

# THE JOURNEY

“Truth suffers, but never dies.”- St Teresa of Avila

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 3, 2024

AND ONE OF THE SCRIBES CAME UP AND  
HEARD THEM DISPUTING WITH ONE  
ANOTHER, AND SEEING THAT HE ANSWERED  
THEM WELL, ASKED HIM, “WHICH  
COMMANDMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT  
OF ALL?” JESUS ANSWERED, “THE MOST  
IMPORTANT IS, ‘HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD  
OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. AND YOU  
SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL  
YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL  
YOUR STRENGTH.’ THE SECOND IS THIS: ‘YOU  
SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’  
THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT  
GREATER THAN THESE.”  
MARK 12:28-31

**Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** 6 PM French Mass

**Sunday** 10 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM

**Daily Mass Schedule**

**Wednesday** - 8:00AM

**Friday** - 8:00AM Communion Service

**Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing**

Please call the office to arrange or email  
cgioia@stteraparish.org

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Tuesdays**- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

**Office Hours**

**Weekdays:** 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

“St. Teresa of Avila Parish is an engaged community rooted in the beauty of the Eucharist and our Catholic faith. We want to make a difference in the lives of the people, especially those who are searching to discover how much God loves them and is calling them to join in the Mission of Christ to live His Gospel. We do so by welcoming people of all backgrounds and cultures in our parish, respecting their desires and questions, crossing borders and learning from those we encounter. You are welcomed to join in the Mission of building bridges and sharing the Good News of Christ.”

## Community Ministries

If you want to serve the St. Teresa’s community in our liturgies or our planning, there are many opportunities for you!

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

[teresa.church/rcia](https://teresa.church/rcia)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

### Lectors

[teresa.church/lectors](https://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](https://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](https://teresa.church/pastoral-council)

Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.

### Finance Council

[teresa.church/finance-council](https://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## Interested in Joining Our Parish?

Are you interested in making St. Teresa’s your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community?

Fill out the below form and drop it in the collection basket or join online at [teresa.church/join](https://teresa.church/join).

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

In fulfilling our mission to be “Faith & Spirit. Alive.” we invite you to get involved with your family here at St. Teresa of Avila parish.

## Outreach Ministries

We have a variety of opportunities you can join to get involved and help serve our community, the Lincoln Park area, and the city of Chicago.

### Welcome the Stranger

Join with parishioners from St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat and others in the Lincoln Park Community to support a refugee family's journey in Chicago. Please fill out this link and we will add you to our updates and emails! <https://bit.ly/welcomethestrangerLP>. Additionally, if you would like to work directly with a refugee family, you can sign up at any time for a 3 hour Engaging with Refugees: Cross-Cultural Training <https://exodusworldservice.org/register/>.

### Night Ministry

Support our partnership with The Night Ministry by providing sack suppers to the homeless. Participation is easy and safe! For more information and to sign up, please contact Susan Matejka at [smatejka@hpschicago.com](mailto:smatejka@hpschicago.com).

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes)

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

### La Posada Border Ministry

[teresa.church/border-ministry](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://teresa.church/food-pantry)

Our parish food pantry is a welcoming, dependable source of nutritious food, respect and social contact to the needy of our community.

### Care for Creation Ministry

[teresa.church/care-for-creation](https://teresa.church/care-for-creation)

Our mission, an authentic social and moral commitment, is to educate and inspire our parish to accept the health of the planet and all creation as a personal and communal responsibility, thereby instilling a desire to make choices that result in actions for the stewardship of God's creation.

## Spiritual Ministries

There are many ministries at St. Teresa's that celebrate our faith via small christian communities, serving in our liturgies, and learning more.

### Women's Spirituality

[teresa.church/womens-spirituality](https://teresa.church/womens-spirituality)

Meets the Last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection.

### Men's Spirituality

[teresa.church/mens-spirituality](https://teresa.church/mens-spirituality)

Meets virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email [cdeanhockey@gmail.com](mailto:cdeanhockey@gmail.com) to get the link and join.

## Bible Studies/Discussion Groups

Throughout the year there are bible studies you can join or maybe a book study with Fr. Frank. Schedules change throughout the year, so stay tuned!

### Religious Education

[teresa.church/religious-education](https://teresa.church/religious-education)

Whether it's our Montessori based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children, EDGE Middle School ministry, QUEST High School Ministry, or SPRED Ministry for those with special needs, St. Teresa's has a wide array of programs to meet the needs of our children.

### Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

[teresa.church/french-community](https://teresa.church/french-community)

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday’s Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

Feasts and Saints:

11/4- St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

11/9- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Gospel Meditation: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation.

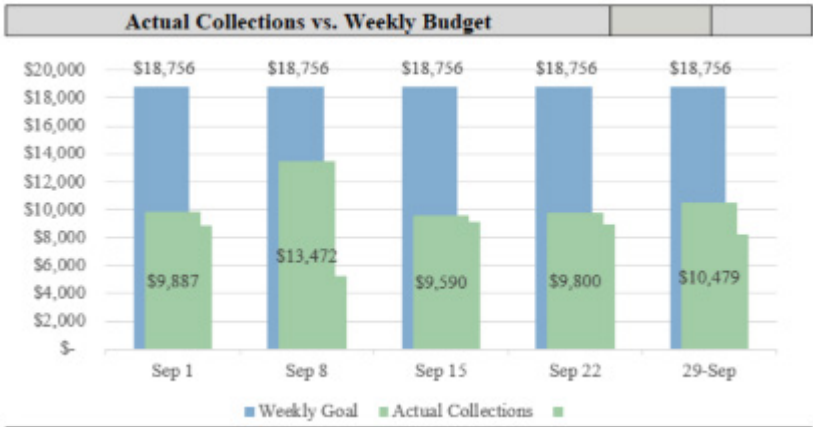
In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, “And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’” Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with “all your mind.” Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement – just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

Financials: September 2024

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	10,521	9,763
Give Central:	36,699	37,837
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$47,220	\$47,600
	(\$380)	

September Weekly:



Stewardship Reflections:  
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of me, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

Reflections for Today:

## The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it?  
What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?  
Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

From Fr. Frank:

Sent from Estella, Spain. Camino to Santiago

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time. October 27, 2024

A sad experience on the Camino is to encounter locked church after locked church. Sad and very frustrating. Many pilgrims approach for a moment of solace and solitude and get a locked door. The Church has so failed in seeing this pilgrimage as an opportunity to show the Church as a place of welcome and comfort.

Locked doors lead to locked hearts. The heart of the Church is locked for so many looking to her for some ray of hope. And we are no different as individuals, since our own individual hearts can easily become closed, causing an inner blindness that prevents us from “seeing” the need for compassion, or justice, or simply kindness. Our hardened hearts easily “see” the faults and sins of others but we fail to “see” our own inner sin.

The blind beggar in the gospel had a heart of gold for he was able to spiritually “see” Jesus for who he truly was: the Son of David. His blindness was physical NOT spiritual, unlike the very disciples of Christ who were blind to the true nature of Jesus ‘ identity.

It’s so easy to put the “blinders” on when we are comfortable, secure, well fed and educated, able to live in a healthy way, physically speaking. But when our hearts become closed, we can become “blind” to those like the blind beggar: societies rejects and forgotten. “Seeing” them makes us uncomfortable so we choose to gradually close our heart, preventing the light of God’s Grace to enter and shower our heart with that Grace.

On a personal note, when I go to Confession the sin I frequently mention to the priest is how small my heart has become. There have been times when I actually needed a spiritual transplant of the heart, it had become so closed and locked. Conversión is the unlocking of the door to the heart, sometimes giving one a NEW heart!!

Jesus asks us, just as he asked the blind beggar, “What do you want me to do for you?” And he beautifully says, “Restore my sight.” Perhaps that can be a prayer for us all, “Lord, restore my inner sight that I may SEE as You see. Please make my inner sight be “holy.”



**Follow Frank  
on his Camino**

I plan on praying the Mass daily for you. Send me a particular intention on the Way and I will celebrate a Mass for that special need.

Check for updates, photos and videos along the way.

<https://frfrankscamino.com/>



## Faithful Departed:

### Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

### Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

## St. Charles Borromeo | Feast Day November 4

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.

## Join Us For Hospitality:

After the 10am and 6pm Mass

This is a wonderful way to catch up and visit with fellow parishioners as well as meeting new ones and getting to know each other! If you would be interested in hosting a Sunday after the 10am Mass here is the link to sign up-

<https://signup.com/go/uwfqUZN>

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## Food Pantry:

Food Pantry Needs

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with The Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase the choices food pantries are able to receive each month. As a result, a variety of canned goods, nuts and dried/frozen fruit have been added to our deliveries. However, we continue to be in need of

INDIVIDUAL ROLLS OF WRAPPED TOILET PAPER.

It can be donated at Mass each week during the Presentation of the Gifts. Thank You for your generosity!

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## Welcome Committee:

The Parish Council is excited to announce the formation of a new Welcoming Committee here at St Teresa of Avila. We are looking for 2-3 people to help lead this initiative, and help us build a team of welcome volunteers for each mass. The task is simple, we need amazing volunteers that will greet all parishioners before mass with a friendly smile, a nice “hello”, and possibly help them find a seat! You may think we already do this, but it’s not consistent. Imagine walking into someone’s house and not being welcomed when you walk in the door, a place of business, or a restaurant. First impressions can be lasting impressions.

Please consider joining this committee because it’ll be fun and rewarding! If interested, please reach out to Jessica Marx @ [chicago2381@hotmail.com](mailto:chicago2381@hotmail.com).

## Loaves and Fishes:

The Loaves & Fishes ministry has been inviting guests indoors to enjoy their meal on Friday evenings.

We need volunteers to greet our guests, serve them, and clean tables. Volunteers are needed on Friday evenings from 3:30 to 6:00. If you cannot arrive by 3:30, just let us know when you sign up. You can sign up here - <https://signup.com/go/rBJiFSK>.

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## Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking!

Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking! Hearing the call to serve those less fortunate? Always wanted to (learn to) cook for a crowd? Our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is seeking cooks (and helpers) to prepare a warm dinner for the elderly and homeless in our area, served each Friday afternoon. For a 3-6 hour commitment, you’ll meet a wonderful group of people to work with, share kitchen tips and feel good about helping those in need. For more info, please contact Charisse Gioia

[cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)

Thank you

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## Home Communion:

Please contact the parish office to request a home visit with a minister of care to bring the Eucharist to you.



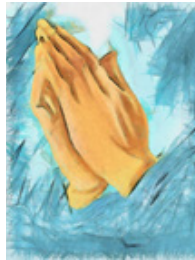
# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D) and Michael De Munster (D)  
 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased  
 6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

## Let Us Pray For: The Sick, The Deceased and Peace in Our World:

We pray for those who suffers from illness of mind or body.  
 We pray for those who have passed away.  
 We pray for peace in our city and around the world.  
 We pray for the intentions on our prayer cards.  
 We pray for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse.



## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 11/10 10am- Fr. Udovic  
 Sunday 11/10 12pm- Fr. Udovic  
 Sunday 11/10 6pm- Fr. Udovic



## Sunday Funday: November 3rd:

Today is Give Someone a Dollar Day and Sandwich Day

1952- Clarence Birdseye marketed frozen peas.

1954- The first Godzilla film was released and marks the first appearance of the character.

1956- The Wizard of Oz was shown on television for the first time, on CBS.



"This leaf was in the Bible. Maybe it's the one Adam wore!"

## **St. Teresa's 9th Annual Turkey**

**Calling all walkers, joggers,  
runners, canines and turkeys!**



**Please join us for our 9th, free, non-competitive,  
1 to 6 mile, Turkey Trot. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all  
abilities are welcome, including children and canines!**

**No racing, no timing, no awards, no entry fee\*, no t-shirts,  
and no \$60 bananas! Just lots of fun and smiles!  
Come dressed to trot!**

**Thursday, November 28th Thanksgiving Day**

**7:00am: Check-in at the Parish Center  
1950 N. Kenmore Ave.**

**7:30am: Trot**

**Back in plenty of time to attend the 9:00am Mass!  
Light Pre & Post Trot breakfast provided.**



**\* In lieu of an entry fee, please donate a non-perishable  
food item for the St. Teresa Food Pantry.**

**Questions & RSVP by November 21, 2024**

**Coach Mark**

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## St. Teresa's Greenery Sale 2024

All Pre-Orders are due no later than Sunday, November 3rd. Please send an email to [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com) for any pre-orders. If you don't receive a confirmation email to ensure your order was received, please follow up by email before Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick Up Date is the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> after all masses.

### 22" Forest Elegance Wreath-\$45

Noble Fir, Blue-Berried Juniper, Green Boxwood, three sets of cones and clusters of Red Berries-a simple yet very refined look. 22". Considered a standard size wreath. Can be used **Indoor or Outdoor**



### 26" Cinnamon Wreath- \$55

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, and Incense Cedar. Decorated with White Pondo cones, Canella Berries and Cinnamon Sticks. Can be Used Indoor or Outdoor on a slightly larger door or space.



### 14" Merry Berry Mini Wreath-\$30

Noble Fir, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Green Boxwood, accented with faux red berries. Can be hung as a small wreath in windows or used flat as a Candle Wreath (Candle not included).



**\*\*If you are looking for a Larger Wreath size for an Outdoor space, we can Pre-order Balsam Wreath with Pine Cones for you.**

36 Inch: \$60.00/ 48 Inch: \$80.00/ 60 Inch: \$110.00



### Yuletide Door Swag-\$30

Incense Cedar, Blue Berried Juniper a spray of Red Berries and Lodgepole Cones in 28" swag to be hung length wise on door.



### Be Merry Mini Centerpiece-\$20

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Natural and White Lodgepole, Pine Cones, Faux Red Berries in a Galvanized Container. Perfect for teacher gifts. Size: 8" Outside Dimension x 9" Height



### Holiday Greens Basket-\$35

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, White Lodgepole Pine Cones, and Red Berries in a handled Basket. Size: 12" Outside Dimension, 11" in Height, 3 lb



### Balsam Heavy Grade Roping/Garland (Outdoor only)

50'-\$85

All varieties of roping are thick, full and are approximately 50 feet long. Garland is created using durable wire core and only the highest quality boughs.



### Mixed Douglas Fir And Western Red Cedar Roping/Garland

25' (Indoor or Outdoor)-\$55

Our highest quality roping. All varieties of roping are thick, full and are approximately 10 inches wide and 25 feet.



# Parish Contacts

## Staff

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Charisse is responsible for managing the parish office as well producing our weekly bulletin and emails.

Charisse has been with the parish since 2019.

**Mark Neuhengen**

Director of Evangelization and  
Parish Mission

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Mark is responsible for our Parish Evangelization and Ministry. Mark is a graduate from Loyola University Chicago, holds a masters in theology and has been with the parish since 2019.

**Barbara McHugh**

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Barb is responsible for our Children's Faith formation programs. She and her husband Ed have been parishioners at St. Teresa's for over 30 years.

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## Staff

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## Parish Council

Anna Althoff- President

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

## Finance Council

Don Eldred- Chair

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

## Stewardship Committee

Dan Summins- Chair

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The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

## Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at: [www.teresa.church/bulletins](http://www.teresa.church/bulletins)

## 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.