



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST. 1889

Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019

*“And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”
-- Luke 3:22*

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

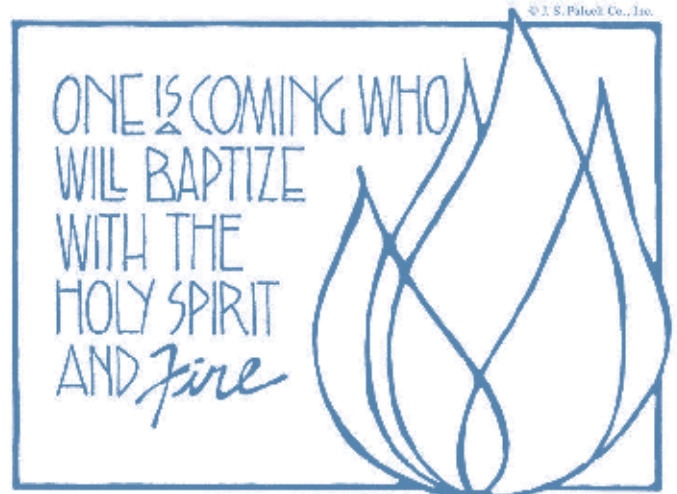
Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

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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Ministry Fair

This weekend following every Mass, representatives from St. Teresa ministries and programs, along with representatives from our Avila in Action Grant Recipients will be in the Parish Center with information for you on how you can get involved. There are a multitude of opportunities, from one-time, low commitment service opportunities, to more engaged opportunities in planning events or advocating for justice. Please do not skip this. Stop by, have some conversations, and ask yourself what God might be calling you to do in 2019.

Everyday Stewardship

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus –the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Stop by the ministry fair after Mass today and spend some time exploring how God may be calling you to surrender, and how He may work through you.

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

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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: 1-6-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	73
Saturday, 6:30pm Mass Attendance	50
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	220
Sunday, 10:30am Mass Attendance	40
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	160
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	150

Total Weekend Mass Attendance 693

Christmas 2018 Attendance	800
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 2019	0
Weddings since January 2019	0
Baptisms since January 2019	0

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; for 2018, 652 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; December 565/576.

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 1-19-18	5:00 PM	Rev. Richard Benson, CM	Sacristan: Lisa Marquez Lector: Mary Brennan	Eric Fredericks	Lisa Marquez Luke Kolman
Saturday 1-19-18	6:30 PM	French Mass			
Sunday 1-20-18	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Elizabeth Rooney	Jamie Lutkus Katie Assell Carly Johnston	Michael Zost Brian Shea MINISTER NEEDED MINISTER NEEDED
Sunday 1-20-18	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Patti Neugent	Mary Stantoln Tyler Paul Bob Pedro	Daniel Kang Alejandro Lopez Deirdre Curry Bormes Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 1-20-18	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Adam Hock Lector: Abby Greaney	Pete Doyle Christine Saddy Carol Coffey	Daniel Cortese Sara Hock Abel Gonzalez Margaret Burke

Week's Activities

Sunday, January 13

9:45 am, PC, Ministry Fair
10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
10:00 am, Rec, CGS
10:00 am, PC2, Protecting God's Children
4:00 pm, PC1-2, Film: *Dying to Live*
4:30 pm, Rec, Edge & Quest
4:30 pm, Rec, CGS III
4:30 pm, PC2, Protecting God's Children

Monday, January 14

7:00 pm, PC, Parish Council
4:00 pm, Rec, CGS III
4:00 pm, PC2, Protecting God's Children

Tuesday, January 15

6:00 pm, PC, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 16

No Activities Planned

Thursday, January 17

9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery/Sorting

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

9:00 am, PC2, Tutoring
9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry
6:30 pm, PC, French Mass

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: Ordinary Time Begins
Thursday: St. Anthony
Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: La Baustimo del Señor
Lunes: Primer Semana del Tiempo Ordinario
Jueves: San Antonio
Viernes: Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
Sábado: Santísima Virgen María

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates

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

Saturday, February 9

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 13

9:00 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

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 am Bill Walsh

Let Us Pray

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

*Medjenski Layton Hicks (1-13-19), Sary Yaritza Espinoza (1-13-19)
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
Bolívar 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
Janette Prush
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 -- **Marcus Clark; Wilbert Townsend Morris; and Emilio Miranda.**

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.

Photos by Johanna de Knijp

Thursday, January 24
6:30pm Reception
7:00pm Presentation

DePaul Student Center, Rm. 314B
(2250 N. Sheffield Ave.)

WITCHCRAFT AND DEMONS IN A WORLD OF PLURAL BELIEFS: Comforting the Afflicted—and Accused

In the West, witchcraft and demons are typically the stuff of fiction. But in Zambia, these are real issues that affect real people. Those who have occult experiences, feel afflicted by demons, or stand accused of witchcraft are ostracized, even by their own families, often with threats to their very lives. In Lusaka, the “Fingers of Thomas” support group offers them comfort. Its culturally-sensitive approach takes seriously people’s fears yet also pursues justice for those who are victims of moral panics and minority demonization.



Fr. Bernhard Udelhoven, SMA, holds an MA in social anthropology, (SOAS University of London) and is a longtime missionary in Zambia, where he has 20 years’ experience in mediating witchcraft-related disputes.



2018-19 Spiritual Works of Mercy Series

Acts of compassion, the Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to do as Jesus did and help our neighbors in their times of spiritual and emotional need.

For More Information
<http://go.depaul.edu/Afflicted>

All are welcome; free of charge
Discounted parking available at 2231 N. Sheffield
Sponsored by the Center for World Catholicism
& Intercultural Theology (CWCIT)

 DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

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.

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.



Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Film Festival

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.



Harvest of Empire

January 14, 2019, 7 pm
St. Michael
14327 Highland Ave.
Orland Park, IL60462

Beyond Borders

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

Beyond Borders

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

One Border One Body

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

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Heb 1:1-6; Sal 97 (96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 95 (94):6-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 78 (77):3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Treasures From Tradition

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La costumbre del bautismo infantil debe ser mucho más que un acto social o una tradición cultural, donde el ropón y los regalos son más importantes que la doctrina cristiana, y los padrinos se escogen no por su buen ejemplo sino por su cuenta bancaria.

Según los Hechos de los Apóstoles, familias enteras se bautizaban cuando el padre de familia decidía hacerse cristiano. Esta práctica de bautizar, no solo al nuevo creyente sino también a su mujer y a sus hijos, poco a poco, quedó solo en bautizar los niños del original creyente. El mundo en aquel tiempo estaba basado sobre la familia así como muchas culturas latinas de hoy.

El bautizo infantil nació en la Iglesia primitiva y al pasar de los siglos llegó a transformarse en un rito religioso muy importante en la catequesis del nuevo cristiano. El niño viste de ropita blanca que recuerda la presencia de Cristo en su alma, se le regala una vela que lo invita a brillar con la luz de Cristo y se le da una madrina o un padrino que le enseñará a vivir en Cristo.

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

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Called to Serve

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.



Llamados a Servir

Por muchas semanas hemos celebrado la aparición de la presencia divina en su forma humana. Cuando era niño, Jesús vivió con María y José, al nacer lo visitaron unos pastores y luego algunos errantes magos de Oriente. Hoy celebramos otra situación, ocurrida un tiempo después, a un grupo reunido en el río Jordán.

Juan vaciló cuando le tocó bautizar a Jesús, a quien reconocía como “uno más poderoso que yo”. Pero hizo como Jesús se lo pidió, “descendió el Espíritu Santo” y una voz celestial habló a Jesús: “Tú eres mi hijo, el predilecto”. Jesús estaba empezando su vida pública de enseñanza y de servicio. Pronto comenzaría a llamar a otros a seguirlo.

Pedro fue el primero que Jesús llamó. En la segunda lectura de hoy anuncia el centro del mensaje: “la paz que traería Jesucristo, el Señor de todos”. Pedro fue llamado, y tú y yo somos llamados a llevar el mensaje y cumplir la palabra de Dios.

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Miren a mi siervo, en quien tengo mis complacencias (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) o Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) o Salmo 104 (103).

Segunda lectura — Dios ungió con el Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret (Hechos 10:34-38) o Tito 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Evangelio — Después del bautismo de Jesús, el cielo se abrió (Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22).

The Energy of Promise

The dove had many scriptural roots for those who witnessed the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus after his baptism. In their Hebrew tradition, doves had been used to represent sacred concepts like Israel, atoning sacrifice, suffering, a divine sign, peace, new life and the Spirit of God. The dove's appearance at Jesus' baptism was a proclamation for these witnesses that their hopes for peace were realized in Jesus and that the Holy Spirit was indicating a new stage in Jesus' ministry. As faith continued to evolve, the second-century theologian Clement of Alexandria urged early Christians to use the dove to identify themselves to each other as loving followers of Christ.

What parallels can we draw between our baptismal call and the dove as a universal symbol of peace, empowerment and love?

The soothing image of the dove quiets our troubled thoughts and imparts an inner peace inviting us to live calmly and with purpose. In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear our call to bring justice to the nations, but in a nonviolent, nonaggressive way. Following Jesus' example, the only way to lasting peace is through gentleness and compassion. In response to a world that uses the ego as a weapon, we are not to quench the dimly lit flame or break the bruised reed, but rather to tenderly nurture them. We are charged with freeing the oppressor as well as the oppressed.

The artist Picasso created the emblem of a dove with an olive branch in its beak for the first World Peace Congress held shortly after World War II. Speaking before the Congress, he testified, "I stand for life against death; I stand for peace against war." As baptized Christians, how do we stand for life and peace?

Doves are known for their self-sacrifice, especially in caring for their young. A mother will cease foraging for her own food just before her babies are born to ensure purer milk for her offspring. Her self-imposed starvation protects them from contamination and gives them the greatest chance for survival. Too often today, we measure

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the greatness of our country by what it produces, not by whom it protects. Learning from the dove in our pursuit of justice, the decisions about our own needs, will also take into account the needs of others. If we follow Jesus, the ultimate example of self-sacrifice, we will surrender the privileged position of judging who deserves what, and use our power to empower others. As baptized Christians, how much are we willing to sacrifice for the common good and to empower others to live into their full potential?

Because they are excellent navigators, doves have been used to deliver messages. The message God delivered through the dove at Jesus' baptism was "You are my beloved." Beloved has some very enchanting synonyms — precious, cherished, treasured, prized, admired, valued. Do we really know our true value as beloved by God? God cherishes us just as we are. We are treasure enough. God's love is not dependent on what we own or accomplish. As God beholds our beauty, we awaken to the precious possibilities in us. We act and feel differently when we are prized. We share our gifts more confidently, and we are more open to treating others with admiration. Like the doves that mate for life, through Jesus, God proves to us that we are beloved. As baptized Christians, do we really value ourselves and others as beloved by God? Does it make a difference in how we treat each other?

The dove at Jesus' baptism carried the energy of promise. It was the promise that following Jesus would lead to true peace and empowering justice. It is the promise that each of us is beloved by God and that we will experience God's presence in each other. Our baptismal call is to live as if we believe those promises.

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
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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 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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