

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Armitage & Kenmore Avenues

Chicago, IL 60614



November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

Faith & Spirit.

Alive



“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44

Welcome, Babies!



You did it again! Your unbelievable response to our *Welcome, Babies!* project emptied the clotheslines. With the exception of a few major items (cribs and car seats), we are well on our way to outfitting four newborns with a wonderful start.

Please attach your tag to the item/s and return them unwrapped to the parish center by December 4. Gently used or new baby clothes, newborn to two years, may be brought separately with no tags. And of

course, cash gifts are welcomed to put toward cribs and car seats.

Didn't get a tag? Not to worry. Just keep an eye open for the next clothesline announcing the arrival of new members to the human family. With great thanks for your always generous, quick response to families in need.



Thank you for your always generous response to help families in need.

Many Thanks...

Many thanks to those who supported the *Time of Your Life Gala*. Whether you attended as a guest, were a member of the committee, helped out as a volunteer on the night of the event or made a donation of goods or services, we are deeply grateful for the role you played.



The event raised nearly \$150,000, funds that are very necessary to support our parish. Without these funds, we would not be able to serve the community in the way that we do.

Believe it or not, planning for next year's gala will begin very soon. We are always looking for new committee members and no experience is necessary. If you're interested in getting involved in this very worthwhile ministry, please contact Rebecca in the parish office at robrien@stteresaparish.org.

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/volunteer to browse and sign up for a selection of recurring volunteer opportunities.

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

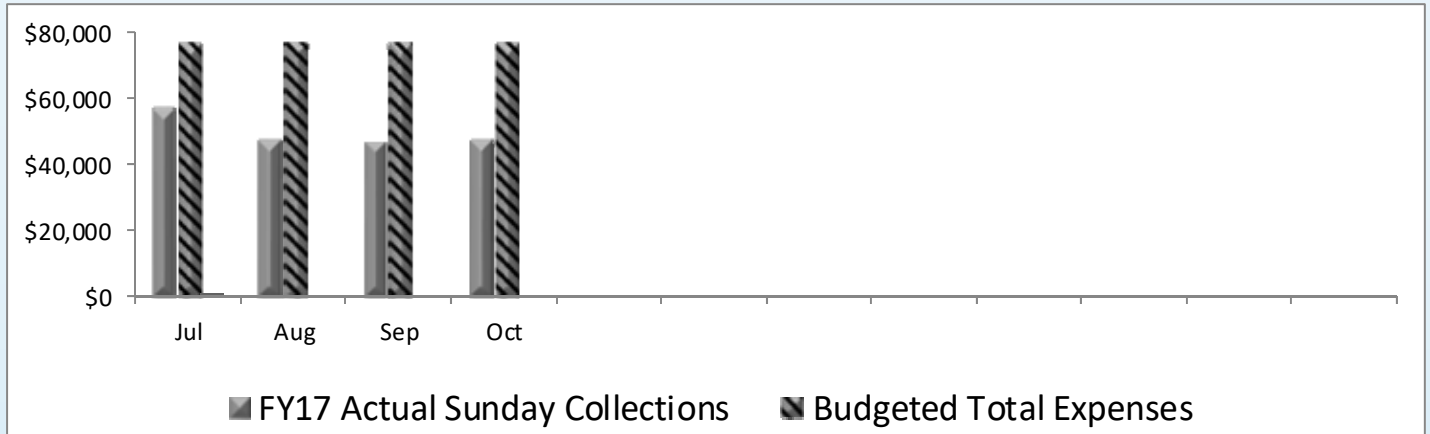
Catechists

**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. The above graph is repeated from October 30.
- 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 yet to be determined.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Weekend Count:	10-16-16	10-23-16	11-6-16
Average Daily Mass Attendance		7	7	7
Average Friday Communion Service		1	1	2
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		65	75	59
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		91	-	95
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		186	187	272
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		96	97	127
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		140	135	9
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		578	494	516
Confessions this Week		0	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0	0
Funerals since January 2016		5	5	5
Weddings since January 2016		8	8	8
Infant Baptisms since January 2016		24	24	26



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.

Parish Calendar

November 27 — December 3

Page Four

December Baptisms

Henrick Liam Lennox (12-4-16)



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, November 27

- 9:00 am, Church, Children's Liturgy

Monday, November 28

- 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House

Tuesday, November 29

- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Training
- 6:00 pm, PC-REC, SPRED Prepare
- 6:15 pm, Church, Lectio Divina
- 7:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:30 pm, REC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

- No Activities Planned

Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 3:00 pm, Church, CCFC Altar Server Training
- 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:** First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Andrew
Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

- Domingo:** Primer Domingo de Adviento
Miércoles: San Andrés
Jueves: Día Mundial del SIDA
Viernes: Primer viernes
Sábado: San Francisco Javier; Primer sábado



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

ST. TERESA DE ÁVILA
GATHERING SPACE • EST. 1985

December 2016 Food Pantry Schedule

Saturday, December 3

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, December 24

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

November 27 — December 3

Page Five

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26

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

Sunday, November 27

9:00 am Marie Garlock; John Buciak
 12:00 pm Jeremy Rivera
 6:00 pm Laura Szejka

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
 Bolivar 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
 Gabriel Lozada
 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
 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 Zeunert
 Survivors and perpetrators of
 sexual abuse*

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.

Celebrant and Minister Schedule

DATE	TIME	Celebrant	Sacristan/ Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
12-3-16	5:00 PM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Rob Harmer	Linda Harmer	Carly Johnston Luke Kolman
French Mass 12-3-16	6:30 PM	Fr. Timothy			
12-04-16	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Frank Swiderski Christopher Parente Barb Schell	Rose Ohiku Geneva Gorgo Kevin Ludden Margaret Burke
Spanish Mass 12-11-16	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Alejandro Lopez		
12-04-16	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang	Minister Needed (H2)	Alice Morales-Villenas Mike Usiak
12-04-16	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Callie Pogge	Sharon Lindstrom Minister Needed (H3) Bert Olson	Jon Assell Katie Assell Eileen Raia Minister Needed (C4)

Readings/Lecturas

November 27 — December 3

Page Six

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

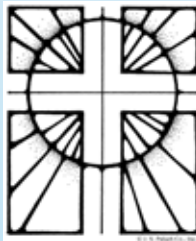
Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Is 4:2-6; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Domingo: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Treasures from Tradition

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

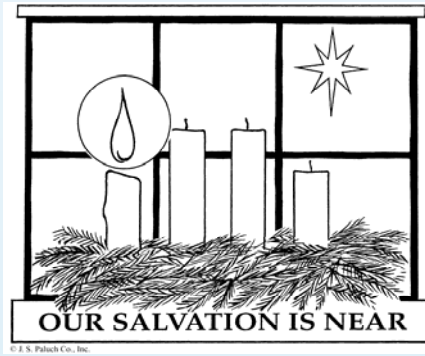


Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El calendario cristiano comienza con el tiempo de Adviento durante el mes de diciembre. ¡Adviento! Interesante palabra. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando". Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "Adviento"? ¿Del Rey de gloria?, ¿el Príncipe de la paz?, ¿el Hijo de Dios Altísimo?, ¿el salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María, el niño Jesús de Nazaret. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero, ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey?, ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios?, ¿de un pobre bebido que también es juez y señor? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja (contradicción) de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya está pero todavía no completamente, pues existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el *mall*, en el barrio, en el hogar, en el trabajo y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes porque no sabemos ni cuándo ni como Jesús regresará por nosotros. Pero cuando regrese nos pedirá cuentas y nos abrazará a la misma vez. Porque viene como juez y hermano nuestro, como rey y compañero; como Dios y ser humano. Así es como los cristianos iniciamos el año litúrgico, y a la misma vez, terminamos el año segar con la paradoja de nuestra fe. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Be Prepared

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Estar Preparado

Debes estar preparado. Es así de simple. Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Señor Jesús nos llama a estar preparados para su venida. En esta época del año, gran parte de nuestra atención se centra en estar preparados para los detalles que acompañan las fiestas. Compramos regalos; decoramos nuestro hogar por fuera y por dentro; preparamos comidas especiales para esta época; escribimos y enviamos tarjetas de Navidad; asistimos a conciertos navideños; nos preparamos para recibir a los familiares y amigos en nuestro hogar o para visitarlos en sus hogares. No podemos ignorar los detalles que forman parte de este tiempo. Quizás este Adviento sea un tiempo para prestar atención a todos esos detalles con un enfoque diferente. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, ¿qué tal si reconocemos plenamente la presencia del Señor mientras realizamos estas tareas? El Señor muchas veces viene a nosotros de formas maravillosamente sorprendentes. Estemos preparados. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo — Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: "Vamos a la casa del Señor" (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

2016 Giving Tree

Giving Tree tags are displayed this weekend for the benefit of the nearly 200 children between the ages of 5 and 13 at the Marillac-St. Vincent Family Services Center (Halsted and Webster).



Please return your gifts wrapped and with the tag by Monday, December 19th, so that the gifts can be given to the children before they begin their Christmas Holiday.

Suggested gifts are: art supplies, school supplies and book bags, and age-appropriate toys.

Thank you for your generosity.



Holiday Greenery Sale Next Weekend, December 3-4

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.

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.**

Women's Spirituality November 29th

On Tuesday November 29th, join Women's Spirituality for an evening of quiet prayer, reflection and discussion in the Religious Education Center at 7:30 pm. Enter at the first door south of the main Parish Center entrance.



**Please contact Cathy Flaherty, cgflaherty@aol.com, with any questions.
Hope to see you Tuesday.**

First Saturday—Primer Sábado December 3rd — 3 de Diciembre

Everyone is welcome to join the First-Saturday rosary devotion to Our lady of Fatima on December 3rd at 4:00 pm in church.



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 3 de Diciembre a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

Advent Reconciliation December 5th

A combined Advent Reconciliation for our parish grouping (St. Teresa; St. Vincent; St. Michael; Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph) will be held at 7:00 pm, on Monday, December 5th at Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph.



Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph is located at 1431 N. North Park.

Guaranteed Entry: 2017 Chicago Marathon

All St. Teresa members plus their family and friends are invited to join one of the following charity teams: The Taller de José and Erica's Lighthouse.



Earlier this year both charities received an Avila in Action grant! Now they are looking for people to join their marathon teams.

Further information concerning these charities running teams including their mission statements and team members benefits can be found on their web pages or by contacting Coach Mark Buciak at: theroadtoboston.info

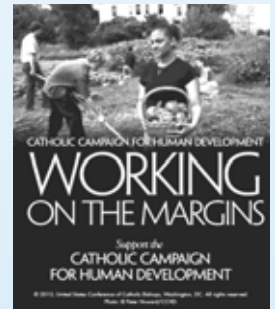
Runners, joggers and walkers of all abilities are welcome especially first time marathoners! Coach Mark has a customized training program to get you to the finish line.

2016 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

“Open to me the gates of justice; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord”

CCHD empowers the poor by funding organizations that:

- Increase access to affordable housing
- Work towards criminal justice reform
- Advocate for the right of seniors, workers, immigrants, and people with disabilities.



It's not too late.

Please support the 2016 CCHD collection.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Working on the Margins Archdiocese of Chicago
esegura@archchicago.org

Advent Baby Bottle Project



Beginning on November 27th, the First Sunday of Advent, 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.

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* again this year.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you today and bring it back to St. Teresa no later than Sunday, January 8th.



The Democracy of Incarnation

The elections are past — and candidates for 2020 have already begun raising their money. On behalf of the Incarnation, I want to connect religion and politics.

We American Christians live in possibly the freest country in the world. To savor that freedom we often overlook what we can do is wake up. We can follow the Advent instructions to wake up. We can wake up and see how long women and slaves couldn't vote. We can look at this season in Burma or Iraq or China or even Britain. We get to vote. How can we be grateful for that chance? By waking up to it and not just on the Fourth of July, but also in the great season of the Incarnation.

Everybody loves the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life." It is a non-cynical exploration of the power of ordinary people to use their power to help each other. It is happiness in neighborliness. It is an incarnation of democracy in a film, the kind that very few throw away, even when the garage sale gets most of the other stuff they've watched for years.

Mary and Joseph may have found room in a manger but fewer and fewer people do. Contrary to the movie, the banks haven't met their angel yet. What is a bank? It is a place where every time you toss them your money, they touch it and charge you for touching it. Or at least that is what they tried in the wonderful life movie. They did try and they did fail.

The biggest trouble I ever



When we wake up, we won't walk around wondering who our neighbor is. We will know who our neighbor is. We will follow the incarnate Jesus who refused to have any enemies.

got in was preaching about taxation at Christmas. It was misunderstood as political, even though Mary and Joseph were on a voyage to be taxed. I don't think the Christmas story is "political." Instead, the Incarnation imagines a different story about power and about the economy and about the small and about love. That is political plus, not just political. It surely doesn't "hate" banks, but it does want to make sure small people don't get hurt by them. It surely doesn't "hate" taxation but surely wants us to know that nothing, including taxation, is outside of the power of the almighty.

Jesus came down to earth to unite flesh and spirit, time and eter-

nity, body and soul, earth and heaven. Nothing can be outside the power of God, according to the God who came up with the Incarnation as a great divine intervention into human lives. That means a positive relationship with virtuous politics and democracy. We don't leave them alone so much as engage them with spirit, as spirit and for spirit.

Surely the constitution was right when it talked about separating church and state. That separation is good because otherwise domination could occur. The separation does not mean that Christians have no relationship to the state, just that it is regulated. When we awake in gratitude for the franchise, we unite with the spirit of politics and the politics of the spirit. We go to be taxed with joy. We bank with justice in mind.

I love the neighbors in the movie. They loved each other. They didn't just borrow a cup of sugar every now and then from each other. They realized that their finances were as connected as their sweets. When we wake up, we won't walk around wondering who our neighbor is. We will know who our neighbor is. We will follow the incarnate Jesus who refused to have any enemies. We will stop using the word "they" so much. And we will set our alarm clock for early every day to savor the democracy we 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

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

Jane Bronson
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Justin Alden

Dave Hilko
Steve Fortino
Becky Francis
Andrew O'Dekirk

Matt Donner is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is mddonner19199@gmail.com

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

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

Parish Offices are at 1950 N. Kenmore, (773) 528-6650, FAX (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

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

Contact Dean at dvaeth@stteresaparish.org

Parish Staff

Fr. Frank Latzko, ext. 213
Pastor
fjsasso@aol.com
Maggie Fernandez
Business Manager
mfernandez@stteresaparish.org
Kate Lynch, ext. 232
Director of Religious Education
klynch@stteresaparish.org
Rebecca O'Brien, ext. 234
Director of Stewardship
robrien@stteresaparish.org
Tom Micinski, ext. 212
Building & Facilities Manager
tmicinski@stteresaparish.org

Sergio Mora,
Maintenance
Irma Saavedra,
Housekeeping
Jason Krumweide,
Director of Music
musicalnut1@mac.com
Deacon Dean Vaeth, ext. 230
Office Manager
dvaeth@stteresaparish.org
Olu Balogun, ext. 210
Night Receptionist
obalogun@stteresaparish.org

Ministry Leadership Chart

Faith Formation Kate Lynch klynch@stteresaparish.org	Social Justice Deacon Dean Vaeth dvaeth@stteresaparish.org	Liturgy Fr. Frank fjsasso@aol.com	Adult Spirituality Lina Hilko lhilko@aol.com
Buildings & Facilities Tom Micinski tmicinski@stteresaparish.org	Special Events & Fundraising Rebecca O'Brien robrien@stteresaparish.org	Stewardship Rebecca O'Brien robrien@stteresaparish.org	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.

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

