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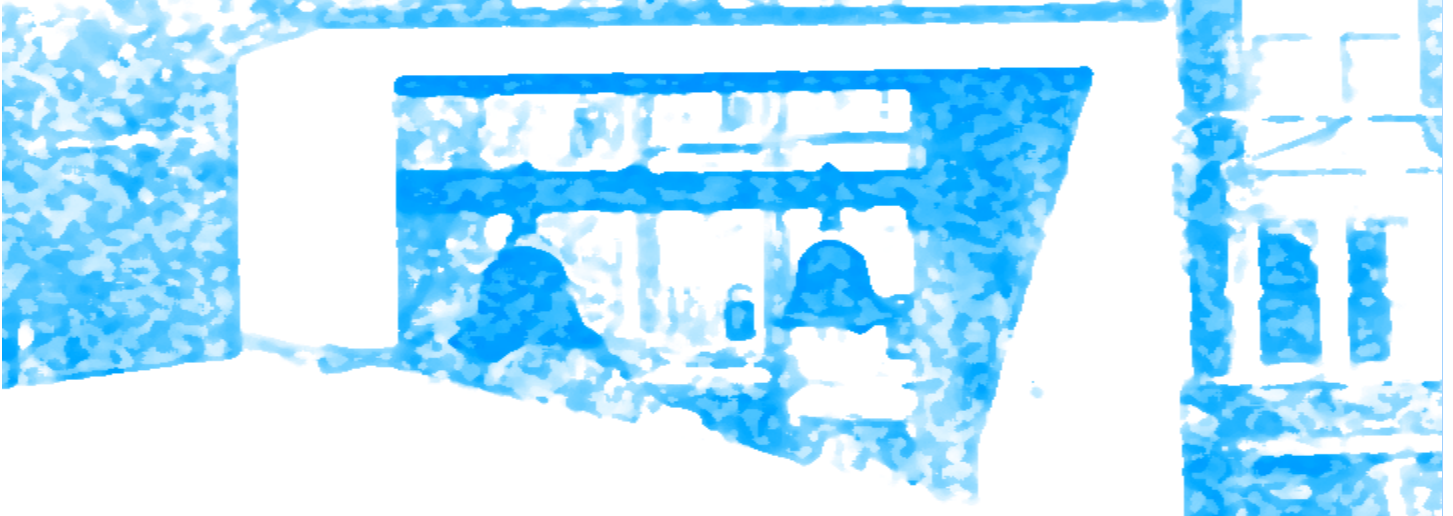
Chicago, IL 60614



July 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28

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
- Join the Welcoming Committee: Are you interested in greeting people on Sunday's, hosting a hospitality, giving tours of the church or helping with new member dinners? Email kmkutz@gmail.com for details.
- Loaves & Fishes dinner: Fridays, 3:30-6:30 pm, or socialize during dinner from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Register signup.com/go/NUtfbV.
- Food Pantry: Saturdays, 9:00 am-12 noon. Sign up at 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.



Raffle and Ticket Presale!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash. Snag your tickets early to this sell-out event and you'll save some money while ensuring that St. Teresa maintains a strong cash flow over the summer season. Tickets are \$125/person now through August 30th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.

Raffle tickets are on sale and our goal is to raise \$50,000 this summer by encouraging our friends, family, coworkers, or fellow philanthropists, to buy a ticket. \$100 gets you a chance at winning your choice of four great trips: Jamaica, Paris, San Diego, or American Music Awards.

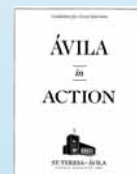
Visit timeofyourlifegala.com to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email Mike at usiak@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at 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?

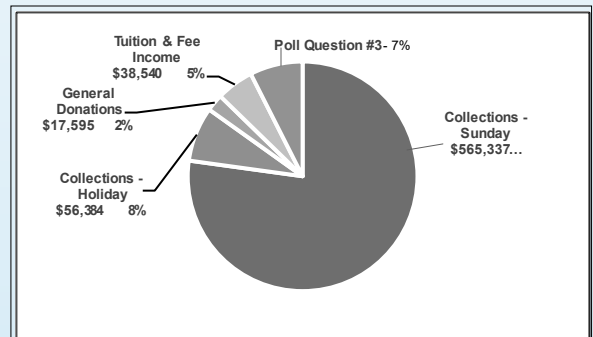
This week, we'll focus on the money that comes into St. Teresa, also known as Operational Income. Since our Starbucks card incentive was so successful, we'd like to offer another \$5 gift card to the first five people who answer this question:

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) or Maggie Fernandez (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%
Poll Question #3	\$ 54,526	7%
Total	\$ 732,382	100%

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
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	536	529	575	525
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 7-15-17	5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Lisa Hazelka	Shannon Clinton	Leigh Hartley Eric Fredericks
Next French Mass Saturday 8-12-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 7-16-17	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Valerie Williams	Michael Zost Andrew De Leonardis Brian Shea	Mary Jo Weis Barb Schell Rose Ohiku Philip Malloy
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 8-6-17	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 7-16-17	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Christopher Parente	Bert Olson	Ellen Moiani Kevin Ludden
Sunday 7-16-17	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Minister Needed Lector: Doug Lovette	Jane Bronson Pete Doyle Veronique Caffrey	Sara Hock Daniel Cortese Abel Gonzalez Robert Martinez

Sunday, July 9

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:00 am, Church, Baptism Preparation
- 7:00 pm, PC, Young Adult Book Club

Monday, July 10

- 5:30 pm, PC, New Parishioner Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, July 11

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

Wednesday, July 12

- No Activities Planned

Thursday, July 13

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Committee

Friday, July 14

- 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

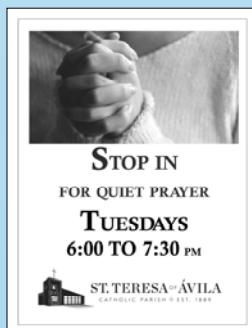
Saturday, July 15

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution

Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Benedict
Thursday: St. Henry
Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Saturday: St. Bonaventure

- Domingo:** Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Martes: San Benito
Jueves: San Enrique
Viernes: Santa Kateri Tekakwitha
Sábado: San Buenaventura



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

Saturday, July 8

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

Sunday, July 9

9:00 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

12:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Let Us Pray

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
Joyce Jaszczor
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 on our 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 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

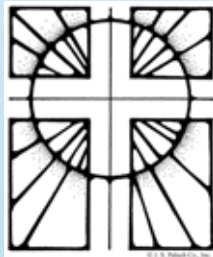
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Gn 28:10-22a; Sal 91 (90):1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Martes:	Gn 32:23-33; Sal 17 (16):1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Miércoles:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Jueves:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Viernes:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Sal 37 (36):3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Sábado:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Domingo:	Is 55:10-11; Sal 65 (64):10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Treasures from Tradition

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the “Wife of Bath,” by this telling remark: “Husbands at church door she had five.” Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride’s home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren’t too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride’s family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride’s father to the priest’s authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren’t quite as confident as the Wife of Bath. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



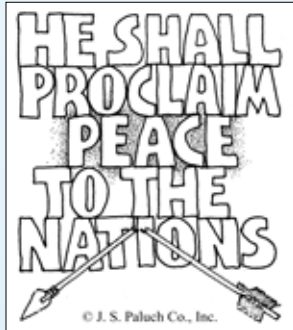
Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En el año 2001, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez Santiago se convirtió en el primer laico caribeño beatificado por la Iglesia. Su vida fue ejemplar en la caridad y en el amor a la liturgia, pues promovió la participación de los fieles de una manera activa, mucho antes de que el Concilio Vaticano II así lo pidiera. En 1963 una colitis rectal muy severa lo llevó a los brazos de Cristo resucitado, a la edad de 44 años.

Carlitos, como muchos lo llaman, trabajó en la Universidad de Puerto Rico y fundó un grupo apostólico laical en el Centro Católico de dicha universidad. Allí pudo obrar por el desarrollo del humanismo cristiano, la participación activa de los laicos en la liturgia de la Iglesia y por la renovación de la Vigilia Pascual. Solía decir que los cristianos “vivimos para esa noche” como cumbre y centro de nuestra fe.

Carlitos es modelo para los laicos comprometidos con su fe. Él insistía no sólo en una participación activa en la pastoral de la Iglesia, sino también en la liturgia de la Iglesia en una época donde la Misa todavía se consideraba obra exclusiva de los sacerdotes. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

A Humble King



Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and

humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Un Rey Humilde



Como el centro tonal en música, la nota que sigue retornando en las lecturas de hoy es la humildad. Esperamos con gozosa expectativa la venida de nuestro Señor como Rey. Pero se nos dice que

esperemos y nos regocijemos en este manso y humilde rey, montado en un burrito. No en el caballo o el carruaje de los grandes y poderosos, sino en una humilde bestia que carga al Rey cuyo dominio se extiende "desde el gran río hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra" (Zacarías 9:10). Este Rey viene a desterrar las armas del guerrero y a traer la paz. ¡No es de extrañar que un mundo abatido se regocije y dé gracias a Dios! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Nuestro Salvador es un pacificador que reina hasta los confines de la tierra (Zacarías 9:9-10).

Salmo — Siempre bendeciré tu nombre, mi rey y mi Dios (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Si por el Espíritu matan las obras de la carne, vivirán en el Espíritu de Dios (Romanos 8: 9, 11-13).

Evangelio — Vengan a mí los que se sientan cargados y agobiados, porque yo los aliviaré (Mateo 11:25-30).

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 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

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

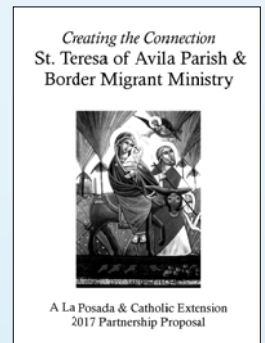


If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, contact Lisa Hanzelka at lhanzelka@gmail.com.

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.



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.

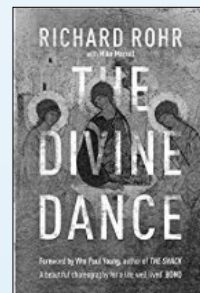
We invite volunteer catechists from all nearby parishes to share God's love for us with those who are so often forgotten.

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

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

Book Club this Weekend!

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

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/ (please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)

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

Carpooling will be available.



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

Banishing the Warrior's Bow

Battles over elections happen in all countries. Elections are peaceful where the transition of power can be seamless. In some countries, there is so much unrest it doesn't feel like anything can be accomplished. Riots in the streets, children fearing their parents may be deported, and so much more. Even attending peaceful protests, do you wonder when the next battle will erupt? Is there really a chance for peace?

The first reading says, "The warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." We need peace more than ever. It seems like the warrior's bow has been extended beyond our borders. A life of following Jesus means wars will cease if we listen. But, how do we listen? Are we listening with our hearts or listening with conditions? Will we only follow if it happens this way or that? We need to listen like the little children in the Gospel today.

"See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he." How do we transform our lives in a way that models this king, who is meek and banishes the warrior's bow? "He shall declare peace to the nations." Is our world so wrapped up in fighting the powers that be that we are completely missing the one true king just as was mentioned in Scripture? Sometimes it seems as if this just savior cannot come fast enough. Being surrounded by unrest can be wearisome for our souls.

We each have bows and



Jesus offers something that the laws cannot. He offers an easing of burdens to the people. His yoke is easy and his burden is light. We are not alone in our burdens.

swords that can hurt our neighbors. Swords come in the form of words and actions. What swords do we brandish? Are you holding the sword of discrimination? Of bitterness? Without these swords, we are free to live as the king who declares peace to his people.

How frustrating it must have been for Jesus. He was sent by God to bring people to God. Yet, some of those considered wise in the day had no understanding, constantly questioning Jesus. Trying to trip him up with responses to all of the laws they created, they seemed to want Jesus to fail. Perhaps the mercy offered by Jesus was a much greater threat.

In today's Gospel Jesus gives thanks that the little ones understand. They learn with their heart. Many of the Pharisees and

others are so bogged down in the rules and regulations that they can hardly grasp what Jesus is telling them.

The only way to learn about God is through Jesus because Jesus is the way to the Father. Jesus wants to reveal the Father to all, but perhaps it is only the young that are open to knowing the God of compassion and understanding.

Jesus offers something that the laws cannot. He offers an easing of burdens to the people. His yoke is easy and his burden is light. We are not alone in our burdens.

How can we prepare our hearts and minds to understand what Jesus is asking? How can we bury our own swords and unstring our harmful bows? Can we string our bows with loving kindness? Can we string our bows with compassion for those struggling to get by with little?

Children don't need manifestos on the merits of law. They understand through simple ways. Don't you find it easier to learn the importance of loving your neighbor through a parable? It's both memorable and manageable.

Aren't children often less encumbered by worries sometimes listening with their hearts to God's word.

How will you open your heart to hear God's word today?

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Evangelization

Seeking a Leader

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

Help with Stress...

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

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

For information about ...

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

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
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Weekend Masses

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

⁺ First and third Saturdays, September through June

* First Sundays

Weekday Masses

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

