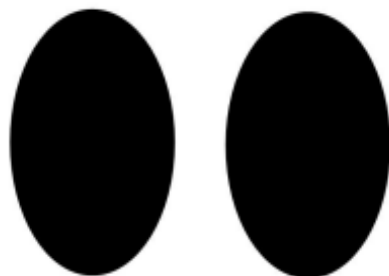


The Young Adult Ministry (STYAM) presents:

St. Therese Parish Halloween Party

Open to kids and adults of all ages!



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Sorry to scare you--I'm just preparing for the costume contest. Maybe you can win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize!

Friday, October 28, 2016 - 7pm to 10pm

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STYAM AFTERPARTY

Join us for drinks at St. Therese Church's Community Room!
Ages 21 and up



Please R.S.V.P. by **October 24-27** at the church entrance, to jennifersin@gmail.com, or via our FaceBook or Evite events

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2016

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The St. Therese Annual Liturgical Ministers Gathering will be led by



Fr. Richard Fragomeni, S.T.B.
M.A., M.A.M Music, Ph.D.

A presbyter of the Diocese of Albany, New York and has been a member of the CTU faculty since 1990. His teaching involves him in Roman Catholic theology, interpretation theory, and poetry. His current work is in the field of word and sacrament: the intersection of symbolic activity and language as it creates insights into the Christian proclamation of grace. Central to this work is a fascination with the power of liturgy and preaching in the transformation of the human heart. He is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University and serves as the Rector of The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American spiritual center in Chicago's historic Little Italy. He is also a preacher of parish missions and gives presentations nationally and internationally on liturgical, sacramental, and catechetical topics. He has authored several publications.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 9:30am to 3pm in the
St. Therese Community Room

Please sign up at the church entrance table no later than Nov. 2, 2016 so we know how much lunch to prepare.

ALL Ushers, Greeters, Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Translators, Musicians, Decoration Team, Eucharistic Ministers, and Opening Greeting and Announcements makers, please reserve the date and join us for this important opportunity to pray together and to renew our commitment as liturgical ministers of St. Therese Church.

Mass Intentions

October 23, 2016 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. + Peter Karagianes by Linda Stroud

9:30 A.M. + Jenping J. Chan by Henry Chan & Family
 + Donna Moy Gonzalez by Henry Chan & Family
 + Dr. Jose B. Delfin by Henry Chan & Family
 + Ronald Wehrman by Sister Caritas

11:00 A.M. Mandarin Mass

MON. Oct. 24th Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00 A.M. Birthday Blessings for Bernie Wong by Cita, Simone & Nicole Orendain

TUE. Oct. 25th Weekday

8:00 A.M.

WED. Oct. 26th Weekday

8:00 A.M. + Peter Karagianes by Family
 + Forsaken & Unknown Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

THU. Oct. 27th Weekday

8:00 A.M.

FRI. Oct. 28th Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 A.M.

SAT. Oct. 29th Weekday

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. + For Friends & Family of St. Therese Parish
 + Florence Andriacchi Volecho by Nick & Ellen
 + Bernadette Zito by Nick & Ellen



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*From the Desk of Fr. Francis*  
**Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.**

**To Teach Who Christ Is**

As we announced last weekend, this week is Commitment Weekend for our **To Teach Who Christ Is** Campaign.

Your participation will help us to carry out our mission on Evangelization, Formation, and the Chinese Apostolate. In addition, we are supporting Catholic education and facility needs across the Archdiocese.



This past Monday, a few of us joined Archbishop Blasé Cupich in celebrating the success of the campaign so far at Holy Family parish. We learned at the celebration that this campaign is going extraordinarily well! Many parishes have considerably exceeded their goals. Our parish wants to join the success of these parishes.

The good news for us is that we have already received 210,300 in pledges from just 15 families. We have slightly exceeded our goal of \$200,000. **So every dollar raised from now on will stay in our parish. We are aiming for 100% participation!**

I want to thank the members of our Campaign Committee, who have been working with me during the past several months to carry out our campaign. I would also like to thank those families that have already made their pledges. Thank you so much for your generosity. I truly appreciate your support.

Now I invite all of you to please consider to be part of this campaign by making a pledge to 'To Teach Who Christ Is'. Please pray for the success of this campaign.

*Peace ~ Fr. Francis*

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**An Appeal for the Persecuted Church in Zaria, Nigeria  
(Weekend of October 29th-30th)**

Dear People of God,

The Diocese of Zaria is situated in Kaduna State, in Northern Nigeria. It was created on the 5th of December 2000 and erected on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2001 with Bishop George J. Dodo installed as the first bishop. The diocese has a population of over 70,000 Catholics who are mostly peasants and live on subsistence farming for their survival. Since the beginning of the diocese, we have struggled to sow the seed of the faith among our poor and vulnerable inhabitants, despite all the daunting challenges we face, especially in an area that is the stronghold of the Islamic religion in Nigeria and with a long history of Hausa/Fulani hegemony. Since the creation of the diocese more than a decade ago, we have made some significant progress in rebuilding the faith among the Catholic population but this has not been easy because the Christian religion is a mere fraction of the Islamic population and often the target of orchestrated attacks, persecution, intimidation, harassment and burning of place of worship at no provocation. All because of the hatred often harbored against those who have refused to practice the religion of the majority

Recent events in Nigeria and especially in the northern part of the country have become even more difficult for many to practice their faith. During the last presidential election (2011) when a Christian was elected as the president of the country in an election that was adjudged to be free and fair by both international and local observers, the Muslim extremists took to the streets to protest the outcome. In the process many were killed or maimed, houses/churches/rectories and private property destroyed as thousands were rendered homeless. The parishioners and priests in these parishes are either worshipping in the open under canopies and trees or taking refuge in other rectories. The attacks on Christian places of worship have continued unabated. **Boko Haram** an extremist sect (which literally means Western Education is forbidden) of Islam has continued to carry out attacks on Christians, churches, as well as civilian targets. The northern landscape is vulnerable to attacks by Islamic extremists who have persecuted the Christian population for long. The situation is made worse because the State does not provide adequate protection for those persecuted. While it is true that the Catholic Church in Zaria has made significant progress in the over 15 years of its existence, these sad and unfortunate developments have significantly hampered our evangelization mission and added to the pains and difficulties that we are already facing.

The mission appeal in your parish is to solicit for your prayers and financial support to the struggling church in Zaria where Christ still weeps. We ask you to come to our aid in any way your means can provide to rebuild these churches and rectories destroyed. Our immediate priority is a roof over our head and to be protected from the elements, so as to worship in a befitting atmosphere. Whatever you can do to alleviate our plight will be a welcome boost. We look forward to your kind and generous support.

May the Lord reward your generosity and bless your family and what you do abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Rev. Fr. Jonathan Yabiliyok, Catholic Diocese of Zaria, Nigeria.

***Hospitality Schedule for October 30, 2016***

**GREETERS:** Darlene Chan-Lowe, Joseph Lowe, Flo Yu \*\*\* **RECEPTION:** Ellen, Emily, Kim

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**♪♪ Choir Corner ♪♪**

***October 23, 2016 - Anointing of the Sick***

**PROCESSIONAL: #753 - All Are Welcome**

***(Anointing of the Sick): Song of Today (based on poem of St. Therese)***

**OFFERTORY: # 586 – O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**COMMUNION: # 814 – Taste and See**

**RECESSIONAL: # 659 – Blest Are They**



**Anointing of the Sick**

will be celebrated today.

**Walgreens FREE Flu Shot Clinic – TODAY!**



**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, hospitalized, and homebound...**

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Jerry Ecklund  
Vincent Thome  
Barbara McElroy  
Ramona Zavala  
Michael Howley  
Baby Jessa Piotrowski  
Fr. Walter Johnson, MM  
Rose Perez  
Lan Ying Yee  
Bai Xue  
John Palenik  
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If you wish to add a name or remove your name from this list, please call the parish office.

***"Hear Our Prayers"***

When teaching a religion class in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I had a very bright student. As I taught, this student would look around the room, turn pages of the book, and seemed inattentive. When I called on him, he not only knew the place on the page we were reading, he always had the correct answer to my questions, to my surprise! Obviously he really was paying attention and was very intelligent.

Today's First Reading and the Gospel tell us what attitudes we need when we pray. The Tax Collector knew who he was. He was a sinner. His prayer has no pretense. He knows he does not deserve God's answering or hearing his prayer. He asks sincerely, nonetheless. Jesus says he will be heard. The first reading tells us who are the people special to God. Most of those listed were not considered as important by the culture. They were considered unworthy, not to be paid attention to by the Temple leaders. The cry of the lowly, the oppressed, the widow, God listens to those who serve God willingly.

As we seek God, we look at our hearts and our motivation. Do we recognize we are sinners? Do we respond willingly, eagerly, to serving God, others, and ministry in the Church? Maybe we think God does not hear us? Sometimes we pray a long time without the answer we want. Pray with the Church family. Pray with a lowly, eager, serving heart. Scripture says "God will not delay." Remember God will answer but it is in God's time.

**God is NEVER late with what is best for us.**

***~Sister Caritas***



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## News and Events



from 11:00 am -12:00 pm in the St. Therese Church Community Room.

**ATTENTION! Winter Wonderland Dance** lessons will begin on Sunday, November 6th in the community room.

Please plan to join in on the fun!

**Second Collection** next week for Mission Appeal to benefit the persecuted church in Zaria, Nigeria. Please be generous.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Programs

We offer English, Mandarin, and Cantonese RCIA. Please invite anyone who may be interested to join any of the 3 classes.

### Please pray for the following

#### Mercy Hospital Patients:

Reza, Rudolfo, Alba, Carl, April, Chelsea, Kimberlye, Martin, Justus, Oskar, Kathleen, John, Alvin, Ann, Catherine, Carrie



### Weekly Refresher for Catholic Adults

Did you know that it is required of Catholics to confess your sins at least once a year?

This ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

<http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html#511/z>



### St. Therese School's 50/50 Raffle

**Please support our school! All proceeds go towards the Security Initiative to update security camera system.** Purchase a raffle ticket for your chance to win! Drawing is Dec. 19th. Contact school or church office for info.

**Parish Memorial Mass:  
Sunday November 6th, 9:30am**

Praying for those who have died in the Lord has always been an important part of the Church's tradition. The month of November and particularly the celebration of the *Feasts of All Saints and All Souls* call us as believers to remember our own mortality and to pray especially for those whom God has already called to eternal life.

This year, our parish **Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6th, at 9:30am in the Church followed by a light reception.** More information will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

### Words from Chris Lowe, a member of the Campaign Executive Committee, on To Teach Who Christ Is:

Please join your fellow parishioners and pledge your support for the "To Teach Who Christ Is" campaign. Fifteen (15) St Therese families have pledged over \$210,000 towards the future of our parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago, but that's just the beginning. Since our goal of \$200,000 has been surpassed, **100% of all additional funds will remain solely for our own parish's needs.** It is exciting to see how our youth and young adult ministries, along with the overseas Chinese university student group gatherings continue to grow in attendance. Knowing we will have available funds to support our evangelization and faith formation efforts, along with being able to provide catechetical programs for our parish ministries is even more exciting. The "To Teach Who Christ Is" campaign requires a five (5) year financial commitment, which is a long time. To help guard against the many unknowns that can occur over this 5 year period, please commit today and **help us reach a 100% parish participation objective!**

#### SAVE THE DATE:

Parish 1st Annual Seafood Boil - Saturday, Nov. 19th  
New Year's Eve Hot Pot - December 31, 2016  
Winter Wonderland Dance - January 7, 2017



