

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

*A Roman Catholic Faith Community*

*Armitage & Kenmore Avenues*

*Chicago, IL 60614*



April 2, 2017

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Faith & Spirit.  
*Alive*



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1

# Stewardship

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## Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- Host hospitality after 9:00 am Mass: Hosts needed in April, May & June. Sign up at [signup.com/go/BnYEHC](http://signup.com/go/BnYEHC)
- 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](mailto:kmkutz@gmail.com) for details.
- Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm, or socialize during dinner from 5pm-6pm. Register [signup.com/go/NUtfbV](http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV).
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9am-12noon. Sign up at [signup.com/go/nLVPbN](http://signup.com/go/nLVPbN)
- Night Ministry: Every other Wednesday. Bake



## Gala Volunteers Needed

The *Time of Your Life Gala* returns to Germania Place this year on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!

The committee is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's event. If you are fun, social, outgoing, and not afraid to ask your friends, family, coworkers, or complete strangers to buy a ticket or donate an item to our auction, then this ministry

## Refugee Update

St. Teresa continues to help refugees and immigrants through our ministries.

**Mentoring:** A team continues to work with Toyuba, Noorbar and Shakir. St. Teresa has just begun to sponsor a new family from Syria. The family is moving into their new apartment in Albany Park, St. Teresa is donating the furniture and providing rent for the family for the first three months. For more info: [margaretannmiles@gmail.com](mailto:margaretannmiles@gmail.com).

**Job Placement:** Have any job leads for refugees with varying levels of English and experience? Email [Patrickfmurray@mac.com](mailto:Patrickfmurray@mac.com).

**Supply drives:** Two young refugee girls, a Congolese Catholic girl and a Syrian Muslim girl, have been accepted to Josephinum Academy. St. Teresa is sponsoring \$350 towards their registration fee, and will soon be looking to supply them with items required by the school such as a Chromebook and calculator. More details to come, email [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

**Save the Date:** On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, following the 6:00 pm Mass, the refugee committee is hosting an event with a brief discussion of our new Syrian refugee family, followed by a screening of Oscar winning, *The White Helmets*, a 40-minute documentary about volunteer aid workers in Syria.



## Offertory Campaign Results

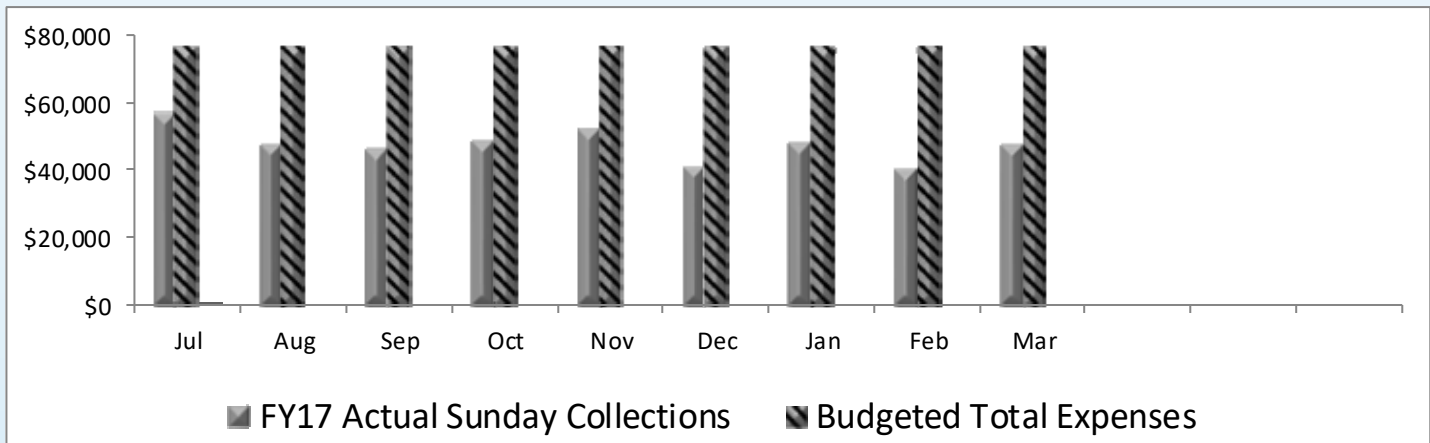
Many thanks to the tremendous support of the parish in our recent offertory campaign. The results are in: We have 48 new givers on Give Central, and another 50 people have participated in our campaign by making an increase to their weekly giving.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, thank you for stepping up to help the finances within the parish. It's inspiring to see the community come together in this way to make our parish better.

The success with this campaign will get us closer to our goal of covering 100% of our expenses from Sunday Offertory Collections. With a strong financial foundation, we can do even more for our members, the community, and those in need.

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

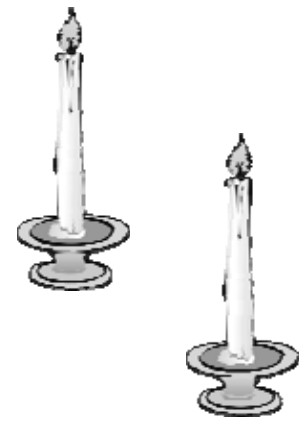
## Fiscal Year (07/1 - 6/30) Comparison to Date



- In the graph above you will see that we have not yet met our budgeted expenses with our Sunday collections. We are on budget with our total income versus expense. Total income includes Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, fundraising and miscellaneous donations.
- Our goal is to fund all operations and expenses from the weekly collections.
- St. Teresa's annual fundraisers assist in meeting funding gaps. It is the goal of the Finance Council and Fr. Frank to increase weekly giving to meet ongoing expenses and to use the proceeds from fundraisers for special initiatives and outreach programs.
- This year, the Christmas Collection was \$33,580; the Greenery sale netted \$1,511.
- Please contact our Business Manager, Maggie Fernandez, with any questions at [mfernandez@stteresaparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@stteresaparish.org), or Matt Donner, our Finance Council chair, at [mtonner19199@gmail.com](mailto:mtonner19199@gmail.com).

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	3-5-17	3-12-17	3-19-17	3-26-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	8	12	12	12
Average Friday Communion Service	3	3	3	3
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	75	80	100	43
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	65	-	70	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	240	190	190	200
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	60	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	140	145	150	160
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	150	210	130	160
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>563</b>
Confessions this Week	0	21*	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	1	1	0	1
Funerals since January 2017	0	1	2	2
Weddings since January 2017	1	2	3	4
Infant Baptisms since January 2017	3	3	3	3



\* First Confessions

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640 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 Calendars

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## Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
4-8-17	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Becky Francis Passion: Becky Francis, Eric Fredericks, Lisa Hanzelka	Lisa Marquez	Linda Harmer Minister Needed (C2)
Next French Mass 4-16-17	6:00 PM	TBA			
4-9-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Michael Zost Passion: Michael Zost, Geneva Gorgo, Anastasia Bullinger	Carly Johnston Margaret Burke Jocelyn Lutkus	Kevin Ludden Minister Needed (C2) Minister Needed (C3) Barb Schell
Next Spanish Mass 5-7-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jeremy Dixon, CM	Carmen Ubides Carmen Vazquez	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
4-9-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Daniel Kang Passion: Raquel Bech, Daniel Kang, Alex Lopez	Aimee Jaszczor	Alice Morales-Villenas Anne Seigenthaler
4-9-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Sharon Lindstrom Passion: Luke Kolman, Sharon Lindstrom, Sara Hock	Mary Serrahn Veronique Caffrey Minister Needed (H4)	Elizabeth Cuda Eileen Raia Mike Usiak Ellen Moianio

### Sunday, April 2

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:20 am, REC, Easter Traditions

### Monday, April 3

- No Activities Scheduled

### Tuesday, April 4

- 6:00 pm, REC, CGS Catechist Training
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm, REC, SPRED TC

### Wednesday, April 5

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking
- 7:00 pm, St. Vincent Parish, Reconciliation

### Thursday, April 6

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

### Friday, April 7

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

### Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 am, REC-Church, 1st Communion Retreat
- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution

### Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** St. Isidore  
**Wednesday:** St. Vincent Ferrer  
**Friday:** St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence; First Friday

**Domingo:** Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma  
**Martes:** San Isidoro  
**Miércoles:** San Vicente Ferrer  
**Viernes:** San Juan Bautista de la Salle; Abstinencia; Primer viernes

### April 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

**Saturday, April 1**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, April 8**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, April 15**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, April 22**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

**Saturday, April 29**  
 9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up  
 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

The Religious Ed Center (REC) is located at 1940 N. Kenmore Ave., one block south of the Parish Center (PC) at 1950 N. Kenmore. The Gathering Space (GS) is the entrance area to the PC at Kenmore Avenue.

# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 1

5:00 pm Patrick Kennedy

### Sunday, April 2

9:00 am David Hilko; Maureen McConville Moreno  
10:30 am David Hilko; Maureen McConville Moreno  
12:00 pm David Hilko; Maureen McConville Moreno  
6:00 pm David Hilko; Maureen McConville Moreno

## Let Us Pray

### 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, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Anthony Mastro, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., 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*

### Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson  
Dorothy Barns  
Berta Billalvazo  
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  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Gabriel Lozada  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors  
Daniel Meyer  
Tracy Mirabella  
Bill Mobley  
John Monier  
Elda Myers  
John Paul Nelson  
Angel Nieves  
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill  
Frank O'Toole  
Clayton Poe  
Carol Poyner*

*Marie Koesters-Ranley  
Hector J. Rivera  
Luis Rivera  
Pedro Rodriguez  
Ray Romero  
Jeffrey Roscoe  
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD  
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD  
Jack Schank  
Will Sullivan  
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*

## #prayforpeace

Please pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the city of Chicago between March 23rd and 29th:

✠ Tanisha Jackson                      ✠ Cedric Adkins-Malone  
✠ Laquan Allen (14 year old student)   ✠ Jason Barrett  
✠ Tomorry Hill

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@sttereseparish.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.

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

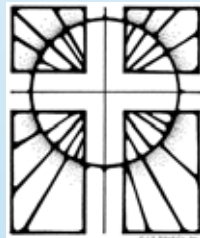
## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
**Martes:** Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Miércoles:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Jueves:** Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Viernes:** Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Sábado:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
**Domingo:** Mt 21:1-11 (procesión); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

## Treasures from Tradition

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up "making visits" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a "sanctuary lamp," a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the "chief" was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Vicente Ferrer, patrón de los obreros de la construcción, falleció el 5 de abril de 1419. Este santo varón nació en Valencia, España, en 1350, vivió y predicó el Evangelio en una época muy difícil del cristianismo. Además de la peste, guerras y otros problemas sociales, la Iglesia estaba dividida por dos o tres hombres que insistían ser el verdadero Papa.

Vicente, un religioso dominico, dedicó su vida a reconstruir la Iglesia promoviendo la virtud de la caridad interna y externa mediante una predicación que relacionaba la Palabra de Dios con la vida cotidiana. Vicente se valía de la teología, poesía, repetición y otros medios para inculcar la sabiduría bíblica en sus oyentes. De esta manera supo construir la fe tanto en los fieles y en la Iglesia como comunidad.

Los cuadros de este santo español normalmente lo presentan con una llama ardiente en una mano y en la otra, con una Biblia abierta. De esta manera los artistas subrayan el amor ardiente que los cristianos debemos tener por la Palabra de Dios, un amor que Vicente edificaba en el corazón de los fieles. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Jesus' Ministry Summarized

## Resumen del Ministerio de Jesús

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting. Copyright

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El relato de cómo Lázaro revivió de entre los muertos es el relato más largo (además de la Pasión) en el Evangelio según san Juan. En él encontramos un resumen de la mayor parte del ministerio de Jesús.

Vemos su naturaleza humana cuando se conmueve con la tristeza de Marta y de

María y cuando él mismo llora frente a la tumba de Lázaro. Es la sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios hecha carne cuando le explica a sus seguidores que la muerte de Lázaro servirá como una señal de la gloria de Dios. Corona los milagros que obra en el Evangelio según san Juan (que comenzó con el milagro más "humano" de hacer más vino en la boda de Caná) reviviendo a Lázaro de entre los muertos; un "avance", por así decirlo, de su propia muerte y resurrección por venir. Este retrato de Jesús nos recuerda, mientras estamos cerca del fin de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, que él está con nosotros, nos conoce, nos comprende en cada momento de nuestra vida. Conoce la alegría de nuestras celebraciones humanas, conoce la tristeza de nuestro llanto. Mientras nos preparamos para caminar con él en los días de Semana Santa, tenemos fe de que —por Cristo— la gloria de Dios estará con nosotros a cada momento de nuestra vida y —con Cristo— en nuestra vida eterna. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37:12-14).

**Salmo** — Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa (Salmo 130 [129]).

**Segunda lectura** — El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8:8-11).

**Evangelio** — Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

## Coffee? Tea? Bible Study?

Join fellow St. Teresa members in studying the *Acts of the Apostles*, just down the street at Starbucks. Each study runs for nine weeks - join at any time. Participants will be provided two books: the scripture and a workbook to respond to questions about the scripture. Pick a night and join the group!



**All groups meet at Starbucks, 1001 W. Armitage Ave.**

- Monday at 7:00 pm, leader Jackie Koesters
- Tuesday at 7:00 pm, leader Marisol Sarabia
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm, leader Karen Carpino

**Questions? Email Jackie Koesters at [jackiekoesters@gmail.com](mailto:jackiekoesters@gmail.com)**

## Loom Visit this Weekend

Representatives from LOOM will be at St. Teresa during the weekend of April 1-2 to showcase their hand-made crafts...**after the 5:00 pm Saturday and the 9:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses on Sunday.**



LOOM is a group of Artisan Women Refugees who create functional art, one-of-a-kind objects. These are women who have fled war and violence from around the globe, currently we have Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Burma, Malaysia and Sudan represented at our weekly workshops.



At LOOM they get the opportunity to create beautiful products, form a supportive community, learn from each other and from local artists, earn an income and empower themselves in their readjustment in the new country and culture different from the ones they come from.

If you would like to see more about us or some of our products you can visit our website [www.loomchicago.com](http://www.loomchicago.com)

## Vacation Retreat: Mariapolis 2017

If you or your family are looking for a different kind of experience this summer, something that is not simply a holiday or a retreat, then the Mariapolis might be just for you.



What is Mariapolis? It is an event organized by the Focolare Movement and is characteristic of its spirit: it is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds, spending a few days together putting into practice the Gospel message of love.

The main guideline for these gatherings, which take place in many countries throughout the world, is the 'Golden Rule,' which invites us to do to others what we would like to be done to us. It is an opportunity to experience what happens in a day-to-day life when we have listening, gift of self, and sharing as the basis for our relationships.

**The Midwest Mariapolis is taking place from June 29 to July 3 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Registration is now open. Visit [midwestmariapolis.org](http://midwestmariapolis.org).**

**Registration deadline is May 4th.**

**For more information email [Midwest@focolare.us](mailto:Midwest@focolare.us)**

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## Experience the Passion of Christ through Living Stations

Experience the Passion of Christ through live interpretation. This annual event will be held on Good Friday at 3:00 pm and all are welcome.

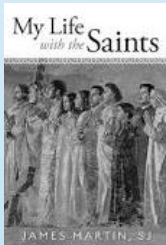
We are also looking for some additional “actors” to help (children and adults). Every year, we have parishioners read each station while the costumed actors interpret the station with no movement. It is a very beautiful and minimal way of interpreting the story of Christ's passion.



If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Carrie Mondschean at (312) 320-1160 or [cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com](mailto:cmondsch@hinshawlaw.com), or Kristen Castelloni at (773) 710-0068 or [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com).

There will be a rehearsal on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the church and there will be a mandatory dress rehearsal beginning at 1:00 pm on Good Friday, April 14, prior to the Stations. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Lenten Book Study for Young Adults



If you are a young adult in the parish (out of college and approximately more or less about under 35ish) and are still looking for a way to engage your prayerful side during lent, St. Teresa is going to be hosting a book study over James Martin's *My Life with the Saints*. It is Fr. Martin's story of becoming a priest and how the lives of the saints influenced his journey. If you aren't familiar with Fr. Martin, he was the Jesuit advisor on the movie *Silence*, the unofficial chaplain of "The Colbert Report," and is a gifted and approachable writer.

**We are considering meeting weekly during lent on Sundays or Tuesdays, so if you are interested please email [john.dewyze@gmail.com](mailto:john.dewyze@gmail.com).**

## Combined Lenten Reconciliation

There will a combined reconciliation service for the parishioners of St. Teresa, St. Michael, Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph, and St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Reconciliation service on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00 pm, at St. Vincent de Paul church.

There will be a community reconciliation service with an opportunity for individual confessions.

## 6pm Choir

Do you like to sing church music? You're invited to join other parishioners once a month to sing as a choir at 6:00 pm Mass. This is a friendly group that has no weekly rehearsals, no robes, no age limits, and no auditions. Simply meet by the piano at 4:30 pm for a warm-up and brief rehearsal before 6:00 pm Mass. Mark your calendar to sing with the choir for any of these Masses:

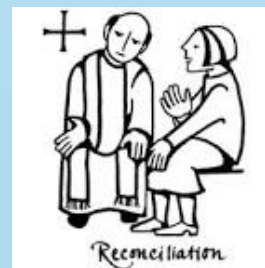
- Easter Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am
- Sunday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

**Email Krista Kutz at [kmkutz@gmail.com](mailto:kmkutz@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining. All are welcome!**



## Confession Times at St. Teresa

If you are unable to attend the Combined Lenten Reconciliation at St. Vincent on April 5th, Fr. Frank will hear confessions on Friday, April 14th, between 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm, before Good Friday Services.



## O God, Take Our Stones Away!

Poor Martha. Experiencing utter exhaustion, she and her sister, Mary, cared for Lazarus while he was ill. But now, Martha steps into leadership, picking up the practical pieces of the job at hand. We imagine her making food for scores of visitors, overseeing funeral arrangements, providing necessities for burial as she tries to control her grief. Culture and tradition suddenly have given Martha many stones to carry.

We all carry stones that block the light of God. We pray for a clean heart, a heart where God's light can continuously shine inwardly and radiate outwardly in service to others.

We pray to be released from our prejudices, our stereotyping and dishonest inclinations. Every stone we carry can turn outward into falsehoods about others. We become so buried beneath our own cynical notions that our stones turn into hypocrisy, growing larger until they entangle us in an empty grave where the light of faith gets blocked.

When Martha hears that Jesus is near, she goes out to see what she can do for him, ready to care for another's need. She doesn't give in to cynical thoughts. Instead, through these words, she hands him her stone of grief: "If you had been here, he might have been able to withstand it."

Seeing the pain of the stone she carries, Jesus asks her: "Do you believe what I've told you? Me. Not those others, but me." Again, Martha refuses to give in to cynicism and doubt. She tells him her answer: "Yes."



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This passage in John's Gospel says Jesus arrived in Bethany and is perturbed by what he sees. He is bothered, dismayed, maybe even agitated by the scene of insurmountable public hypocrisy his friends and followers are encountering. In the background are the whispers of the hypocrites, waiting to trap Jesus. "See how he loved him!" they cry out followed by their caustic mockery, "Yes, but, if he really did, then ..."

"Take away the stone," Jesus says to the community. A simple command to stop placing stones in each other's way of light and faith. The stone before the tomb traps Lazarus; he is unable to come into the light.

Jesus exclaims, "Unbind him, free him!" as if to say "Let Lazarus be active in his community once again."

The stone is taken away, not by Lazarus, but by others. Given the

responsibility for making sure that Lazarus is whole again, it is the community who was told by Jesus to remove the barrier of the tomb, to release him from the trappings that hold him back.

Their hearts have been changed, resurrected in order to help him. As Jesus prays to his Father in their midst, it is the community that is also receiving a new beginning.

Listen again to the words of the prophet Ezekiel: "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them. I will put my spirit in you that you may live."

Our God is a God of mercy, kindness and forgiveness. We are bound up by our sins as well as the sins of others — the ones they have inflicted and those we have inflicted on them.

When resurrection is given, it comes as mercy. Do we become communities of grace as a result of the mercy we have been shown? Do we allow our hearts to be transformed, opened to welcome those who have suffered and struggled?

All communities can be resurrected by mercy, forgiveness, charity. Resurrection gives us clean hearts and ready hands. Those hands are sorely needed by the Marthas among us as together we care for what would follow the day after our brother's resurrection.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

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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  
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### Weekend Masses

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

<sup>+</sup> First and third Saturdays, September through June

\* First Sundays

### Weekday Masses

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

