



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 29, 2018

When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

-- John 6:14



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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

¹First & Second Saturdays ²First 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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Summer Service Opportunities

We need you this summer! Attendance often drops during vacation season but we promise to maintain our commitment to service - our Mass schedule will remain the same, and our ministry to the poor continues. We cannot do this without volunteers. Read on for opportunities and sign up to help. Thank you for dedicating some time this season to serving others!

Food Pantry: Every Saturday morning from 9am - 12pm. Supervised kids welcome.

Loaves & Fishes Dinners: Every Friday night, supervised kids welcome. Set up and serve from 3:30pm-6:30pm, or share a meal with our guests from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Night Ministry Meal Service: Every other Wednesday. Bake cookies and bring to St. Teresa. Help cook a meal from 6:00pm-8:30pm, or take the meal out to the streets from 9pm-11pm.

Host Fellowship: Every Sunday following the 9am Mass. Bring treats, juice, make coffee and clean up. A great way for individuals, couples and families to help grow our community.

Browse spots and register online at signup.com/go/stteresa.

Time of Your Life

The Time of Your Life Gala returns to Germania Place for one more year, Saturday, November 17th. Enjoy a “magical” evening of dinner, drinks, dancing, and stellar auctions to support the ministries of St. Teresa of Avila. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we cannot do it without your support. There are two ways to help right now!

1) Purchase your tickets at timeofyourlifegala.com. Tickets are \$150/person, or \$1500 for a table of 10. Purchase in July and receive a \$25 auction credit for each ticket purchased.

2) Donate items or sponsorships! Do you have sports or theater tickets, a boat, a vacation home, airline vouchers, etc? Do you have a business, or are you able to commit to a sponsorship for our event? Email Annmarie.p.kearney@gmail.com to donate items for auction, or to discuss sponsorship packages.



Everyday Stewardship

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” (JOHN 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

How have you seen God multiply your gifts in your life? What gifts do you have that you have yet to share? What steps can you take to overcome the obstacles that prevent you from sharing your gifts in full?

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

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Financial Collections	Tax Credit Scholarships
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Date	Collections Basket	Give Central	Total
7-1-18	\$2,537	7/1 - 7/3 \$8,168	\$10,075
7-8-18	\$3,786	7/4 - 7/10 \$8,775	\$12,561
7-15-18	\$2,505	7/11 - 7/17 \$6,527	\$9,032
YTD 7/1/18 - 7/17/18	\$8,828	\$23,470	\$32,298

Are you interested in supporting low income students with your tax dollars? A 75% state tax credit is available for donations toward a qualified scholarship granting organization (SGO). St. Teresa of Avila has partnered with St. Benedict the African, one of just two schools still servicing Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, to encourage funding scholarships through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program.

This program is a great way to maximize your charitable dollars. For example, a net contribution of \$1,045 (\$4180 donation with a \$3,135 tax credit) you can support a full scholarship.

Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact the parish office.

Last Call for Avila in Action

Do you know of an organization or individual who is working to make the world a better place? Nominate them for an Avila in Action grant award! The application window will be open from June 15th-July 31st on our website at st-teresa.net/avila-in-action.

To nominate an organization, forward the application, along with instructions to include your name and contact information as the "parishioner sponsor."

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

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

	Sunday: 7-15-18
Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	43
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance (French)	-
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	220
Sunday, 10:30am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	-
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	180
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	120
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	563
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5
Confessions this Week	0
Anointin/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	4
Baptisms since January 2018	27

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, 573/583; June, 541/523; July, 463; August, 510; September, 566; October, 621; November 622.

In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ration of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 8-4-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Sacristan: Luke Kolman Lector: Lisa Hanzelka	Connie Becker	Carol Coffey Margaret Burke
Saturday 8-4-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 8-5-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Valerie Williams	MINISTER NEEDED Nancy Van Grinsven Molly Malloy	MINISTER NEEDED MINISTER NEEDED Mark Van Grinsven Philip Malloy
Sunday 8-5-18	10:30 AM	Rev. Tom Ess, OFM	Spanish Mass		
Sunday 8-5-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: MINISTER NEEDED Lector: Craig Scanlon	Aimee Jaszczor Tyler Paul Bob Pedro	Mary Stanton Bert Olson Colleen Sulewski Rick Mittereder
Sunday 8-5-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Abby Greaney	Pete Doyle Kevin Ludden Sharon Lindstrom	Dani Shain Eileen Raia Anne Heller Andrew De Leonardis

Week's Activities

Sunday, July 29
No Activities Planned

Monday, July 30
No Activities Planned

Tuesday, July 31
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 pm, PC, Women's Spirituality

Wednesday, August 1
No Activities Planned

Thursday, August 2
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery

Friday, August 3
5:00 pm, GS-PC, Loaves & Fishes Dinner
7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, August 4
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
6:30 pm, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Peter Chysologus

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Wednesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli
St. Peter Julian Eymard

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. John Vianney

Domingo: Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Pedro Crisólogo

Martes: San Ignacio de Loyola

Miércoles: San Alfonso María de Liguori

Jueves: San Eusebio de Vercelli
San Pedro Juliano Eymard
Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles

Viernes: Primer viernes

Sábado: San Juan María Vianney

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, August 4
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 11
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 18
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 25
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, September 1
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 28

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

Sunday, July 29

9:00 am Debbie Pily

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

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

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

August Baptisms

*Theodore Zeidan Abousaleh (8-4-18),
Makayla Rue Murphy (8-18-18)*

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Carol Coffey
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Alex DeNoma
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Helen Fasano
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
Ronald Jakubec
Krista Kutz
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Madeline 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
Juan Nigo
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Denise Rosen
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 -- **Maurice Stevenson; Quincy Harris; Tobias Robinson; Lashanna Howard; Kenshaw Youngblood; Justin Kapoor; Tavish Harris; Quentuan McClinton; Tremel Thomas; Parish McKenzie; and Andre Charleston.**

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@sttereseparish.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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♥ *Want a special gift for your spouse?*

Get Away for a Weekend Devoted to Each Other!

WWME
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August 10-12, 2018

Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL

WWME begins with a private weekend experience including presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and continues with ongoing enrichments in the community after the weekend. Learn more and apply online today!

WWME supports living in love!

For 50 years and in nearly 90 countries, Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) provides enrichments to millions of couples, priests, and religious to fulfill our mission to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world! We live out God's call to love one another – want to see? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Website: wwme-chicagoland.org

  @WWMEChicagoLand

Questions? Call (630) 577-0778 or e-mail applications@wwme-chicagoland.org

Free Family Fun Bike Ride: Chicago Kidical Mass

Chicago Family Biking presents the Free Family Fun Bike Ride:
Chicago Kidical Mass

Join us for a slow, easy-going bike ride focused on kids of all ages and families. Recommended for kids off training wheels, adults with trailers or child seats, tag-along, cargo bike, etc.

When: 3rd Saturday of every month (Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20)

Where: Wicker Park, 1425 N Damen Avenue, Chicago 60622 (on the playground)

Depart: 10:00 am

Return: 11:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoFamilyBiking/>



Our Lady of Fatima Rosary - Saturday, August 4th

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



Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a la devoción del rosario Primera-sábado a Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 4 de Agosto a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia.

Conversations with Cook County Sheriff's Office

Join us in a Panel Discussion with Cook County DOC Staff on:

Monday July 30

Come listen to the experiences and impressions of four recent visitors from our community who toured the Cook County jail as well as Staff members from Sheriff Tom Dart's office who will describe some of the programs currently offered to Cook County Jail detainees. The DOC staff will engage us in conversation about how we may be able to support their important work of reducing recidivism and preparing inmates to reenter their communities. It promises to be a very insightful and educational experience. The event will be held at St. Clement School, Fireside Hall, 2524 N Orchard Street, Chicago, 60614. For more information, please contact: Monique Fouant at mmfmmf1@yahoo.com.

The Women's Center Seeking Donations

The Women's Center in Chicago is seeking donations:

We need the following baby furniture:

- 5 car seats (all less than 7 years old) for 20-40 lb. infants
- 3 double strollers
- 3 umbrella strollers
- 4 dressers
- 3 toddler beds
- Baby food (in date)
- Enfamil formula
- Women's hygiene products
- Diapers in size 6 only.

These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity. For our address where you can deliver them to us or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

Women's Spirituality

The next Women's Spirituality gathering is on

**Tuesday, July 31st, at 7:30 pm
In the Parish Center.**

Women of St. Teresa's are invited to join the circle for prayer, reflection and conversation.

Please enter at the 1950 N. Kenmore Avenue doorway.

Contact Cathy Flaherty at cglaherty@aol.com with any questions.



NEW! Sunday Family Playgroup

A few families from the Friday play group are meeting after the 9 am Mass to go to the splash park every 2 weeks starting July 22. The more the merrier! Grab a bite at hospitality and join us at the newly renovated splash pad at Adams park. Ck St T's Tot spot on Facebook for more info.



St. Teresa's Men's Retreat

Our annual fall retreat at **Bellarmino September 7 - 9**. This year's retreat will focus on the Spiritual Exercises:

*Familiar Themes and New Images
(it is a Jesuit Retreat House after all).*

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

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Martes: Jer 14:17-22; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Sal 59 (58):2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Jueves: Jer 18:1-6; Sal 146 (145):1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes: Jer 26:1-9; Sal 69 (68):5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Sal 69 (68):15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Domingo: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Sal 78 (77):3-4, 23-25, 54; Ef 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Treasures From Tradition

Last Wednesday, the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ended with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim, earning the right to wear the scallop shell symbol of this journey of faith. In legend, this city on the northern coast of Spain is the final resting place of the apostle, and the full name of the cathedral is “Saint James of the Field of Stars.” There is a tradition that Saint James the Great preached there.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life’s journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars. After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. The most memorable feature of the cathedral is called the botofumeiro, an incense burner on pulleys and chains that sweeps through the cathedral in immense circles, swirling clouds of sweet-smelling incense around the vast nave.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El día 2 de agosto es la fiesta de Santa María de los Ángeles, patrona de Costa Rica y de los franciscanos. En 1635 la mestiza Juana Pereira descubrió una pequeña imagen de María con el Niño Dios. Varias veces la imagen se le perdió y regresaba al sitio donde la había encontrado el día 2 de agosto. Por esta razón el lugar a donde regresaba se convirtió en su santuario y se le dio el título de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en honor de la capilla dedicada a Santa María de los Ángeles afuera del pueblito de Asís en Italia.

Esta capillita reconocida como la Porciúncula (pedacito de tierra) fue restaurada por san Francisco. Allí nació la familia franciscana y Francisco insistió que los frailes nunca abandonararan ese lugar porque era consagrado a Dios. Allí María y los ángeles alababan a Dios cuando los seres humanos habían dejado de hacerlo.

Según parece, la imagen costarricense también insistió en quedarse en un pedacito de tierra consagrado a Dios donde sus hijos e hijas pueden recurrir a ella y adorar al Dios eterno.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Weekly Miracle

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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Milagro Semanal

Esta semana señala el comienzo de una especie de “desvío litúrgico”. Hemos estado escuchando el Evangelio según san Marcos durante este año litúrgico (Ciclo B). Hoy comenzamos a escuchar una larga sección del Evangelio según san Juan que empieza con el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y peces. Este milagro es un prelude de las declaraciones del Señor, que comenzaremos a escuchar en algunas semanas, en las que Jesús se llama a sí mismo el “Pan de Vida”. Cada semana

somos testigos de un milagro en la Misa. No vemos la multiplicación de panes. Lo que vemos con los ojos de la fe es el milagro de la transformación de elementos comunes, pan y vino, en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor. Una vez que hemos recibido al Señor, comienza la multiplicación, porque en la Eucaristía se nos fortalece para multiplicar nuestros esfuerzos por alimentar a los pobres, darles refugio a los que no tienen hogar y brindarles consuelo a los afligidos.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Después de castigar a los pastores que engañaron al pueblo, el Señor reunirá el resto del rebaño y asignará nuevos pastores (Jeremías 23:1-6).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — En Cristo tanto los judíos como los no judíos tienen acceso en un sólo Espíritu al Padre (Efesios 2:13-18).

Evangelio — Cansados, Jesús y los apóstoles tratan de irse hacia un lugar retirado para descansar. Pero la gente, como ovejas sin pastor, los sigue (Marcos 6:30-34).

A Miraculous Invitation

Hunger. Craving. Desire. What consumes you? Imagine for a moment that you are the unnamed boy in the crowd in today's Gospel, with five seemingly insignificant loaves and two scrawny fish. What do people expect from you? Does Andrew have to convince you to give up your treasures, or do you readily offer them for Jesus? Do you stand on the sidelines, watching? And what are you doing with five whole loaves and two fish? Can you picture carrying all those? One might say he was wealthy.

For those of us in the developed world, it's easy to imagine having resources to feed ourselves, with leftovers. What does it feel like when Jesus asks if you are willing to give your wealth to serve others?

Jesus didn't tell the boy to keep something for himself and use only four loaves or one fish for the miracle. Jesus asked for it all. And with childlike faith, the boy gave, not worrying about going hungry himself. He trusted.

In the first reading, Elijah's servant objects, "How can I feed so many with so little?" We hear the same attitude today: "How can we possibly feed the homeless in our city?" Elijah's servant isn't the only one who underestimates the power of what we have.

We, too, are invited to work miracles. Miracles aren't just the stuff of history. They are all around us, right now.

The Gospel says that Jesus distributed the loaves. Can you imagine Jesus going up to each and every grouping on the grass? Or maybe he invited that little boy to help him. Imagine him taking a loaf and breaking it in half and asking you to go share it with a crowd of people seated over there.

In the Eucharist that we celebrate together this Sunday, Jesus will distribute living bread — to us. As you sit during the offering of the gifts at today's liturgy, think about the people seated in groups like the crowd waiting for Jesus to distribute bread. What does it feel like to know Jesus himself is coming to feed you?

We read that Jesus knew what he was going to do: He would give his very flesh to us. I imagine him breaking that

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loaf as if he was tearing off a piece of a motherly heart. Breaking it and offering it, not just as physical sustenance, but as a deep gesture of consuming love. His heart breaking with love for people. He breaks the bread for us — you and me.

And he enlists us to go and break ourselves, to give a piece of ourselves to others. If I have five loaves, Jesus is going to ask me for all of them. But what he gives me back is going to be worth my sacrifice. Miraculous. Better than we can imagine.

Abundance. Leftovers. “As much of the food as they wanted.”

See the little boy again as 12 baskets are collected. And Jesus comes over to you, with a big smile, and says, “Thank you. I couldn't have done this without you.” And he hands you a basket full of leftovers. It's more than you gave.

St. Paul underscores this by urging us to live as people worthy of God's invitation to be miracle workers. And what will my miracles look like? Gentleness with someone who doesn't deserve it. Patience with someone who gets it nowhere else. Preserving unity when division is the norm.

Psalms 145 says, talk about God's might, at length! And not just regarding God's past deeds but the miracles of this day: “The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (v. 15-16).

What has God given me to share — the real presence of Christ in our world — you and me.

Believe you are a miracle.

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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Justin Alden is chair of the Parish Finance Council.
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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

Daniel Cortese
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Rebecca O'Brien
Mary Serrahn
Dan Summins
Mark Van Grinsven

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 and 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 John at bulletin@stteresaparish.org for more information.

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Help With Stress

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Stop In For Quiet Prayer

Tuesdays
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