



ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

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Faith & Spirit, *Alive*



Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

*“This is my chosen Son;
listen to him.”*

-- Luke 9:35

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 & Third 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 7:30 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Everyday Stewardship

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you invest equally in your church home, or your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

New Website

teresa.church is up and running! Take a few minutes this week to look at our new website and check out the links that are relevant to you. Notice anything missing? Have a hard time finding a page you regularly interact with? Let us know by emailing website@teresa.church.

st-teresa.net is still active, and will remain active until the final details are added. Thank you for contributing to this volunteer-led effort, and thank you to our volunteer web designer, John DeWyze, and graphic designer, Amy Amato for sharing your talents.

A Steward's Story

After hearing Father Frank suggest that instead of giving something up for Lent we should consider adding something, we decided to attend daily Mass each morning at 7:30 during Lent.

Participating in daily morning Mass has been different than attending Sunday Mass in subtle, but important ways. As with many new efforts, we are often forced to confront the seemingly unfamiliar. In some ways, this helps us see things in a new light that we have come to take for granted or had not even noticed before, due in part we suppose, to our tendency to default to auto-pilot, even while attending Mass. Walking a familiar path to church but at a new time of day, being in a quieter environment, sharing Mass with different people, all required that we do a familiar thing, but with new intention and purpose.

Daily morning Mass is sparsely, but as it turns out, faithfully attended. As newcomers to it, we met "regulars" who we came to know by name through our greetings and shared offerings. We looked forward to seeing them as a positive part of each new day that felt truly inclusive and celebratory.

This Lenten season, we rediscovered something that was there all the time, fellow parishioners who share each day as a community strengthened by their Faith and with a positive outlook for what lies ahead.

- Anastasia Bullinger and Paolo Basil

Share your story! Email robrien@stteresaparish.org

St. Teresa of Avila is a diverse Catholic community of faith that welcomes you, without exception.

Around the Parish



2018 Faith in Action Grant

Women's

The St. Teresa of Avila parish women's group is a vibrant and active group of women who meet regularly for prayer, support, and fellowship. They are currently planning a retreat for the summer months.



Virtual Ministry E-Kit

The Virtual Ministry E-Kit is a resource for parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person. It includes a variety of prayer resources, including a virtual Mass and a virtual Stations of the Cross.



125 Years of History

The St. Teresa of Avila parish is celebrating 125 years of history. We are proud to have a rich and vibrant community of faith that has grown and thrived over the years.

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

Financial Collections

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Year 2018-2019	Fiscal	Actual FY 2018-19	% Auto	Budget 2018-19	Actual vs. Budget	Actual Prev Yr	% Auto	Actual vs. Prev Yr	% Prev Yr
Collections Offertory		12,660	27%	12,780	(120)	11,353	24%	1,307	11.5%
Give Central (11/1-11/30)		35,035	73%	32,864	2,171	36,109	76%	(1,074)	-3.0%
Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2018		47,695	100%	45,644	2,051	47,462	100%	233	0.5%
Total 4 Weeks-Nov. 2017	(In Nov 2018 Extra Special Donation of \$2,600 shown separately below *)								
Collections Offertory		21,950	37%	15,975	5,975	14,729	27%	7,221	49.0%
Give Central (12/1-12/31)		37,703	63%	41,080	(3,377)	39,078	73%	(1,375)	-3.5%
Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2018		59,653	100%	57,055	2,598	53,807	100%	5,846	10.9%
Total 5 Weeks-Dec. 2017	(In Dec 2018 Extra Donations \$9,500 and \$2,500 shown separately below *)								
Collections Offertory		93,851	30%	86,265	7,586	78,514	26%	15,337	19.5%
Give Central (7/1-12/31/18)		214,976	70%	221,832	(6,856)	223,505	74%	(8,529)	-3.8%
Total 27 Weeks YTD		308,827	100%	308,097	730	302,019	100%	6,808	2.3%
* Extra Special Donations *		24,600				9,500		15,100	
Grand Total (7/1-12/31/18)		333,427		308,097	25,330	311,519		21,908	7.0%
Christmas Collection		35,781		36,000	(219)	35,646		135	0.4%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday: 3-10-19

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass Attendance	78
Sunday, 9:00am Mass Attendance	141
Sunday, 12:00pm Mass Attendance	164
Sunday, 6:00pm Mass Attendance	182
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	597
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	1
Weddings since January 2019	0
Baptisms since January 2019	9

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 2018/2019 monthly averages are: January 644/623; February, 566; March, 637; April, 810; May, 583; June, 523; July, 511; August, 509; September, 563; October, 652; November 569; December 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 ratio of 1:7094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant/Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 3-23-19	5:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Lisa Hanzelka Lector: Raquel Bech	Lisa Hanzelka	Leigh Hartley Susan Freund
Sunday 3-24-19	9:00 AM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: MINISTER NEEDED Lector: Jayme Nicholas	Geneva Gorgo Frank Swiderski Jamie Lutkus	Ellen Moiani Michael Zost Sara Hock Katie Assell
Sunday 3-24-19	12:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Anthony Rivera	Alice Morales-Villenas Kevin Ludden Mike Trivella	Bob Pedro Anne Seigenthaler Maria Montes Daniel Kang
Sunday 3-24-19	6:00 PM	Fr. Frank	Sacristan: Eryn Gronewoller Lector: John DeWyze	Sharon Lindstrom MINISTER NEEDED Alyssa Stella	Eileen Raia Anne De Leonardis Andrew De Leonardis Pete Doyle

Week's Activities

Sunday, March 17

10:00 am, PC, Sunday Hospitality
4:30 pm, Rec, CGS III
4:30 pm, Rec, Edge

Monday, March 18

4:00 pm, Rec/, CGS

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 pm, Rec, SPRED
6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, March 20

5:00 pm, PC/Kitchen, Night Ministry
6:30 pm, Rec4, Mindfulness: Catholic Style

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

3:00 pm, PC, Loaves & Fishes
7:00 pm, PC, Spanish Prayer Group
6:30 pm, OR-A/B, Fridays for Peace

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am, GS-PC, Food Pantry

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
St. Patrick's Day
Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday: St. Joseph
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish Observance)
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
Día de san Patricio
Lunes: San Cirilo de Jerusalén
Martes: San José
Miércoles: Purim (Jewish Observance)
Viernes: Abstinencia
Sábado: San Toribio de Mogrovejo

Minister Training

Eric Fredericks is the coordinator for Eucharistic Minister training. If you have not yet signed up and you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Eric at eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com. If you signed up during the ministry fair in January, Eric will be contacting you when the next training is scheduled. Fr. Frank is the coordinator for Lector training. Please speak with contact Fr. Frank at fjsasso@aol.com if you are interested in becoming a Lector.

Minister Scheduling

Lisa Marquez is the Scheduling Coordinator for all lay Liturgical Ministers. If you have questions about scheduling, please contact Lisa at lisilu1@juno.com. New liturgical ministers will be scheduled at the first scheduling cycle after training.

Food Pantry - Saturdays

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, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am Laura Harrie

12:00 pm Joyce Jaszczor; Graham David Crisp;
Georgina Garcia; An Trong Do

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

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

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

March Baptisms

Grant Ryan Navarra (3-2-19), Kai Sitko (3-2-19)
Nora Rose Rujawitz (3-3-19), Gabi Leigh Rujawitz (3-3-19)

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
Janette Prush
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
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 -- **Kelly Dejohn Bell; Zakaria Hadik; and Thurman Bailey.**

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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— PROGRAM —
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The ICSJ Tot Program is the ideal transition toddlers need to begin their evolution from a home-concentrated environment to a school-based setting. In this warm, welcoming, and safe environment, children will learn and grow through play and exploration. Learn more at www.icsjschool.org/totprogram.

PARENTS AND TOTS PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A MORNING OF PLAY

Friday, March 29, 2019

— FROM —

9:00am - 10:30am

ICSJ HILL STREET CAMPUS
363 W. HILL STREET

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 15TH TO CJACOBSON@ICSJSCHOOL.ORG

****RSVPs still accepted after March 15th****

St. Vincent De Paul Lenten Events

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Music, Stillness and Solidarity Meditation

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm (Doors open at 5:30)

Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Scripture Study with Fr. Jeremy Dixon

Fridays, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

St. Michael's Lenten Events

Fridays, 7:00pm

Taize Prayer

Monday - Friday, 11:30am

Reconciliation at 11:30am on Monday through Friday

April 4th, 7:00pm

Human Trafficking presentation by FBI

Doors open at 6:45pm

March 17th, 12:30pm

St. Joseph Table – Orso's

Lenten Food Drive – all donations go to Catholic

Charities

IC St. Joe's Lenten Events

Wednesdays, 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross

At Immaculate Conception Church

Mondays, 6:30pm or Tuesdays, 4:00pm

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues Series from
Word on Fire

at Immaculate Conception Church

Lenten Food Drive- all donations stock our weekly food
pantry shelves

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.

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 beginning at 6:30am for prayer and conversation.

**The Next Men's Spirituality Meeting
is Tuesday, March 26th**

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

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes: Dn 9:4b-10; Sal 79 (78):8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-
Martes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a
Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 31 (30):5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 16:19-31
Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Sal 105 (104):16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sábado: Miq 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32
Domingo: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lc 13:1-9
Lecturas alternativas (Año A): Ex 17:3-7; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Treasures From Tradition

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

La Cuaresma nos llama a la conversión, a la cual deberíamos estar dedicados todo el año. En muchas parroquias latinas la Cuaresma también es tiempo de misiones. De niño recuerdo haber participado cada año en las misiones de mi parroquia. Escuchábamos a los predicadores con curiosidad, ya que aparecían solo una vez al año y luego se regresaban a lugares lejanos y desconocidos. Nunca imagine que algún día yo también estuviera como predicador de misiones. Me gustaría darles un resumen del mensaje que he sembrado en varias parroquias.

Las misiones no son para repetir doctrina, sino para evangelizar a los bautizados. Con cinco temas se puede evangelizar a los bautizados recordándoles los cinco puntos claves del Evangelio cristiano: 1) Dios nos ama y nos hizo para él; 2) Nosotros hemos pecado y sufrimos las consecuencias; 3) Dios nos manda a su Hijo para librarnos del mal; 4) Jesús desea formar parte de nuestras vidas personales, ¡invitémoslo! y 5) Jesús llena nuestro corazón con el poder y la presencia de su Espíritu. Este mensaje es uno de conversión y esperanza.

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



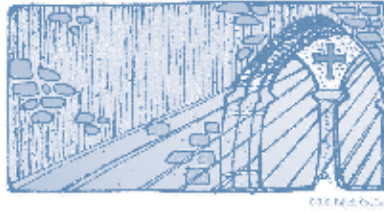
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Stand Firm in the Lord

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.



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Mantente Firme en El Señor

No es difícil imaginar, en esta época de guerras, que grupos malvados tiendan a la destrucción de la humanidad y locuras políticas, que las palabras de san Pablo fueron tan precisas, aún para el tiempo en que vivió. Pareciera que el mundo nunca cambia. Pablo dice “muchos se comportan como enemigos de la cruz de Cristo.

Para los que piensan en cosas terrenas, su destino es la perdición. . . (Filipenses 3: 18, 19). El resultado es la destrucción de personas inocentes y del planeta mismo. Pero Pablo dice a los filipenses: “somos ciudadanos del cielo, de donde esperamos como salvador a Jesucristo el Señor” (3:20). Él “transformará nuestro cuerpo frágil en un cuerpo glorioso semejante al suyo” (3:21). Nota que él dice “cuerpo” en lugar de “cuerpos”. Él habla acerca de la completa comunidad de creyentes, quienes, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús y Pablo, vendrán a la gloria de Dios. Así que “¡manténganse firmes en el Señor!” (4:1).

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — “A tu descendencia daré esta tierra” (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27 [26]).

Segunda lectura — Somos ciudadanos del cielo (Filipenses 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Evangelio — Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el monte (Lucas 9:28b-36).

Ears to Hear and Eyes to See

We began the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with the words of the prophet Joel: “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.”

In Lent, we enter into a journey of conversion. Through prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we prepare our hearts to encounter the Lord of life in his risen glory at the feast that crowns our whole year. Each Easter Vigil, along with the catechumens who are baptized, we celebrate the moment in our own lives when we (or our parents and godparents, speaking on our behalf) proclaimed our intention to live (with our whole hearts) as children of light. When catechumens and candidates are welcomed in the Rite of Acceptance and state their desire for baptism, part of the ritual calls for their sponsors to place the sign of the cross over each of their senses, marking them as followers of Christ. As the eyes are signed, the presider says, “Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes that you may see the glory of God.”

In today’s first reading and Gospel, we have two instances of human beings contemplating the wonder of the divine through the gift of sight.

For Abram, who God had called saying, “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you” (Genesis 12:1), the innumerable stars in the night’s sky are the sign of his creator’s ability to bring light from darkness and fulfill even seemingly impossible promises. God’s instruction to Abram, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can,” comes in response to Abram’s anguished cry, “Look, you have given me no offspring.” Abram is seeing from a human, limited perspective. Though God has promised to make his name great, he and his wife are elderly and childless. How can his name be great if he has no heir to carry it on?

But God’s sight is not like ours. Where we might be tempted to see only barriers and obstacles, God calls us to look beyond. In turning his gaze to the stars, Abram’s eyes are trained to focus on the limitless expansion of God’s creation, a creation that he is invited to be a part of, even though it is unknowable, uncontrollable and defies

*As we journey
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quantification.

In the Gospel reading, Peter, John and James are also treated to a revelation of God’s glory in the Transfiguration. On the mountain, in prayer, Jesus is transformed from the humble preacher and wonderworker they had come to know, to a man clothed in “dazzling white” who converses with Moses and Elijah. Inside of a cloud, they hear the words: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Abram, Peter, John and James are each offered glimpses into the divine life of God. When Abram wakes up the next morning, the stars he gazed at in wonder will no longer be visible. As James, John and Peter make their way down the mountain, they are accompanied by their friend Jesus, no longer remarkable in his clothing or conversation partners. And yet, we know the stars remain even when we cannot see them. And Jesus, whether he is found in a manger as a vulnerable infant, resplendent on a mountain top, or nailed to the wood of the cross, is always the Son of God.

In the spiritual life, we might intend to live as children of the light, but unless we have eyes to see and ears to hear God working in our midst, we miss the opportunity to live into the fullness of life which Jesus promises to his followers.

Poet Brian Doyle wrote in *A Book of Uncommon Prayer*, “We are handed miracles beyond number, every blessed moment, if only we can train ourselves to open and see and hear and taste and feel and smell and absorb them.”

As we journey toward the joy of Easter, may our eyes be opened to glory of God present all around us. May we recommit with our whole hearts to live as children of light.

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

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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.

How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.



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Tuesdays
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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
klynch@stteresaparish.org

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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