

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

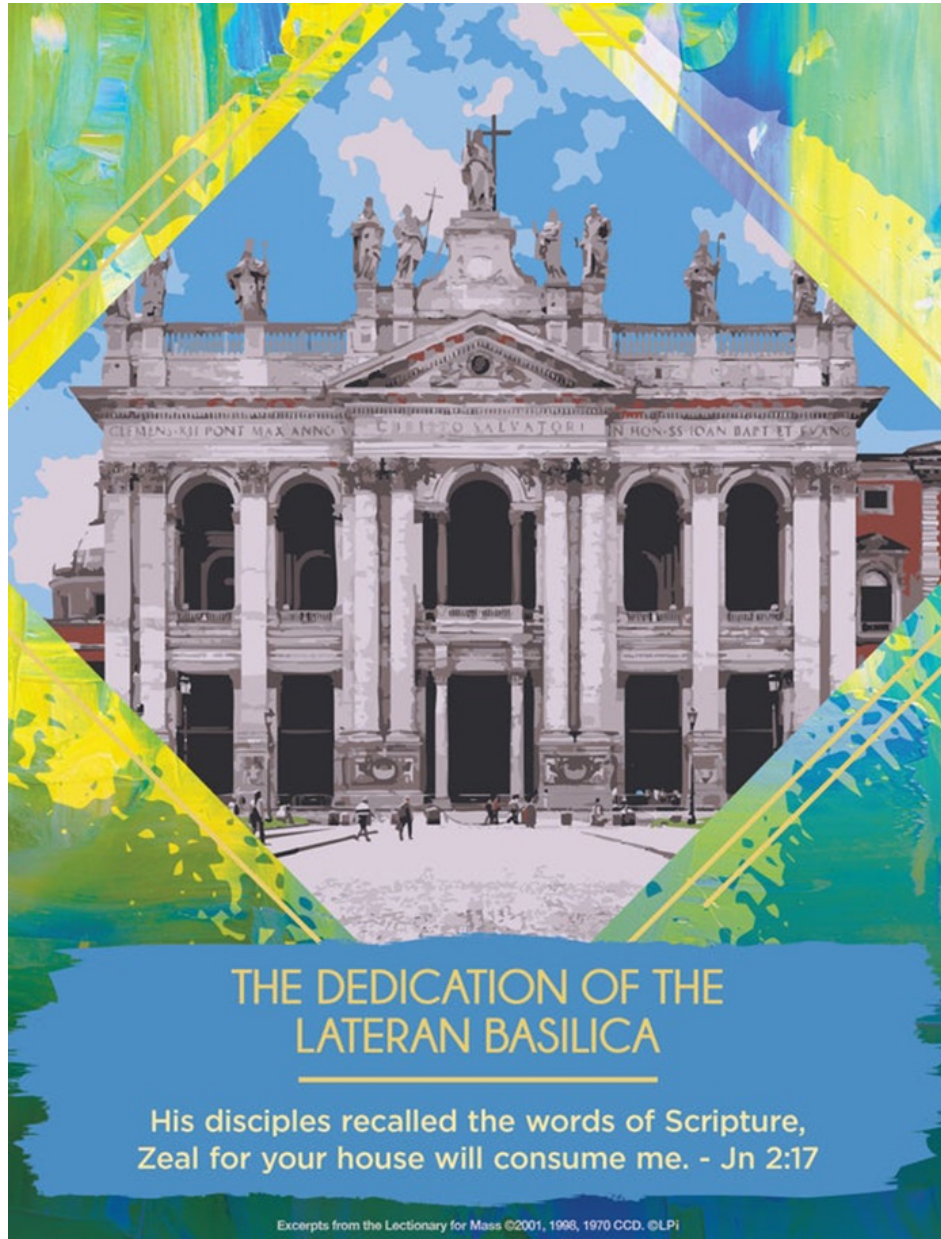
CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

November 9, 2025

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

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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
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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

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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: Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. (Ez 47:12)

Psalm: The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High! (Ps 46)

Second Reading: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel: Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn 2:19)

Feasts and Saints:

11/10- Pope Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

11/11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veteran’s Day

11/12- St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

11/13- St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

11/15- St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



Gospel Meditation: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter’s Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

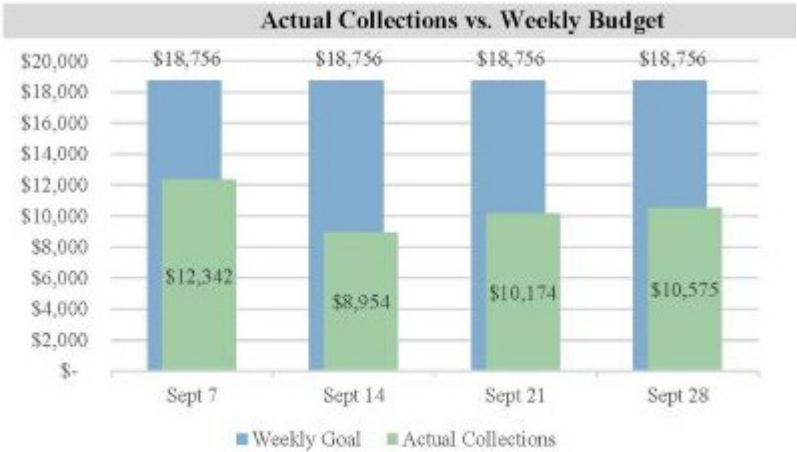
Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today’s Gospel he says, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica’s grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ’s risen body. It is no accident we call them “churches”: they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ’s body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter’s, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ’s resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir

Financials: September 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	6,683	10,521
Give Central:	54,874	36,699
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$61,557	\$47,220
.	\$14,337	



From Mark:

St. Teresa is seeking people to be trained as Ministers of Care.

As a Minister of Care, you will visit members of our community who are homebound.

The training will be November 12th from 6-830 PM in the parish center.

The training will include

1. A meal together
2. An overview of being a minister of care
3. Walking through what a visit to a home looks like
4. Practicing the

“Holy Communion outside of mass” liturgy

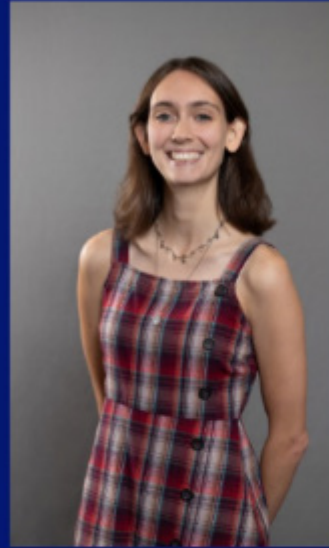
St. Teresa’s small group ministry offers a retreat for all participants every season.

We have open seats for our Fall 2025 retreat which will be held on November 14 to November 15th at La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano Illinois. You do not have to be a member of a small group to join us.

Carpools are provided if needed.

Email me for more info and to RSVP
mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org

Upcoming Teresa Talks with Payton Ramsey



Originally from the south suburbs of Chicago, where she attended Marian Catholic

Last spring, she graduated with a BFA in Film and Television Production from DePaul University and is now a first year Pathways student at CTU, working towards a MA in Pastoral Studies.

Her passion for ministry developed through her work at DePaul’s Catholic Campus Ministry leading an affirming faith-based small group for LGBTQIA+ students.

Details

-W, Nov 19 at 7 PM

-Hosted at Beermiscuous in Lakeview, 2812 N Lincoln Ave

-For 22-35 Young Adult Community



Refugee Sunday, November 16th

St. Teresa of Avila is having representatives from Exodus World Services come and speak at all of the masses on Sunday, November 16th.

Since 1988 Exodus World Service has mobilized the Christian Community to welcome and befriend refugees.

You will learn a bit more about the mission, and how

St. Teresa of Avila can assist those in most need.

Learn how you can best support our refugee community

this holiday season, whether a gift of your time, or a

donation of food, supplies, gift cards, or holiday wishes.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING at ST. TERESA with THREADS WORLDWIDE

Threads Worldwide creates life changing work with women in 8 different countries through the fair trade of artisan-crafted jewelry, handbags and home goods. This partnership not only provides for sustainable incomes, but often transforms the women's lives and communities. Janel Palm will have items on display after masses on Sunday, November 21st so you may shop unique and impactful gifts for yourself and everyone on your list



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Modern Money-Changers

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer x sacrifice, I am rewarded with y feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters why you do something, not just how you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | November 9th

Did you know there are churches in Rome older than St. Peter’s?

St. John Lateran is one of four major basilicas in the Eternal City, and it is by far the oldest.

The land was donated by an ancient Roman family to the Emperor Constantine, who in turn gave it to the Church.

For hundreds of years, St. John Lateran was the “mother church.”

Popes lived on the grounds through the 14th century.

The church itself suffered from pillaging by invaders, fires, and earthquakes.

It has been restored and rebuilt five times since the 300s.

On this feast, we remember more than a building.

We celebrate the resiliency of our faith.

Though trials may come in our parishes, personal lives, and the world, the Church endures through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Little Sisters of the Poor Angel Tree:



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/uwffqUZN>

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.

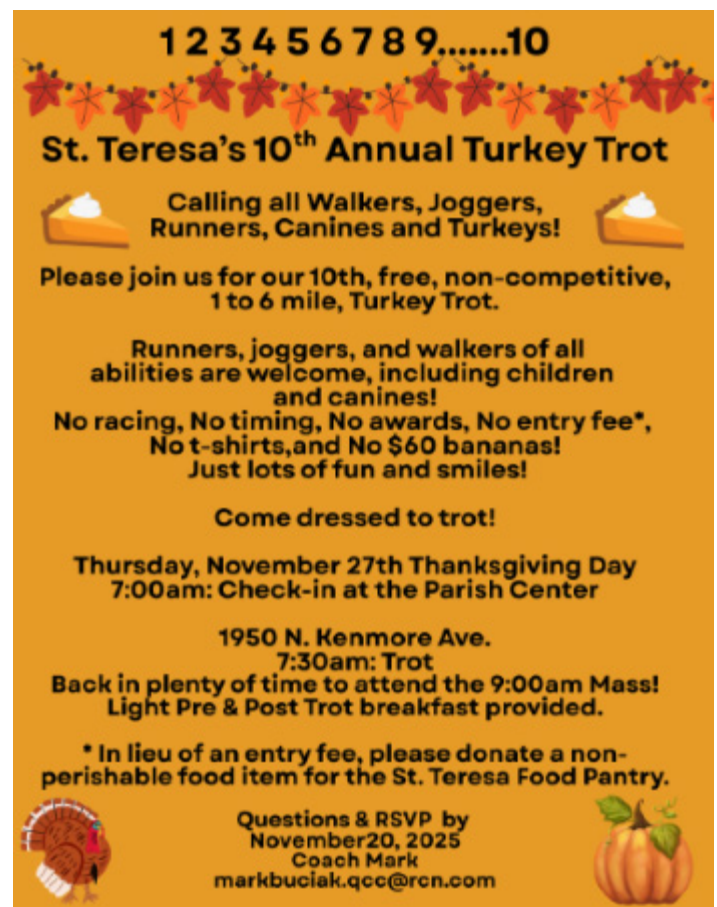
We need volunteers to greet our guests, serve them, and clean tables. Volunteers are needed on Friday evenings from 3:30 to 6:00. If you cannot arrive by 3:30, just let us know when you sign up. You can sign up here - <https://signup.com/go/rBJiFSK>.

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



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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
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Mass Intentions

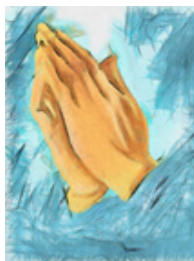
10AM - Celebrating Maggie Holz Adult Confirmandi

12 PM - Celebrating Maggie Holz Adult Confirmandi;
Joyce Jaszczor (D)

6 PM - Celebrating Maggie Holz Adult Confirmandi

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 11/16 10am- Fr. Frank
Sunday 11/16 12pm- Fr. Frank
Sunday 11/16 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Prayer of Missionary Zeal

Dear Lord,

Give us eyes to see the depth of grace You provide to Your Church.

May that goodness ignite in us fire to share the truth of Your mercy with every soul we encounter.

Amen.



Sunday Funday November 9th:

Today is National Scrapple Day and Go to an Art Museum Today Day

1620- Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower caught sight of land at Cape Cod, Massachusetts

1872- Thirteen people died in The Great Boston Fire

1967- The first issue of Rolling Stone magazine was published.

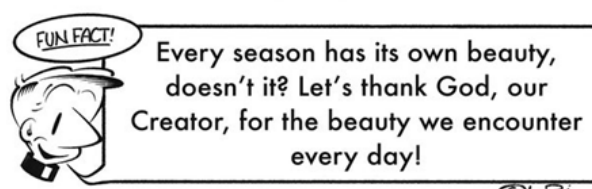
1989- The Berlin Wall fell. It was constructed by the German Democratic Republic starting on August 13, 1961.

1997- Broadway Show The Lion King Musical opened

"What is the cutest season?"



"Aww-tumn."



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Around the Parish

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini | November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917) was born in the village of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy.

Young Frances dreamed of being a missionary. She was educated to be a teacher by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was refused entry to the order due to her poor health.

Instead, she worked as a teacher and administrator at an orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, run by the Sisters of Providence.

In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit, adding Xavier to her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier.

When the orphanage closed in 1880, she founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1887, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini sought an audience with Pope Leo XIII, to seek permission to go as missionaries to China.

He famously told her to go “not to the East, but to the West,” and in 1889 she and six other sisters departed for New York, to serve Italian immigrants in the United States.

However, anti-Italian and anti-immigrant attitudes were prevalent at the time, even in the Church. When she arrived, the archbishop advised her to go back to Italy.

Undeterred, she provided education and healthcare within the Italian Catholic immigrant community.

At first, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini followed and served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S., becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1909.

Eventually she also founded institutions in Central and South America and Europe.

Overall, she established 67 schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She was also known for her deep spirituality, often entering a trancelike state during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

She died in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

She was canonized in 1946 by Pope Pius XII, the first United States citizen to be canonized.

She is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Pray for us!



Guinness Award:

Vicki Garlock recently wrote to thank St. Teresa of Avila for being part of her Guinness world record attempt.

She now holds the official title for the Most Places of Worship Visited in One Month.

And the new record is...185!!

“It was an amazing month in the beautiful city of Chicago, but the most lasting memories, by far, have been all the wonderful people I met along the way.

Big thanks to Charisse Gioia and St. Teresa of Avila for the hospitality and encouragement!”



Catholic Q & A :

Cremation and The Church

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer: As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

Devotions, Explained!

Simbang Gabi, Explained!

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition through which Advent expectation realizes the fulfillment of Christmas joy. During Simbang Gabi, early morning Masses are offered over a series of nine days leading up to Christmas. Celebrations follow Mass, where delicacies like baked rice cakes and breakfast rolls are enjoyed.

Traditionally, Simbang Gabi Masses are held before dawn, a practice that originated in the 17th century in the Philippines when most of the faithful had to work the rest of the day in the fields.

During Mass, the priest wears white vestments and the Gloria is sung, a practice for which the Holy See has given special permission. Traditionally, the nine-day sequence ends with Midnight Mass on Dec. 24.

The tradition has been adapted to fit the needs of Filipino communities throughout the world, and the Masses might not even be offered in the morning at all, but in the afternoon or evening.



Catholic Trivia:

Question: What is the name of the river Jesus was baptized in?

Answer: The Jordan River.

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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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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.