



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2018

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded
-- Luke 2:46-47

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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 (Call to register)

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

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Stewardship

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Solutions for Your Resolutions! Save the Date!

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our next ministry fair to be held on January 12th & 13th, after all Masses! A ministry fair is a chance for people to learn more about our volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved, and enjoy food, drink and raffle prizes! Mark your calendar and be sure to stop by after Mass.

Everyday Stewardship

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Tax Credit Scholarships

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.

Leadership Training

January 19 at St Teresa will be a special day for those who want to take advantage of a free seminar in leadership in the service of social justice.

Presented by The Coalition for Spiritual & Professional Leadership, an Avila in Action grant organization, this seminar will provide you with insights and tools needed to drive positive change through the power of personal leadership.

Watch out for more to come in future announcements, but put the date on your calendar now and make 2019 a good year to take action.

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

Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Fiscal Year 2018-2019	Actual FY 2018-19	% Auto	Budget 2018-19	Actual vs. Budget	Actual Prev Yr	% Auto	Actual vs. Prev Yr	% Prev Yr
Collections Offertory	14,201	28%	15,975	(1,774)	13,568	25%	633	4.7%
Give Central (7/1-7/31)	37,174	72%	41,080	(3,906)	39,949	75%	(2,775)	-6.9%
Total 5 Weeks-July 2018	51,375	100%	57,055	(5,680)	53,517	100%	(2,142)	-4.0%
Collections Offertory	14,635	30%	12,780	1,855	10,952	23%	3,683	33.6%
Give Central (8/1-8/31)	34,165	70%	32,864	1,301	36,895	77%	(2,730)	-7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-August 2018	48,800	100%	45,644	3,156	47,847	100%	953	2.0%
Collections Offertory	14,962	32%	15,975	(1,013)	11,615	25%	3,347	28.8%
Give Central (9/1-9/31)	32,042	68%	41,080	(9,038)	35,305	75%	(3,263)	-9.2%
Total 5 Weeks-Sept. 2018	47,004	100%	57,055	(10,051)	46,920	100%	84	0.2%
Total 4 Weeks-Sept. 2017								
Collections Offertory	15,443	28%	12,780	2,663	16,297	31%	(854)	-5.2%
Give Central (10/1-10/31)	38,857	72%	32,864	5,993	36,169	69%	2,688	7.4%
Total 4 Weeks-Oct. 2018	54,300	100%	45,644	8,656	52,466	100%	1,834	3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Oct. 2017								
Collections Offertory	59,241	29%	57,510	1,731	52,432	26%	6,809	13.0%
Give Central (7/1-10/31/18)	142,238	71%	147,888	(5,650)	148,318	74%	(6,080)	-4.1%
Total 18 Weeks YTD	201,479	100%	205,398	(3,919)	200,750	100%	729	0.4%
Foundation Special Extra Gift	10,000							
Grand Total (7/1-10/31/18)	211,479		205,398	6,081	200,750		10,729	5.3%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 12-16-18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	74
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	68
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	210
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	120
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	140

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 602

Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5

Confessions this Week	0
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0
Funerals since January 2018	5
Weddings since January 2018	7
Baptisms since January 2018	48

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, 463/511; August, 510/509; September, 566/563; October, 628/652; November 622/569.

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 1-5-18	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Mary Brennan	Nancy Gerstad	Lisa Marquez Lisa Hanzelka
Saturday 1-5-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 1-6-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Therese Rowley	Deirdre Curry Bormes Brian Shea Rose Ohiku	Jon Assell Katie Assell Christina Brodell Sara Hock
Sunday 1-6-18	10:30 AM	Rev. Jose Rubio, CM	Spanish Mass		
Sunday 1-6-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Anthony Rivera	Tyler Paul Bert Olson Alejandro Lopez	Anne Seigenthaler Laura Moran Mary Stanton Kevin Ludden
Sunday 1-6-18	6:00 PM	Rev. Tony Dosen, CM	Sacristan: Roberto Martinez Lector: Christopher Toups	Anne De Leonardis Sharon Lindstrom MINISTER NEEDED	Hannah Toohey Dani Shain Cara Gannon Eileen Raia

Week's Activities

Sunday, December 30
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality

Monday, December 31
No Activities Planned

Tuesday, January 1
6:00 pm, PC, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 2
No Activities Planned

Thursday, January 3
9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, January 4
3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, January 5
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
6:30 pm, Church, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: St. Sylvester I
Tuesday: Mary, Holy Mother of God;
Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday: Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Saturday: St. John Neumann

Domingo: La Sagrada Familia
Lunes: San Silvestre I
Martes: Santa María Madre de Dios
Miércoles: Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacienceno
Jueves: El Santísimo Nombre de Jesús
Viernes: Santa Isabel Ana Seton
Sábado: San Juan Neumann

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, January 5
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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

Saturday, January 19
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, January 26
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, February 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

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Mass Intentions

Let Us Pray

Saturday, December 29

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

6:30 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Sunday, December 30

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

10:30 am Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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

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

Please pray for the deceased ...

Jeffrey Bergen, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Marie Koesters-Ranley, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

January Baptisms

Nathan John Roccasalva (1-20-19), Annabelle Lee Khounthikoumane (1-20-19)

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

*Alicia Anderson
Dorothy Barns
Connie Beran
Nicholas Beran
Berta Billalvazo
Michelle Brandt
Elizabeth Brown
Jerry Burdick
Carol Coffey
Susan Conway
Patricia Chuck
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Maria de la Luz
Alex DeNoma
Kim Duffy
Isabelle Eiffert
Helen Fasano
Jackson Fineske & Family
Linda Flasch*

*Alice Flynn
Pat Folland
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
Fr. Cesaire Souissa
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Elizabeth Ann True
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Drew Williams
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 -- **Marquis Eubanks; and Demond David.**

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.

Parish Life

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Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Film Festival

One Border One Body

January 7, 2019, 7 pm
St. Julie Billiart
7399 W. 159th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Tony & Janina's American Wedding

January 11, 2019, 7 pm
St. George
6706 W. 175th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Harvest of Empire

January 14, 2019, 7 pm
St. Michael
14327 Highland Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462

Beyond Borders

January 19, 2019, 5:30
pm
St. Christopher
4130 W. 147th Street
Midlothian, IL 60445

Harvest of Empire

January 6, 2019, 5 pm
St. Clement
642 W. Deming Place
Chicago, IL 60614

Dying to Live

January 13, 2019, 4 pm
St. Teresa of Avila
1033 W. Armitage Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

Beyond Borders

January 20, 2019, 1 pm &
6 pm
Old St. Patrick's
625 W. Adams St.
Chicago, IL 60661

One Border One Body

January 27, 2019, 11:30
am
St. Gertrude
6200 N. Glenwood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60660

Baby Bottles

Beginning on these dates, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on **November 25th**, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of **January 13th**.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you!

St. Clement Preschool

Saint Clement School is excited that this will be offering Pre-K 3 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is one of our entry points for Saint Clement School. Click here for Pre-K 3 & 4 options <https://www.stclementschooll.org/admissions/tuition-details>. Sign up for the Admissions Coffee and Tour <https://www.stclementschooll.org/admissions/coffeetour>. Applications are due January 15th. For more information email Noreen Valle at nvalle@stclementschooll.org.



Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekdays at 7:30 AM

A great way to start the day...attend morning Mass Monday through Thursday at 7:30 am. Mass is over by 7:50 am.

There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30 am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.



The Gift that Keeps On Giving

“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’re away we’ll 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 Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won’t dive when attendance is low.

If you’ve already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

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; toothbrushes & toothpaste

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



Communion for the Homebound

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Dean in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange for a visit.



Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18
Martes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Jueves: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34
Viernes: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sábado: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5;
Jn 1:43-51
Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Treasures From Tradition

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!.

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El primer domingo después de la Navidad celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Los latinos somos un pueblo muy unido en familia. Para nosotros es más que un pequeño grupo compuesto de padre, madre, hijos e hijas. La familia para nosotros los latinos es un conjunto grande de abuelos, abuelas, tíos, tías, primos, primas, compadres, comadres, suegros, suegras y otros más además del padre, la madre y los hijos. Para los latinos una fiesta que celebra la familia de Jesús es la cosa más natural del mundo.

Extrañamente esta fiesta no es muy antigua. En realidad es una celebración que data de comienzos de la época moderna en el siglo XVII. Antes de estas fechas la familia de Jesús casi siempre era entendida como compuesta por Jesús, María y Ana (la madre de María). Se daba por hecho que José estaba por allí. Pero en el siglo XVII muchos perdieron sus padres pues tenían que ir a las fábricas a trabajar. Por eso el magisterio instituyó la conmemoración de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José para recordar a los padres cristianos su deber ante sus hijos y su esposa.

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



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Home is Where the Family Is

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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En El Hogar Está La Familia

La idea, el sueño y la realidad de lo que es familia es tan fuerte y perdurable que lo usamos para describir lo mejor de las relaciones humanas. Hablamos de una familia de naciones, de nuestra familia eclesial y parroquial. El mejor halago que podemos dar a un amigo o amable anfitrión es decirle que nos sentimos como en casa con su compañía, que nos sentimos parte de la familia.

Las familias son el primer crisol en el que se prueba y se fortalece el amor. Jesús mismo fue una de tres personas que vivía a la sombra del otro. Esta familia, como la nuestra, no siempre “lo hacía todo bien”, pero siempre trataba. Estos tres amateurs celebraban un día de fiesta, y uno de ellos se perdió. Los otros dos se preocuparon bastante y se esforzaron grandemente para encontrar al tercero, un niño después de todo, que siempre buscaba el significado de su llamado. Encontró su vocación—hacer la obra del Padre— pero también volvió a casa con sus padres.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Ana entregó su hijo Samuel al Señor, dejándolo en el templo de Siló (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) o Sirácide 3:2-7, 12-14.

Salmo — Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa (Salmo 84 [83]) o Salmo 128(127).

Segunda lectura — Somos hijos de Dios cuando creemos en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo (1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24) o Colosenses 3:12-21 [12-17].

Evangelio — José y María encuentran a Jesús perdido en el templo en medio de los maestros (Lucas 2:41-52).

Our Holy Family

The word "family" may be a hot button word for many of us, especially following on the heels of Christmas when family experiences can be wonderful or barely tolerable. We may have different feelings about our own families and families in general. And for many, the Holy Family may be romanticized or seem totally unrelated to real world families. But today's readings have insights, no matter what our own experiences of family may be.

In all of these readings, families are shaped by their faith, culture and traditions. Hannah, at the Temple, dedicated and gave over her only son, who would have a crucial role, unknown to her, in Israel's early history. Mary and Joseph followed the Jewish tradition of the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem when they lost Jesus. And the advice given to community members and their families regarding how to live together, as found in Paul's writing to the Colossians, is shaped by the faith and experience of the earliest Christians. The cultures, traditions and social norms in these readings are different from ours; but there are similarities here that we can relate to and learn from.

It is no surprise that parents ultimately must let go of their children. The story of Hannah's offering is framed by religious practices of the period and was required by tradition. Samuel would become both prophet and king related to the lineage of King David; the significance of Hannah's action for Israel's future was understood by later generations. One gesture in one small family had a lasting impact only time would reveal. As parents are well aware, the outcomes of their sacrifices are usually known only in hindsight. Risks are taken on faith; sometimes they exceed a family's wildest hopes and dreams.

Jesus' spreading his wings probably came sooner than expected and brought with it both confusion and consternation. Mary and Joseph were not any better prepared than most parents are for the challenges of parenting. Jesus' interests in the Temple surprised and puzzled them and may even have been contrary to their own. In some ways, they did not understand their child

Families have far more influence on how the world is shaped than we may realize. Inspired by those families gone before us, we are all called to participate in the building of the human family.

any better than most parents. What Jesus was experiencing and where he was led was probably not what they would have wanted for their son. We don't know what future our children are called to, and we let them go with no small amount of faith, pain and trust that things will work out. How many parents have surrendered saying, "God, it is in your hands."

Paul's words to the Colossians are addressed to people who have already learned norms for family and community life from their Greek culture. His advice is animated by the Gospel. Demonstrating how to live together and teaching our children how to interact with others is what families do. But practicing kindness, humility, patience and forgiveness can seem idealistic in the daily stress of family life and the challenges of what is acceptable in our world. If the early Christians needed to be reminded about it, so do we. If they needed to be motivated by their Christian commitment, so do we. Some of our social norms may have changed, but most of these virtues can only strengthen our families.

The church reminds us how basic our family units are both for the church itself and for society.

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This feast of the Holy Family is the feast of our own holy families — and therefore a feast to be celebrated in our own holy communities.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Leadership Teams

Pastoral Council

Jessica Marx
Anna Althoff
Bertel Olson
Luke Kolman

Kate Lynch
Jose Cervantes
Mary Paz Ramirez
Rebecca O'Brien

Anna Althoff is president of the Parish Pastoral Council.
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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

Justin Alden
Jack Halpin
Ray Genellie
Steve Fortino
Andrew O'Dekirk
Chris Toups

Cooper Cohen
Alexandra Vizard
Steve Kolinski
Ann Finlay
Laura Lueninghoener

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
Kelly Dean
Eryn Gronewoller
Claire Kenkel
Lisa Marquez

John Mitchell
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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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.

Stop In For Quiet Prayer

Tuesdays
6:00 to 7:30PM



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For More 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 More Information About...

Baptism, Marriage, Reconciliation, Mass Intentions, RCIA or Communion for the Sick
Contact Deacon Dean in the Parish Office
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