



ST TERESA OF AVILA

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church 

Saturday

8:30 am Church 

Confessions follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

7:30 am Church

9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall*

10:30 am Church 

12:00 pm (Spanish) Church

5:00 pm Church

 = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

and

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

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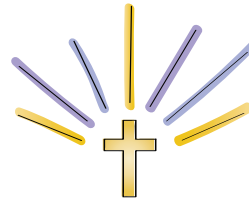
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st-teresa.org/cemetery



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OF GOD
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ARE YOU
WHO ARE
NOW
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**FOR YOU
WILL BE
SATISFIED.**
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ARE YOU
WHO ARE
NOW
WEEPING,
**FOR YOU
WILL LAUGH.**

Luke 6:20-21



With snow, sleet and ice storms predicted for the rest of winter, be sure to check our email blasts, website and social media for updates on Mass and meeting cancellations.



Mass † Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

Saturday, February 15	8:30 AM	Maryann Noone
	4:00 PM	† Bill and Lorraine Farrell
Sunday, February 16	7:30 AM	† Antonio Martini
	9:00 AM	† Alfred Francis Kelly III
	10:30 AM	† Eleanore C Donio
	12:00 PM	† Angel Napoleon Arias Jimenez
	5:00 PM	† Mary Lou Fieseler
Monday, February 17	7:00 AM	† Marie and George Ippolito
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 AM	† James Harquail
Wednesday, February 19	7:00 AM	† Antonio Martini
Thursday, February 20	7:00 AM	† Martin E Reilly
Friday, February 21	7:00 AM	† John Landaburu
Saturday, February 22	8:30 AM	† Avilia Ponce Pedro Ramirez Bonnie Sheppard † Kenneth Vincent Evans † Joseph S. Romano † Ingeborg Schoebel † Michael D. Hughes † Justin Gingeleskie † Brian Cronin † Siobhan Papantonis † Darryl Lung
	4:00 PM	† Agnes Palumbo
Sunday, February 23	7:30 AM	† Judith Easter
	9:00 AM	† Donn Reinke
	10:30 AM	† Pedro Ramirez
	12:00 PM	† John Castanheira
	5:00 PM	† Antonio Martini

Stewardship Reflections...

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

“Bienaventurados ustedes cuando los odien, los desprecien, los insulten y hablen mal de ustedes por causa del Hijo del hombre.” - Lucas 6:22

Todos nosotros hemos estado en situaciones en las que alguien hace un comentario negativo o una broma acerca de Dios o de nuestra fe católica. ¿Cómo respondió usted? ¿Permaneció callado o fingió estar de acuerdo con la multitud porque no quería causar problemas y luego se sintió mal por eso? Sepa que Dios esta con usted todo el tiempo; el Espíritu Santo pondrá las palabras correctas en su boca. Ore para tener la fuerza y la valentía para proclamar su fe a los demás, especialmente en las situaciones incómodas.

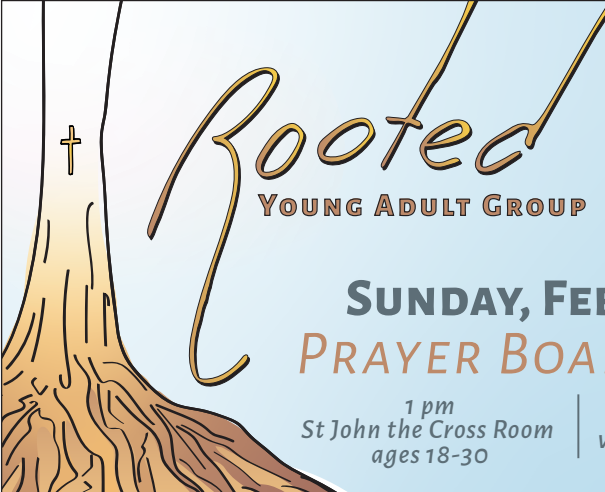


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QUESTIONS:

Contact SarahL@stteresaavila.org

*Join us for a meal of soup
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the evening session!*

- 9:30 am in Memorial Hall
- 6:30 pm in Avila Room

ST TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH | SUMMIT 

FRIDAYS

February 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11

RSVP IS
REQUIRED FOR
YOUR SESSION:





FAITH FORMATION CORNER

ST TERESA OF AVILA | SUMMIT

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



A few highlights from last weekend's Souper Bowl Sunday! Thank you to all who participated in this annual food drive which benefits Loaves and Fishes and SHIP.



BAPTIZED AND CHOSEN



God Bless BLAISE MATTHEW

50 QUESTIONS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW...

7. IS EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE TRUE?



Scripture is inspired, meaning that God guided the human authors, who wrote only what God intended. Scripture is also inerrant, meaning that it teaches the truth, and not falsehood, taking into account the human author's intention and human limitations, as well as the literary genres of the time.



2 Timothy 3:16-17

EXPLORE THIS SOME MORE...



Catechism of the Catholic Church: (CCC nos 105-14)

Vatican II (1962-65):
"The books of Scripture must be acknowledged as teaching solidly, faithfully and without error that truth which God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of salvation."

(Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation Dei Verbum)

Courtesy of Archdiocese of Kansas City

Faith FORMATION

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FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 28
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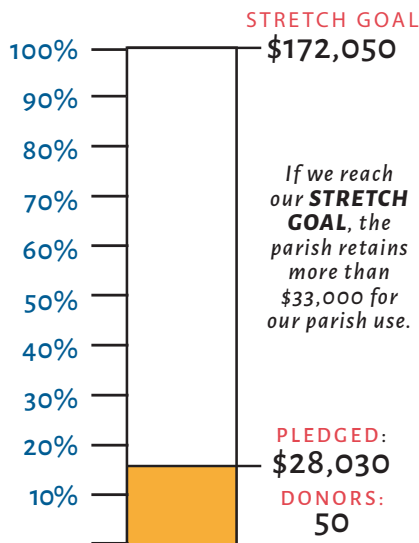
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REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025

ACTUAL	\$17,483
BUDGET	\$27,000
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$9,517)
Registered & Active Households:	1,450
Envelopes:	72
Loose Checks:	10
Main-in Checks:	9
Online givers:	337

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL *Update*

St Teresa of Avila has pledged 16% of our stretch goal as of 2/9/25.



Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 Annual Appeal?
rcan.org/sharing

Please remember to select our parish from the drop down menu when making your appeal contribution.

Thank you for your generosity!



MINISTRY *Board*

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF SUMMIT

Blankets for Babies

The Christ Child Society of Summit (CCS) held its annual *Blankets for Babies* in Memorial Hall with 75 volunteers assembling 200 fleece baby blankets. These blankets will be included in the layettes provided to families at the HealthStart clinics at Overlook and Morristown hospitals.



Pictured above from left to right:
Regina Feeney (Blankets for Babies Co-Chair)
Elizabeth Fagan (Summit Mayor)
Lois Melka (CCS President)

CCS is a group of dedicated volunteers from all faiths and backgrounds that are joined with the purpose to help under-resourced children and their families.

Donations and volunteers are always greatly appreciated. Opportunities for both can be found on our website: <https://www.christchildsummit.org>



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A FOCUS CATHOLIC MISSION TRIP is scheduled from February 28 to March 9 and several young people will be traveling to Peru to serve the poor in several communities. They will engage in a variety of service projects, including labor-oriented work such as building and teaching Bible lessons at local schools, nursing homes, and people's homes. The mission is mainly focused on catechesis and evangelization. *If you wish to contribute to the fundraising efforts to cover travel, accommodation, and materials, please contact Gabrielle at gabrielleszulc@gmail.com*



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FROM THE VATICAN:

Lettera del Santo Padre ai Vescovi degli Stati Uniti d'America, 11.02.2025
(Pope Francis' Letter to American Bishops)

Dear Brothers in the Episcopate,

I am writing today to address a few words to you in these delicate moments that you are living as Pastors of the People of God who walk together in the United States of America.

1. The journey from slavery to freedom that the People of Israel traveled, as narrated in the Book of Exodus, invites us to look at the reality of our time, so clearly marked by the phenomenon of migration, as a decisive moment in history to reaffirm not only our faith in a God who is always close, incarnate, migrant and refugee, but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.[1]

2. These words with which I begin are not an artificial construct. Even a cursory examination of the Church's social doctrine emphatically shows that Jesus Christ is the true Emmanuel (cf. Mt1:23); he did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from his own land because of an imminent risk to his life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to his own. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration. I like to recall, among other things, the words with which Pope Pius XII began his Apostolic Constitution on the Care of Migrants, which is considered the "Magna Carta" of the Church's thinking on migration:

"The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants in Egypt and refugees there to escape the wrath of an ungodly king, are the model, the example and the consolation of emigrants and pilgrims of every age and country, of all refugees of every condition who, beset by persecution or necessity, are forced to leave their homeland, beloved family and dear friends for foreign lands."[2]

3. Likewise, Jesus Christ, loving everyone with a universal love, educates us in the permanent recognition of the dignity of every human being, without exception. In fact, when we speak of "infinite and transcendent dignity," we wish to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa.

4. I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.

5. This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration. However, this development cannot come about through the privilege of some and the sacrifice of others. What is built on the basis of force, and not on the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.

6. Christians know very well that it is only by affirming the infinite dignity of all that our own identity as persons and as communities reaches its maturity. Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups. In other words: the human person is not a mere individual, relatively expansive, with some philanthropic feelings! The human person is a subject with dignity who, through the constitutive relationship with all, especially with the poorest, can gradually mature in his identity and vocation. The true *ordo amoris* that must be promoted is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the parable of the "Good Samaritan" (cf. Lk10:25-37), that is, by meditating on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.[3]

7. But worrying about personal, community or national identity, apart from these considerations, easily introduces an ideological criterion that distorts social life and imposes the will of the strongest as the criterion of truth.

8. I recognize your valuable efforts, dear brother bishops of the United States, as you work closely with migrants and refugees, proclaiming Jesus Christ and promoting fundamental human rights. God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important or less human!

9. I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. With charity and clarity we are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together, to avoid walls of ignominy and to learn to give our lives as Jesus Christ gave his for the salvation of all.

10. Let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect individuals and families who live in fear or pain due to migration and/or deportation. May the "Virgen morena", who knew how to reconcile peoples when they were at enmity, grant us all to meet again as brothers and sisters, within her embrace, and thus take a step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all.

*Fraternally,
Francis*

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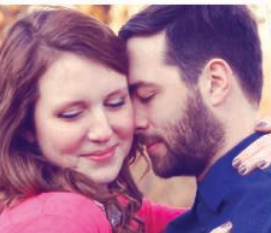
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