

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

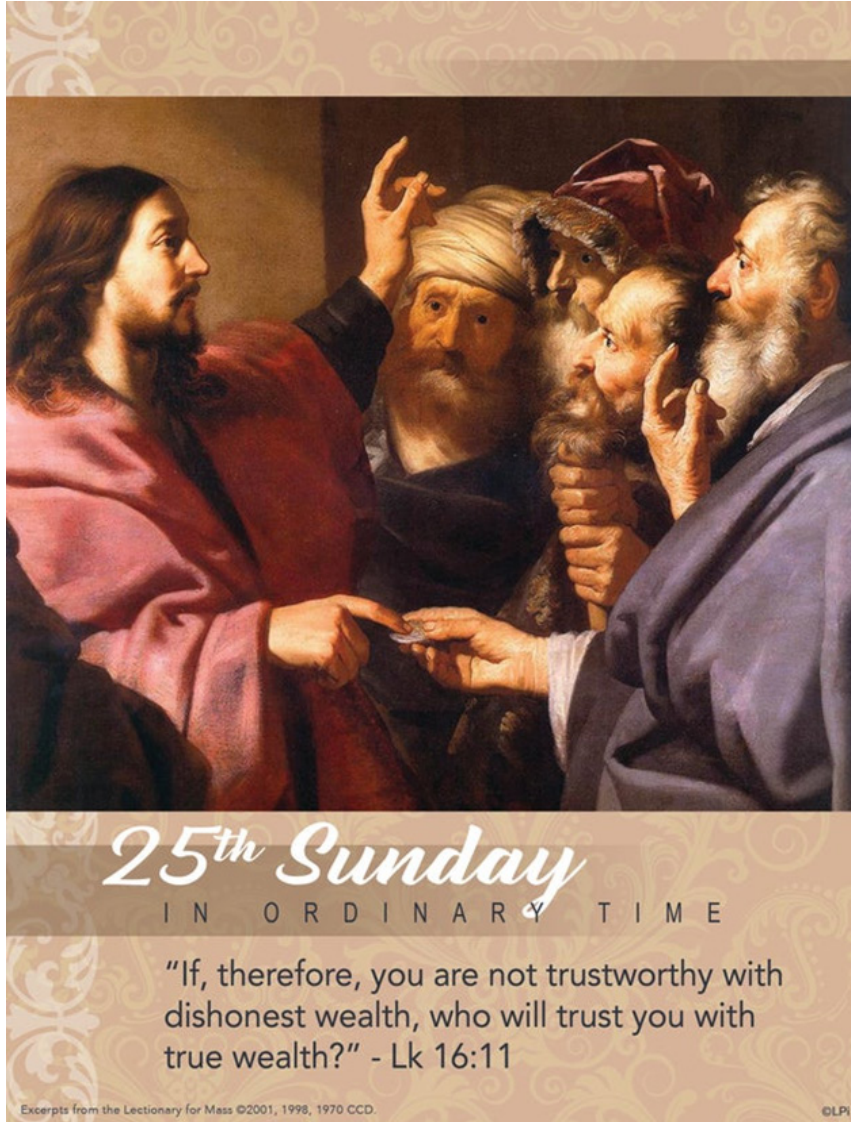
CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

September 21, 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

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.”

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

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

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: The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading: There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

Feasts and Saints:

9/23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

9/26- Sts. Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs

9/27- St. Vincent de Paul, Priest



Caden David Keyser

Maribel Juniper Rodriguez

Gospel Meditation: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

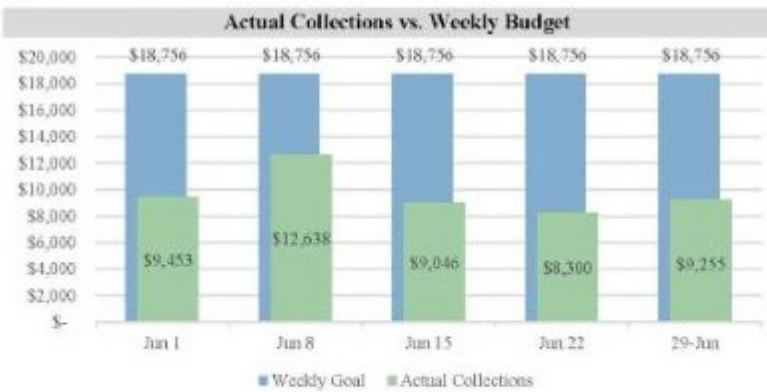
And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— 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:

We have a Deacon!!! Yes, St. Teresa of Avila has been given the privilege of helping to prepare Brian Junkes, “yunkes”, for ordination to the priesthood next May. He will first be ordained a transitional Deacon in October and will exercise his ministry as Deacon here at St. Teresa’s from October through May.

Brian is a seminarian for the Divine Word Missionaries, an order of priests that works in a variety of parishes and ministries around the world. Brian will be involved in a number of our ministries, including our religious education program for children, our outreach ministries, helping with adult formation and serving as Deacon at our Sunday and holiday liturgies, including preaching. Deacons have the credentials to preach at public liturgies.

Brian will be introduced on Sunday, October 5, which will give parishioners an opportunity of giving him a warm welcome. We are blessed to have him as he prepares to be ordained to the priesthood. Brian was raised in West Palm Beach Florida, has much experience in martial arts (I won’t get him angry), loves walking in nature and is preparing for a Masters of Divinity and a Research MA. What a great addition to our parish community!

He will be the Deacon at our masses on Sunday, October 19th.

Blessing of the Pets

On Sunday, October 5th we will commemorate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi’s Canticle of Creation, his magnificent poem/song giving praise to the beauty of God’s Creation. Francis had a deep relationship with the various expressions of God’s creating genius, including the sun, moon, stars, water, the wind, fire...his “brothers and sisters.” This beautiful Canticle is displayed on the wall near our statue of St. Francis with images of these “brothers and sisters” illustrated with local, Chicago accents.

As part of this commemoration, pets will be blessed in honor of this Saint of animals, a wonderful expression of God’s Creation. Bring your beloved pets to the church. They can come in the church provided they can behave themselves. If your dog gets a bit feisty, the gathering space or parish center can be places of refuge, for the dog and you. Please be cognizant of those parishioners who are either not fond of animals or have allergies. The well being of our parishioners takes precedence.

On October 12th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, the actual date of her Feast is October 15th.

On Sunday, October 26th, our 10:00 liturgy will celebrate the mystery and joy of Halloween and All Saints.

Dressing up, carving pumpkins, baking delicious, spooky treats will add a festive nature to the celebration. The traditions of Halloween are rooted in Celtic culture and they allow the unknown mysteries of the world to emerge, causing wonderment and a bit of unexplainable fright. A “creaking” sound in the middle of the night can rouse one from sleep. A rumbling of thunder quickens the beat of the heart.

October will be a delightfully busy time.



Fiscal 2025 Finance Report:

BUDGET & FINANCE

As outlined in the accompanying table, St Teresa's net surplus for fiscal 2025 (the year ending June 30, 2025) equaled \$211k. Excluding investment results, the net surplus equaled \$42k, a continuation of our more than decade long string of full year net surpluses.

The net surplus excluding investment results was \$20k higher than last year and \$77k better than budget. Per Archdiocese reporting guidelines, results are segregated between Net Ordinary (recurring activities) and Net Other (non-recurring activities). The favorable variances versus last year and budget resulted entirely from non-recurring activities included within Net Other.

Other Revenue included the first tranche of the parish's share of contributions to the Generation to Generation Capital Campaign (\$28k), a major gift to Loaves & Fishes (\$25k), prior year contributions for capital improvements recognized as income in the current year (\$19k), and support of Fr Frank's Camino de Santiago (\$11k), among others. Another \$25k gift to Loaves & Fishes was received this year but will be recognized as revenue next year.

Other Expenses were lower due to lower Capital Improvements. This year's capital improvements included expenditures for HVAC, kitchen equipment, and the roof, among others.

Net ordinary income, excluding investment results, equaled a loss of \$35k. This amount was \$48k below last year and \$31k below budget. A successful Together in Joy, included within Fundraising, accounted for the favorable revenue variances. However, higher Ordinary revenues were more than offset by higher expenses.

The unfavorable expense variances are largely the result of higher Salaries and Benefits. Staffing accounts for approximately 60 percent of recurring expenses, and the number of staff was at planned levels for the entire year. The variance versus last year largely reflects planned salary increases. The unfavorable variance versus budget reflects higher than forecast visiting priest costs and staff bonuses. These items will be better reflected in future budgets.

Looking ahead, the budget for next year anticipates a modest net loss. However, we will continue working diligently towards a full year net surplus. Thank you again for your attendance at Mass, your contributions of time to our ministries, and your financial support of the weekly collection and Together in Joy. They are essential to the parish's success.

8/8/2025

St Teresa of Avila Parish
Semi-annual Report to the Parish

	ACTUAL			BUDGET	
	Full Year			Full Year	
	FY25	FY24	Variance	FY25	Variance
Collections	701,891	698,188	3,703	722,450	(20,559)
Fundraising	231,016	207,557	23,459	176,500	54,516
Other	53,671	69,150	(15,479)	61,476	(7,805)
Total Revenue	986,578	974,895	11,683	960,426	26,152
Expenses	(1,021,873)	(962,627)	(59,246)	(965,158)	(56,715)
Net Ordinary	(35,295)	12,268	(47,563)	(4,732)	(30,563)
Other Revenue	122,711	101,148	21,563	31,000	91,711
Other Expense	(45,540)	(91,749)	46,209	(61,000)	15,460
Net Other	77,171	9,399	67,772	(30,000)	107,171
Subtotal	41,876	21,667	20,209	(34,732)	76,608
Investment Earnings	168,683	218,382	(49,699)	-	168,683
Total Net	210,559	240,049	(29,490)	(34,732)	245,291



Join us for the Together in Joy 2025 Gala!

Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Venue West

Our annual fundraising gala, Together in Joy, celebrates and supports our ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. The evening will consist of entertainment, dinner, and a live and silent auction. This year's Roaring Twenties-themed evening will feature dinner, entertainment, and both live and silent auctions.

Event Details:

Saturday, November 8, 2025

6:00 PM

Venue West, 221 North Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60612

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



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

Liturgical Ministers:



Have you ever considered becoming more involved in liturgy by serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at Mass? We have opportunities available for both ministries and we would welcome your getting involved in these unique roles in the liturgical life of St. Teresa of Avila. Service in these ministries will deepen your faith and help you grow in your love of the Lord. To serve as a Lector, all that is required is a deep love of the Word of God and a desire to serve God's people. Likewise, to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, all you need is a deep love of the Eucharist and a desire to serve. We will train you and teach you all you need to know. Please prayerfully consider serving your parish in these very important ministries. If you are interested in serving, please email Eric Fredericks at eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com. Eric will be organizing training sessions in October and he will coordinate with you on scheduling. Thank you for considering participating in our liturgies in these very important ministries!

Mass Intentions

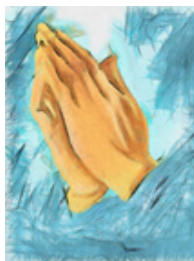
10AM - Jon Larrick (D); Raymond Marselle (D)

12 PM - Ken Jaszczor (D) ; John Kottra Prayers for Healing

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 9/28 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 9/28 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 9/28 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,

With your gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe you when you say you want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer.

Amen.



Sunday Funday September 21st:

Today is Miniature Golf Day and Pecan Cookie Day

1897- The New York Sun published it's editorial – Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

1937- J. R. R. Tolkien's The Hobbit was published

1957- Perry Mason, starring Raymond Burr premiered on CBS.

1970- The first game of NFL Monday Night Football was played between the Cleveland Browns and the New York Jets. Cleveland won 31-21.

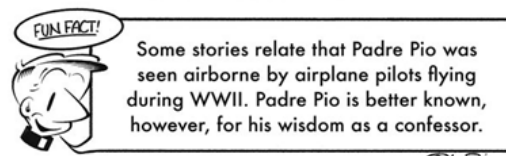
1996- John F. Kennedy, Jr. married Carolyn Bessette.



"Why did Padre Pio send the airplane to its room?"



"Bad altitude."





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 for more information.

Please consider joining. We would love to have you!



HOW SWEET IT IS.....


SPRED ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

**AFTER ALL THE MASSES
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 21st, 2025**

**All proceeds benefit special needs charities
and SPRED at St. Teresa of Avila**


Thank you for your generosity!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps cover the cost of educating our seminarians as they proceed through the stages of formation before ordination as priests.

Your generosity supports these men answering God's call to a life of service for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Please give today at
archchicago.org/seminarianfund

Thank you!




DONATE BLOOD

**St. Teresa of Avila Church
Blood Drive**

1950 N. KENMORE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60614
@ PARISH CENTER

**Sunday
October
26
7:30AM – 2:00PM**

 **ST. TERESA - AVILA**
CHICAGO, ILL. 60614

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.
1-800-7TO-GIVE

To make an appointment, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, scan the QR code below or go to the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/mexmeh7c>

Donate blood and be someone's hero. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.



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Blood Center of Illinois

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**

**"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**

**"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**

**THESE COURSES ARE PRESENTED IN AN EASY TO
UNDERSTAND AND NON-INTIMIDATING MANNER. SIGN UP
OR
QUESTIONS? EMAIL DEBBIE AT DBICHIMER@GMAIL.COM**



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Charisse Gioia

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

Director of Evangelization and
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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

Religious Education

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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

dsummins@hotmail.com

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.