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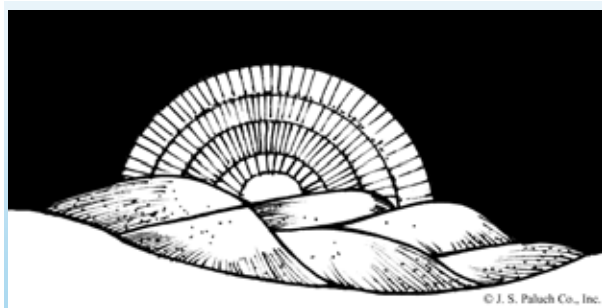
Chicago, IL 60614



February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.
Alive



Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

Stewardship

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Refugee Ministry Update!

Here's a summary of our current projects:

- Our parish is sponsoring a new family, recently arrived from Aleppo. We are looking forward to meeting Abdulkarim, Latifa and their 1 ½ year old daughter Bisan soon.
- St. Teresa is looking for employers who would be interested in hiring refugees in full time positions. Catholic Charities is currently seeking employment for refugees with the following skills: Janitorial, Construction and General Labor, Tiling/Flooring, Painting, Driving, Retail, Logistics.

Email robrien@stteresaparish.org with questions. Donations to the refugee fund can be made at: ivecentral.org/location/209/10945.

Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

Host or attend a Bible Study: Begin-March 5th. Groups are forming. Email jackiekoesters@gmail.com for details.



Attend the Time of Your Life Gala kickoff planning party: Wednesday, March 21st. Time and location TBD. Email robrien@stteresaparish.org for details.

Join the Welcoming Committee: Are you interested in greeting people on Sunday's, hosting a hospitality, giving tours of the church or helping with new member dinners? Email kmkutz@gmail.com for details.

Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30 pm, or socialize during dinner from 5:00-6:00 pm. Register at <http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV>.

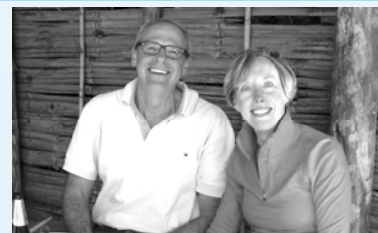
Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/nLVPbN>

Night Ministry: Wednesday, February 8th & 22nd, bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/gxXR2u>.

Sign up for automated Sunday Giving: Your support enables our mission. Get started at givecentral.org.

A Steward's Story

For Nancy and I, stewardship has come through supporting a variety of ministries here at St. Teresa's. It seems like every time we step up to help, we gain something greater in return.



Through the food pantry we have been brought closer to those of our neighbors who are less fortunate, reminding us of the blessings we have been given. Our involvement in the marriage preparation ministry has connected us with younger parishioners who, in turn, refresh our own marriage commitment. Helping as Eucharistic Ministers and lecturing have given us the opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation for the liturgical beauty that exists here. In addition, supporting the building expansion and *Time of Your Life* over the years has introduced us to so many generous supporters that care so much about the parish. Seeing so many others share their gifts of time and treasure is very inspiring.

— Mark Van Grinsven, Stewardship Committee Member

Share your story!

Email robrien@stteresaparish.net

Welcoming Weekends Return

On the first weekend of the Month, St. Teresa of Avila hosts "Welcoming Weekends." Stick around for hospitality after any of the Masses and get to know the people in the pews. Representatives from the parish will be available to talk more about the parish and how you can get involved. If you'd like to volunteer on future welcoming weekends, either by hosting snacks or by serving as a greeter, contact Krista Kutz at kmkutz@gmail.com



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

**Most
Wanted
Volunteers**

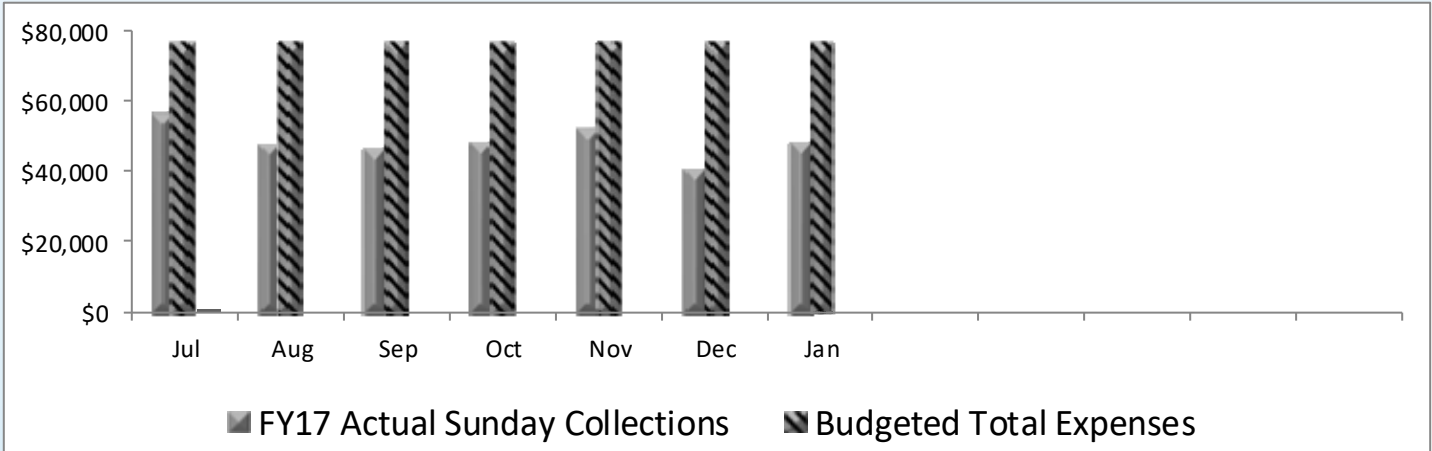
**Bible Study Leaders
or Hosts**

Refugee Mentors

Greeters

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

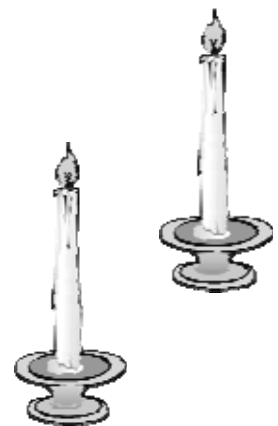
Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- 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.
- This year, the Christmas Collection was \$33,580 and the Greenery sale netted \$1,511.
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at mfernandez@sttereseparish.org, or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at mddonner19199@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	1-1-17	1-8-17	1-15-17	1-22-17	1-29-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	6	6	7	7	7
Average Friday Communion Service	2	3	3	3	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	55	70	53	65	71
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	62	-	75	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	55	150	198	197	170
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	35	-	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	50	150	210	160	115
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	-	172	88	98	130
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	195	604	549	595	486
Confessions this Week	0	0	0	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	1	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	0	0	0	0	0
Weddings since January 2017	0	0	1	1	1
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	0	0	3	3	3



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 averaged 550 people attending weekend Masses; the 2017 January Count averaged 489 people a weekend. 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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#prayforpeace

Let us pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago between January 24th and 31st.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ✠ David Carroll, Jr. | ✠ Jonas L. Haynes |
| ✠ Garcel S. Woods | ✠ Jesse C. Montes de Oca |
| ✠ Kentrell Thompson | ✠ Patrick M. Franklin |
| ✠ Jeffrey Demetrius Brown | ✠ Jordi Ibarra |

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, February 5

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

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, February 9

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 11

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 1:00 pm, PC, "Our Father" Retreat

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
- Monday:** St. Paul Miki & Companions
- Wednesday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
- Friday:** St. Scholastica
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick
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- Domingo:** Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
- Lunes:** San Pablo Miki y compañeros
- Miércoles:** San Jerónimo Emiliano; Santa Josefina Bakhita
- Viernes:** Santa Escolástica
- Sábado:** Nuestra Señora de Lourdes; Día Mundial de los Enfermos; Santa María Virgen

February 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

- Saturday, February 4**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, February 11**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, February 18**
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution
- Saturday, February 25**
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

Let Us Pray

Saturday, February 4

5:00 pm Ann DiDonato

Sunday, February 5

9:00 am Dr. Patrick McCarty
 10:30 am Tomasita y Gloria Velazquez
 12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
 6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Please pray for our deceased friends and parishioners...

Rodolfo Bech, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Berendsen, Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Shaun Cantrell, Jerica Elaine Harris, Dorothy Holdsworth, Fred Jabaley, Andrzej Jastrzebski, 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>Ronald Jakubec</i>	<i>Deacon Hector Rivera</i>
<i>Dorothy Barns</i>	<i>Krista Kutz</i>	<i>Hector J. Rivera</i>
<i>Berta Billavazo</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>	
<i>Chuck Jabaley</i>	<i>Marie Koesters-Ranley</i>	

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
2-11-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Barb Schell	Linda Harmer	Rob Harmer Eric Fredericks
Next French Mass 2-18-17	6:30 PM	TBA			
2-12-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Children's Service	Rose Ohiku Jocelyn Lutkus Minister Needed (H4)	Margaret Burke Kevin Ludden Michael Zost Minister Needed (C4)
Next Spanish Mass 3-5-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Garcia, CM	Alejandro Lopez		
2-12-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Anne Seigenthaler	Laura Moran Maria Montes
2-12-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Tom Micinski Lector: Sara Hock	Sharon Lindstrom Minister Needed (H3)	Bert Olson Elizabeth Cuda Veronique Caffrey Mary Serrahn

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Lecturas de la Semana

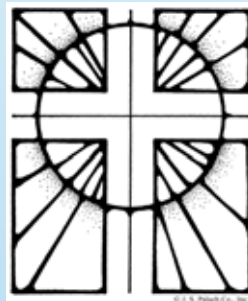
Lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mc 6:53-56
Martes: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Sal 8:4-9; Mc 7:1-13
Miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mc 7:14-23
Jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mc 7:24-30
Viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 7:31-37
Sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Sal 90 (89):2-6, 12-13; Mc 8:1-10
Domingo: Sir 15:15-20; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Treasures from Tradition

When the custom of the stational liturgies was revived in the city of Rome in the early days of the twentieth century, the papal liturgy for Good Friday was appropriately housed in the stational church of *Santa Croce in Gerusalemme*, the Holy Cross of Jerusalem.

The church is off the tourist track today, but true pilgrims would never miss it. It stands on the grounds of the Sessorian Palace, the home of the Empress St. Helena, mother of Constantine. She dedicated her life to finding the true cross of Christ in Jerusalem, and desired to found a church in Rome for people who could not make the long and dangerous trip to the Holy Land. Eventually, it came to house relics of the cross. When the pope fled the city of Rome for Avignon, the religious institutions of Rome collapsed and the church was abandoned. Centuries later it was given into the care of monks. Amazingly, it concealed a forgotten treasure. In 1492 repairmen took down a brick wall and discovered a niche with the inscription "Title of the Cross," and within, an ancient wooden tablet on which was carved the inscription dictated by Pilate for the cross of Christ in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. No one is certain that this is authentic, although its discovery was enough to give the church great prestige among pilgrims. The veneration of the relic of the cross located here was a factor in shaping our restored Holy Week. — Rev. James

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La primera santa americana fue Rosa de Lima, peruana de nacimiento. Murió en 1617 y fue canonizada en 1671, diez años después de la primera fundación inglesa en lo que hoy son Estados Unidos de América. Esta santa americana es acompañada por otros santos como san Felipe de Jesús (mexicano) canonizado en 1862 y Madre Francisca Cabrini (italoestadounidense y la primera santa de EE. UU.) canonizada en 1946.

Oficialmente hay 60 santos y 77 beatos que nacieron o trabajaron en América. La mayoría de estos son 50 mexicanos, 33 brasileños, 12 canadienses, nueve estadounidenses, ocho colombianos, siete peruanos, tres argentinos y tres chilenos. Guatemala, Cuba, República Dominicana, Uruguay y Venezuela tienen un santo(a) cada uno. Estados Unidos y Canadá comparten siete mártires. La mayoría de los santos o santas del continente americano fueron beatificados o canonizados durante los últimos 100 años. Sólo ocho de ellos fueron canonizados durante los últimos ocho años.

No todos estos santos nacieron en América, pero sí dedicaron su vida a evangelizarla. Estos 137 santos de la Iglesia universal son un testimonio de la obra del Espíritu Santo en el continente americano. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

This Little Light of Mine

As children we sang the lively song *This Little Light of Mine*. The words, of course, are based on today's Gospel, in which we are called as disciples to be salt and light for the world. Children are uninhibited about sharing their faith. It's only when we grow older that we prefer to hide our light under a bushel basket because our culture tends not to emphasize discipleship. The message in this week's readings is clear: in order to give glory to God through our discipleship, we must show the light of Christ in our words and deeds. Not an easy thing for inhibited adults. Often we may think of salt and light in terms of what we do for others, but it can be just as important not to do something, such as getting angry with the stranger on the road, or telling an offensive joke. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Mi Pequeña Luz

Cuando éramos niños cantábamos efusivamente la canción *Mi pequeña luz (This Little Light of Mine)*. La letra de la canción, desde luego, está basada en el Evangelio de hoy, en este estamos llamados como discípulos a ser la sal y la luz del mundo. Los niños no tienen dificultad para compartir su fe; solo es cuando crecemos que preferimos esconder nuestra luz bajo un tazón porque nuestra cultura tiende a no enfatizar el discipulado. El mensaje en las lecturas de esta semana es claro: para poder dar gloria a Dios por medio del discipulado, debemos mostrar la luz de Cristo en nuestras palabras y obras. No es algo fácil para adultos inhibidos. A menudo podemos pensar en la sal y la luz en términos de lo que hacemos por los demás, pero puede ser tan importante como el no hacer nada, ya sea como enojarse con un desconocido en la carretera o decir una broma ofensiva. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Cuando compartas tu pan con el hambriento, y sacies la necesidad del humillado, entonces brillará tu luz en las tinieblas (Isaías 58:7-10).

Salmo — El justo brilla como luz en las tinieblas (Salmo 112 [111]).

Segunda lectura — He anunciado a ustedes el misterio de Cristo

crucificado, a fin de que la fe de ustedes dependa del poder de Dios y no de la sabiduría de los hombres (1 Corintios 2:1-5).

Evangelio — Que su luz brille ante los hombres, para que viendo sus buenas obras, den gloria a su Padre, que está en los Cielos (Mateo 5:13-16).

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Renew Your Wedding Vows at All Masses February 11-12th

Celebrate St. Valentine's Day on Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12th at all Masses. All married couples are invited to renew their wedding vows during Mass.



This is a wonderful way to celebrate your marriage and to start the St. Valentine's Day weekend. Immediately following each Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Center.

Please invite your friends, neighbors and family members even if they don't regularly attend our church. If you have evening plans, you'll still have time to go out for dinner after the reception. All are welcome.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50)

Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?



Then register today for a life-changing *Reflect* weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 17-19, 2017.

Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year's resolution you won't regret! Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room

Call (312) 532-8286,
email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com,
or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

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.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

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



We no longer need extra-strength grocery bags.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@gmail.com or Dave Hilko at dahilko@aol.com

Next Men's Spirituality February 14th

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 am for prayer and conversation.

For more details, please contact Matt Priesbe at mpriesbe@aol.com.

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”

Many of you have responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is *“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.”* We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others.

Your gift to the Annual Appeal helps to sustain Catholic schools, religious education, ministerial formation, and initiatives for life, peace and justice. Through its support of Catholic Relief Services, the Appeal serves people worldwide, without regard for religious affiliation, whose lives are devastated by natural disasters, illnesses, wars and famines.

As you review the mailing from Cardinal Cupich, please note the ministries and services funded by the Appeal, including the ones that directly support the work of our parish. Then please give generously. Note, when our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

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Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
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St. Teresa said...

You must believe that if you give up prayer, you are, in my opinion, courting danger.



Illumine the World, Bring it Flavor

“Let there be light.” The first words God ever spoke.

To this day, every major religion speaks a language of light. Jewish people use the menorah to celebrate the Hanukah miracle of faith triumphing over evil. The Quakers have a famous expression: “I’ll hold you in the light,” instead of our common promise: “I’ll pray for you.”

Light illuminates. It warms. It destroys darkness. It lifts spirits. The prophet Isaiah makes crystal clear that we are to become a people of light. As he challenges us so powerfully with his inspirational words found in today’s first reading, our actions of “clothing the naked” are to be so far-reaching, our deeds of “bestowing bread on the hungry” are to be so radical, our cries of anguish over the need for “sheltering the oppressed and the homeless” so loud, that they will break forth through the darkness of greed and the idolization of fame and power that engulf us like a shroud of gloom and despair.

Many people speak these days of our culture of depression and anxiety. In the midst of possessing so much, in the midst of untold comfort the likes of which most of the world could never imagine, somehow we are sad and afraid. So much so, we have come to embrace darkness — the darkness of bullying, of pornography, of drugs, of violence, of cynicism, of cruelty, of the horror of human trafficking, of abortion.



Jesus challenges us to embrace the ultimate antidote to all of this darkness. He calls us to create lives of generosity, gratitude and selflessness. He shines like beacon of hope...

Jesus challenges us to embrace the ultimate antidote to all of this darkness. He calls us to create lives of generosity, gratitude and selflessness. He shines a beacon of hope in the midst of this negativity that surrounds us, and tells us instead:

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

In our second reading today, the apostle Paul reminds us in very graphic terms that “You were once darkness, but now you are the light in the Lord. Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

Jesus goes on to challenge us even further. We are also to be

salt — the “salt of the earth.” It’s difficult for us today to understand how critically essential salt was to the ancient world. The great early civilizations first developed near deserts close not only to water, but to salt resources. The ability that salt provided to preserve food was a requirement for people of that time.

But beyond this, salt gave flavor to food. And that’s what Jesus emphasizes. We are to become people who bring a whole new taste to the world we live in. We are to bring “the flavor of God” to all that we do and say. Light and salt are strongly connected. From Jesus’ point of view, the more we create a “God flavor” to life, we become light. We dispel the darkness we find around us.

That new taste, that new “God flavor” becomes contagious. It spreads. It multiplies.

When you were baptized, a candle was lit, and the priest prayed over you: “This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly ... may you walk always as a child of the light.”

God has passed the light of the heavens on to you and to me. Let each of us hold our lives “in the light” and illumine the world we live in by flavoring it with the taste of God.

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Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

Our Mission Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love, for the salvation of all people. We are a stewardship parish. Three percent of our operating income is shared with other missions.

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

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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

