# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community
Armitage & Kenmore Avenues
Chicago, IL 60614



June 25, 2017

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.

*Alive* 



Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor.

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# Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

Host hospitality after 9:00
 am Mass: Hosts needed in July, August & September.

 Sign up at signup.com/go/BnYEHC



- <u>Join the Welcoming Committee:</u> 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.
- <u>Loaves & Fishes dinner</u>: Fridays, 3:30-6:30 pm, or socialize during dinner from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Register signup.com/go/NUtfbV.
- <u>Food Pantry</u>: Saturdays, 9:00 am-12 noon. Sign up at signup.com/go/nLVPbN.
- <u>Night Ministry</u>: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at signup.com/go/gxXR2u.

## Are You on GiveCentral?

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10

Vacation season is upon us, and while you are away we will be here, joyfully serving those in need of spiritual nourishment and the poor who benefit from our food-based ministries. Please help us remain financially stable during this season by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish.

Automated giving through *GiveCentral* is an easy way to ensure our collections do not dive when attendance is low. If you have already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date.

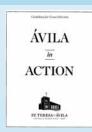
# Time of Your Life Gala

Save the date for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Our annual fundraising bash returns to Germania Place with a few new surprises in store for our guests! Stay tuned for info on an upcoming presale along with raffle ticket sales and more. This event raises over \$150,000 each year and is critical for our parish and ministries.

Contact robrien@stteresaparish.org to donate auction items: sports tickets, vacation homes, dining & entertainment certificates, professional services, etc.

### Avila in Action

Do you know of an organization working to change the world for the better? Nominate them for an Avila in Action Grant Award! The application window is now open. Simply forward the link below to an organization of your choice and invite them to apply by listing your name as the "nominating parishioner."



The online application window will be open from June 15th – July 31st. Applications will only be accepted on our website and applicants must be nominated by a registered parishioner. There is no limit to the number of organizations a registered parishioner may nominate.

Apply at st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action

#### **About Avila in Action**

Stewardship is rooted in the idea that all we have is a gift from God, and with grace we gratefully give back to God from what we have been given. In 2016, the Stewardship Committee along with the Finance Council made a prayerful decision to dedicate 6% of Sunday collections to giving, and to seek input from the parish on how the funds are distributed. This initiative has been named *Avila in Action*. Parishioners may nominate a charity of their choice to receive Avila in Action grant funds

Questions may be directed to Rebecca O'Brien at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.

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# Finance Bulletin Poll #3 — Operational Income

**Last week's question was:** From June 2015 – July 2016 (fiscal 2016), what comprised the remainder of our operational expenses and what did that % represent? **The answer was:** St. Teresa donated \$71,179 via Charitable Outreach programs. This comprised 8% of our total operating expenses for fiscal 2016.

With permission, we've decided to publish the names of the participants in last week's poll: Jane Bronson, Cooper Cohen, Matt Donner, Maggie Fernandez, Steve Fortino, Elizabeth Francis, Jack Halpin, Steve Kolinski, Rebecca O'Brien, Andrew O'Dekirk, Chris Toups, Alex Vizard, Dean Vaeth, and Father Frank.

The winner was **Jack Halpin.** However, thank you to everyone who participated. Truly, we are "overwhelmed" with the participation. Could we have even more participants in this week's poll?

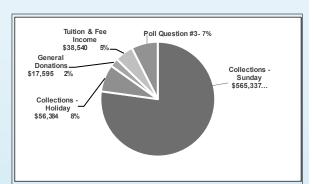
This week, we'll focus on the money that comes into St. Teresa, also known as Operational Income. Since our Starbucks card incentive was so successful, we'd like to offer another \$5 gift card to the first five people who answer this question:

# What category is the "Poll Question #3" in this graph, and what % does it represent?

Some interesting highlights...

- Charitable Outreach money received in 2016 (\$54k) has remained approximately flat compared to 2015
- Total Collections have increased 13% from \$548k in fiscal 2015 to \$621k in fiscal 2016
- General Donations have decreased 56% from \$40k in fiscal 2015 to \$18k in fiscal 2016

You don't have to answer both correctly (or any!) to win. Finance council and church staff are most welcome to participate (but you can't reference your notes). Again, please email Justin Alden (justin.alden@gmail.com) or Maggie Fernandez (mfernandez@stteresaparish.org) with your guesses. If you'd like to remain anonymous, we will of course respect your wishes.



St. Teresa's Operational Income	FY 2016	% of total
Collections - Sunday	\$ 565,337	77%
Collections - Holy Day	\$ 56,384	8%
General Donations	\$ 17,595	2%
Tuition & Fee Income	\$ 38,540	5%
Poll Question #3	\$ 54,526	7%
	\$ 732,382	100%

# Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	6-4-17	6-11-17	6-18-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	10 5	12 5	12 5
Average Friday Communion Service			
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	43	44	55
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	45	-	40
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	125	180	210
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	53	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	130	150	175
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	140	155	90
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	536	529	575
Confessions this Week	1	0	1
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	1	1	2
Weddings since January 2017	5	5	6
Baptisms since January 2017	13	14	15



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; April, 705; May, 573. 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
Saturday 7-1-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Kari Richardson	Luke Kolman Leigh Hartley
Next French Mass Saturday 7-8-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 7-2-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Bullinger	Nancy Van Grinsven Brian Shea Rose Ohiku	Robert Martinez Andrew De Leonardis Chris Parente Mark Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 7-2-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM			
Sunday 7-2-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Julie Divis	Carmen Ubides	Aimee Jaszczor Bert Olson
Sunday 7-2-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Abby Greaney	Cara Gannon Minister Needed (H3) Kevin Ludden	Mary Serrahn Minister Needed (C2) Mary Jo Weis Abel Gonzalez

#### Sunday, June 25

9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word

#### Monday, June 26

- · 12:30 pm, PC, Chicago House
- · 7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council

#### Tuesday, June 27

- · 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, June 28

· No Activities Planned

#### Thursday, June 29

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

#### Friday, June 30

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

#### Saturday, July 1

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 2:00 pm, Church-PC, Fr. Hoffman Retirement Mass
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

#### Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Wednesday: St. Irenaeus

Thursday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy

Roman Church

Saturday: St. Junípero Serra; Blessed

Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Domingo: Decimosegundo Domingo

del Tiempo Ordinario

Martes: San Cirilo de Alejandría

Miércoles: San Ireneo

Jueves: San Pedro y San Pablo,

apóstoles

Viernes: Los Primeros Santos Mártires

de la Iglesia Romana

Viernes: San Junípero Serra; Santa

San Junipero Serra; Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado

#### July 2017 Food Pantry Schedule

#### Saturday, July 1

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

#### Saturday, July 8

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

#### Saturday, July 15

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

#### Saturday, July 22

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

#### Saturday, July 29

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



# Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions	Let Us Pray
Saturday, June 24  5:00 pm  Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila  Sunday, June 25  9:00 am  Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila  12:00 pm  Daisy & Juanita Ubides; Pedro Garcia  6:00 pm  Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila	Please pray for deceased  Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Eddy Velazquez, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Anthony Mastro, Andrea Mastro, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris, Noemie Sylvestre and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

# June Baptisms

Siena Marie Burke (6-11-17) Cecily Ann Baxter (6-18-17) Matias Alejandro Franco (6-24-17), Emory Joy DeWyze (6-25-17)

## June Baptism Anniversaries

James Marselle (6-5) Leigh Hartley (6-13) Chloe Micinski (6-22) Stella Micinski (6-22) Scott Szykowny (6-24) Carolyn Sarnecki (6-25)

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

Alicia Anderson	George Halloran	Sage Mesen	Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD
Dorothy Barns	Kellar Harris	Daniel Meyer	Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Berta Billalvazo	Peg Hausen	Tracy Mirabella	Jack Schank
Elizabeth Ryan Dean	David Hoffman	Bill Mobley	Bob Semmer
Michael De Blasis	David Ivanac	John Monier	Will Sullivan
Kathy Derrick	Chuck Jabaley	Elda Myers	Mima Tome
Kim Duffy	Ronald Jakubec	John Paul Nelson	JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Isabelle Eiffert	Frank Kolman	Angel Nieves	Marianne Usiak
Jackson Fineske & Family	Krista Kutz	Msgr. Kevin O'Neill	Sara Vega
Alice Flynn	Liz Kunkel	Frank O'Toole	Susan Violapiano
Padraig Gallagher	Betty LaCour	Clayton Poe	Jack Williams
Eloisa Gallegos	Carmen D. Lorenzana	Carol Poyner	Valerie Williams
Michael Gibbons	Gabriel Lozada	Marie Koesters-Ranley	Mae Witry
Angela Goldberg	Palmira Mancini	Hector J. Rivera	David Zeunert
Kaylee Gommel	George Maroquin	Luis Rivera	For the intentions of prayer
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.	Jose Maroquin	Pedro Rodriguez	cards; for survivors and perpetra-
Les Gordon	Lisa Marquez	Ray Romero	tors of sexual abuse
Mrs. Grabarczyk	Margaret Sue Meadors	Jeffrey Roscoe	iors of sexual abuse

# #prayforpeace

We continue to pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago since January 1, 2017.

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 about twelve months.

# Readings/Lecturas

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# Readings for the Week

Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-

5

Monday:

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-

14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt

7:15-20

Thursday: <u>Vigil</u>: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; **Jueves**:

Jn 21:15-19 <u>Day</u>: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10,15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4 **Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

# Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Gn 12:1-9; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-20, 22;

Mt 7:1-5

**Martes:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Sal 15 (14):2-4ab, 5;

Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Miércoles:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9;

Mt 7:15-20

**Jueves:** Vigilia: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 19 (18):2-5;

Gál 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <u>Día</u>: Hch 12:1-11; Sal 34 (33):2-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18;

Mt 16:13-19

**Viernes:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Sal 128 (127):1-5;

Mt 8:1-4

**Sábado:** Gn 18:1-15; Lc 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17 **Domingo:** 2 Re 4:8-11, 14-16a; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 16-

2 Re 4:8-11, 14-16a; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

## **Treasures from Tradition**

The Eucharistic Prayers at the heart of our liturgy have a long history, beginning with the extemporaneous prayers

of the early Christians. The presiders gave thanks from their hearts, not from any prearranged text, over the gifts of bread and wine. When the assembly had the sense that enough was said, someone would call out "Amen!" and that was that. For the most part, the plan flowed directly from Jewish meal prayers, which always recalled God's mighty deeds. Some other markers and signposts were added almost everywhere fairly early, like the presider's call to attention: "Lift up your hearts!"

Scholars have provided us with translations of many early texts. These have actually helped us craft new liturgical prayers, because until the liturgical reforms of forty years ago, no one could recall any prayer but the Roman Canon, now called Eucharistic Prayer I. For hundreds of years in the West, it was our only Eucharistic Prayer, and it was only in Latin. But the history of our Eucharistic Prayers is amazingly fruitful, and models have come down to us that have yielded new insights and expressions. The old custom of improvising texts according to a master plan has not endured, but we have now rediscovered a plan of standardizing the text while allowing for a great variety.

– Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1769 los misioneros franciscanos establecieron la primera misión en lo que hoy es la ciudad de San Diego,

California. Bajo la dirección de fray Junípero Serra, los hermanos menores pudieron establecer otras ocho misiones, incluyendo la ciudad de San Francisco, en 1776.

Junípero o José Miguel Serra, fue hijo de padres campesinos de la Isla de Mallorca, España. Ingresó a la Orden de los hermanos menores (franciscanos) a los dieciséis años y con el tiempo, llegó a ser profesor de filosofía, pero su verdadero

deseo era ser misionero en el continente americano, lo que hoy conocemos como Hemisferio Occidental.

En 1749, su orden religiosa lo envió a México como administrador del Colegio Apostólico. Poco a poco se fue desprendiendo de sus cargos académicos para establecer misiones entre los indígenas. Aunque algunos afirman lo contrario, Junípero fue arduo defensor de los nativos. En California, más de una vez tuvo problemas con los soldados españoles, debido a que éstos abusaban de los amerindios, problemas que lo llevaron a defender los derechos humanos de los nativos ante el Virrey en México. Sus esfuerzos por cristianizar los indígenas de California tuvieron como resultado más de 6000 bautizos durante sus quince años en esa región. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

# Readings/Lecturas

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## Fear Not

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and

death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to

save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

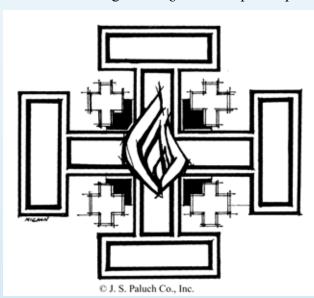
# ¡No Tengan Miedo!

¿Cómo es que las personas encuentran paz frente al

sufrimiento y la muerte? Ese es el mensaje de las Escrituras de hoy. Escuchamos el sufrimiento de Jeremías y del salmista. Escuchamos de la muerte que "reino desde Adán hasta Moisés" (Romanos 5:14). Escuchamos de los miedos de los Doce cuando Jesús los envió a las periferias para predicar y sanar.

En medio de toda esta tribulación hay un mensaje que suena fuerte y claro: "¡No tengan miedo!" El Dios que salvó a Jeremías y al

salmista y a Jesús está plenamente presente para salvarnos por medio del extraordinario don de Jesucristo. No tenemos nada y a nadie a quien temer.



# Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor

from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

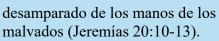
**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

# Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El Señor ha salvado al



Salmo — Escúchame, Señor, porque eres bueno (Salmo 69 [68]).

**Segunda lectura** — Por gracia, el don generoso del Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo,

nos ha salvado de todo pecado. (Romanos 5:12-15). **Evangelio** — No hay miedo cuando el amor de Dios se recibe como don precioso (Mateo 10:26-33).

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# Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for volunteers to serve throughout our more than 150 locations helping improve the lives of the people we serve.



For more information, visit the Catholic Charities Website at www.volunteerbridge.com, or email volunteer@catholiccharities.net,or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

During the Great Depression, thousands were without jobs, food, and shelter. Families across Chicago turned to Catholic Charities for aid as they fought to survive prolonged unemployment.

Along with helping people access private and public "relief" programs, the agency became wellknown for feeding the hungry and caring for all. Today, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago continues to feed individuals at all stages of life through our Evening Supper programs, which served more than 250,000 people last year.

Help us celebrate Catholic Charities "Century of Hope" by sharing your stories and photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the hashtag #ccofchicago100 and be sure to tag @CCofChicago. To see our journey since 1917 and contribute your story, visit www.ccofchicago100.net

## St. Teresa said...

The soul is capable of much more than we can imagine... it is much more important for any soul that practices prayer...not to hold itself back and stay in one corner.



#### 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 unbaptized 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.

# Friday Morning Playgroup



Join us on Friday Mornings at the St. Teresa of Avila baby-toddler playgroup

10:00 to 11:30 am

in the **Religious Education Center** 

(Enter at 1950 N. Kenmore)

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# First-Saturday / Primer-Sábado

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

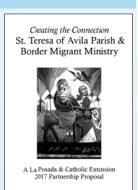


Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primerasábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 1 de Julio a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

# Creating the Connection St. Teresa Border Migrant Ministry

Pick up a copy of the 2017 La Posada and Catholic Extension Partnership Proposal from Fr. Frank.

There are many ways for you to get involved in this important ministry.



# Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Parish SPRED Program

Immaculate Conception and Saint Joseph Parish will be hosting a SPRED program (Special Religious Development) designed for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and other challenges.



We will welcome adults with special needs 22+ years old from the near north and mid-north parishes that do not have this ministry yet. We presently work in collaboration with St. Vincent de Paul, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Josaphat Parishes.

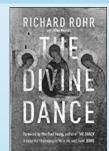
We invite volunteer catechists from all nearby parishes to share God's love for us with those who are so often forgotten.

For more information about serving as a SPRED catechist or to be a participant in SPRED, please contact Julia Hess at jchqofa3@gmail.com

For information on SPRED, link to http://www.spred-chicago.org

# Young Adult Book Club

St. Teresa is going to be hosting a young adult book study over Richard Rohr's *The Divine Dance*. If you are interested in meeting with a group of 20 and 30 somethings to discuss this book, your faith, and enjoy some great community, we want you!



Food

Pantry

We will start meeting on Sunday, July 9th, after the 6:00 pm mass for an hour or so each week.

If you are interested please email john.dewyze@gmail.com

# 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

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@gmail.com.

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# You Are Not Alone

The Gospel we hear today is clear. The truth cannot be hidden from God; everything is revealed in his presence. When you check in with God, nothing is hidden. God knows our deepest secrets and knows our true intentions. God is ready to offer strength, support and even the words to heal our spirits. Acknowledge God, and we will be delivered safely into his arms. This is what it means to be a disciple.

Early in Matthew's account we hear Jesus say: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:11-12a). Must we suffer hateful stares that stab like daggers? The judgmental whispers behind closed doors? Unkind words, false accusations and the like? Is this the price we pay to get to heaven?

Jesus is no stranger to people watching and waiting for him to misstep. Sitting in wait, ready to tear him down and put him to shame. During much of his public ministry, many of the Sadducees and Pharisees were plotting against him. They tried to twist his words and trap him into blasphemous speech.

The religious leaders created a plan to get rid of him. They arrested him and made up allegations of wrong doing. They ridiculed him for speaking what he believed was the truth. Then beat him

What you hear whispered, proclaim on the rooftops



How do you respond when you are given the cold shoulder, passed up for a promotion or even fired? Do you fight back? Throw stones? ... When put to the test, what do you do?

until his body was broken and unrecognizable. But, they didn't get the best of Jesus, even as he stood silent, without protest. Those who plotted against Jesus believed they were saving the people from the heresy Jesus spoke. When they tore Jesus down, it inflated their egos. They felt they were right to "put him in his place."

Though Jesus' opponents attacked his body and mind, his spirit remained strong. They believed they had power over him. But Jesus didn't let those who persecuted him have the last word. He knew he needed to persevere so justice could prevail. Adam and Eve brought sin into the world, Jesus' birth brought life to earth and freed all from sin. Jesus knew that with his death the battle would be

won. When he died on the cross, Jesus overcame evil once and for all.

How do you respond when you are given the cold shoulder, passed up for a promotion or even fired? Do you fight back? Throw stones? Where do you turn for help in the battle? How do you persevere? When put to the test, what do you do?

As disciples we need to follow Jesus' example. Jesus knew he was not alone — and neither are we. From the Garden of Gethsemane to his resurrection, God was present there with Jesus. He was there in the words Jesus spoke to those who defended him when he was arrested. God was there comforting Jesus as the crown of thorns pierced his skull and through each snap of the whip and each painful step he took carrying the cross. And after Jesus died, God let the darkness settle before the light was revealed in the resurrection.

Are you standing in the light? Shouting God's praise from the rooftop? Do you acknowledge God when you are in the trenches and the whole world seems to be against you? Do you stand in truth with God as your constant help? Do your words and actions reflect your trust that God will not abandon you, that he is with you through it all? This is what it means to be a disciple.

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# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

#### **Pastoral Council**

#### **Finance Council**

#### Stewardship Committee

Jessica Marx Anna Althoff Bertel Olson Paolo Basil Luke Kolman Kate Lynch Alex Lopez

Chris Parente Jose Cervantes Mary Paz Ramirez Tom Micinski Rebecca O'Brien Jane Bronson Jack Halpin Ray Genellie Steve Fortino Becky Francis Andrew O'Dekirk Chris Toups Cooper Cohen Alexandra Vizard Steve Kolinski Paolo Basil Anastasia Bullinger Kelly Dean Lisa Marquez John Mitchell Rebecca O'Brien Chris Parente Mary Serrahn Dan Summins Mark Van Grinsven

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.

Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council; his email is justin.alden@gmail.com

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.

#### **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

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Jason Krumweide, Director of Music musicalnut1@mac.com

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#### Ministry Leadership Chart

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

#### Help with Stress...

The Holbrook Center, a service of Catholic Charities, provides confidential counseling at many locations, including its newest office at Holy Name Cathedral. Licensed counselors, affordable fees, and convenient appointment times, including evenings.

The Holbrook Counseling Center is in the network with BC/BS PPO. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call at (312) 655-7725.

#### For information about ...

Friday Playgroup (0-3 year-olds), Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-12 year-olds), The EDGE Youth Group (12-14 year-olds), or Quest Youth Group (High School) Contact Kate in the Parish Office

klynch@stteresaparish.org

#### For information about ...

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

#### **Weekend Masses**

 Saturday
 5:00 pm

 en Français
 6:30 pm<sup>+</sup>

 Sunday
 9:00 am

 en Español
 10:30 am\*

 12:00 pm
 6:00 pm

+ First and third Saturdays, September through June

\* First Sundays

#### **Weekday Masses**

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