

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA
CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889



Faith & Spirit, *Alive*

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

“This I command you:
Love one another.”

— John 15:17



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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 7:00 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities

- The Time of Your Life Gala Auction is around the corner - Can you donate items for the auction? Seeking vacation homes, airline tickets, sport and theater tickets, dinners, and other unique experiences. Email annmarie.p. Kearney@gmail.com .
- Are you a graphic designer? We are looking for a volunteer designer to assist with our upcoming website and bulletin re-design. Email robrien@stteresaparish.org.
- Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? A training will be held Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm. Email lilul1@juno.com.



If you'd like to chat more about how you can put your God given talents to use here at St. Teresa, email Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Stewards of Our Gifts

Believe it or not, summer is almost here. School will be dismissed, and our members will be engaged in summer activities, family vacations and trips to the lake house.

Summer is a joyous time, and we realize that you may not make it to mass every weekend, but your support can stay at home and arrive at the parish at the usual time.

Our small parish relies on steady, predictable income to sustain our mission. Consider setting up automated weekly or monthly giving to do your part in assisting our community as expenses continue to arrive each month during the summer.

We hope that you have a beautiful, memorable, and safe summer this year!

Set up online giving at
givecentral.org/location/209/3495



Volunteer Appreciation Party

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce this year's volunteer appreciation party will be held at **Goose Island Brewery** located at 1800 N. Clybourn Avenue. The party will take place on Friday, May 18 from 5:30-8:30 pm.

ALL who have volunteered at St. Teresa IN ANY WAY are invited to come together and celebrate how sharing our time, talent, and treasure makes St. Teresa's such a special place.

RSVPs are required. Invitations have been sent via Evite (be sure to check your spam folder). If you did not receive your invitation, and have volunteered in ANY way at St. Teresa, please email christopher.parente@email.com to RSVP.



Night Ministry Needs Volunteers

St. Teresa volunteers serve a meal every other Wednesday alongside the *Night Ministry Health Outreach Bus* in Up-town.

New dates have just been posted on **signup.com**, and we need people to step up and sign up to participate in this important ministry. 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 on the streets 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**



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

Refugee Update

St. Teresa recently welcomed Emerence, Solange (13) and Olive (11) from the Democratic Republic of the Congo into our St. Teresa family! Solange and Olive began school last week, and Emerence is busy studying English and creating a home for the family. Catholic Charities will assist Emergence with finding employment in the coming weeks. This is the third family that St. Teresa of Avila parishioners have sponsored. Parishioners will be meeting with the family weekly to offer friendship, assist with English practice and contribute to the family's acclimation to living in Chicago.



If you would like to get involved, email Nhu Phan at nhu712@icloud.com
Donations can be made by check, with "refugee" in the memo line,
or online at st-teresa.net.

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday:	4-1-18	4-8-18	4-15-18	4-22-18	4-29-18
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance		171	82	68	52	77
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)		-	40	65	-	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance		653	285	220	350	215
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)		80	-	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance		320	200	200	180	125
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance		80	125	120	190	150
Total Weekend Mass Attendance		1,304	732	673	772	567
Average Weekday Mass Attendance		12	10	10	10	11
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance		5	5	5	5	5
Confessions this Week		0	0	0	0	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week		0	0	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2018		0	0	2	2	2
Weddings since January 2018		0	0	0	0	0
Baptisms since January 2018		8	9	9	12	13



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 2017/2018 monthly averages are: January, 489/644; February, 570/566; March, 640/637; April, 705/810; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621; November 622. 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

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 5-12-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Eric Fredericks	Luke Kolman	Kari Richardson Leigh Hartley
Sunday 5-13-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Mary Serrahn	Molly Malloy Carly Johnston Brian Shea	Philip Malloy James Lutkus Veronique Caffrey Elizabeth Cuda
Sunday 5-13-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Mike Usiak	Alice Morales-Villenas	Bob Pedro Aimee Jaszczor
Sunday 5-13-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Sara Hock Lector: Doug Lovette	Dani Shain Andrew De Leonardis Anne Heller	Eileen Raia Cara Gannon Bert Olson Minister Needed

Week's Activities

Sunday, May 6

- 12:00 pm, Church, SPRED Mass
- 3:30 pm, REC, Catechesis Make-up
- 4:30 pm, REC, Edge

Monday, May 7

- 12:00 pm, PC, Deanery Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

- 6:15 am, PC, Men's Spirituality
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

- 6:30 pm, Church-PC, Funeral Mass

Thursday, May 10

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 6:30 pm, PC-2, Bible Study

Friday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 12

- 7:30am, Church, CCFC Retreat
- 10:00 am, PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thursday: St. Damien de Veuster
Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

Domingo: Sexto Domingo de Pascua
Jueves: San Damiano José de Veuster
Sábado: Santos Nereo y Aquiles; San Pancracio



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 FOR QUIET PRAYER
TUESDAYS
 6:00 TO 7:30 PM

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Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 26

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

Saturday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 9

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, May 5

5:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Sunday, May 6

9:00 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
10:30 am Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
12:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
6:00 pm Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Michael Dudash, Andrea Harris, Edward Nevada, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Noemie Sylvestre, Eddy Velazquez, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

May Baptisms

Claire Marie Torchen (5-6-18), Lucy Marie Baker (5-6-18), Kaius Nolan Lynch (5-6-18), Peter Wagner (5-13-18), Miles Demko Barran (5-13-18),

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

Alicia Anderson
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
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, OCD
Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Will Sullivan

Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Elizabeth Ann True
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 pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week -- **Cory Hicks; Willie Clarke; Maurice Alexander; Lorenzo Reed; Carolina Gonzalez; Richard Matthews; Lazarick West; Martin Duncan; Allavar Taylor; Johnny Shanklin; Lavelle Jones; Kyle Moor; and Finner Bryant.**

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 leave the names of the deceased parishioners and friends on the list for about twelve months.

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Join Men's Spirituality

Are you interested in deepening your faith life through discussion with fellow male parishioners?



The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites you every second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 am for prayer and conversation.

**The Next
Men's Spirituality
Meeting is on
Tuesday, May 8th**

For more details, contact Craig Dean
at cdean@aegpartners.com.

Ongoing Bible Study

We are having two Bible study sessions this year:



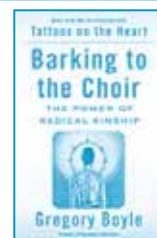
- **Monday nights** at 7:00 pm at Next Door Café 659 W. Diversey Pkwy.
Leader: Jackie Koesters,
jackiekoesters@gmail.com, (773) 372-3186.
- **Thursday nights** at 7:00 pm in the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Center. Please enter at 1950 N. Kenmore Ave.
Leader: Maggie Fernandez,
mfernandez@stteresaparish.org, (312) 497-8069.

We realize that people are busy and may not be able to attend every session. Most participants will miss some sessions and the study is designed so that you can participate in each study even if you didn't attend the previous session.

Please email or text Jackie or Maggie with questions.

Book Discussion at St. Vincent De Paul on May 10th

There will be a discussion of *Barking to the Choir* by Gregory Boyle on Thursday, May 10th, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Portail Room of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center at 1010 W. Webster Ave.—all women are welcome.



In his book, Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest and founder of Homeboy Industries, traces his experiences of working with gangs in Los Angeles for three decades, sharing what his efforts have taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of radical kinship.

**Sponsored by Vincentian Women
at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.**

For more information, please contact Mary Carter
at mcarter40@depaul.edu

**Pauline
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**St. Teresa Avila
Parish**
May 26-27, 2018
Scheduled Weekend Masses

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Sunday, May 20th

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

1950 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614

Parish Center

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Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost by giving a pint of life to those most in need. Our annual Spring Blood Drive is a wonderful way to conclude the Easter Season. Christ has given us new life and here is an opportunity for our turn to give others new life.

Date: Sunday, May 20th

Time: 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

Location: Parish Center

Blood Donors and Hospitality Volunteers are needed.

Donors: Please make your appointment on-line at: www.heartlandbc.org
Have a healthy breakfast with plenty of water or juice before donating
Remember to bring your photo ID and friend or two. Make it your Sunday Social

Volunteers: Would you have one or two hours before or after Mass to share your smile?

Please e-mail Mark Buciak at: mark.buciak@rcn.com

Thank you for sharing God's gift of life with those most in need.

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn
16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-
14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-
23; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-
13]; Mk 16:15-20

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-
14; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23
Jn 16:16-20

Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-
23

Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: Ascensión, Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-
3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-
13]; Mc 16:15-20

Treasures from Tradition

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called “Lady Month,” which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as may-pole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do. — Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Durante la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: “Yo soy la vid, ustedes son los sarmientos” (Juan 15:5). Jesús añade que los sarmientos (ramas) que permanecen en él, dan mucho fruto. Según la agricultura, la vid es una parra, es decir, una planta perenne de ramas frondosas.

Una parte importante de la vid son las hojas. Es obvio que una vid tiene hojas, pero Jesús no las menciona, prefiere enfocarse en los sarmientos. Las partes de la vid son las raíces, tronco, sarmientos, hojas, flores y fruto. Según esta división Jesús sería el tronco, pero él dice ser la vid completa. Esta es una imagen de la unidad que Jesús quiere entre sus seguidores. Recordemos que Jesús celebra la Última Cena con sus discípulos. La comunidad de discípulos unidos a Jesús formamos la vid. Los sarmientos o ramas conducen agua y minerales a las hojas, flores y frutos, y son útiles en tanto estén unidos a la vid. Lo mismo vale de los cristianos, discípulos de Jesús. Son ellos y ellas los que hacen presente y le dan vida a Jesús en el mundo de hoy. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Love One Another

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday’s selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God’s love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer “shows partiality” to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God’s love extends to all people, and so should ours. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Amense Unos a Otros

En el Evangelio para el Sexto Domingo de Pascua nos encontramos con un desafío extraordinario. Jesús nos dice: “ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 15:12). La carta del apóstol san Juan retoma este mandamiento. Por supuesto, debemos amar a nuestros familiares, nuestros colegas, las personas que nos agradan. Pero la

Sagrada Escritura aclara que también debemos amar a los que ignoramos, a los que evitamos deliberadamente e incluso a los que nos sentimos tentados de despreciar.

En la selección de los Hechos de los Apóstoles para este domingo, Pedro nos muestra hasta dónde llega el amor de Dios y hasta dónde debe llegar nuestra respuesta de amor. Pedro comprende que Dios ya “no hace distinciones” y no comparte su amor divino exclusivamente con los judíos. Cristo ha revelado que el amor de Dios llega a todas las personas y lo mismo debe hacer el nuestro. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Salmo — El Señor revela a las naciones su justicia (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) o 1 Juan 4:11-16.

Evangelio — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17) o Juan 17:11b-19.

A New Community

For some time now, the headlines have been abuzz: Prince Harry will wed Meghan Markle at St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. All the pageantry and pomp and splendor of this great spectacle are certain to be watched by millions throughout the world. The horse-drawn, gold-lined carriage. The splendor of the royal costumes. The historic beauty of the castle. The blaring of the trumpets. The storied exquisiteness of the ancient liturgy.

All of it will be scrutinized in a riveting fashion by people from every walk of life. Why? Because it's a love story. And we become ecstatic about love stories. We can't get enough of them. It seems there's a certain kind of magic about them that draws us to such stories, a sense of fairy-tale enchantment that fires up our imaginations. Because of that, countless love songs have been sung, poems written, dramas acted out, movies filmed, books published — all based on an endless longing for experiencing that life-enhancing allure of being loved, cherished, prized, exquisitely valued by someone — and then carried off into rapturous moments of delight.

Or, as someone as expressive as the great poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning put it in "Sonnet 43," Love embraces "the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach." Then there's none other than Dr. Seuss' explanation for why stories about love can be so compelling: "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."



All of the great stories Jesus ever told — the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the woman caught in adultery, the washing of the feet, the cleansing of the lepers, the curing of the blind and the lame — all of these tell the same single tale: Each of us is graciously, eternally and infinitely loved.

And, of course, there's always the cherished words of St. Paul: "[Love] believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ... the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:7-13).

Love stories. We just can't get enough of them. Jesus loved love stories too.

We know this because he so often spoke of this aching need within each of us, this eternal longing of the heart.

The Gospel for this Sunday addresses the issue of love head on: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." This statement sums up the entirety of all the Gospels and all the epistles and all the spiritual writings and all the church teachings that have ever been produced through the centuries.

If we truly "get" this one statement — "As the Father loves

me, so I also love you" — then everything else becomes mere window dressing.

Because what Jesus is telling us in this profound and dazzling Gospel reading is that you and I are loved in the same way and to the same extent that Jesus is loved by God the Father! It's breathtaking when you stop to think about it.

Look back in the Gospels and see for yourself. All of the great stories Jesus ever told — the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the woman caught in adultery, the washing of the feet, the cleansing of the lepers, the curing of the blind and the lame — all of these tell the same single tale: Each of us is graciously, eternally and infinitely loved.

Out of that conviction, the poet Francis Thompson in "The Hound of Heaven" placed these words in the mouth of God "Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest, I am He Whom thou seekest."

Jesus then ends this stunning and startling Gospel message by telling us that we are not slaves who do not know what the master is doing. We are "friends."

As a result of this boundless love relationship that Jesus offers to each of us, he makes only one single request — the very same one he gave to his disciples: "This I command you: love one another."

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
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Anna Althoff is president of the Parish Pastoral Council. Email: anna.althoff@livehealthsmart.com

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

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The Finance Council usually meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Stewardship Committee

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Please contact Rebecca O'Brien for information on joining the Stewardship committee. Email is robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Stewardship Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Office Information & Bulletin Deadlines

Parish Offices are located at 1037 W. Armitage Ave. Phone is (773) 528-6650. FAX is (773) 871-6766. Hours are: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The submission deadline for most Sunday bulletins is 11:00 am on the Monday before; deadlines are accelerated for the holidays. The bulletin is also published electronically on st-teresa.net. Please contact Dean at dvaeth@stteresaparish.org for more information.



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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. Six percent of our Sunday collections 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)

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For information about ...

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