

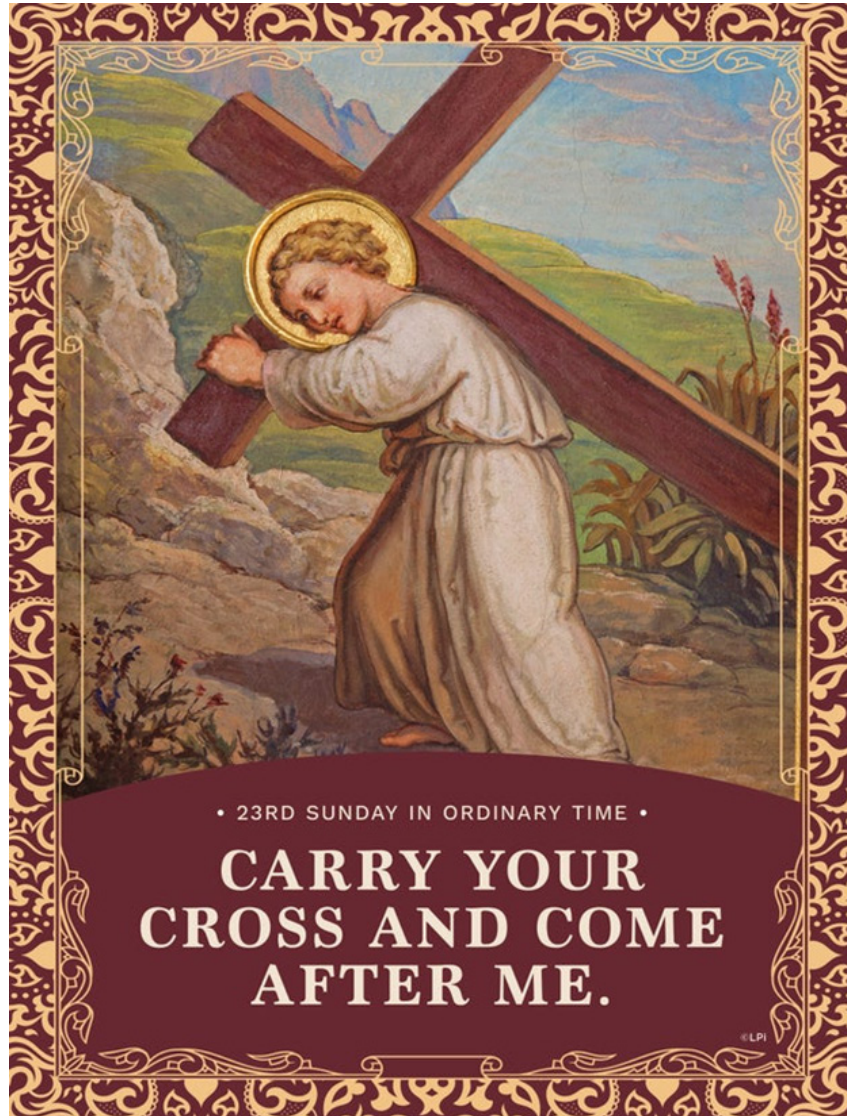
# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

September 7, 2025

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

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#### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

#### Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

773-528-6650

#### 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](mailto:cgioia@stteraparish.org)

#### Eucharistic Adoration

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

#### Office Hours

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

[www.teresa.church](http://www.teresa.church)

# 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.”

<b>Community Ministries</b> If you want to serve the St. Teresa’s community in our liturgies or our planning, there are many opportunities for you!  <b>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)</b> <a href="#">teresa.church/rcia</a>  If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.  <b>Lectors</b> <a href="#">teresa.church/lectors</a>  Email <a href="#">eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com</a> for more information.	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> <a href="#">teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers</a>  Email <a href="#">eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com</a> for more information.  <b>Pastoral Council</b> <a href="#">teresa.church/pastoral-council</a>  Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.  <b>Finance Council</b> <a href="#">teresa.church/finance-council</a>  Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.
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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](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 for 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: And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight. (Wis 9:18)

Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading: Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever. (Phlm 1:15)

Gospel: Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)

Feasts and Saints:

- 9/7- Grandparents Day
- 9/8- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9/9- St. Peter Claver, Priest
- 9/12- The Most Holy Name of Mary
- 9/13- St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



Gospel Meditation: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, “If you can’t manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?” Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

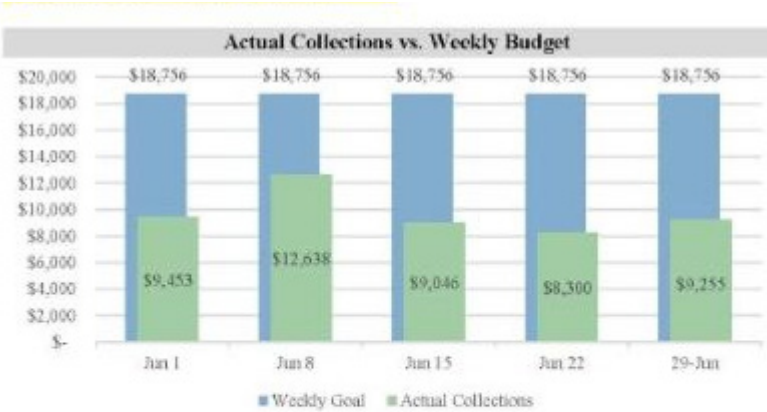
The Lord Jesus chides us in this week’s Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir

Financials: June 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	8,500	11,225
Give Central:	37,053	36,560
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$45,553	\$ 47,785
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From Fr. Frank:

As I was praying on my retreat last week, I heard about the horrific tragedy that occurred at Annunciation Church: during Mass to celebrate the beginning of the school year, a deranged person opened fire, shooting through the stained glass windows killing two children and injuring many more. These horrible, senseless acts of violence using guns are occurring on a regular basis. What was something that could never even be imagined not so long ago, is now commonplace. Countless numbers of innocent lives, particularly children, have been brutally taken due to the stark reality of gun violence.

We keep saying something must be done but nothing changes. The "issue" is mired in political realities hinging on the interpretation of the Second Amendment. Powerful gun rights lobbies and a lot of money make this a reality that has divided our country, making any kind of substantive change next to impossible. There are more guns than people in our country, meaning well over 300,000 million, creating a culture of violence that leads to a total disregard for human life. Perhaps we need to revisit how we interpret the Second Amendment.

Prayer for the innocent victims must be accompanied by action, yet make no mistake about it, prayer is a powerful force in helping to transform hearts. Some of the comments by politicians calling into question the power of prayer show their crass ignorance. All our prayers, especially the Eucharist, engage our Lord to ACT in reaching out to those who suffer injustice. Christ ACTS through our prayers AND through our actions, rooted in social justice and the Beatitudes. This most certainly involves our faith influencing our political involvement and action. We must have both prayer and action.

I spent much of the time during on the retreat praying for various needs of parishioners and for all those involved in this act of violence at Annunciation Church. All of our prayers are making a difference in ways known only to God and all those being prayed for. Prayer is a powerful force for goodness and truth, a belief only possible with Faith.

From Fr. Frank:

I will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, Tuesday September 9th at 6:00 pm in the confessional near the statue of St. Francis. I can't always be available on Tuesday's due to scheduling issues. Whenever I can be there to celebrate Confession it will be in the bulletin or on our website.

If anyone wishes to celebrate Reconciliation please contact me through my email or call the parish so we can arrange a time.

Little Sisters of the Poor Visit Next Weekend:



On the weekend of September 13/14, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 19 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in the United States and in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current

Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 146 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!



[www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org)



### FRIENDS AND CATECHISTS WANTED

This Fall, our Lincoln Park deanery is looking for Friends and Catechists for our SPRED programs. SPRED stands for **S**pecial **R**eligious **D**evelopment which is an archdiocesan program that ministers religious growth and development to our Friends with special needs. We have SPRED programs in the following age groups:

- St. Vincent De Paul – ages 6 to 10
- St. Teresa of Avila – ages 11 to 16
- St. Josaphat – ages 17 to 23
- Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph – over 23 years old

Each parish is looking for both Friends and Catechists to join this important ministry that brings our parish communities closer with our Friends with special needs. If you know of anyone who would be interested in participating in SPRED as a Friend or Catechist we would love to talk to them about it. For Catechists, no prior experience or training is needed and we assist in the training as we go and with the help of our SPRED center. Please contact Carrie Mondschean at 312-320-1160 or at [cmondschean@hinshawlaw.com](mailto:cmondschean@hinshawlaw.com) for more information.

Please consider joining. We would love to have you!



## Statement of Cardinal on the School Shooting in Minnesota



### **Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, on the School Shooting in Minnesota**

**August 27, 2025**

I have been following news reports on the shooting at Annunciation Church and School in Minnesota. While events are still unfurling, what we know now is that two children ages 8 and 10 were killed and 17 persons were injured, 14 of them children. Two children are in critical condition. While such shootings have sadly become commonplace, this one hits close to home, not only because it occurred at a Catholic school, but also because the gunman shot through the windows of a church where children and their teachers were praying at the start of a new school year. If any place should have been safe, it should have been there. If any time should have been safe, it should have been then. Tragically, we know no place or time when Americans – even children – are safe from the curse of gun violence. While we join our prayers with others that those injured in body and spirit will heal and that the murdered children will be received into heaven, we must also cry out for action to prevent even one more such tragedy.

The facts are clear. Guns are plentiful and common sense attempts to limit their availability have been largely rejected in the name of a freedom not found in our constitution. Cutbacks in funding for health care and social service programs will only exacerbate a national mental health crisis and increase alienation. We therefore pray for those who hold the power to make the safety of our people a national priority.

We ask God to give them the courage to take the steps they know will alleviate if not eliminate the fear parents must feel sending their children off to school and Americans feel leaving their homes for simple errands. Surely they must be moved by these shootings. We pray that they will not see them as inevitable because then we will have certainly surrendered our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Please pray and please act.

Now.



## 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: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>.

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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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## Mass Intentions

10AM - Sr. Coletta (D); Frank Baker (D); Dolores Gannon (D)  
12 PM - Gruszka, Jaszczor, Kosek and Pawlowski Grandparents (D)  
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 9/14 10am- Fr. Frank  
Sunday 9/14 12pm- Fr. Udovic  
Sunday 9/14 6pm- Fr. Frank



## Sunday Funday September 7th:

Today is Beer Lover's Day and Salami Day

1927- Philo Farnsworth completed the first fully electronic television system.

1979- The Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) debuted.

1998 – Google was founded by Stanford University students Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

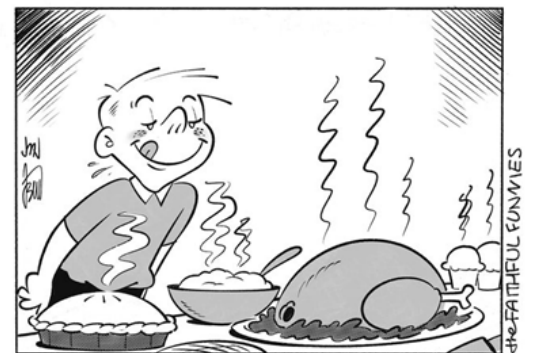
2004 – Hurricane Ivan, a Category 5 hurricane, hit Grenada, killing 39 people.

The average person's left-hand does 56% of the typing.

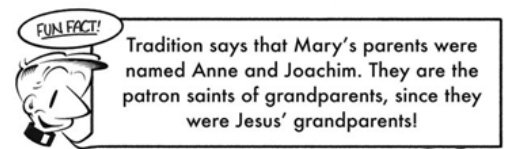
In "The Wizard of Oz" Toto was played by a dog named Terry, who earned \$125 a week doing the film.



"What smells the best at Grandma's house for dinner?"



"Your nose!"



## Devotions, Explained!

Lectio divina (“divine reading”) is a practice of praying through the reading of Scripture, opening oneself to the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of Lectio divina dates to ancient monastic communities, but it has gained popularity in modern times as a way to meaningfully engage with the word of God.

The formula for Lectio divina is simple and follows four steps. The text of the Scripture is read (lectio) multiple times, and the reader takes note of any words or phrases that resonate with him in a particular way. The reader then reflects deeply on the passage (meditatio) and the words that he noticed, turning them over in his mind. Following this, the reader prays with the passage (oratio), and dialogues with God, inviting him to illuminate the reader’s understanding of the text. Finally, there is rest and contemplation (contemplatio).



## Catholic Trivia- Just for Fun:

Question: What does the word “dalmatic” mean?

Answer: A dalmatic is the outer vestment worn by a deacon.

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## Catholic Q&A:

Question: What Happens if Someone Drops a Consecrated Host?

Answer:

Despite our best efforts, and this is as true in our liturgical celebrations as in all of life, accidents happen. Occasionally at Mass, a host may be dropped or some of the Precious Blood could even be spilled from the chalice, despite the best efforts of the priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion assisting at the liturgy.

So, when a host is dropped or the Precious Blood is spilled, we can take guidance from the U.S. Bishops’ statement Norms for the Distribution for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds:

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Should there be any mishap — as when, for example, the consecrated wine is spilled from the chalice — then the affected “area . . . should be washed with water, and this water should be then poured into the sacrarium.”

According to no. 280 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the general rule is that a dropped host is picked up by the minister distributing Communion and reverently consumed. The minister should be careful to make sure that no other particles from the host remain on the ground. As we see in the instruction from the bishops, the Precious Blood would be absorbed (customarily with a purificator) and the area attentively and reverently washed with water which would then be disposed of properly.



Tickets are now available for our annual gala to celebrate and support our ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. This year's Roaring Twenties-themed evening will feature dinner, entertainment, and both live and silent auctions.

The Together in Joy Gala is integral to our continued support of our many outreach programs, including the weekly food pantry, Loaves and Fishes meal, and our refugee ministries.

Event Details:

Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Venue West, 221 N Paulina St, Chicago  
Vintage-inspired attire encouraged

Tickets:

Early Bird Ticket\* (Limited Quantity) | \$150  
Regular Ticket | \$200  
Volunteer Ticket | Free!

\*Limited to 50 tickets or before Sept. 1, whichever comes sooner

Learn more & buy tickets at [togetherinjoy.com](https://togetherinjoy.com)

Are you called to give? We're seeking sponsors, auction treasures, and unique experiences to make this night unforgettable.

For questions, please contact [outreach@teresa.church](mailto:outreach@teresa.church)

## BIBLE

## STUDY

BIBLE EDUCATION 2025/26:

BIBLE TIMELINE & AMP; CATECHISM CLASS BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AT 9:00 AM

JOIN US AS WE ENCOUNTER GOD IN SILENT PRAYER, CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS, GROUP SHARING & AMP; NARRATIVE VIDEO. ALL ARE WELCOME!  
EMAIL DEBBIE TO JOIN: [DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM)

'BEGINNING BIBLE TIMELINE CLASS' BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 8:45 AM -OR- 4:30 PM! JOIN US, AS WE ENCOUNTER GOD IN SILENT PRAYER, BIBLE PASSAGES, AND TIMELINE CHARTS. ALL ARE WELCOME!  
EMAIL DEBBIE TO JOIN: [DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM)

'A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS' BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 21! JOIN US, ON SUNDAYS AT 8:45 AM - OR - 11:00 AM AS WE EXPLORE THE RICH BIBLICAL ROOTS OF THE LITURGY AND LEARN WHAT OUR WORDS, GESTURES, AND RITUALS MEAN AND WHY IT ALL MATTERS. ALL ARE WELCOME! EMAIL DEBBIE TO JOIN: [DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM)  
THESE COURSES ARE PRESENTED IN AN EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND NON-INTIMIDATING MANNER. SIGN UP OR QUESTIONS? EMAIL DEBBIE AT [DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM)



According to legend,  
St. Joachim and  
St. Anne are Jesus'  
grandparents  
on Mary's side.



St. Joachim  
and St. Anne,  
pray for us!

## Staff

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**Charisse Gioia**

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
Bulletin

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

Charisse has been with the parish since 2019.

**Mark Neuhengen**

Director of Evangelization and  
Parish Mission

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

**Barbara McHugh**

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

**Carol Spalla-Malone**

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**Sergio Mora**

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## Parish Council

Anna Althoff- President

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

## Finance Council

Don Eldred- Chair

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

## Stewardship Committee

Dan Summins- Chair

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

## Contributing to the Bulletin

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

## How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.