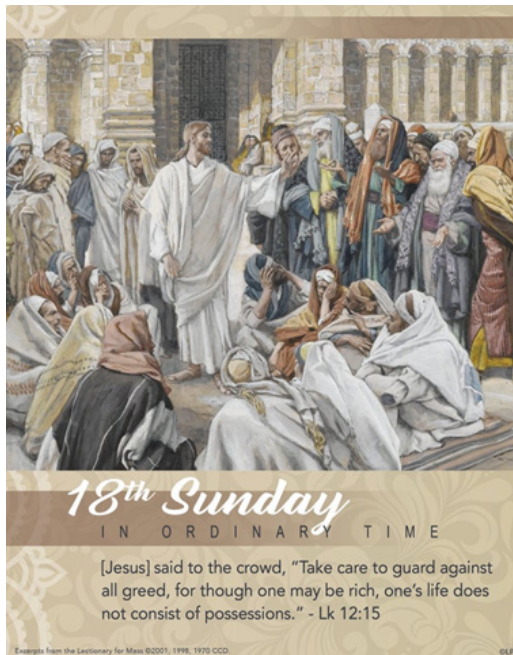


THE JOURNEY

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025



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

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

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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: For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Eccl 2:22)

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

Second Reading: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel: Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” (Lk 12:21)

Feasts and Saints:

- 8/4- St. John Vianney, Priest
- 8/5- The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- 8/6- The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8/7- St.jetan Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs ; St. Cajetan, Priest
- 8/8- St. Dominic, Priest
- 8/9- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Gospel Meditation: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week’s Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, “Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir

Financials: May 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	20,290	17,563
Give Central:	34,942	40,154
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$55,232	\$ 57,717
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From Mark:

What is your first reaction to a problem?

In today's Gospel, Jesus responds to a heckler in the crowd who interrupts his preaching to ask a question that folks even today ask!

"Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me" Jesus responds to the quintessential question about wills and inheritances with a story. He tells of a rich man who has a problem. He has too much wealth!

At this moment, the rich person has a decision to make. He solves the problem of having too much grain (wealth) to build a bigger store house for his wealth. While this definitely "solves" the problem, I see this solution as rooted in his own ego and not centered on other people. His first reaction to this problem is not "I should give some of this wheat away" but "I need a bigger place to store it"

This parable is a moment for us to reflect on what our first response is to a problem. When we face a challenge with our personal wealth, or friendships, or political lives in our ward, city, state or country, or our relationships with our partner, or with our job, is our first response rooted in our ego or in other people.

In each scenario do we do the equivalent of building up a bigger store house or do we give away our wheat freely.

While this parable is about personal wealth and possessions, I believe we can expand this thinking to other parts of our lives.

Are we ready to give others our love and our time or are we building up store houses?

In prayer this week ask how we can tear down our store houses and build up communities of love, hope and faith in a God that gives us all that we need.

Confession:

During the month of August Fr. Frank will be hearing Confession on Tuesday during adoration from 6:00-7:30 on on the following dates -August 5th, 12th, and 19th.

Saint John Vianney | August 4th:

Patron Saint of parish priests, all priests, and confessors

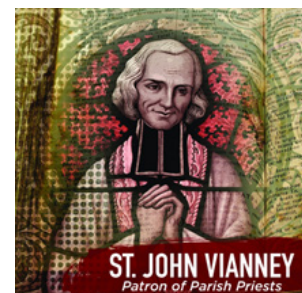
John Mary Baptiste Vianney was the fourth of six children born to devout Catholic parents in Dardilly, a village near Lyon in eastern France. John was born three years before the start of the French Revolution, during which the Church came under ferocious attack. The Vianney family hid priests and attended clandestine Masses at nearby farms. The witness of the priests who risked their lives to offer the Sacraments inspired young John and later motivated him to become a priest. Given the chaos of the time, John spent most of his childhood helping on the family farm and tending to the flocks, rather than attending school. He was functionally illiterate through his teenage years.

At age twenty, John began his formal education there, but it was interrupted when he was drafted into Napoleon's army. Illness and circumstance kept him out of service; he eventually returned to Écully to continue his education.

John was ordained a priest on August 12, 1815 and served as an assistant priest in Écully, under Father Balley's supervision, until Father Balley's death.

In 1817, Father Vianney became chaplain at the church of Saint Sixtus, in Ars, a small farming community where he would remain for the next forty-one years.

Father Vianney's homilies were simple. Sin must be avoided; those who remain in sin will go to hell. Those who turn to God will be saved and welcomed into Heaven. He preached on God's love, prayer, the sacraments, and living a life of charity and virtue.



The Transfiguration of the Lord | August 6

All three Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). Just prior to the Transfiguration, the three Gospels also record Jesus' trip with His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. The Greek god Pan was worshiped there in a cave thought to be bottomless and often referred to as the gate to the netherworld because of its association with the pagan god. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it..." (Matthew 16:16–18).

After this exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Jesus responded sternly to Peter's resistance, correcting his human thinking with divine wisdom.

This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed the disciples that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings.

Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

This event was likely meant to reinforce the disciples' faith after a week when they pondered Jesus' foretelling of His suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus' divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah. Further, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He was well pleased.

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell.



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

Stewardship Reflections:

What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.



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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>

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 - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

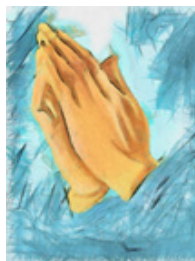
12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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

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

Cecelia Dowdall



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 8/10 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 8/10 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 8/10 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer for Open Hands

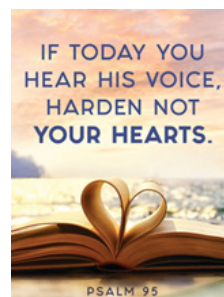
Lord, I do not know what any day holds,

I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.

Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.

Help me to live according to Your invitations.

Amen.



Sunday Funday August 3rd:

Today is Watermelon Day and Champagne Day

1852- Harvard University won the first Boat Race against Yale University. The race was the first American intercollegiate athletic event

1926- The first traffic lights in Great Britain were installed at Piccadilly Circus.

1946- Santa Claus Land, the first modern themed amusement park, opened in Santa Claus, Indiana, United States.

There have only been two voice actors to voice Donald Duck. Clarence Nash (1934 – 1985) and Tony Anselmo (1985 – present).

The lifespan of a taste bud is about ten days.

"How does St. Dominic travel?"



"He takes a Greyhound."



St. Dominic is frequently depicted with a dog in art. When his mother was expecting, she had a dream about a dog with a torch in its mouth, inspiring the reflection that Dominic would be a great preacher (and he was)!

GLP!

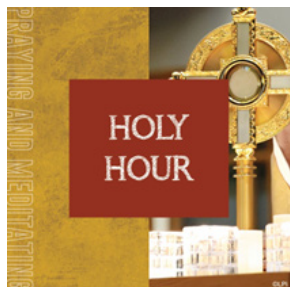
Devotions, Explained!

Holy Hour, Explained!

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion.



Catholic Trivia- Just for Fun:

Question: How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?

Answer: Three times.

Catholic Q&A:

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not.

In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

St. Cajetan | August 7

Patron Saint of the unemployed

Cajetan of the Counts of Thiene was born to noble parents in Vicenza, in the Republic of Venice, modern-day Italy. Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin as a child, Cajetan was devout, temperate, obedient, and mindful of the poor, avoiding the temptations stemming from his family's wealth and status. He studied law in Padua, receiving a double doctorate degree in canon and civil law.

In 1506, at Pope Julius II's request, Cajetan accepted a high position in the papal court. The politically ambitious Pope Julius II was nicknamed "Warrior Pope" for his quickness to lead the Papal States army into battle. In Rome, Cajetan's duties included administrative legal work, and he was the pope's close advisor. In 1508, Pope Julius II allied the Papal States with France, Spain, and the Holy Roman Empire against the Republic of Venice. Cajetan helped relieve the tensions and reconcile Venice with the pope, ensuring peace for his homeland.

After Pope Julius II died in 1513, Cajetan resigned his position, receiving priestly ordination in 1516. He returned to Vicenza to join the Oratory of Saint Jerome, dedicated to the service of the poor. Founding a hospital to care for the terminally ill, Father Cajetan delighted in helping people die with dignity and faith. He founded a similar hospital in Venice. Father Cajetan also worked in a local parish. He became known as a "holy gambler." When he gave spiritual advice, he "bet" the person that if his advice worked, the person had to light a votive candle. If it did not, Father Cajetan would light the candle. Thus, he is invoked by those seeking freedom from gambling addictions.

In 1527, disgruntled soldiers sacked Rome, resulting in eight months of violence and looting. Some Theatines were killed, and Father Cajetan endured torture. Eventually, the Theatines escaped, settling in Venice where they established a new house. For two decades, the order grew, expanding into Naples, Milan, Sicily, and other parts of Europe. Father Cajetan's penances and prayers fueled his devotion to the order's mission. After Father Cajetan's death in 1547, Bishop Carafa became Pope Paul IV in 1555, elevating the order's status and mission and helping it to continue to grow.

St. Dominic | August 8

Patron Saint of astronomers, scientists, and those falsely accused

Dominic was born to noble parents in Caleruega, in the Kingdom of Castile, present-day Spain. An early biographer tells that his mother, struggling to conceive, made a pilgrimage to a local monastery where Saint Dominic of Silos had been abbot. At that time, she dreamt that a dog emerged from her womb and, with a torch, set the world on fire. "Dominic" is translated as "The Lord's Dog."

Today's saint came from a holy family, excelled at his studies, and was devoted to the poor. When Dominic was twenty-four, Bishop Diego de Acebo of Osma ordained him as an Augustinian canon of the cathedral, hoping that he would help reform the other canons. For nine years, Father Dominic lived a life of deep prayer and witness, eventually becoming prior.

In 1203, Father Dominic accompanied Bishop Diego on a diplomatic mission for the King of Castile during which they discovered two grave needs in the Church. First, many northern Europeans had not heard the Gospel message. Second, a heretical group in southern France, the Cathars, were leading many astray.

Living in poverty as itinerant preachers, Father Dominic and Bishop Diego engaged in public debates and private dialogues with the Cathars to point out their errors through reason and persuasion. After Bishop Diego died, Father Dominic founded a convent in Prouille in 1206 dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalene, believing that it was through prayer that souls would be saved. While providing a safe haven for women and nuns converted away from the Albigensian heresy, the convent educated girls in the true faith.

Miracles that God worked through Father Dominic resulted in conversion and new followers. In 1215, with the Bishop of Toulouse's permission, Father Dominic founded an order of men dedicated to evangelization. They lived communally; prayed together; embraced poverty, obedience, and chastity; studied the faith; and went on preaching and evangelizing missions. The following year, Pope Honorius III gave formal consent to the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans.

In the years following until Dominic's death in 1221, other houses were founded in Paris, Madrid, and Bologna. After his death, the order continued to expand. By the mid-1200s, hundreds of Dominican houses had sprung up across Europe and in other parts of the world.

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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.

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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.