

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH # EST. 1889



Faith & Spirit, Alive

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2018

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

Rev. Frank John Latzko. Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹) Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM ¹ First & Second Saturdays ² First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Save the Date! Ministry Fair, February 24th-25th

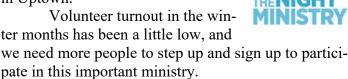
The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on February 24th-25th! A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our parish ministries, and how to get involved. The Fair will be open after all weekend masses and will feature food, drink and raffle prizes! Stay tuned for more details.

Save the Date! Volunteer Appreciation Party, May 18th

Mark your calendars for May 18th. The Stewardship Committee hosts this annual appreciation party in celebration of all of the people who put in effort, no matter how big or how small, to make our community a special place to worship and give.

Night Ministry Volunteers Needed!

St. Teresa volunteers serve a meal every other Wednesday alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus in Uptown.



Winter is a particularly hard time for the poor and homeless in Chicago, and a couple of hours of your time will go a long way in providing comfort to a stranger and nourishing your own spirit.

There are three ways to get involved:

- Cook a meal with fellow parishioners here at St. Teresa
- Serve the meal directly to the homeless alongside the Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus
- Contribute to the meal by baking chocolate chip cookies at home and delivering them to St. Teresa

You can sign up to volunteer at signup.com/go/gxXR2u

New Member Dinner

We warmly invite new registered members to join us on Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30pm for our quarterly New Member Dinner.



The evening begins with a tour of the church led by Fr. Frank,

followed by drinks and appetizers in the gathering space, and a catered dinner in the parish center.

This is wonderful chance to get to know other parish members, both new and old. Invitations are sent by evite.

If you haven't yet registered as a member of St. Teresa of Avila parish and you would like to, please email robrien@stteresaparish.org, or fill out the contact form on our website at st-teresa.net/register.

Sign up for online giving at

GiveCentral

for your weekly offertory and other donations!

Three reasons to sign up:

- $1. \ \, \text{Give Central is completely safe and secure as it follow SSL encryption standards}.$
- 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.



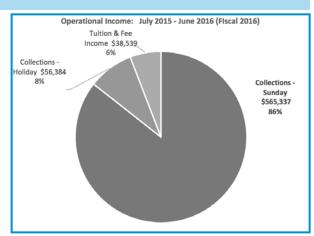
Fiscal Year Cheer

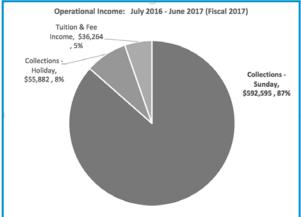
We've had an eventful and successful close to the calendar year 2017. We finished the remodeling of the rectory to allow for more staff offices and provide room for the expanding classes in the church. The remodeling was done on time, under budget, and high quality! No longer do the staff have to share a seat or take turns at a desk. There's also a great meeting space for Father Frank in the rectory without the risk of interrupting the education program.

Beginning this calendar year 2018, we are undergoing a Renew My Church review. More information to follow in the next several weeks when the review begins. Fortunately, our finances are doing very well, thanks to all the parishioners.

Monthly Sunday Collections increased 5% from fiscal 2016 to fiscal 2017. As our Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 – June 2017) has ended, we are doing better than we were last fiscal year (July 2015 – June 2016). Our Sunday collections totaled \$592,596, a 5% increase from 2016 and a 17% increase from 2015. Our Sunday Collections cover nearly 75% of St. Teresa's operating expenses.

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Teresa. Without your continued help, we would not be on a path to a more stable financial position.





Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

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	Sunday:	1-7-18	1-14-18	1-21-18	1-28-18	
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		75	72	66	80	k.
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		60	-	100	-	(A)
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		220	230	245	170	
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		40	_	_	_	△ 10
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		175	165	160	165	24
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		130	170	120	121	784 (3)
Total We	ekend Mass Attendance	700	647	691	537	
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		8	8	8	8	43 10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		3	3	3	3	
Confessions this Week		1	0	0	1	
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		1	1	2	0	
Funerals since January 2018		0	1	1	2	
Weddings since January 2018		0	0	0	0	
Baptisms since January 2018		0	2	6	6	

There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's October Count averaged for 2016, 550; for 2017,628 people at weekend Masses; The 2017/18 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621. 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.

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup	
Saturday 2-17-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Erick Fredericks	Lisa Hanzelka	Kari Richardson Carly Johnston	
French Mass Saturday 2-17-18	6:30 PM					
Sunday 2-1818	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Anastasia Biullinger	Michael Zost Minister Needed (H3) Rose Ohiku	Elizabeth Cuda Jocelyn Lutkus Mary Serrahn Frank Swiderski	
Sunday 2-18-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Anthony Rivera	Maria Montes	Aimee Jaszczor Alice Morales-Villenas	
Sunday 2-18-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Sharon Lindstrom	Mike Usiak Kevin Ludden Eileen Raia	Cara Gannon Dani Shane Sara Hock Veronique Caffrey	

Week's Activities

Sunday, February 11 Cuisine du Coeur

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- 10:30 am, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 10:30 am, REC, Sacramental Preparation
- 3:30 pm, REC, CGS Makeup
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge/Quest
- 4:30 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Monday, February 12

- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - Tuesday, February 13
- 4:00 pm, REC, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · 6:00 pm, REC-PC, SPRED TC
- · 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- · 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Ash Wednesday, February 14

- 7:30 am, Church, Mass with Ashes
- · 12:00 pm, Church, Ashes Service
- · 7:00 pm, Church, Mass with Ashes
- 8:00 pm, PC, Refugee Ministry Meeting

Thursday, February 15

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, February 16

- · 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, February 17

- · 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry
- · 4:30 pm, REC, CCFC 1st Reconciliation

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

Time; World Marriage Day;

World Day of the Sick

Monday: Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's

Day; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: Abstinence;

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of

the Servite Order

Domingo: Sexto Domingo del Tiempo

Ordinario; Día Mundial del

Matrimonio; Jornada Mundial

de los Enfermos

Lunes: Nacimiento de Abraham

Lincoln

Martes: Martes de Carnaval; Mardi

Gras

Miércoles: Miércoles de Ceniza; Ayuno

y Abstinencia; Día de san

Valentín

Viernes: Abstinencia

Sábado: Los Siete Santos Fundadores

de la Orden de los Siervos de

María

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, February 24

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

Saturday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 17

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

Saturday, March 24

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	Saturday, February 10 Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Sunday, February 11	Please pray for the deceased Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Joyce
9:00 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish	Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

February Baptisms

Skylar Annalise MacKenzie (2-3-18), Alexander Bower (2-10-18)

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

Alicia Anderson Jason Andre Dorothy Barns Berta Billalvazo Michelle Brandt Patricia Chuck Elizabeth Ryan Dean Michael De Blasis Alex DeNoma Kathy Derrick Kim Duffy Isabelle Eiffert Jackson Fineske & Family Pat Folland Alice Flynn Eloisa Gallegos Michael Gibbons Angela Goldberg Kaylee Gommel

Bolivar Gonzales, Jr. Les Gordon Mrs. Grabarczyk George Halloran Kellar Harris Peg Hausen 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
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
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez

Ray Romero Jeffrey Roscoe Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, O

Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD Susan Violapiano Jack Williams Valerie Williams Mae Witry David Zeunert

For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetra-

tors of sexual abuse

Jack Schank Will Sullivan

Mima Tome

Sara Vega

Marianne Usiak

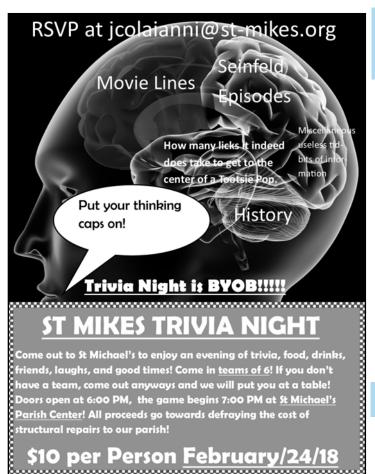
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between January 30th and February 3rd: Luis Morales; Martez Mayo; Darryl Bailey; Donald Holmes; Diane Taylor; Beatrice Jones; Brandon Porter-Young; and Trevor Evans.

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.st the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

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What's in Your Closet?



PLEASE DONATE:

Your barely used, freshly laundered or dry cleaned men's and women's designer apparel, accessories, fine jewelry, handbags, and shoes to Catholic Charities Encore Fundraiser to benefit Mary's Closet!

Catholic Charities Mary's Closet program offers professional attire and job readiness consultation to men and women in their final steps toward selfsufficiency as they are seeking employment or celebrating other life milestones.

Please mark all donations "ENCORE" and drop-off by April 6:
Catholic Charities
St. Francis Xavier Parish
377 Rand Rd. Dec Plaines
574 Rh. St. Wilmosto

1717 Rand Rd., Des Plaines Tues/Thurs: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Parish 524 9th St., Wilmette Weekends in sanctuary Weekdays in parish office



SAVE-THE-DATE for Encore, a designer resale event, on April 27 and 28.

Visit www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset for more information.

Men's Spirituality Fat Tuesday Celebration

Join us next Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, for an opportunity to start the Lenten Season and get acquainted with the Men's Spirituality Ministry. Where: Shoes Pub, 1134 W. Armitage Ave., from 6:00 pm on.



The purpose of the Men' Spirituality Ministry is to help further spirituality and the responsibilities of Christian men of all ages. We do this through discussion, study, reflection, sharing, volunteering and fellowship.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, at 6:30 am for coffee and bagels and periodically in the evening for a social hour.

Please join us next Tuesday at Shoes.

Prayer Cards

Do you or does someone you know need prayers? Fill out a prayer request card and pin it to the wooden cross in the church.

Want to let someone know that you're praying for them? Just initial and date the prayer card on the cross.



Blank *Prayer Request Cards* can be found on the table next to the wooden cross near the statue of Our Lady of Providence in the church.

Friday Morning Play Group

The Friday morning playgroup is looking for new moms or dads that would like to get out of the house for a few hours on Friday mornings!



The group welcomes anyone; it is not necessary to be a member of the parish to join. We meet from 10:00 am to noon on Fridays in the school attached to the parish center.

For more information, find 'St. T's Tot Spot' on Facebook and ask to join the group or email Kate Lynch at klynch@stteresaparish.org.

Please pass along the information to anyone that might be interested. We look forward to seeing new faces!

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Next Sunday

Troops will be selling Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas and all your favorite varieties after the 9:00am and 12:00pm Masses on Sunday, February 18th.



Cookies are \$5/box, both cash and credit are ac-

cepted. Giving up sweets for Lent? Consider donating a box to our Food Pantry or the Troops overseas. Thin Mints taste best in the freezer after Easter too!

All Girl Scouts are welcome to join the booth sale.

Please contact Janel Palm to sign up for a time. janelpalm@mac.com 773-575-3028

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays in Lent.



Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics 18 years old but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid

food between meals is not permitted.

The Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy/Saturday.

Regulaciones de Cuaresma

La abstinencia de carne es para ser observado por todos los católicos de 14 años o mayores en el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma.



El ayuno es para ser observado el miércoles de ceniza por todos los católicos de 18 años, pero aún no 59. Los que están obligados por la presente puede tomar sólo una comida completa. Dos comidas más pequeñas se permiten si es necesario para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo a las necesidades de uno, pero comer alimentos sólidos entre comidas no está permitido.

El ayuno, así como la abstinencia Pascual, se prescriben para el Viernes Santo y alentó para el Sábado Santo.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk

1:12-15

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-

76; Mc 8:11-13

Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15,

18-19; Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25 **Viernes:** Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt

9:14-15

Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32 **Domingo:** Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22;

Mc 1:12-15

Treasures from Tradition

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native

islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built

a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta semana recordamos a san Valentín, obispo y mártir. En EE. UU. se conmemora el amor de parejas, novios y esposos. Según la tradición, san Valentín, en el año 270, contradijo al emperador y casó

a varias parejas después de que el emperador hubiese prohibido el matrimonio para mandar los hombres al ejército. Valentín fue encarcelado y allí se enamoró de la hija ciega del carcelero (en aquel tiempo los obispos y los sacerdotes se podían casar). El santo le dio la vista a la muchacha y se hicieron novios. Llegado el día de su martirio Valentín le dejó una carta de despedida con el carcelero. La firmó "De tu Valentín".

En algunos países latinoamericanos el 14 de febrero es la celebración del amor y la amistad. Los novios son importantes, pero la persona no

puede vivir sólo con el amor de pareja. Los humanos estamos hechos para varios tipos de amor. Estamos hechos para el amor que nos trasciende a nosotros mismos. Este es el amor cristiano, el que no se limita a familia, amigos. El que es valiente, como lo significa Valentín, ama a todos aun a la persona que es diferente a uno. (San Valentín no está hoy día ni en el Santoral ni en el Misal Romano.) — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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Give God the Glory

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about

it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in

Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well to-

A Dios Toda la Gloria

Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente

> a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran "secreto" que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesárea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que

Jesús "se rebajó a sí mismo" para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus

13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — El leproso habitará solo, fuera del

campamento (Levítico 13:1-2, 44-46). Salmo — Tú eres mi refugio; me rodeas de cantos de liberación (Salmo

Segunda lectura — Haz todo por la gloria de Dios; sean imitadores de Cristo (1 Corintios 10:31 — 11:1).

Evangelio — Jesús, después de haber curado a un hombre leproso, le pide que no se lo cuente a nadie (Marcos 1:40-45).

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Attend Renew My Church Meeting Feb. 26th

Jesus Christ calls us to constantly renew His Church. *Renew My Church* is the Archdiocese of Chicago's response to His call and our invitation for renewal.

Through a multitude of *Renew My Church* initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need.

Today, we face a trending crisis of faith. Fewer people than ever are connected with organized religion. Many who identify as Catholic do not attend weekly Mass. Overall, we see an increase in signs of a broken world. As a result of this crisis, we find ourselves with less people and financial resources for ministry. However, we are a strong and committed Church that will work together to overcome the challenges we face today and in the centuries to come.

One initiative of *Renew My Church* is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey from now through May will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- Assess current realities in our community,
- Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts.
- Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future, and
- Compile our feedback to share with the Archdiocese as we move to the discernment and decision phase of this important process

We Invite You

As a first step, we invite you to join parish leadership for our first *Renew My Church* parish session on February 26th at 6:30 pm in Parish Center at 1950 N. Kenmore.

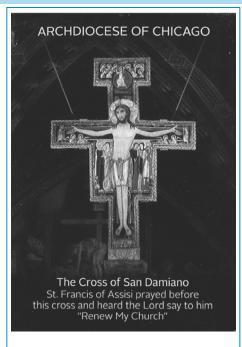
During this session we will:

- Discuss Renew My Church and the process we are beginning together;
- Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping; and,
- Answer any questions you may have

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Let us hold each other and the other parish and school communities in our grouping in prayer as we enter this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.

Visit archchicago.org/renew to learn more.



A Prayer For "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.

In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council Jessica Marx Jose Cerva Anna Althoff Mary Paz R Bertel Olson Tom Micins

Luke Kolman

Chris Parente

Kate Lynch

Jose Cervantes Mary Paz Ramirez Tom Micinski Rebecca O'Brien

Finance Council

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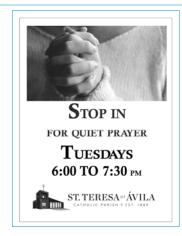
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Help with Stress...

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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

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