

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



October 30, 2016

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.

Alive



The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed
down.

Stewardship

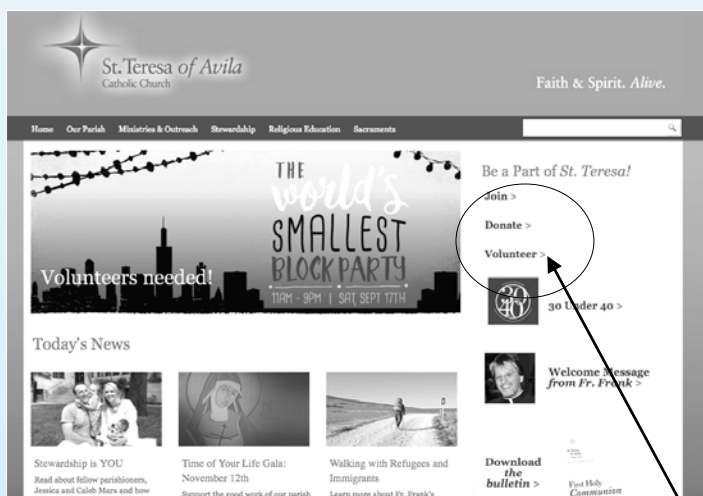
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Check In With Your Current Activities!

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 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.

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 12th at 6:00 pm
Tickets are \$125/person and available at st-teresa.net

Visit st-teresa.net/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

*Most
Wanted
Volunteers*

Catechists

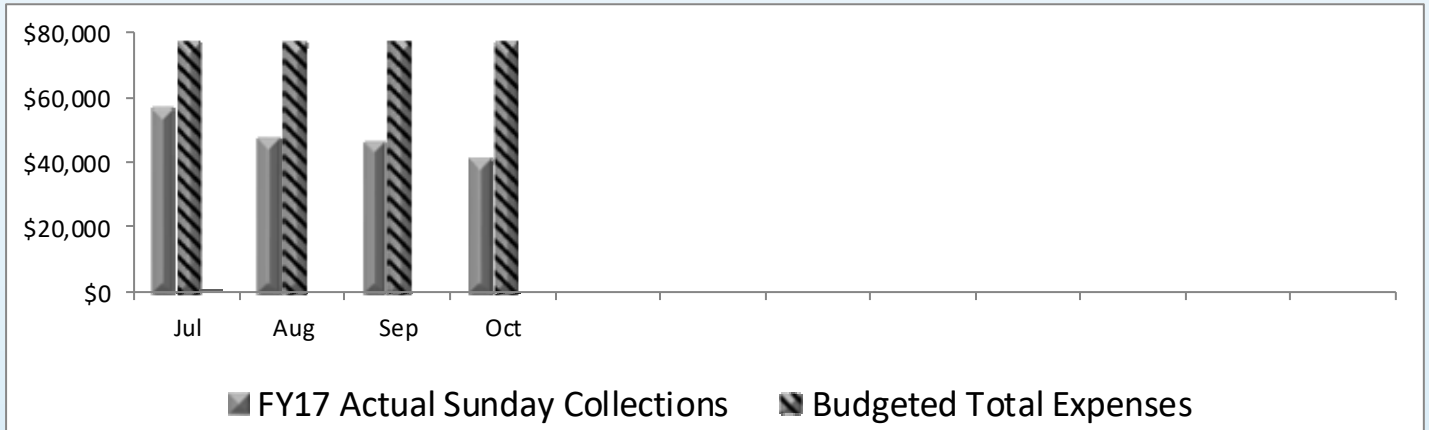
Time of Your Life
Volunteers

Fundraising
Committee
Members

Greeters

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

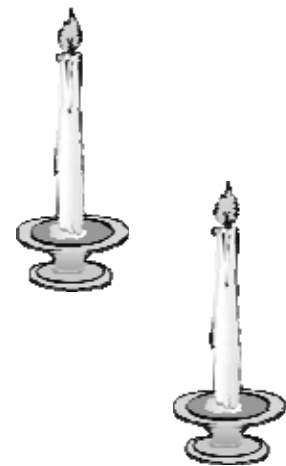
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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@stteresaparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at mtonner19199@gmail.com.
- The next Finance Council meeting is Monday, October 24th, at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Weekend Count:	10-16-16	10-23-16	10-30-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance		7	7	
Average Friday Communion Service		1	1	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		65	75	
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		91	-	
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		186	187	
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-	-	
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		96	97	
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		140	135	
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		578	494	
Confessions this Week		0	0	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0	
Funerals since January 2016		5	5	
Weddings since January 2016		8	8	
Infant Baptisms since January 2016		24	24	



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. **St. Teresa of Avila's 2016 October Count was an average 550 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.

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November Baptisms



Lila Michele Zann (11-5-16)
Jackson Victor Zann (11-5-16)
James Charles Medek (11-20-16)

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 30

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 3

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 6:00 pm, PC, Community SNA Meeting

Friday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 5

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm, Church, Baptism
- 4:00 pm, Church, Our Lady of Fatima Rosary
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Halloween
Tuesday: All Saints' Day
Wednesday: All Souls' Day
Thursday: St. Martin de Porres
Friday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Halloween
Martes: Todos los Santos
Miércoles: Todos los Fieles Difuntos
Jueves: San Martín de Porres
Viernes: San Carlos Borromeo; Primer Viernes
Sábado: Primer Sábado; Santa María Virgen

October—November 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, October 29**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 5**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 12**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 19**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, November 26**
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 29

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

Sunday, October 30

9:00 am Marie Garlock; Bridie Ryan
 12:00 pm Donna Peters
 6:00 pm Laura Szejka

Tuesday, November 1

7:30 am Laura Szejka
 7:00 pm Laura Szejka

Thursday, November 3

7:30 am James Woods

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.

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...

<i>Alicia Anderson</i>	<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>Ronald Jakubec</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billavazo</i>	<i>Krista Kutz</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu</i>	<i>Tom Kinsella</i>	<i>Luis Rivera</i>
<i>Elizabeth Ryan Dean</i>	<i>Liz Kunkel</i>	<i>Pedro Rodriguez</i>
<i>Michael De Blasis</i>	<i>Betty LaCour</i>	<i>Ray Romero</i>
<i>Kathy Derrick</i>	<i>Carmen D. Lorenzana</i>	<i>Jeffrey Roscoe</i>
<i>Kim Duffy</i>	<i>Gabriel Lozada</i>	<i>Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD</i>
<i>Isabelle Eiffert</i>	<i>Palмира Mancini</i>	<i>Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD</i>
<i>Jackson Fineske & Family</i>	<i>George Maroquin</i>	<i>Jack Schank</i>
<i>Alice Flynn</i>	<i>Jose Maroquin</i>	<i>Will Sullivan</i>
<i>Padraig Gallagher</i>	<i>Lisa Marquez</i>	<i>Laura Szejka</i>
<i>Eloisa Gallegos</i>	<i>Margaret Sue Meadors</i>	<i>Mima Tome</i>
<i>Michael Gibbons</i>	<i>Daniel Meyer</i>	<i>JoAnn Jahnke Trainer</i>
<i>Angela Goldberg</i>	<i>Bill Mobley</i>	<i>Marianne Usiak</i>
<i>Kaylee Gommel</i>	<i>John Monier</i>	<i>Sara Vega</i>
<i>Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.</i>	<i>Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M.</i>	<i>Susan Violapiano</i>
<i>Les Gordon</i>	<i>Elda Myers</i>	<i>Jack Williams</i>
<i>Mrs. Grabarczyk</i>	<i>John Paul Nelson</i>	<i>Valerie Williams</i>
<i>George Halloran</i>	<i>Angel Nieves</i>	<i>Mae Witry</i>
<i>Kellar Harris</i>	<i>Msgr. Kevin O'Neill</i>	<i>David Zeunert</i>
<i>Peg Hausen</i>	<i>Frank O'Toole</i>	<i>Survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse</i>
<i>David Hoffman</i>	<i>Clayton Poe</i>	
<i>David Ivanac</i>	<i>Carol Poyner</i>	

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
All Saints 11-1-16	7:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Sacristan Needed Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Ellen Moiani	Laura King Dennis Kamalick
11-05-29-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Jim Osendorf, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Lector Needed	Linda Harmer	Becky Frances Leigh Hartley
French Mass 11-05-16	6:30 PM	Fr. Timothy			
11-06-16	9:00 AM	Rev. William Piletic, 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			
11-06-16	12:00 PM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Anne Seigenthaler	Mike Usiak Aimee Jaszczor
11-06-16	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Craig Scanlon	Sara Hock Kevin Ludden Sharon Lindstrom	Cara Gannon Veronique Caffrey Margaret Burke Elizabeth Cuda

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes
2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

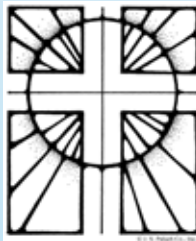
Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Fil 2:1-4; Sal 131 (130):1bcde-3; Lc 14:12-14
Martes: Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Miércoles: Sab 3:1-9; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Rom 5:5-11
o 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, o lecturas de entre la
Misas para los difuntos
Jueves: Fil 3:3-8a; Sal 105 (104):2-7; Lc 15:1-10
Viernes: Fil 3:17 — 4:1; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 16:1-8
Sábado: Fil 4:10-19; Sal 112 (111):1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
Lc 16:9-15
Domingo: 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14; Sal 17 (16):1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Tes 2:16 — 3:5; Lc 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Treasures from Tradition

The recent “October count” tracking the statistics of participation at Sunday Mass calls to mind the situations of churches where it is difficult or impossible for Catholics to worship freely. This is especially striking in English Catholic history, as freedom of worship was systematically dismantled at the time of the Reformation. It seems that most English people retained deeply Catholic sympathies throughout the period of religious upheaval. Catholics who refused to participate in the public worship of the Church of England were called “recusants,” and beginning with the reign of Elizabeth I, they were subject to strict penalties. Recusant literally means “a person refusing to obey a command.” Most of those laws were in force until the early 1800s, and Catholics were not entirely emancipated from the duty of Anglican worship until 1829.

Recusants paid heavy fines for not attending the state church. Holding on to Catholic faith was therefore a luxury of the very rich, who maintained private chapels, and sent their daughters and sons to English convents and monastery schools on the continent. Remarkably, the first among all British peers, the Dukes of Norfolk, the hereditary Earls Marshal of England, have never given up their Catholic faith. Many of these wealthy recusant families founded the colony of Maryland, and later many members of the old Catholic families continued on to the Kentucky frontier in search of greater religious freedom. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El 31 de octubre muchos se visten de monstruos y al día siguiente, los cristianos celebramos a *todos* los santos. Es interesante el contraste entre los dos días. Un día recordamos brujas y zombis y al siguiente conmemoramos vírgenes y mártires, religiosos y laicos comprometidos todos con una cosa en común: su amor a Dios, un amor que se hace carne en obras de caridad y justicia.

La mayoría de los santos se hicieron santos gracias a los monstruos que los rodeaban. Los primeros mártires cristianos murieron a mano de los monstruos romanos, muchos religiosos medievales se refugiaban en Dios para protegerse de los monstruos internos que los tentaban con sexo, dinero y poder. Y en América muchos como Manuel Chin Sooj se hicieron testigos de la justicia en manos de los monstruos de gobiernos injustos.

Los monstruos, en fin no pueden vencer a los santos por eso en Guatemala el martirio de Manuel Chin Sooj, animó a los obispos guatemaltecos a unirse con la carta “El clamor de la tierra” a los esfuerzos de pobres en búsqueda de tierra y dignidad humana. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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God Is With Us

Dios Está Con Nosotros

The book of Wisdom tells us that the spirit of God is in all things. What a wonderful thought, and what a wonderful image to keep in front of us as we travel down life's road. For if the path is revealed in the treading, it's good to know that God is with us—and all around us—every step of the way.

But Paul knows that this divine presence is not timid. Instead, God calls out to us, and Paul prays that we, along with the Thessalonians, might be made worthy of that call. And who knows more about God's call than Zacchaeus, the tax collector? Jesus called him out of a tree, for goodness' sake. Or perhaps more correctly, as we reflect upon the end of today's Gospel reading, for heaven's sake.

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El libro de la Sabiduría nos dice que el Espíritu de Dios está en todas las cosas. ¡Qué maravilloso pensamiento! ¡Qué maravillosa imagen para tenerla frente a nosotros mientras vamos por el camino de la vida! Si el camino se revela al andar, es bueno saber que Dios está con nosotros – y alrededor de nosotros – a cada paso.

Pero Pablo sabe que esta divina presencia no es tímida. En vez de eso, Dios nos llama, y Pablo ruega que nosotros, junto con los tesalonicenses, nos hagamos dignos de ese llamado. ¿Y quién sabe más acerca del llamado de Dios que Zaqueo, el recaudador de impuestos? Todos sabemos que Jesús lo llamó que bajara nada menos que de un árbol, por su bien. Tal vez más correctamente, al reflexionar en el final de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, podríamos decir que para bien del cielo.

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Today's Readings

Lecturas de Hoy

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

Primera lectura — Señor, tú amas todo cuanto existe (Sabiduría 11:22 — 12:2).

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

Segunda lectura — Oramos siempre por ustedes para que el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo se glorifique en ustedes y ustedes en él (2 Tesalonicenses 1:11 — 2:2).

Evangelio — Zaqueo, cobrador de impuestos, considerado socialmente como pecador, se convierte al Señor (Lucas 19:1-10).



Holiday Greenery Sale December 3rd & 4th

I know fall just arrived, but the holidays are around the corner. As St. Teresa has done in the past, we are going to offer a Greenery Sale after all masses the first weekend in December.



We will be offering some of our most popular items such as wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and even mini table top live trees. There are no pre-orders taken on these items; it will just be first come, first serve, until we run out.

If you are interested in any roping for the outdoors, please email kristen@rlcanning.com, and she can place an order for you, to have delivered the weekend of December 3rd and 4th.

If no specialty order is required, just mark your calendar for December 3rd and 4th and plan to buy your traditional decorations and greenery at St. Teresa.

If you are interested in helping with the Greenery Sale, we are looking for volunteers for the weekend of December 3rd and 4th.

**Please reach out to Kristen Castelloni
at kristen@rlcanning.com.**

Specialty Greenery Items on Pre-Sale

We are offering a pre-sale on some “specialty items” including roping and extra large wreaths. Outdoor 25 ft. Balsam roping sells for \$35; outdoor 50 ft. Balsam Roping sells for \$60; indoor mixed Douglas Fir/Western Cedar roping 25 ft. sells for \$45

Also, if you would like to request an extra-large wreath (48 inches or larger), this will have to be ordered separately, and Kristen can provide pricing and take that order as well.

**All Specialty Item Orders
must be placed by October 31st.**

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 .**

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St. Teresa said...

No one can truly discover any harm that prayer can do—the greatest harm being not to practice it—why do those who serve God and desire to serve Him abandon it?



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

First Saturday—Primer Sábado November 5th — 5 de Noviembre

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



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



**STOP IN
FOR QUIET PRAYER
TUESDAYS
7:00 TO 8:30 PM**



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:

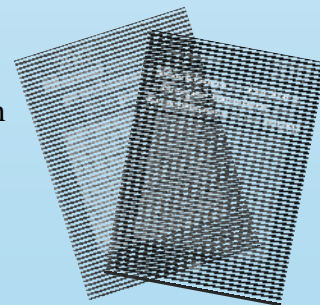
- Setting up the parish hall with the wreath materials on Saturday, November 19th, 4:00-5:00 pm
- Making the eggs and bacon on Sunday, November 20: 8:00-10:30 am
- Helping serve the food on Sunday, November 20th, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
- Helping with the stations that provide the materials November 20th,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

Please contact Kate Lynch at kolynchdre@gmail.com if you have questions or want to volunteer.

2017 Lector Workbooks Now Available in the Sacristy

The for the coming Liturgical Year 2017 *Workbook for Lectors* are now available in the sacristy in both English and Spanish.

The workbooks cover the readings from the First Sunday of Advent (11-27-16) to the Feast of Our Lord, Christ the King (11-26-17).



Striving to See

I had the opportunity to attend an Olympic soccer match in 1996. We left at the half, but I remember taking the long walk to the car, completely unable to see above the heads in front of me. I saw only a wall of people's backs around me as we made our way through the crowd. I held on to the shirttail of a family member so I wouldn't be separated in the jungle of people, and had to trust that I would find my way through.

During that walk, I desperately wished I had some height on my short frame. My grandpa was a whole foot taller than me! I can identify with the short Zacchaeus in today's Gospel.

One of the things that struck me in this passage is how Jesus and Zacchaeus sought each other out. Zacchaeus climbed up a tree to get a better vantage point from which to see Jesus. Jesus called Zacchaeus forth by name, saying, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And the joy is palpable between them.

Jesus searches for us, too. He calls us by name and desires to come to our house. We should find great joy in that initiative.

Zacchaeus responded to Jesus' acceptance by giving away half his possessions to the poor and going above and beyond in repaying those he had extorted in his work as a tax collector. Do we do the same when we have been moved by God's love and mercy for us? Zacchaeus' generosity came from a sense of being accepted and for-



Zacchaeus can teach us how to be persistent. He desired to see Jesus so much that he strove to overcome the obstacle of his low physical height. How motivated are we to change our own lives?

given. He received neither of those things from the crowd who murmured around him.

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem as he passed through Jericho. He was on his way to his crucifixion, yet he took every opportunity to save those entrusted to him, including Zacchaeus. As it says at the end of the Gospel, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what is lost."

We can easily be like the crowd around Jesus and Zacchaeus. We can be just as cynical as the ones asking why Jesus would spend time with this tax collector. But Jesus spent time with other despised sinners and tax collectors because he saw beyond their outward behavior and into their hearts, which were open to God's grace.

The first reading from Wisdom sums up the way Jesus would approach Zacchaeus: "But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent." The people hated Zacchaeus because of his job as a tax collector and his extortion of others. But Jesus had mercy on him. Jesus saw past the sins of Zacchaeus and perceived a heart that was ready to change.

We see in the first reading that God does not judge. God loves all of us, even the ones whom many others condemn. Because we both experience and dole out judgments so often, it can be hard to remember how non-judgmental God is. We don't need to live our lives in fear of judgment from God.

Zacchaeus can teach us how to be persistent. He desired to see Jesus so much that he strove to overcome the obstacle of his low physical height. How motivated are we to change our own lives? Are there trees we are willing to climb in order to find a deeper relationship with God? How will we respond when we encounter God's love?

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
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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 robrien@stteresaparish.org.

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

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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
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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 <i>en Français</i>	5:00 pm 6:30 pm ⁺
Sunday <i>en Español</i>	9:00 am 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

