without you? What would I do if we were through?"

The people of Israel could have sung this song, too. "Mercy, mercy, mercy." How often had they been overrun by invaders? How many times had they been carried off into slavery? How often had they been unfaithful?

Generations had suffered the sorrows and indignities of being overrun and losing all their possessions, even their temple of worship. As the song says, "It seems life has played a game on me, I'm lost in a sea of misery. My love has turned his back on me ..."

Centuries marched on. The people prayed to God for mercy, and God heard their cry. Baruch says, "God will bring them back to you. ... For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God."

Mercy became a reality to the Israelites. "The forests and



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every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command. For God is leading Israel in joy ... with his mercy and justice for company."

The people's lives were being restored through the mercy of God. But centuries later there was another takeover of the people of Israel, this time by the Romans. The people could again sing: "It seems life has played a game on me, I'm lost in a sea of misery." "Mercy, mercy, mercy. Please have mercy on me."

And then John the Baptist comes on the scene proclaiming, as did Baruch, "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be leveled. The windings shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God." Mercy comes in Person ... the final restoration is set in motion. The Advent of the Lord is upon us.

In 2015 we, too, can sing: "I'm lost in a sea of misery. My love has turned his back on me; heartache, why won't you let me be." This time the Babylonians have not taken over the people of God; the Romans have not occupied our cities. Other challenges confront us: new forms of hatred and violence; the allure of the media and consumer goods; countless misplaced, refugee and migrant people; the hungry, the ill, the homeless, the elderly, those who are different or not acceptable in society.

"It seems life has played a game on me, I'm lost in a sea of misery. ... Baby, have some mercy. Mercy, mercy, mercy, please."

Pope Francis challenges us with a special opportunity to receive mercy and to give mercy. We all need mercy — to make this world the place it is meant to be.

The song says, "I wait for you every single night, hoping you'll return and make things right." We are now in Advent, waiting again on a new return of the Lord. This Tuesday we begin the Year of Mercy, receiving and giving mercy in old and new ways. The heartache, misery, loneliness of this world will be transformed by the mercy of God in Christ — mercy that is received and shared by us, his disciples.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx  
Bert Olson  
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Alex Lopez  
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Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is [chicago2381@hotmail.com](mailto:chicago2381@hotmail.com)

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

## Finance Council

Jane Bronson  
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Justin Alden  
Dave Hilko  
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## Building Committee

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

## Renovation Committee

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Kelly Dean  
Jack Halpin

Marilee Halpin  
Justin Peters  
Nancy Van Grinsven  
Alicia Slubowski  
Dante Domenella, *Architect*  
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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](http://st-teresa.net).

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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  
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### Weekend Masses

Saturday	5:00 pm
<i>en Français</i>	6:30 pm <sup>+</sup>
Sunday	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

