

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



## October 16, 2016

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith & Spirit.

### *Alive*



I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;  
whence shall help come to me?  
My help is from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

# Stewardship

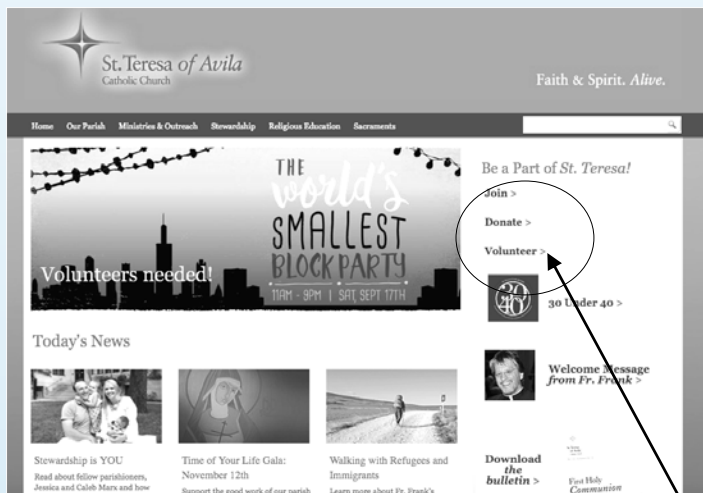
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## Check In With Your Current Activities!

October is a great time to check in with your current activities, including your involvement in your faith community. Take some time this month to consider your own personal stewardship journey. Stewardship is a way of life in which we recognize that all we have is a gift from God, and we gratefully give back with joy from what we have been given. There are nearly 40 ministries at St. Teresa of Avila, and plenty of ways to get involved. See below for a list of upcoming and recurring volunteer opportunities. If you'd like to discuss how you can use your talents in service, give me a call or an email. I'm always happy to meet for a coffee or chat by phone.

— **Rebecca O'Brien, Director of Stewardship**  
robrien@stteresaparish.org, (773) 528-6650



Visit [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net) to join the church, to browse volunteer opportunities, or set up automated offertory donations.

## Volunteer Help Wanted

### Night Ministry Meal Service

#### Wednesday Evenings

Join us by cooking, contributing or serving a meal alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus in Uptown. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies and drop off at the church, to cook with other volunteers in the kitchen at St. Teresa, or to pick up the meal and serve it to those in need. Children are welcome to participate in the baking and cooking portion, the serving portion requires children be 8th grade or older.

### Food Pantry Distribution

#### Saturday Mornings

Help with Saturday Food Pantry Distributions... including set-up from 9:00-10:00 am, and distributing to our guests from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Children are welcome to volunteer along with a responsible adult.

Teens may volunteer without an accompanying adult if an adult checks them in with the manager on duty that day and specifies any instructions regarding how the teen will go home afterward.

## Come one, come all!

Now is the time to purchase your tickets to our annual fundraiser. Join us at the historic Germania Place for a night of dinner, drinks, spectacular entertainment and stellar silent and live auctions. Each year this event is better than the last. Don't miss out, buy a ticket, buy a table, buy a new outfit, and join a group of great people for a great night out.

**Back by popular demand** - Winner's Choice Raffle Tickets are \$100 each. Winner selects one of five trips offered. Only 150 tickets will be sold, and the winner need not be present to win.

**New this year - the after party!** The fun won't stop at 11:00 pm. After party tickets will be available the night of the event.

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**  
Tickets are \$125/person and available at [st-teresa.net](http://st-teresa.net)

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*

Catechists

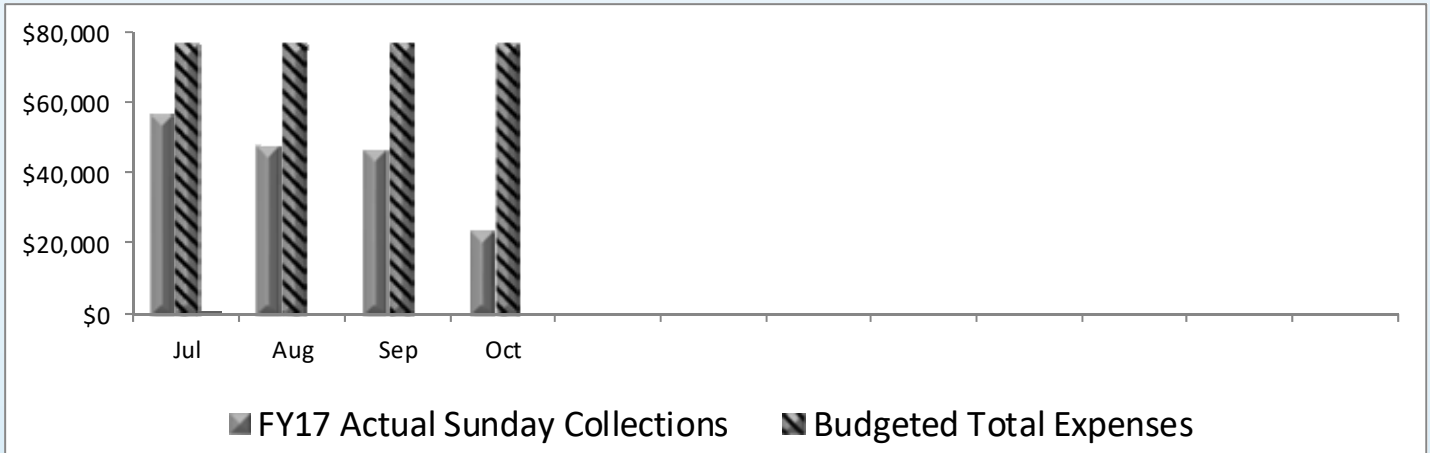
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Volunteers

Fundraising  
Committee  
Members

Greeters

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

## Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) 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, Christmas and Easter collections, 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 goal of the Finance Council and Fr. Frank to increase weekly giving to meet ongoing expenses and to use the proceeds from fundraisers for special initiatives and outreach programs.
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at [mfernandez@sttereseparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@sttereseparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at [mtonner19199@gmail.com](mailto:mtonner19199@gmail.com).
- The next Finance Council meeting is Monday, October 17th, at 7:00 pm.

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Week:	7-31-16	8-28-16	9-25-16	10-2-16	10-9-16	10-16-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance	6	6	6	9	7	
Average Friday Communion Service	1	1	1	1	1	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	38	64	70	84	77	
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	-	-	88	-	
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	165	190	180	198	124	
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-	-	-	46	-	
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	110	115	140	58	135	
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	90	132	135	117	106	
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>442</b>	
Confessions this Week	0	2	0	0	0	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	2	0	0	0	0	
Funerals since January 2016	5	5	5	5	6	
Weddings since January 2016	5	7	8	8	8	
Infant Baptisms since January 2016	15	16	22	23	24	



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. Last year, St. Teresa of Avila's October Count was an average 545 people attending weekend Masses. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

# Parish Calendar

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## October Baptisms



**Lola Gourdon (10-1-16)**  
**Lillian Anh Marie Navarra (10-9-16)**

## 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 Catholic or in another Christian denomination, and want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Frank at (773) 528-6650.

## Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday, October 16

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 7:00 pm, PC, After Mass Dinner Club

### Monday, October 17

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

### Tuesday, October 18

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Training
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED Total Community
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, October 19

- 5:00 pm, Kitchen-PC, Night Ministry Cooking

### Thursday, October 20

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

### Friday, October 21

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

### Saturday, October 22

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch  
**Tuesday:** St. Luke  
**Wednesday:** Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions  
**Thursday:** St. Paul of the Cross  
**Saturday:** St. John Paul II; Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
**Lunes:** San Ignacio de Antioquia  
**Martes:** San Lucas, evangelista  
**Miércoles:** Santos Juan de Brébeuf y Isaac Jogues y compañeros  
**Jueves:** San Pablo de la Cruz  
**Sábado:** San Juan Pablo II; Santa María Virgen

### October 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, October 1**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 8**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 15**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 22**  
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, October 29**  
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

### Saturday, October 15

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

### Sunday, October 16

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila  
12:00 pm Mary Jaszczor

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean 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 Deacon Dean in the parish office.

## Let Us Pray

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

*Rodolfo Bech, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Berendsen, Shaun Cantrell, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Joseph Kamalick, Rev. Oscar Lukefahr, CM, Anthony Mastro, Angel Luis Neris, Carmela Nurmi, John and Margaret O'Neill, Robert Rooney, Bridie Ryan, Rev. David Stagaman, SJ, John Wagner, Victims of War & Domestic Violence*

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

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billavazo  
Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu  
Elizabeth Ryan Dean  
Michael De Blasis  
Kathy Derrick  
Kim Duffy  
Isabelle Eiffert  
Jackson Fineske & Family  
Alice Flynn  
Padraig Gallagher  
Eloisa Gallegos  
Michael Gibbons  
Angela Goldberg  
Kaylee Gommel  
Bolívar Gonzales, Jr.  
Les Gordon  
Mrs. Grabarczyk  
George Halloran  
Kellar Harris  
Peg Hausen  
David Hoffman  
David Ivanac*

*Chuck Jabaley  
Ronald Jakubec  
Krista Kutz  
Tom Kinsella  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Palмира 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  
Frank O'Toole  
Clayton Poe  
Carol Poyner  
Marie Koesters-Ranley*

*Deacon Hector Rivera  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis 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  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeumert  
Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse*

## Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
10-22-16	5:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Karen Carpino	Margaret Burke	Kari Richardson Lisa Marquez
French Mass 11-05-16	6:30 PM	Fr. Timothy			
10-23-16	9:00 AM	Rev. William Piletic, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Rose Ohiku Jamie Lutkus Michael Zost	Ellen Moiani Barb Schell Carly Johnston Christopher Parente
Spanish Mass 11-13-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
10-23-16	12:00 PM	Rev. Michael Njeru, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Laura Strybel	Bob Pedro	Laura Moran Alice Morales-Villenas
10-23-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Collins Ekpe, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Laura King	Sharon Lindstrom Dani Shain Eileen Raia	Veronique Caffrey Becky Francis Luke Kolman Mary Serrahn



# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9  
**Wednesday:** Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9  
**Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

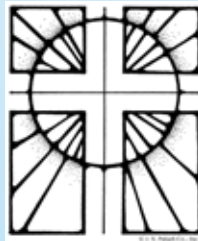
## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21  
**Martes:** 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Lc 10:1-9  
**Miércoles:** Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 12:39-48  
**Jueves:** Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lc 12:49-53  
**Viernes:** Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59  
**Sábado:** Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9  
**Domingo:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lc 18:9-14

## Treasures from Tradition

From the early medieval period, it was expected that the many bishops of Italy travel to Rome at least once every three years to give a report of their ministry, with a footnote granting the bishops of Sicily a visit every five years. By the eleventh century, the idea of bishops visiting the tombs of the apostles was a very strict requirement for all within reasonable reach of Rome. The age of discovery and the expansion of the Church into remote corners of the earth made this an unreasonable burden in many cases, yet every bishop was required at least to send a representative to Rome every five years.

In 1911, Pope St. Pius X established the rule for a “quinquennial” (meaning “once in five years”) report, called an *ad limina*. This literally means “to the threshold,” and refers to the expectation that the visiting bishop will go to the thresholds of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and to a personal audience with the Holy Father. An exemption was given to so-called “mission territories,” which in 1911 included the United States. The reports were still required, but could be filed by letter with an office of the missions called “Propagation of the Faith.” This status was changed in 1917 and since that time all American bishops have been subject to the *ad limina*. These reports, carefully kept in the Vatican archives, are a treasure trove for historians, providing snapshots of culture and faith and a record of the Church’s resilience even in times of persecution and change. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Muy popular entre los latinos es la monjita francesa santa Teresita, con sus rosas y crucifijo en mano. No cabe duda que ella fue una gran mujer, pero no podemos olvidar otra monja carmelita, la Teresota, o sea santa Teresa de Jesús (de Ávila).

En 1970, esta hispana fue la primera mujer nombrada Doctora de la Iglesia gracias a sus profundos escritos. Teresa vivió en el siglo XVI, una época de mucha reforma. Después de haber pasado varios años como religiosa, se dio cuenta que su vida personal necesitaba conversión. Así fue que se puso a orar y practicar el recogimiento del alma. Ella confiesa que pasarían casi 15 años antes de que estas prácticas dieran fruto. Ella no se dejó vencer durante esos quince años y siguió insistiendo en la oración hasta que Dios le concedió visiones y visitas celestiales. Su mística llena de gozos celestiales nunca la separó de la tierra. Ella no se escondía en la oración, mas bien salía de la oración para luchar en el mundo. Ella inspiró la reforma carmelitana y sigue inspirándonos hoy con sus escritos. —

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## Depending on God

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Dependiendo de Dios

“Llegar con la ayudita de nuestros amigos” no es una idea que comenzara con los Beatles. Ciertamente la idea de “Llegar con la ayudita de Dios” se remonta por lo menos a la época de la primera lectura de hoy, tomada del Éxodo. Cómo obtenemos esa ayuda, sin embargo, es la clave de las lecturas de este fin de semana.

Sin importar lo incapaz que se sentía para las tareas que Dios le había encomendado, Moisés perseveró —aunque con ayuda de las personas que lo rodeaban. Los israelitas dependieron especialmente de Dios para su libertad. La mujer del Evangelio, desesperada y desvalida, no tenía de quién depender, pero aun así no se rindió.

No tenía con qué sobornar al inescrupuloso juez, pero lo molestó hasta el cansancio, por lo que finalmente éste cedió a sus demandas.

A veces necesitamos acudir a otros para que nos ayuden en momentos difíciles; pero si siempre acudimos a Dios, no quedaremos defraudados; el Salmo asegura que nuestra ayuda proviene del Señor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — As long as Moses’ hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

**Psalm** — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

**Second Reading** — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Mientras las manos de Moisés estaban en alto, Josué y sus guerreros se imponían en la batalla contra los amalecitas (Éxodo 17:8-13).

**Salmo** — El auxilio me viene del Señor (Salmo 121 [120]).

**Segunda lectura** — Permanezcan fieles; proclamen la Palabra; sean persistentes cuando sea conveniente

o no (2 Timoteo 3:14—4:2)

**Evangelio** — Dios asegura los derechos de los elegidos que claman día y noche (Lucas 18:1-8).

## Walk the Camino in Chicago!

During the last two weekends in the month of October, you are invited to participate in Local Caminos with the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Community.

◆ Join St. Teresa parishioners on **this coming Saturday, October 22nd at 7:00 am** for an adventurous walk from St. Teresa Church to the Bahai' Temple in Wilmette.

We will start early in the morning so we can arrive at the temple around noon to share a lunch together and then get a tour of the temple.



◆ Join the St. Teresa family along with our refugee family on a “manageable pilgrimage” to the Lincoln Park Zoo on **Sunday, October 30th at 1:00 pm**. Enjoy fall fest at Lincoln Park. Costumes are optional. *More details to come!*

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Sunday, October 23rd ~ 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

Parish Hall

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Appointments preferred ~ Walk-ins welcome.

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## Children's Liturgy Needs Leaders

We're seeking new leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at 9:00 am Mass.



CLOW offers children the opportunity to listen to the Word of God and reflect on it in ways that are more directly meaningful to them.

Leaders ideally serve once every six weeks during the school year on their schedule; we provide orientation, a guide book, and support as needed.

**For more information, contact Kate Lynch at [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com)**

## St. Teresa said...

I say only that prayer is the door to favors as great as those He granted me. If this door is closed, I don't know how He will grant them.



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## Volunteer for Catholic Charities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for helpful, friendly volunteers to serve as greeters at the hospitality table at 721 N. LaSalle St. in Chicago.



Volunteers welcome guests and help with the intake of clothing donations. Volunteers serve a two- or three-hour shift on a Monday, Thursday, or Friday of their choice between 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**For more information, email [volunteer@catholiccharities.net](mailto:volunteer@catholiccharities.net) or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.**

## Four Catechists Still Needed

Thank you to those who have responded to our need for new catechists. We have 9 new people who are both training and serving as a catechist! This is an amazing response!!

We still need of four new catechists who can serve on either Mondays or Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm, working in either Level II (1st-3rd grade) or Level III (4th-6th grade).

If you have flexibility in your work or daily life two to three days per school month, you can offer a valuable fit for St. Teresa's children and families.



**To learn more, ask questions, or set up a time for observation, please reach out to Kate Lynch, Director of Religious Education, at [kolynchdre@gmail.com](mailto:kolynchdre@gmail.com)**

## Keep on Praying

Persistence.

That's a customary explanation given for the point to this Gospel story; only the way we have often presented it is to cast the judge in the role of the God-figure. Consequently, in our usual dramatic portrayals, God is implicitly the one who is slow to listen to the pleas of a poor and vulnerable widow — a woman without a husband, without status, without income, without security.

According to this account, God only grants the woman her claims because she pesters him to the point that God loses his patience and reluctantly gives in. Persistence triumphs.

But there's a problem with the picture this story paints. The judge, the God-figure, does not come across as someone we would want to emulate. The Gospel story tells us that he neither "feared God nor respected any human being." Beyond that, the sense we get is that God is someone to bargain with or pester to the point of wearing him down.

Fr. William Bausch, in the publication *Hungry, And You Fed Me*, suggests another possible way to understand this story. The question he asks is: "Why not see the widow as the image of God?"

So if the widow is now pictured as the God-like figure, it becomes possible to arrive at a whole new meaning for this parable. From this perspective the message is still about the importance of persistence, but the persistent one is



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now presented as that person who — often against all odds — keeps resisting injustice, keeps renouncing discrimination, keeps opposing bigotry in all its dimensions.

The widow, then, takes on the role of a Rosa Parks, a person who endured until justice was achieved. The original meaning of the Gospel passage is still maintained, only now it becomes the constant commitment to seek justice wherever it is being denied.

This stance then insists we refuse to relent in our requirements to provide our children with adequate education and health care. It insists that all of us demand that our prisoners are treated with respect, that our soldiers are given appropriate health care, that our elderly are able to afford an adequate pension, that our planet is respected as a God-given gift.

It's a story about persistently hungering and thirsting for justice. The problem, though, is that throughout human history, multitudes have begged God to grant relief to those who are burdened with pain and sorrow.

And yet injustice remains. Peace seems hopeless. Bigotry persists.

As a consequence, many lose heart. They find that perseverance in the face of repeated horrors is one of the greatest challenges that human beings have to face.

In his famous "Letter from the Birmingham City Jail," as quoted in Martin Luther King's book *Why We Can't Wait*, Dr. King writes: "We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. ... For years now I have heard the word 'Wait!' ... This 'Wait' has almost always meant 'Never.' We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that 'justice too long delayed is justice denied.'"

Today's Gospel story ultimately becomes the Christian answer to the painful reality of justice delayed and denied: namely, that God's plan for a kingdom of justice and peace will eventually be accomplished.

In the meantime, we are called to "pray always without becoming weary." Persistence.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council		Finance Council	Stewardship Committee		
Jessica Marx Anna Althoff Bertel Olson Paolo Basil Justin Peters Luke Kolman Kate Lynch	Alex Lopez Chris Parente Jose Cervantes Mary Paz Ramirez Tom Micinski Rebecca O'Brien	Jane Bronson Jack Halpin Ray Genellie Justin Alden	Dave Hilko Steve Fortino Becky Francis	Paolo Basil Anastasia Bullinger Kelly Dean Lisa Marquez John Mitchell	Rebecca O'Brien Chris Parente Mary Serrahn Dan Summins Mark Van Grinsven
Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is <a href="mailto:chicago2381@hotmail.com">chicago2381@hotmail.com</a>  The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.		Matt Donner is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is <a href="mailto:mddonner19199@gmail.com">mddonner19199@gmail.com</a>  The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.		Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is <a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a> .  The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.	

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<p><b>Parish Offices</b> 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</p> <p>The submission deadline for Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before. The bulletin is also published electronically on <a href="http://st-teresa.net">st-teresa.net</a>.</p> <p><a href="mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org">Contact Dean at dvaeth@stteresaparish.org</a></p>	

## Ministry Leadership Chart

<b>Faith Formation</b> Kate Lynch <a href="mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org">klynch@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Social Justice</b> Deacon Dean Vaeth <a href="mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org">dvaeth@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Liturgy</b> Fr. Frank <a href="mailto:fjsasso@aol.com">fjsasso@aol.com</a>	<b>Adult Spirituality</b> Lina Hilko <a href="mailto:lhilko@aol.com">lhilko@aol.com</a>
<b>Buildings &amp; Facilities</b> Tom Micinski <a href="mailto:tmicinski@stteresaparish.org">tmicinski@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Special Events &amp; Fundraising</b> Rebecca O'Brien <a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Stewardship</b> Rebecca O'Brien <a href="mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org">robrien@stteresaparish.org</a>	<b>Evangelization</b> 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.

<p><b>Help with Stress...</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>For information about ...</b></p> <p>Friday 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)</p> <p><a href="mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org">Contact Kate in the Parish Office</a> <a href="mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org">klynch@stteresaparish.org</a></p>	<p><b>Weekend Masses</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>5:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>en Français</i></td> <td>6:30 pm<sup>+</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>9:00 am</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>en Español</i></td> <td>10:30 am*</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6:00 pm</td> </tr> </table> <p><sup>+</sup> First and third Saturdays, September through June <sup>*</sup> First Sundays</p> <p><b>Weekday Masses</b></p> <p>7:30 am Monday through Thursday 7:30 am Fridays Communion Service</p>	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
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<p><b>For information about ...</b></p> <p>Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick</p> <p><a href="mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org">Contact Dean in the Parish Office</a> <a href="mailto:dvaeth@stteresaparish.org">dvaeth@stteresaparish.org</a></p>														

