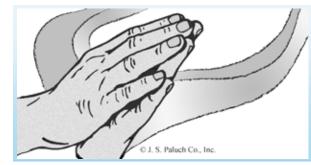
## St. Teresa of Avila Parish A Roman Catholic Faith Community Armitage & Kenmore Avenues Chicago, IL 60614

# October 23, 2016

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alive

Faith & Spirit.



The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

## Stewardship

### October 23 — October 29

## **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

## Volunteer Help Wanted

#### **Night Ministry Meal Service**

#### Wednesday Evenings

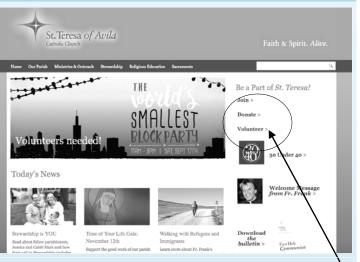
Join us by cooking, contributing or serving a meal alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus in Uptown. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies and drop off at the church, to cook with other volunteers in the kitchen at St. Teresa, or to pick up the meal and serve it to those in need. Children are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



Visit st-teresa.net to join the church, to browse volunteer opportunities, or set up automated offertory donations.

## Time of Your Life Gala

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

Most Wanted VolunteersCatechistsTime of Your Life VolunteersFundraising Committee MembersGreeters	Visit st-teresa.net/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.				
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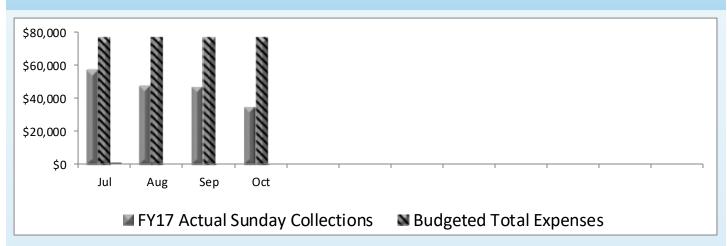
Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

## **Financial Stewardship**

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## 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@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at mdonner19199@gmail.com.
- The next Finance Council meeting is Monday, October 24th, at 7:00 pm.

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

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Week:	8-28-16	9-25-16	10-2-16	10-9-16	10-16-16	10-23-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance	6	6	9	7	7	
Average Friday Communion Service	1	1	1	1	1	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	64	70	84	77	56	
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	-	88	-	91	
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	190	180	198	124	162	
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-	-	46	-	-	
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	115	140	58	135	83	
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	132	135	117	106	84	
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	501	525	591	442	476	
Confessions this Week	2	0	0	0	0	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0	0	0	
Funerals since January 2016	5	5	5	6	6	
Weddings since January 2016	7	8	8	8	8	
Infant Baptisms since January 2016	16	22	23	24	24	
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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

October 23 — October 29

### **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

Special Observances

#### Sunday, October 23

- 6:00 am, PC, Blood Drive
- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

#### Monday, October 24

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ۰ 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council Meeting
- ۰ 7:00 pm, PC, Finance Council Meeting

#### **Tuesday, October 25**

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ۰
- 0 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED Prepare Community
- ۰ 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Derby, Men's Spirituality Meeting
- ۰ 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, October 26

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

#### Thursday, October 27

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 0 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

#### Friday, October 28

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

#### Saturday, October 29

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

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary Domingo: Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Lunes: San Antonio María Claret Viernes: Santos Simón y Judas, apóstoles

Sábado: Santa María Virgen



2017 Workbooks for Lectors are now available in the sacristy.

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.

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## Mass Schedule & Intentions

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### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, October 22

5:00 pm	Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila		
	Sunday, October 23		
9:00 am	Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila		
12:00 pm	Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila		
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

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. October 23 — October 29

### 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 Billalvazo Lauren Dittrich Bilveu Elizabeth Ryan Dean Michael De Blasis Kathv Derrick Kim Duffy Isabelle Eiffert Jackson Fineske & Family Alice Flvnn 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 Jabalev Ronald Jakubec Krista Kutz 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 Frank O'Toole Clavton 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 Zeunert Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

### Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
10-29-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Lector Needed	Linda Harmer	Becky Frances Leigh Hartley
French Mass 11-05-16	6:30 PM	Fr. Timothy			
10-30-16	9:00 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Michael Zost	Mark Van Grinsven Frank Swiderski Rose Ohiku	Barb Schell Jamie Lutkus Carly Johnston Nancy Van Grinsven
Spanish Mass 11-13-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM			
10-30-16	12:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Anne Seigenthaler	Mike Usiak Aimee Jaszczor
10-30-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Michael Njeru, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Craig Scanlon	Sara Hock Kevin Ludden Sharon Lindstrom	Cara Gannon Veronique Caffrey Margaret Burke Elizabeth Cuda

## **Readings/Lecturas**

October 23 — October 29

### **Readings for the Week**

Monday: Tuesday:	Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17 Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-
	35
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;
-	Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-
	14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

### **Treasures from Tradition**

Imagine the frustration of bishops who work strenuously over their *ad limina* reports, directing study committees, assembling data, honing the texts, traveling to Rome "to

the threshold," only to have it all collapse into a fifteen-minute group meeting with the pope. More than a few have grumbled at the weight of this "treasure" from our tradition, yet from the pope's vantage point, they are essential to his ministry.

Pope John Paul II recalled his own experience as the Bishop of Kraków, visiting with Pope Paul VI in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The memory

of those individual visits caused him to strengthen the format, assuring each of the world's 2,744 bishops a privileged fifteen private minutes with the pope every five years. If you wonder what the pope does all day, the thought of dealing with five hundred bishops a year and reading their detailed reports on diocesan life should help fill up the calendar. Pope John Paul II used to say that he approached each individual meeting with the personal goal of learning something new about the Church, and his lively interest made the visits immensely worthwhile. The content of the private meetings remains under a privilege of secrecy, or as Cardinal Theodore McCarrick once said, "You're only supposed to quote the pope if he tells a joke." – Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Ef 4:32 — 5:8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 13:10-17
Martes:	Ef 5:21-33 o 5:2a, 25-33; Sal 128 (127):1-
	5; Lc 13:18-21
Miércoles:	Ef 6:1-9; Sal 145 (144):10-14; Lc 13:22-
	30
Jueves:	Ef 6:10-20; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10;
	Lc 13:31-35
Viernes:	Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16
Sábado:	Fil 1:18b-26; Sal 42 (41):2, 3, 5cdef;
	Lc 14:1, 7-11
Domingo:	Sab 11:22 — 12:2; Sal 145 (144):1-2, 8-
	11, 13-14; 2 Tes 1:11 — 2:2; Lc 19:1-10

### Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1823 se fundó el pueblo de San Rafael de las Quebradillas en Puerto Rico. Este pueblo fue dedicado al



santo patrón de los pescadores. Rafael, también es el ángel patrono de la salud. Aunque hoy día su fiesta esta combinada con los otros arcángeles el 29 de septiembre, en el viejo calendario este santo fue conmemorado el 24 de octubre.

Rafael (Dios salva) se encuentra en el libro de Tobías y según el autor bíblico, este es el ángel de la guarda de Tobías. El mismo Rafael se presenta como uno de los siete ángeles o

arcángeles que llevan las oraciones de los justos al trono de Dios y que gozan de la presencia gloriosa del Santísimo (Tobías 12:15).

Mi padre siempre dice que hay que pedir una cosa a Dios, la salud. Si tenemos la salud nada nos falta. Es interesante que en latín, salud y salvación son la misma palabra, *salus*. El santo patrón de la salud, Rafael nos recuerda que Dios es el único que nos puede salvar, dándonos salud de cuerpo, alma y espíritu. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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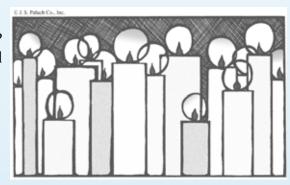
## No Comparisons

How many times have we read or heard about some-

one who's gotten into trouble maybe even fired from a job because of a brush with the law? While our "Christian" minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, "I'm glad I would never do anything like that."

And perhaps we wouldn't. But are there some things we do

that are still not pleasing in God's eyes? Today's readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else's wrongdoing that we overlook our own weak-nesses and shortcomings. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else's behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### No Hacer Comparaciones

¿Cuántas veces hemos leído o escuchado acerca de

alguien que se metió en problemas, incluso despedido de su empleo, por un roce con la ley? Mientras nuestras mentes "cristianas" nos dicen que nos apiademos de esa persona y que roguemos por ella, puede que una vocecita interior también esté diciendo: "Me alegro de que yo nunca haría algo así".

Y tal vez no lo haríamos. Pero, ¿hay algunas cosas que hacemos que no agradan a Dios? Las lecturas de hoy nos advierten no mirar tan atentamente a las maldades de otros que pasamos por alto nuestras propias debilidades y defectos. Cuando nos comparamos con las peores personas a nuestro alrededor, salimos bastante bien. Sin embargo, hay un peligro en usar la conducta ajena como medida para reflejar nuestras propias virtudes. copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow,

the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18). **Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of

the poor (Psalm 34). Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy

4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at

a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).



### Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — El Señor es el Dios de justicia que escucha el grito de los oprimidos, el huérfano, la

viuda, los humildes (Sirácide 35:12-14, 16-18).

Salmo — El Señor no está lejos de sus fieles

(Salmo 34 [33]).

**Segunda lectura** — La corona de los santos me está esperando (2

Timoteo 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Evangelio** — El publicano se quedaba atrás, se golpeaba el pecho, diciendo, "Dios mío, ten piedad de mí que soy un pecador" (Lucas 18:9-14).

## Parish Life

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## Walk the Camino in Chicago!

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.



## Men's Spirituality at Night

Please join the St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group for our quarterly evening meeting. It will be **October 25th at 7:00 pm at** 



**Derby, 1225 West Webster.** Yes, it's Game 1 of the World Series. If you cannot attend the morning meetings, we have now removed that excuse.



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## Volunteer Opportunities!

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 am - 2:30 pm.

For more information, please call Volunteer Relations at (312) 655-7322 or email volunteer@catholiccharities.net org.

## ICSJ ADMISSIONS SEASON IS OPEN!

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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

### Advent Workshop November 20th

All are welcome to join in on Sunday, November 20th from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Parish Center to make an Advent Wreath to take home and learn about



Advent traditions with bacon and eggs will be served.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Setting up the parish hall with the wreath materials on Saturday, November 19th, 4:00-5:00 pm
- Making the eggs and bacon on Sunday, November 20: 8:00-10:30 am
- Helping serve the food on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Helping with the stations that provide the materials November 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am -12:00 pm

#### Please contact Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com if you are able to help or have questions.

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## Reflection

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## Humble Prayer

The director of a high school retreat I attended as a student asked participants to write down three things we admired in other people. We'd look around the room and try to find qualities in each other that we admired.

Then she asked us to write three things that bothered us about others. In high school, where cliques are involved, that part was easier.

After we shared our likes and dislikes, the director told us those things that we dislike in others are reflections of things we dislike in ourselves. Yikes. It's easy to see what bothers us in others, but not as much in ourselves.

In today's Gospel story, we hear about two men praying side by side. One prayer comes from a person with a humble heart seeking God's mercy. The other comes from a person who thinks he has done everything right. The Pharisee thanks God that he is not like other sinners, such as the tax collector standing beside him. The Pharisee feels righteous, perhaps even superior; he cannot see himself in the one whom he appears to disdain. The tax collector presents a contrast he knows his sin, is repentant and prays from that posture.

In the first reading today, we hear: "The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens." The Canticle of Mary tells us that God lifts up the lowly and sends the rich away empty. The Pharisee chooses to bring his pride to prayer. The tax



God hears the prayers we express in solitude as much as those we speak out loud, in public. But knowing we need to pray in solitude, like the tax collector, can help us draw closer to God.

collector brings his humility. The Pharisee is not rewarded in this scripture for his righteousness, but the tax collector is lifted up. How can we serve God willingly so that our petitions can reach the heavens?

Watching the nightly news, perhaps we can't help but think like the Pharisee. Thank God we are not like the sinners we see on news reports. It seems so easy to look down on others, to be glad we are not like them. We can look from the safety of our homes and say: Thank goodness we aren't the ones shooting innocent people, igniting riots, destroying and burning homes. Yet perhaps we do need to set a fire in our hearts so we can seek God's mercy, especially in this year of mercy.

How do you measure humility? Humility can be a tricky thing. Sometimes we tend to be overly humble and self-denigrating. We can act completely opposite of the Pharisee, who believed himself to be righteous, and put ourselves down to the point that we can't see how blessed we are. We need to find a balance. If in our humility we can see how we have been living wrongly and pray for mercy, we can align ourselves with the tax collectors of our day.

Does our interior disposition match the exterior example of our religious observance? The Pharisee was very straightforward in his religious observances, following every law, but his interior disposition didn't match. God hears the prayers we express in solitude as much as those we speak out loud, in public. But knowing we need to pray in solitude, like the tax collector, can help us draw closer to God.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2631), asking forgiveness is the prerequisite for Eucharistic liturgy and personal prayer. We all need to seek the mercy of God. How do we become righteous and blameless in God's sight as we seek God's loving mercy?

This question is as important as asking: Who are the tax collectors of our time who can teach us how to pray?

## St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

#### **Pastoral Council**

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

Jessica Marx is president of the Parish Pastoral Council; her email is 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**

Matt Donner is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his

The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the

email is mdonner19199@gmail.com

month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Jane Bronson Jack Halpin Ray Genellie Justin Alden Dave Hilko Steve Fortino Becky Francis Andrew O'Dekirk

#### Stewardship Committee

Paolo Basil Anastasia Bullinger Kelly Dean Lisa Marquez John Mitchell Rebecca O'Brien Chris Parente Mary Serrahn Dan Summins Mark Van Grinsven

Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

The Stewardship Committee meet one Thursday per month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

#### Parish Transformation Committee

Marilyn Aleide Paolo Basil Rick Blair Mark Buciak Shannon & Jonathan Clinton Michael Gallo Lisa Hanzelka Linda & Rob Harmer Sara & Adam Hock Michael Kmec Jackie Koesters Fr. Frank Latzko Barbara McHugh Tom Micinski Rebecca O'Brien Scott Szykowny Andrew O'Dekirk Barb Schell

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

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

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**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.

#### Help 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 ...

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) Contact Kate in the Parish Office klynch@stteresaparish.org

#### For information about ...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick Contact Dean in the Parish Office dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

#### Weekend Masses

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

+ First and third Saturdays, September through June

\* First Sundays

#### Weekday Masses

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