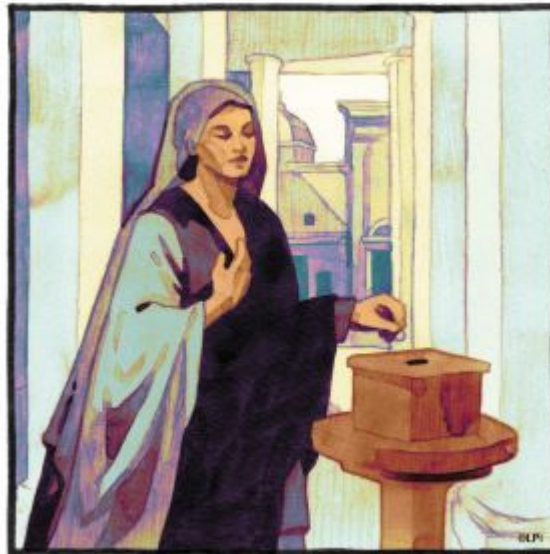


# THE JOURNEY

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 10, 2024



**Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

**Address**

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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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](mailto: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

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

**Lectors**  
teresa.church/lectors

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

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
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**Pastoral Council**  
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

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

# 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 Shephard 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: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blest with enough flour and oil to supply them for a year.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44**

Jesus notices a poor widow’s offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Feasts and Saints:

- 11/11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
- 11/12- St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- 11/13- St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- 11/15- St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gospel Meditation: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

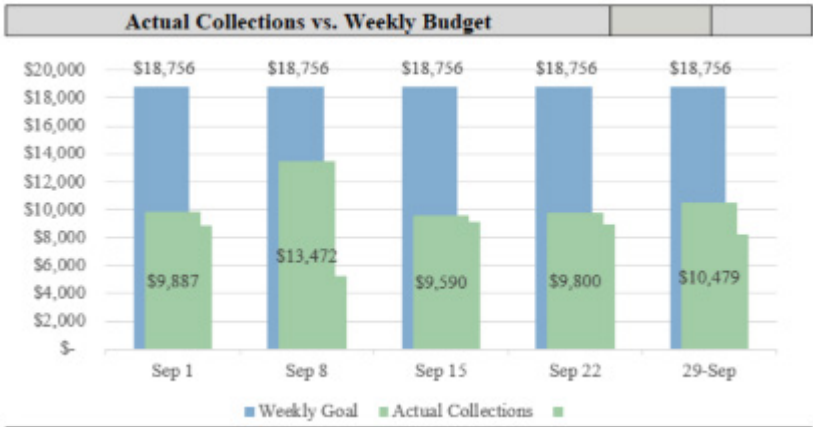
Once at an evening Mass as a poor college student, the collection basket was fast approaching, and I only had a ten-dollar bill. I was planning on using that to buy my favorite Chipotle burrito that night for dinner. Should I keep the money? Who would know if I did? If I gave it away, what would I eat? Would I be okay? I kissed my future burrito goodbye, dropped the money in the basket, and winced. But strangely, the rest of the Mass I felt more engaged than usual. I had skin in the game. I left the Mass excited to see how God would take care of me. And he did, in amazing ways. When the poor widow places two copper coins in the temple treasury, Jesus doesn’t pity her. He praises her. He blesses her. He brags about her. He celebrates her as the temple’s largest benefactor. Her giving is an act of radical, concrete trust in God. It is as if she is entering a new level of giving that excites Jesus, because she contributes not out of her abundance, but she gives “everything she had.” What a challenge this is to each one of us! How easy it is to ignore this! But imagine the eruption of the energy of faith, hope, and love that would be unlocked if our financial sacrifices to the Church actually tapped into daily bread and not only our disposable income. I challenge us to try this in some way this coming week and see what happens in our hearts. Even if it costs us a burrito.

— Father John Muir

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:



From Fr. Frank:

## Homily for the 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

As I mentioned in my blog a few days ago, I got lost twice in one day, a frightening experience when completely alone. What I do now when uncertain as to where the path is going is to look for the signs of arrows and shells, but I also look with intention at the ground when I can't see any signs. And I see FOOTPRINTS, the "sole" of many pilgrims imprinted in the ground. A truly human made sign embedded in Mother Earth. When I see these imprints, I feel safe.

God has imprinted in each "soul" the imprint of his very presence: we are marked with LOVE, the very foundation of the Law and Gospel that Jesus so beautifully teaches in today's gospel. The Scribe got it right, so to speak. The greatest commandment combines Love with God, neighbor and self. It is never private but very personal and interpersonal, with God, who IS love, connecting us together.

Love binds us together when we allow it to do so. When you read this, the election will be over and we will have a new president. If only we allow Love to be the energy when responding to the outcome. I am writing this on November 2nd, All Souls Day, in Burgos with my hotel in the shadows of a magnificent cathedral. I am in a reflective as I think about how this building came about and what it can say our fragile country.

This beautiful structure goes back to the 11th and 12th centuries and has gone through numerous renovations to its Gothic structure. It is rich in history, architectural innovation, countless pieces of artwork, windows, vaults, chapels, several entrances, spires. The cathedral has seen so many changes in the city of Burgos, the political upheavals, wars, violence, advances in humanity and science to the impact of technology and new ways of looking at human nature. And the cathedral still stands. And so will our country. Hope never disappoints when love is the response not a reaction that is cynical and bitter.

But what holds it up, supports and strengthens its foundation are the massive BUTTRESSES. Without them, it would collapse. The Love that is the foundation of Law, religion, ritual, institution and Gospel is what holds the "building" of the Church up: a magnificent building made of "human stone". Love strengthens the foundation, love binds us together, love is the spiritual energy that makes the church open and welcoming to all, love keeps our "doors" open, love most especially includes the sinner, the doubter, the most unlikely of human beings, as the SON shines THROUGH them creating colors of beauty.

The Church, like this cathedral, is always in need of restoration, renovation, changing the "architecture" to include new expressions of faith and theology. The buttresses of Love is the constant in this process of growth in beauty and the Truth. God IS LOVE!!! May LOVE prevail in these painful, divisive times. May WE BE LOVE to our country and our Church.





## Fall Blood Drive:

**St THERESA's FALL BLOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!  
THANKS TO YOU!!!!**

Our annual Fall Blood Drive took place on Sunday, October 27th in our parish center.

Thanks to our wonderful donors we collected a 47 units of life which will save over 140 lives.

Our donors are true hero's!!!

We are so thankful to them for sharing God's gift of life with others most in need.

We would like to thank our hospitality volunteers: Marie, Ella, Lilly, and Mike for their warm and welcoming smiles.

We give thanks to our supporters of the blood drive for their donations:

*Traders Joe's, East Lakeview for the beautiful flowers and pumpkins plus the organic bananas*

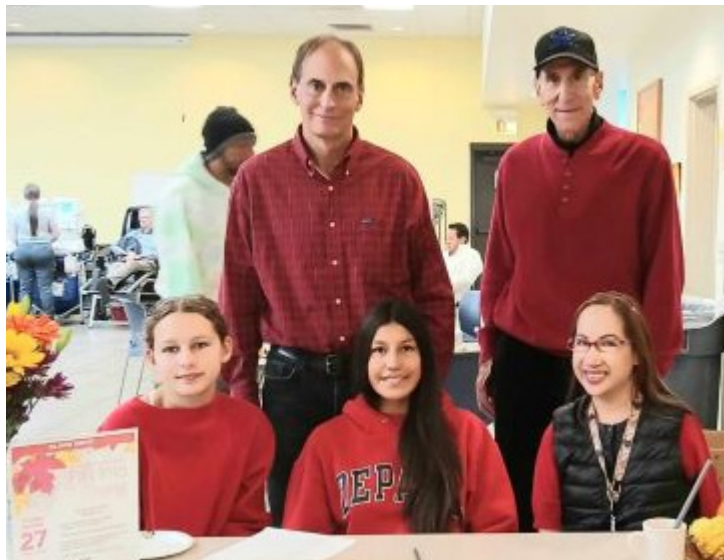
*Home Slice on Webster for their delicious pizzas*

*Starbucks (Corner of Armitage and Sheffield) for their fresh hot coffee*

The mood of our blood drive was so peaceful as we were graced by Olivia's lovely harp music.

May God bless all of you for being a light of hope when the world needs you the most.

Please save the date of Sunday, June 8, 2025 for our annual Spring Blood Drive



Shout out to Sai Café and Dee's at 1114 Armitage Avenue!

Last Friday our Loaves and Fishes Ministry guests enjoyed an amazing dinner prepared and donated by our neighbors, Sai Café, and Dee's Carry Out Restaurant.

The 2 restaurants owned and operated by James and his wonderful staff prepared the following meal for 100 guests: Egg drop soup, California rolls, shrimp fried rice, sesame chicken and broccoli.

We always have appreciative guests but this feast was especially enjoyed by all.

It is truly a gift to have such generous neighbors. We are very grateful to Sai Café and Dee's and hope you will drop in to enjoy some of what our guests experienced! They are right across the street on 1114 Armitage Avenue.

We'll see you there soon!



## 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 - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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:

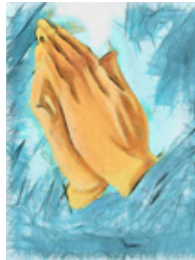
We pray for those who suffers from illness of mind or body.

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 11/17 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 11/17 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 11/17 6pm- Fr. Udovic



## Sunday Funday: November 10th:

Today is International Accounting Day and National Vanilla Cupcake Day

1775-The United States Marine Corps was founded at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, PA, by Samuel Nicholas.

1958- New York diamond merchant Harry Winston donated the Hope Diamond to the Smithsonian Institution.

1969- Sesame Street first broadcast.

1983- Bill Gates introduced Windows 1.0



"Did you hear about the cat who died and wasn't yet fit for heaven?"



"She went to **Purrrgatory.**"



**FUN FACT!**  
Purgatory is a state of purification that is available for souls who need a little more preparation before they're ready to be united with God in heaven.

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## **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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### Saint Martin of Tours | November 11

Saint Martin of Tours was born a pagan in what is now Hungary around 316, but he was raised in Italy where his father, a tribune, was posted. At 15 he was compelled to serve in the Roman military, though he was already a catechumen. There is a popular legend that while on campaign the saint cut his cloak in half to share with a cold beggar. That night he dreamed of Jesus and his cloak was restored. He was baptized at 18. Only two years after his baptism, he was released from the military, he had refused his battle pay and to fight saying he was a soldier for Christ. He is the first recognized conscientious objector.

After his release from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He worked diligently against the Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, and established a community of hermits near Poitiers in 361, the first French monastery.

In 371 he reluctantly became bishop of Tour. Nearby, he founded a second monastery, Marmoutier, because he preferred the life of a monk he retreated often. In 384 there was a popular heresy infecting the Church in Spain, led by the bishop Priscillian and his followers. The emperor Magnus Maximus became involved, ordering the execution of the heretics. Saint Martin opposed the executions and protested the emperor's involvement in Church matters. Unfortunately, the Priscillians were executed anyway.

Saint Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. He is notably one of the first saints who was not martyred. He is the patron saint of France.

### St. Frances Xavier Cabrini | November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 –1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.

Biography St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917) was born in the village of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Young Frances dreamed of being a missionary. She was educated to be a teacher by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was refused entry to the order due to her poor health. Instead, she worked as a teacher and administrator at an orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, run by the Sisters of Providence. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit, adding Xavier to her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier.

When the orphanage closed in 1880, she founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1887, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini sought an audience with Pope Leo XIII, to seek permission to go as missionaries to China. He famously told her to go “not to the East, but to the West,” and in 1889 she and six other sisters departed for New York, to serve Italian immigrants in the United States. However, anti-Italian and anti-immigrant attitudes were prevalent at the time, even in the Church. When she arrived, the archbishop advised her to go back to Italy. Undeterred, she provided education and healthcare within the Italian Catholic immigrant community.

At first, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini followed and served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S., becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1909. Eventually she also founded institutions in Central and South America and Europe. Overall, she established 67 schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She was also known for her deep spirituality, often entering a trancelike state during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

She died in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was canonized in 1946 by Pope Pius XII, the first United States citizen to be canonized. She is the Universal Patron of Immigrants. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Pray for us!

# 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**

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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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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.