

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

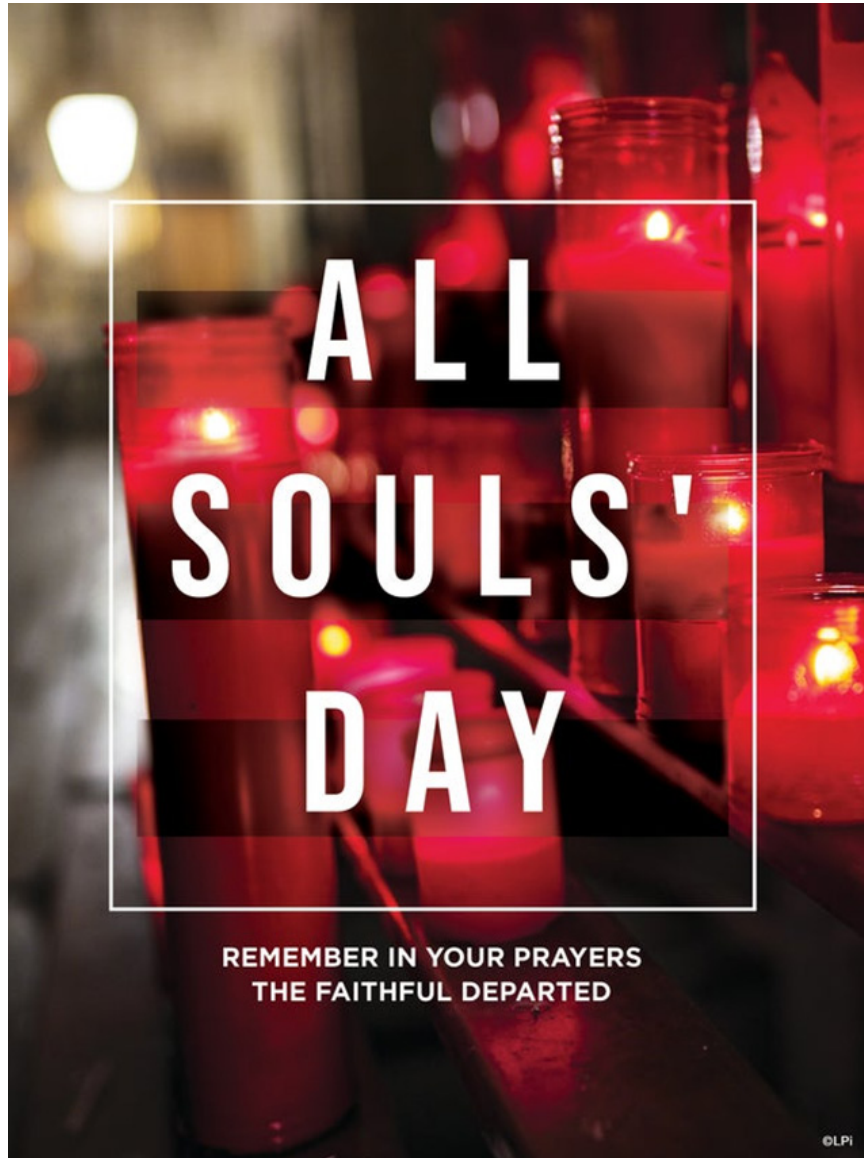
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November 2, 2025

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

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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

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

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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.



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: Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

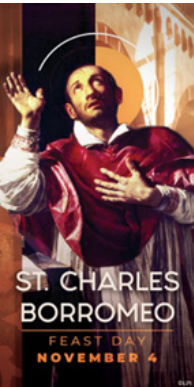
Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23) OR Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Second Reading: But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel: “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.” (Jn 6:40)

Feasts and Saints:

- 11/3- St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- 11/4- St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop



Gospel Meditation: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn’t find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

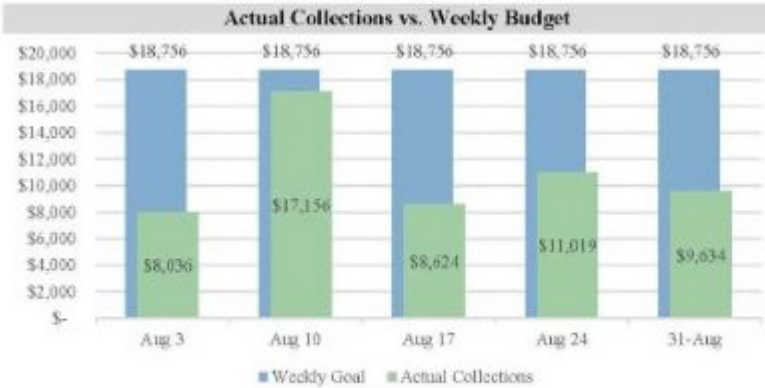
Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today’s Gospel (John 6:37–40), he says, “This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me.” Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls’ Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir

Financials: August 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	15,384	5,895
Give Central:	33.899	37,093
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$49,283	\$42,988
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From Fr. Frank:

We are just one week away from our annual fundraiser, Together in Joy, on November 8. This is our only major fundraiser and it is important that we raise enough funds to continue to be able to maintain our financial strength. Since our collections on the weekends and at our major Feasts only support about seventy percent of our annual expenses, we need this fundraiser to make up the difference. If you are not able to come please consider giving a donation that respects your budget.

The month of November is a month to remember all of our loved ones who have passed away and we begin with today's beautiful Feast of All Soul's. The altar of the Day of the Dead is a way to celebrate their lives by placing photos or prayer cards in the altar itself. This is a rich Mexican tradition that celebrates death as a gateway into a new life in eternity. The fanciful skulls and skeletons are a way to face death with a bit of humor and color. Death has no power over us. Let the Risen Lord breathe through our precious memories of this we hold dear in our hearts. They are alive and well.

Advent is just four weeks away. This powerful season unfortunately gets lost in due to Christmas being celebrated just after Thanksgiving, if not before. During Advent, especially the first half, we are preparing for Christ's Second Coming, when he will return, not as a baby, but as the Risen Lord, in power and glory putting an end to the battle between good and evil. Only Christ can ultimately destroy all that divides us, causing countless violence and war. We can try all we want, and we must, to bring peace in earth, but only Christ can finally put an end to the works of Evil.

May Advent and its power not get lost in all that we do to celebrate Christmas.



St. Martin de Porres | November 3



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A GALA CELEBRATING FAITH & FELLOWSHIP
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DATE

SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2025

6:00 PM

LOCATION

VENUE WEST

221 NORTH PAULINA STREET

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

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA
A Together in Joy Event

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Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — she lived, she died — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words she died but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.



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St. Teresa's 10th Annual Turkey Trot

Calling all Walkers, Joggers, Runners, Canines and Turkeys!

Please join us for our 10th, free, non-competitive, 1 to 6 mile, Turkey Trot.

Runners, joggers, and walkers of all abilities are welcome, including children and canines!
No racing, No timing, No awards, No entry fee*, No t-shirts, and No \$60 bananas! Just lots of fun and smiles!

Come dressed to trot!

Thursday, November 27th Thanksgiving Day
7:00am: Check-in at the Parish Center

1950 N. Kenmore Ave.
7:30am: Trot
Back in plenty of time to attend the 9:00am Mass!
Light Pre & Post Trot breakfast provided.

*** In lieu of an entry fee, please donate a non-perishable food item for the St. Teresa Food Pantry.**

Questions & RSVP by
November 20, 2025
 Coach Mark
markbuciak.qcc@rcn.com



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.

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



Mass Intentions

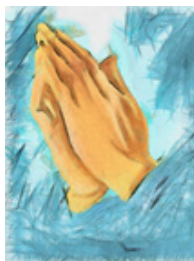
10AM - Mary Marselle (D)

12 PM - Ken Jaszczor (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.

Sunday Funday November 2nd:

Today is All Souls Day and National Deviled Egg Day

1914- New York's Brighton Beach Express subway crashed, killing 97 people, and injured 100 more.

1947- Howard Hughes flew a one-mile flight in the world's largest aircraft, "Hercules," aka 'The Spruce Goose.'

1983- President Reagan signed the bill establishing the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on the third Monday in January.

1997- Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, starring Brandy and Whitney Houston, aired live on ABC



Mass Schedule

Sunday 11/9 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 11/9 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 11/9 6pm- Fr. Frank

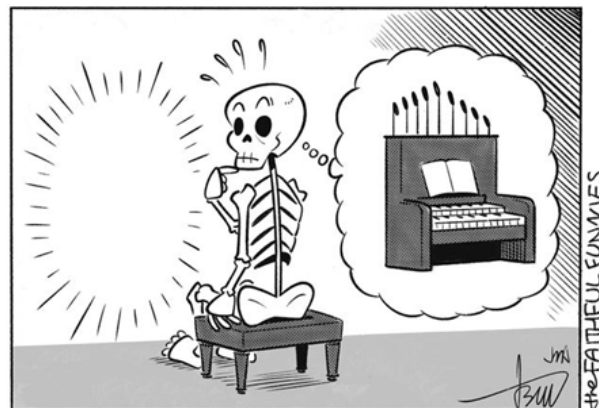
Prayer During Loss

O God,

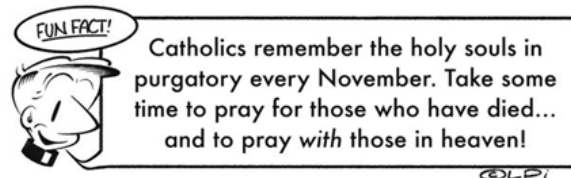
In the midst of my grief, be with me. Cover this season with Your comfort and consolation, help me to know Your presence and Your grace. Bring comfort to my affliction, and hope to my heart.

Amen.

"Why don't skeletons play music in church?"



"Because they have no **organs!**"



Around the Parish

St. Teresa's Greenery Sale 2025

All Pre-Orders are due no later than Monday, November 3rd. Please send an email to kristen@rksanning.com for any pre-orders. If you don't receive a confirmation email to ensure your order was received, please follow up by email before Nov. 3rd. Pick Up Date is the weekend of December 6th/7th after all masses.

22" Forest Elegance Wreath-\$45

Noble Fir, Blue-Berried Juniper, Green Boxwood, three sets of cones and clusters of Red Berries-a simple yet very refined look. 22". Considered a standard size wreath. Can be used **Indoor or Outdoor**



26" Cascade Wreath- \$55

Noble Fir, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Bay Leaves, Faux White and Red Berries. Can be Used Indoor or Outdoor on a slightly larger door or space.



14" Merry Berry Mini Wreath-\$35 each or 2/\$60

Noble Fir, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Green Boxwood, accented with faux red berries.

Can be hung as a small wreath in windows or used flat as a Candle Wreath (Candle not included).



Be Merry Mini Centerpiece-\$25 each or 3/\$65

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Natural and White Lodgepole, Pine Cones, Faux Red Berries in a Galvanized Container. Perfect for teacher/hostess gifts (discounted in sets of 3).

Size: 8" Outside Dimension x 9" Height



Balsam Heavy Grade Roping/Garland (Outdoor only)

50'-\$85

All varieties of roping are thick, full and are approximately 50 feet long. Garland is created using durable wire core and only the highest quality boughs.



Mixed Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar Roping/Garland

25' (Indoor or Outdoor)-\$55

Our highest quality roping. All varieties of roping are thick, full and are approximately 10 inches wide and 25 feet.



Extra Large Balsam Wreaths (Outdoor use Only)

*Pre-Order Only

36 Inch: \$60.00/ 48 Inch: \$80.00



Yuletide Door Swag-\$35 each or 2/\$60

Incense Cedar, Blue Berried Juniper a spray of Red Berries and Lodgepole Cones in 26" swag to be hung length wise on door.



Holiday Bark Basket-\$40

Bright Red Berries, White Lodge Pole Pine Cones, Fragrant Oregon Juniper, Western Red Cedar and Princess Pine add textural contrast to the hardy Noble Berries in a handled Basket. Size: 10" W x 15" L x 11" H



Catholic Q & A :

Resurrection of the Dead

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

Catholic Trivia:

Question: How many days did Jesus remain on earth after his Resurrection?

Answer: 40 days.

Devotions, Explained!

Prayer for the Dead, Explained!

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45).

“By virtue of the ‘communion of saints,’ the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: “Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.”



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Charisse Gioia

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

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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.