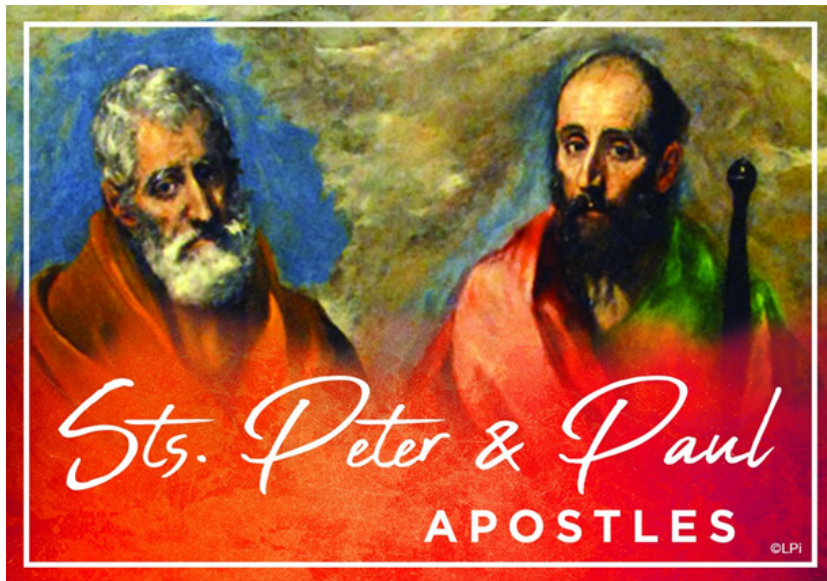


THE JOURNEY

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

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2025



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

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

Welcome

“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 for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/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.



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.

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

Welcome

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.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

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

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

Food Pantry

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

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

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

Men's Spirituality

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 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

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 for programs to meet the needs of our children.

Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

teresa.church/french-community

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

This Sunday’s Readings:

First Reading: “Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herodvand from all that the Jewish people had been expecting.” (Acts 12:11)

Psalm: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Ps 34)

Second Reading: The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel: I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Mt 16:19)

Feasts and Saints:

6/30- The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7/1- St. Junipero Serra, Priest

7/3- St. Thomas, Apostle

7/5- St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest ; St. Elizabeth of Portugal



Gospel Meditation: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints’ birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God’s family, the Church.

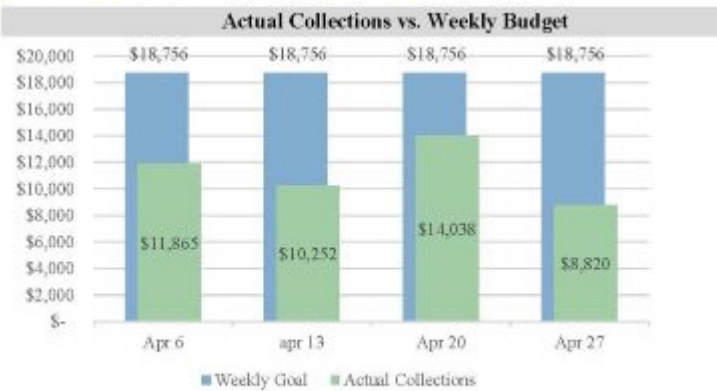
Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus’ cross and resurrection.

That’s why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome’s founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my “twin,” with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Father John Muir

Financials: April 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	12,585	14,118
Give Central:	37,150	43,838
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
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From Fr. Frank:

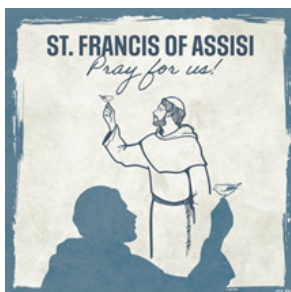
Summer is here in a real big way. The heat has been very difficult to deal with, particularly if you have any kind of health problem associated with your lungs. Every breath taken may be painfully difficult and labored. Please be safe and take care of yourself as the temps and humidity soar.

The weather seems to be getting more and more unpredictable, compelling us to face the ravages of human caused climate change. Global warming is a reality that is already causing countless numbers of people to face moving to other areas, not so prone to natural disasters “fueled” by the horrible manner in which we treat climate and creation.

In our church, we have the Canticle of Creation, the beautiful, lyrical poem given to us by St. Francis of Assisi displayed for all to see. This Canticle is artistically portrayed with colorful images of the various aspects of creation: the sun, moon, stars, water, fire, air, earth ...painted to reflect scenes from our city and neighborhood. They are hanging on the wall by our statue of St. Francis. Spend some time in prayer reflecting on the verses of this song of the beauty of Creation.

Really look at the statue of Francis, standing with outstretched arms in praise, portrayed wearing a replica of the very habit he wore: torn, tattered filled with holes, wrinkled and very much not ironed!!!! But look at his hands, feet and side... look closely, for imprinted on them is the “Stigmata,” the very wounds of Christ. Francis had such a depth of love for Christ crucified, that God’s love “pierced” his body, uniting Francis, physically, with Christ’s Passion.

The created world is being pierced, not by love and respect, but by degradation, pollution, destruction. To face the realities of how much we are damaging God’s beauty in His Creation, the center of our inner beings, our hearts, our souls, must be “pierced” by God’s LOVE. Let’s do what we can to cultivate the created world, respecting it’s beauty that comes from God.



From Mark:

On the feast of Sts Peter and Paul, we hear quite an intense story. St. Peter, after seeing one of his companions executed by the government, is locked in jail awaiting his own execution. An angel from God appears, unshackles Peter and leads him past his guards into freedom.

When we read this story, it may be tempting to see ourselves as Peter. We may feel trapped by circumstances in their lives or in relationships that do not lead us into freedom. We may look at a war moving closer to the brink of war or our neighbors being snatched up from the street or communities being unable to listen and want to rot in the cells we make in our head or our homes by disconnecting from other people.

I think the harder challenge from these readings is to see ourselves in the Angel. Christian faith is not a spectator sport and more often than not we have the agency and ability to visit peoples’ prisons.

We, like the angel, have the ability to visit those in literal jail. The Archdiocese of Chicago has a pretty extensive jail ministry and they are always looking for volunteers. In a time when immigrants are feeling increasingly threatened, we can look for ways to support our neighbors.

For example, the newly named Archbishop of San Diego made headlines when he attended immigration hearings in order to prevent I.C.E from taking immigrants into custody. I.C.E has recently been taking immigrants who arrive for court hearings and Archbishop-elect Pham said that his presence, like the Angel for St. Peter, made a difference.

St. Teresa is currently trying to establish a social justice group with the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership. If you are interested in helping us build this, reach out to me at mneuhengen@teresa.church

ST. TERESA'S SPRING BLOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!! THANKS TO YOU!!!!

Our annual **SPRING BLOOD DRIVE** took place on **PENTECOST** Sunday, June 8th in our parish center.

Thanks to our wonderful donors we met and surpassed our goal of 40 units by collecting a total of 43 units of life which will save over 130 lives.

Our donors are true hero's especially those donating Double Red units.

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

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

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

* **ANNETTE'S HOME MADE ITALIAN ICE....** A first time sponsor

* **LUSH COSMETICS.....** Also a first time sponsor

* **HOME SLICE PIZZA.....** on Webster for their delicious pizzas

* **TRADER'S JOES.....**Lincoln Park on Clybourn for the beautiful flowers and the organic bananas

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

* **ALDERMAN TIMMY KNUDSEN, 43rd WARD**

* **MARGARET CROKE, Illinois State Representative**

The mood of our blood drive was so peaceful as we were graced by 3 lovely violinists

Please save the date of Sunday, October 26, 2025 for our annual Fall Blood Drive

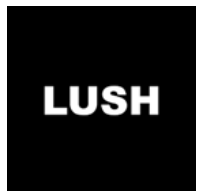
Remember to have at least 56 days between donations for whole blood donations and 112 days for Double Reds

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

Thank you,

Mark Buciak

Volunteer Blood Drive Director





Photos By: Chris Tomes and Marie Palmeri

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>

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!

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:Jessica.Marx@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>.

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

Thank you



St. T’s Men’s Annual Retreat
September 5–7, 2025
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, IL

All men ages 18 and older are warmly invited to join the St. T’s Men’s Group for our annual retreat, taking place the weekend of September 5–7 at the peaceful Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington.

God continually calls us to go deeper, to draw nearer. This retreat offers a rare opportunity to step away from the noise and demands of everyday life and spend intentional time with God. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, immerse yourself in the grace of the Spiritual Exercises and rekindle the hope that strengthens our faith. Through silence, prayer, and reflection, encounter Christ anew—His mercy, His call, and His constant presence.

This cherished tradition is not only spiritually enriching, but also a great way to connect with other men from St. Teresa’s. We attend as a group and meet at the beginning and end of the retreat. Carpooling from the city will be available.

Register directly at: jesuitretreat.org/retreats/september-5-7-2025

Questions? Contact Craig Dean at cdean@aegpartners.com.

Mass Intentions

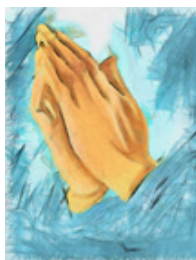
10AM - Joseph Kachnik (D) and Ray Romero (D)

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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 7/6 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 7/6 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/6 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer of Pastoral Care

O God, Bless the souls You have entrusted to our care. As You hear every one of their prayers, help us to hear them, too. Answer their prayer intentions and personal needs through us and our ministry, as we all seek to do Your will. Amen.



Sunday Funday June 29th:

Today is Almond Butter Crunch Day and Camera Day

1889- Hyde Park and several other Illinois townships voted to be annexed by Chicago, forming the largest United States city in the area and second-largest in population.

1956- The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 was signed, officially creating the United States Interstate Highway System.

1998- The Lifetime Movie Network made its debut.

People knocked on wood to request good luck from mystical creatures they believed lived in the trees or to distract spirits with evil intentions.

The small bumps or ridges found on the F and J keys on a computer keyboard are to help users correctly position their left and right hands without having to look at the keyboard.

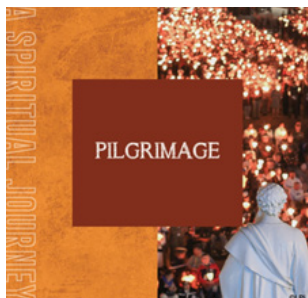


Devotions, Explained!

Pilgrimage, Explained

When the time came for the Transfiguration of Christ, Jesus took three of his disciples to “a high mountain by themselves,” indicating that the sacred mysteriousness of this moment was something best experienced apart from the routine of ordinary life. This is the principle behind the act of pilgrimage: a journey to a place of spiritual significance, undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Christian pilgrimages really began in the fourth century, when churches in the Holy Land were constructed in locations associated with the life of Christ. Throughout the centuries, pilgrims have likewise flocked to sites of Marian apparitions, miracles, and to places connected with the lives of saints. Some of the most iconic pilgrimage destinations include Fatima, Lourdes, and the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.



Catholic Trivia- Just for Fun:

Question: What is the instrument used to sprinkle holy water on the congregation during Mass called?

Answer: The aspergillum.

Catholic Q&A:

St. Paul Conversion

Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org.

St. Teresa's Parish Council | June 9, 2025

Attendees: Father Frank, Jess, Margaret, Barb, Dean, Anna, Jamie, Mark

Opening Prayer: Led by Dean

New Church Signage: Dean will talk to his contact to see if he has recommendations for how to approach the outdoor building signage. Looking specifically at digital signage and to get. Anna to also follow-up with Fast Signs for solutions.

Generation-to-Generation Campaign: Approaching \$1.1MM in pledges. At least 50% will come back to the parish over 5 years (paid out quarterly). Funds will use be used for things like staffing, updating parish center flooring and potentially the outdoor building signage.

Parish Building Update: All of the parish buildings are in good condition.

Together In Joy Fundraiser: Committee already forming to plan the annual fundraiser. The Generation-to-Generation Campaign could have an impact on fundraising goals for this event.

Mass Attendance: Attendance is stable overall, with slight declines during summer months.

St. Clement Parish & Volunteers: St. Clement Parish reached out and would like to partner with us on some of our volunteer programs. Particularly programs that support the aging populations.

Saturday Evening French Mass: Would we every consider having a bilingual French/English mass? This topic was raised for consideration.

Potential New Parish Council Member: Juliana Lamblin, Margaret to reach out and follow-up to confirm interest.

Next PC Meeting: October 6, 2025, 7PM in Parish Center

Closing Prayer: Led by Dean

St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.



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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.

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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

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.