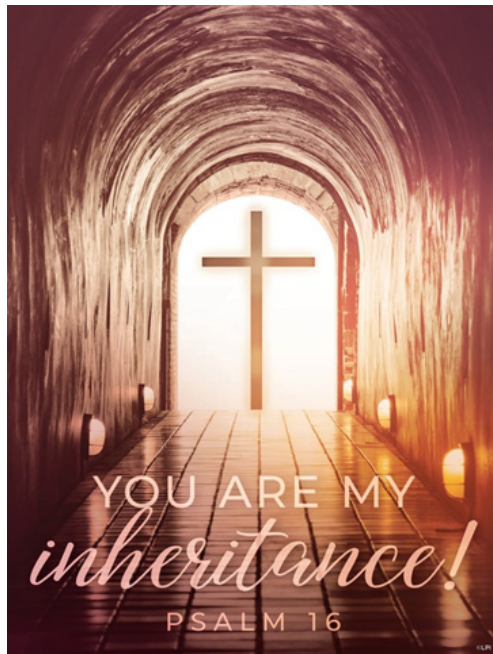


# THE JOURNEY

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2024



**Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

**Address**

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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773-528-6650

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://teresa.church/join).

Name

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Email

Phone

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Address

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Ministries of Interest

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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.

## 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.

### 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.

## 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: Daniel 12:1-3**

Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18**

Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

## Feasts and Saints:

**11/18-** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

**11/21-** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**11/22-** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

**11/23-** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr

## Financials: September 2024

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

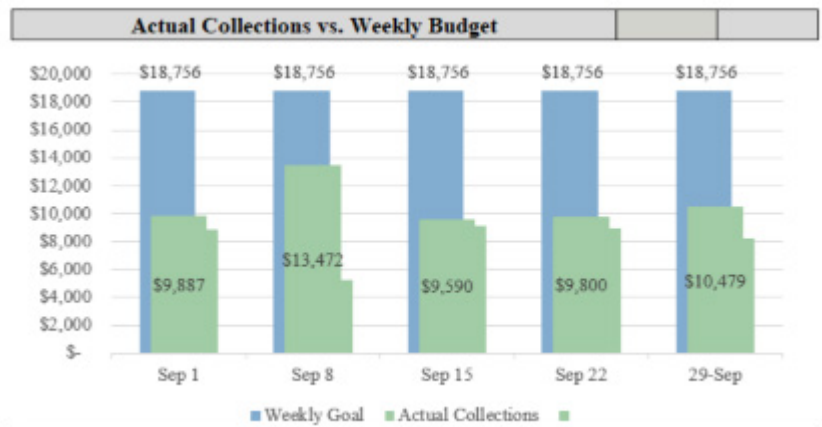
## Gospel Meditation: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful. But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds." He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir

## September Weekly:



From Fr. Frank:

## Homily for the 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

God takes notice of those who are forgotten, unobserved and taken advantage of. I ministered in a small, poor African American parish that had a hard time finding a pastor. It wasn't a parish of notice, had few resources and struggled with many injustices, even within the church. It was a parish way off the radar, but it was clearly a place where the gospel and teachings of Christ were lived beautifully and compellingly. God noticed this "mustard seed" of a parish.

It had ministries that fed the poor and gave shelter to the homeless. Volunteers stayed with these guests all night and cooked a fantastic fresh breakfast. Those breakfasts were like extensions of the Eucharist, gathering God's poor, sheltering them in love. If Jesus would return, He would most definitely visit this parish, a forgotten parish, first. It might very well be His most beloved parish in all the diocese. They made me a much better priest as their spirit and witness continue to guide me now.

The widow in the first reading who trusted in Elijah that God would provide, as the flour and oil were nearly gone. She gave EVERYTHING she had and God's response to her: abundant flour and oil. Giving from your WANT is an act of trust. The people of this parish was a community of hope, giving all they had to help people who were at wit's end. I witnessed parishioners weekly giving just about everything they had for the church. Their houses were simple, their vacations nonexistent but their love endless.

The beautiful, poor widow in the gospel, also forgotten and unobserved, gave EVERYTHING she had, from her WANT, to help support the Temple treasury. The many who gave large donations in coins were clearly observed and noticed because of the loud, clanking sound of those large coins being dropped into large, metal, trumpet shaped collection vessels.

Jesus didn't notice those large donors at all, nor the loud "sound" of their generous donations. No, Jesus SAW that poor widow and heard the tiny sound her two little coins made when she dropped them in with all the other coins in the metal receptacle. He valued her extreme generosity as she gave from her WANT, while he clearly was critical of the religious leaders and their show of pomposity and arrogance. They focused on what they were wearing and where they were sitting, desiring to be situated in places of honor so that they be noticed.

We are being called and challenged to have hearts that are large and magnanimous, choosing to give of money, time and energy with no notice or need to be recognized and "observed." The irony of the widows in the readings is that they WERE recognized and observed by the most important "One" of all: Christ!!

The same will be true with YOU!!!

Peace. Fr. Frank

## Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The End of the World

“It’s not the end of the world.”

If I had a brick for every time my mother said this to me growing up, I could have built a castle. One that comes complete with a moat whose bridge I could dramatically pull up so I could sulk, in the window of the highest turret, sighing loudly so every passerby would know how I suffered.

Because sometimes we act like it’s the end of the world — whether we are a little kid angered by a playground snub, a teenage girl flipping out over an assignment for English class or a college student distraught that she got scheduled for four opening shifts in a row at the coffee house where she works (yes, these are all examples taken straight from my life, why do you ask?).

And sometimes, it really does seem like the end of the world. We lose someone we love to cancer. We miscarry a child before we even get to see his tiny face. The rent is due, and the bank account is overdrawn (also all examples taken straight from my life).

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that when the sun is darkened and the moon no longer gives light, we must look for him, because his time is near.

He’s talking about The End of the World. The big one, the apocalypse. But why do I think he’s also talking about the end of the world — those sufferings large and small, real and imagined, that make us feel like the sky is caving in?

In both instances, he draws near to us. So let us look for him.

## Stewardship Reflections:

### Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ’s? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if “unblemished”) lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ’s sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

CHRISTMAS

# ANGEL TREE

TAKE AN ANGEL ORNAMENT FROM OUR TREE IN THE CHURCH BEGINNING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

WE WILL BE FULFILLING GIFT REQUESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR AS WELL AS NEEDED ITEMS TO WELCOME A NEW REFUGEE FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

WE ASK ALL WRAPPED AND TAGGED GIFTS ARE RETURNED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH

PLEASE CONTACT CHARISSE GIOIA WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
773-528-6650



## Greenery Sale

December 7th & 8th

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE ST. TERESA WILL OFFER IT'S ANNUAL GREENERY SALE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THERE WILL BE FRESH WREATHS, SWAPS, AND HOLIDAY GREENS BASKET TO PURCHASE. THE SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7TH AND 8TH. QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, AND WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

CASH, CHECK, AND CHARGE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

IF YOU ALREADY PRE-ORDERED YOUR GREENERY, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AS WELL.

ALL PROCEEDS HELP TO COVER THE GREENERY AT ST. TERESA'S USED TO DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AS WELL AS OTHER CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

## Advent Book Discussion

How do we speak about a God of Life in a world with so much suffering?

Wednesdays at 6 PM for 4 weeks

First Session Wednesday, November 27th

Register by November 20th

Dinner included!

[Register Here](#)



Gustavo Gutiérrez



THE GOD OF LIFE



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## 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.



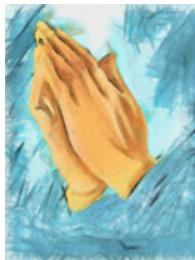
# Prayer

## 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 11/24 10am- Fr. Udovic  
 Sunday 11/24 12pm- Fr. Udovic  
 Sunday 11/24 6pm- Fr. Udovic

## Prayer of Seasons

As the seasons change, be with me.  
 As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.  
 As I face what the future holds, be with me.  
 As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there.  
 Amen.



## Sunday Funday: November 10th:

Today is **Homemade Bread Day** and **World Peace Day**

1894- H. H. Holmes (Dr. Henry Howard Holmes), one of the first modern serial killers, is arrested in Boston, Massachusetts. He killed between 23 and 200 people.

1968- Heidi Game Scandal – NBC cut the AFL championship to show the children’s film Heidi and millions missed the Raiders beat the Jets, 43-32. The movie started at 7:00 PM. The game ended at 7:07.



## **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  
markbuciak.qcc@rcn.com**

## Mary and the Saints

### Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

### Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

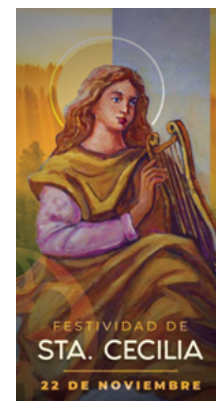
Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

## Saint Cecilia | November 22

Saint Cecilia’s story, like many of the earliest saints’, is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was “singing in her heart to the Lord” at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian’s brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn’t break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint’s body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.



# Parish Contacts

## Staff

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Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
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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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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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## Parish Council

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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.