

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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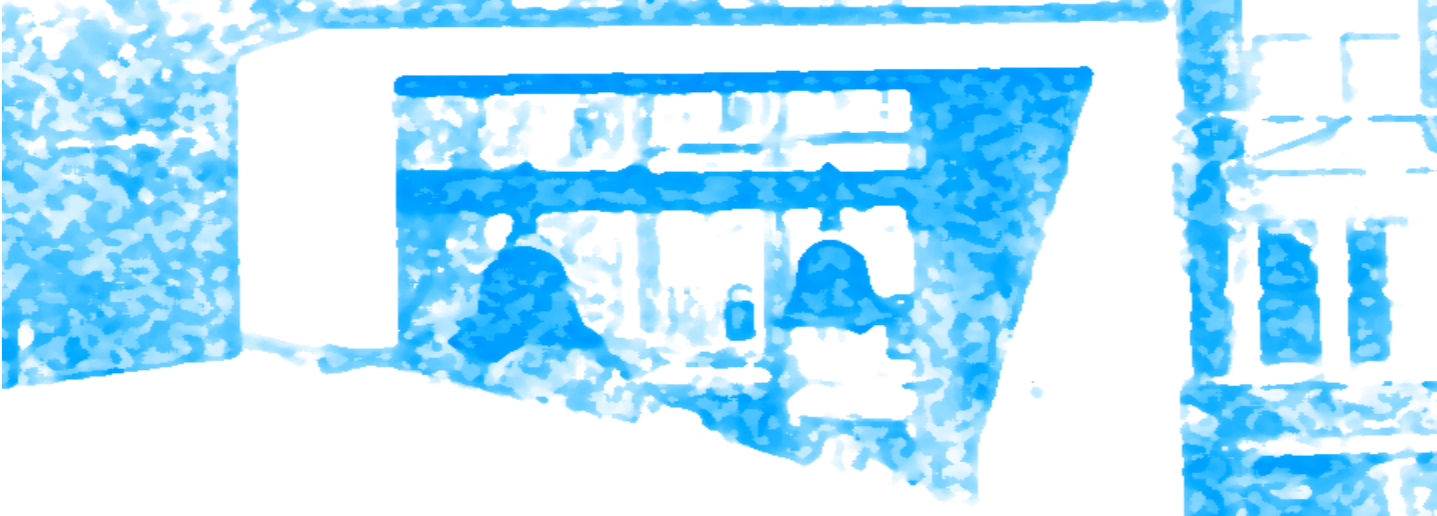
*Chicago, IL 60614*



July 2, 2017

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith & Spirit.  
*Alive*



Think of yourselves as dead to sin  
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

— Romans 6:11

# Stewardship

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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](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, 3:30-6:30 pm, or socialize during dinner from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Register [signup.com/go/NUtfbV](http://signup.com/go/NUtfbV).
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9:00 am-12 noon. Sign up at [signup.com/go/nLVPbN](http://signup.com/go/nLVPbN).
- Night Ministry: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies, cook a meal, or serve on the streets. Sign up at [signup.com/go/gxXR2u](http://signup.com/go/gxXR2u).



## 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.

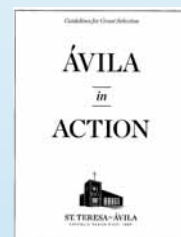
Contact [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) to donate auction items: sports tickets, vacation homes, dining & entertainment certificates, professional services, etc.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action)



## 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.

### 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](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org) or (773) 528-6650.

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

## 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?

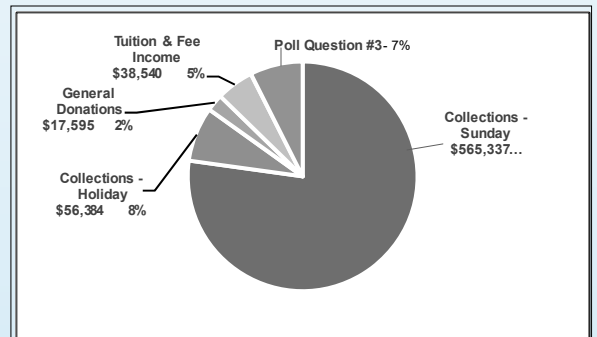
This week, we'll focus on the money that comes into St. Teresa, also known as Operational Income. Since our Starbucks card incentive was so successful, we'd like to offer another \$5 gift card to the first five people who answer this question:

*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](mailto:justin.alden@gmail.com)) or Maggie Fernandez ([mfernandez@sttereseparish.org](mailto:mfernandez@sttereseparish.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%
<b>Poll Question #3</b>	<b>\$ 54,526</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 732,382</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Advent Weekend Count:	6-4-17	6-11-17	6-18-17	6-25-17
Average Daily Mass Attendance	10	12	12	25*
Average Friday Communion Service	5	5	5	5
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	43	44	55	80
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	45	-	40	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	125	180	210	175
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	53	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	130	150	175	150
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	140	155	90	120
<b>Total Weekend Mass Attendance</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>525</b>
Confessions this Week	1	0	1	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	1	1	2	3
Weddings since January 2017	5	5	6	6
Baptisms since January 2017	13	14	15	17

\* Includes Summer Solstice Mass on June 20



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; June, 541. 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 7-8-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Julie Divis	Philip Malloy	Margaret Burke Barb Schell
Next French Mass Saturday 7-8-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 7-9-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Geneva Gorgo	Frank Swiderski Molly Malloy Luke Kolman	Michael Zost Rose Ohiku Anne Heller Jamie Lutkus
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 8-6-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM			
Sunday 7-9-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Maria Montes	Laura Moran Kevin Reidy
Sunday 7-9-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Callie Pogge	Robert Martinez Mike Usiak Abel Gonzalez	Sharon Lindstrom Colleen Sulewski Dani Shane Daniel Cortese

### Sunday, July 2

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

### Monday, July 3

- Office Closed — No 7:30 am Mass

### Tuesday, July 4

- Office Closed — No 7:30 am Mass
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, July 5

- No Activities Planned

### Thursday, July 6

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

### Friday, July 7

- 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 8

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution
- 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC Catechesis
- 6:30 pm, Church, CCFC Mass

### Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - Monday:** St. Thomas
  - Tuesday:** Independence Day
  - Wednesday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
  - Thursday:** St. Maria Goretti
  - Friday:** First Friday
  - Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary
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- Domingo:** Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
  - Lunes:** Santo Tomás
  - Martes:** Día de la Independencia
  - Miércoles:** San Antonio María Zacarías; Santa Isabel de Portugal
  - Jueves:** Santa María Goretti
  - Viernes:** Primer viernes
  - Sábado:** Santa María Virgen

### 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

5:00 pm	Joachin Galarza
	<b>Saturday, July 1</b>
9:00 am	Rev. Thomas Fogarty
10:30 am	Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
12:00 pm	Gloria and Gumer Santiago
6:00 pm	Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila
	<b>Thursday, July 6</b>
7:30 am	Rose Stefanik

### 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*

## July Baptisms

***Reid Paul Eck (7-2-17), Charles Robert Donovan (7-9-17), Blake Consiglio (7-9)***

## July Baptism Anniversaries

***Caroline Mondschean (7-14), Anne Heller (7-26), Christopher Parente (7-29)***

## 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  
Frank Kolman  
Krista Kutz  
Liz Kunkel  
Betty LaCour  
Carmen D. Lorenzana  
Gabriel Lozada  
Palmira Mancini  
George Maroquin  
Jose Maroquin  
Lisa Marquez  
Margaret Sue Meadors*

*Sage Mesen  
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  
Bob Semmer  
Will Sullivan  
Mima Tome  
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer  
Marianne Usiak  
Sara Vega  
Susan Violapiano  
Jack Williams  
Valerie Williams  
Mae Witry  
David Zeunert  
  
*For the intentions of prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse**

## #prayforpeace

We continue to pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between June 23rd to June 28th: Antone Jackson; Alfredo Loza; David Hobson, Jr.; Maurice Purnell; Andre Baker; Deangelo Pleasant; Catherine Saterfield-Buchanan; Chris Williams; and Lisa Fischer

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

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country or a City,” nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891  
**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

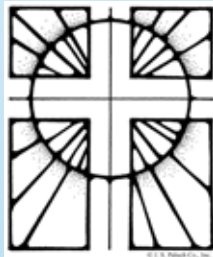
## Lecturas de la Semana

**Lunes:** Ef 2:19-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
**Martes:** Gn 19:15-29; Sal 26 (25):2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27 o para el Día de la Independencia se pueden tomar las lecturas de la Misas para varias necesidades y ocasiones: Por la nación, por la paz y justicia.  
**Miércoles:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Sal 34 (33):7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34  
**Jueves:** Gn 22:1b-19; Sal 115 (114):1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8  
**Viernes:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Sal 106 (105):1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
**Sábado:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Sal 135 (134):1b-6; Mt 9:14-17  
**Domingo:** Zac 9:9-10; Sal 145 (144):1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

## Treasures from Tradition

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning “Charles Carroll of Carrolltown”—a defiant “come and get me if you dare” postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Hace algunos años, el cantante de rock Carlos Santana y el grupo roquero Maná ganaron un premio en los “Latin Grammys” por su canción: “Corazón espinado”. Esta bella canción es de un hombre que lamenta el dolor que una mujer le ha causado. No la puede olvidar, porque ella le ha dejado el corazón espinado. Esta canción siempre me recuerda al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, corazón rodeado por una corona de espinas e inflamado por el amor que le tiene a su mujer, la Iglesia, es decir, nosotros.

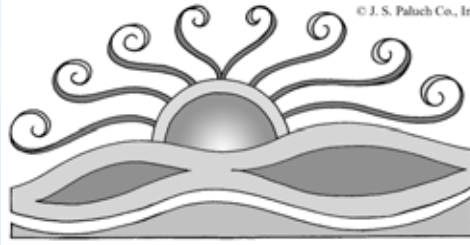
La devoción al Sagrado Corazón proviene de una monja francesa, santa Margarita María Alacoque a quien Jesús le mostró su corazón en junio de 1675. Jesús le dijo que su corazón arde de amor por los seres humanos, pero los cristianos sólo lo ofendemos con insultos, ingratitud e indiferencias.

¿Cuántas veces, como Iglesia o como individuos, le hemos espinado el corazón al Señor? Y aun así, la imagen del corazón espinado e inflamado de Jesús nos sigue cantando y llamando para que seamos suyos. Si regresamos a él, Jesucristo nos promete doce bendiciones de paz, consolación, fervor y otras gracias. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## The Richness of Life in Christ

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## La Riqueza de la Vida en Cristo

Hoy tenemos la preciosa historia de la mujer a quien se le promete un hijo, una maravillosa exhortación a la vida en Cristo y una poderosa enseñanza de Jesús. ¿Demasiadas riquezas en una sola dosis? No, si tomamos las palabras de Jesús sobre "ser acogedores" de corazón. Los muchos retos y bendiciones que hoy nos ofrecen Eliseo, Pablo, y

Jesús deben ser causa de regocijo, y debemos acogerlos de corazón en nuestras vidas. Y, como el gran regalo que son, deben ser disfrutados y compartidos generosamente con los demás.

La lectura de hoy tomada de la carta a los romanos fue seleccionada en los comienzos de la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia como instrucción apostólica que debían recibir los candidatos al bautismo durante la Vigilia de Pascua. Esto da una idea de su importancia como creencia central, y como medio para entender la historia de la resurrección. La resurrección de Cristo no es solamente la historia de algo por lo que él pasó una vez hace tiempo, sino que es nuestra historia, la historia de cómo nos unimos a los otros miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. No sólo estábamos muertos, sino enterrados; pero no enterrados para siempre, sino resucitados a la vida eterna en Cristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).



## Lecturas de Hoy

**Primera lectura** — La hospitalidad genuina se alaba mucho (2 Reyes 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Salmo** — Proclamaré sin cesar la misericordia del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

**Segunda lectura** — Vivan para Dios en Cristo Jesús (Romanos 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Evangelio** — El que los recibe a ustedes, a mí me recibe. (Mateo 10:37-42).

## 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](http://www.volunteerbridge.com), or email [volunteer@catholiccharities.net](mailto: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 well-known 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](http://www.ccofchicago100.net)

## 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.



## Landscape Cleanup Day July 8th

The Landscape Committee will be working on cleaning up the areas in the parking lot on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.



We will start at 8:30 am and see how far we get. No more than two hours. Just show up and bring your gloves, a trowel, and a bottle of water. The more hands the easier work.

For more information, contact Rick Rausch at (312) 860-4786.

## 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)**



## 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.

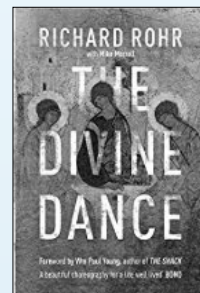
We invite volunteer catechists from all nearby parishes to share God's love for us with those who are so often forgotten.

**For more information about serving as a SPRED catechist or to be a participant in SPRED, please contact Julia Hess at [jchqofa3@gmail.com](mailto: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!



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](mailto:john.dewyze@gmail.com)**

Sign up for online giving at

*GiveCentral*

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

1. Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follows SSL encryption standards.
2. It's easy to sign up, update throughout the year, and review your gifts as often as you like.
3. You can make your gifts through most credit cards or online checking.

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## Sign Up for the Annual Men's Retreat on September 8th-10th

Looking for an opportunity to hear God speaking to you? Silence speaks volumes.

St Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us at our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 8th-10th.

This special weekend is spent in silence, providing space to let go of the preoccupations of daily life to allow room to hear God in the depths of your soul.

Retreat master Fr. Peter Etzel, S. J., who has been leading retreats for more than 20 years, will lead a series of talks on *Who Is the Man I Want to Be?* Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be

rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

**You can sign up directly at [jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/](http://jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/) (please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)**

**Contact Craig Dean at either (312)948-5605 or [cdean@aegpartners.com](mailto:cdean@aegpartners.com) for more information.**

**Carpooling will be available.**



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## Water is Thicker than Blood

Many years ago, I heard a sermon in which the priest made this peculiar, yet intriguing statement: “Water is thicker than blood.”

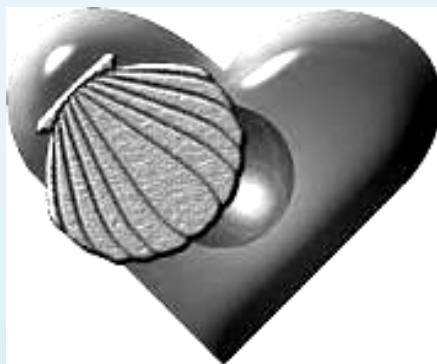
He was referring to the question Paul poses in today’s second reading from his letter to the Romans: “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried with him through baptism ... so that ... we might live in newness of life.”

Similarly, the Gospel of Matthew poses the puzzling and often upsetting assertion: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”

To understand these claims, we must consider the time and the place in which Jesus was making this claim. Jewish families in Jesus’ time were controlled by the unquestionable authority of the father. Everyone in his household lived in total submission to him.

Today’s sacred writings reminds us that Jesus and Paul recognized that this notion of family was too small, too narrow, too restrictive. The larger and far more important reality was the conviction that the waters of baptism can create a new kind of family — a family that is composed of people who have discovered that an entirely different style of living is attainable.

This new style they’re recommending demonstrates how the waters of baptism can truly be thicker than blood. The message is



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clear: Our baptism matters. It changes us. It calls us to re-think our value system, to re-view what truly counts, to re-commit ourselves to what will surely last against all odds.

This initiatory sacrament is a marker point. It is an immersion into a life that is out of the ordinary, which introduces us to a lifestyle that is wholeheartedly focused on the reality of God.

Since the majority of us were mere infants when this sacred ceremony took place, it’s all the more important for us as adults to review and to meditate upon those powerful words that were spoken on our behalf. In doing so, we will be reminded that we were originally “bathed in light,” and given the mission to be “followers and

witnesses to the Gospel.”

With these challenging words, Jesus is trying to teach us two important things in this Gospel passage:

First, Jesus is calling us to share his own passion for God. He wants us to light a fire that will burn in our hearts just like it did in his. He is asking us not just to praise him and adore him and worship him, but most importantly of all — to follow him. Do as he did. Love what he loved. Be committed to what he was committed to: selfless service and genuine compassion.

Second, Jesus is asking us to join him in creating a new type of family. He wants us to leave behind the kind that was so prominent in his time, and begin forming a family united by the common desire to do God’s will.

In a word, Jesus wants us to become baptized in our hearts. In doing so, Jesus is asking us to re-imagine the meaning of family, namely, a community of people dedicated to witnessing to the world what life could be like if we were willing to be transformed and changed.

Admittedly, that will not be easy. It will involve stretching us, pulling us out of our small selves, introducing us to something bigger and richer and fuller. It will involve taking us to a whole new level of living. Even to one where water is thicker than blood.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

## Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx  
Anna Althoff  
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The Parish Pastoral Council usually meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

## Finance Council

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## Stewardship Committee

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Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee; her email is [robrien@stteresaparish.org](mailto:robrien@stteresaparish.org).

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

## Parish Transformation Committee

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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](http://st-teresa.net).

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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](mailto:klynch@stteresaparish.org)

### 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

