

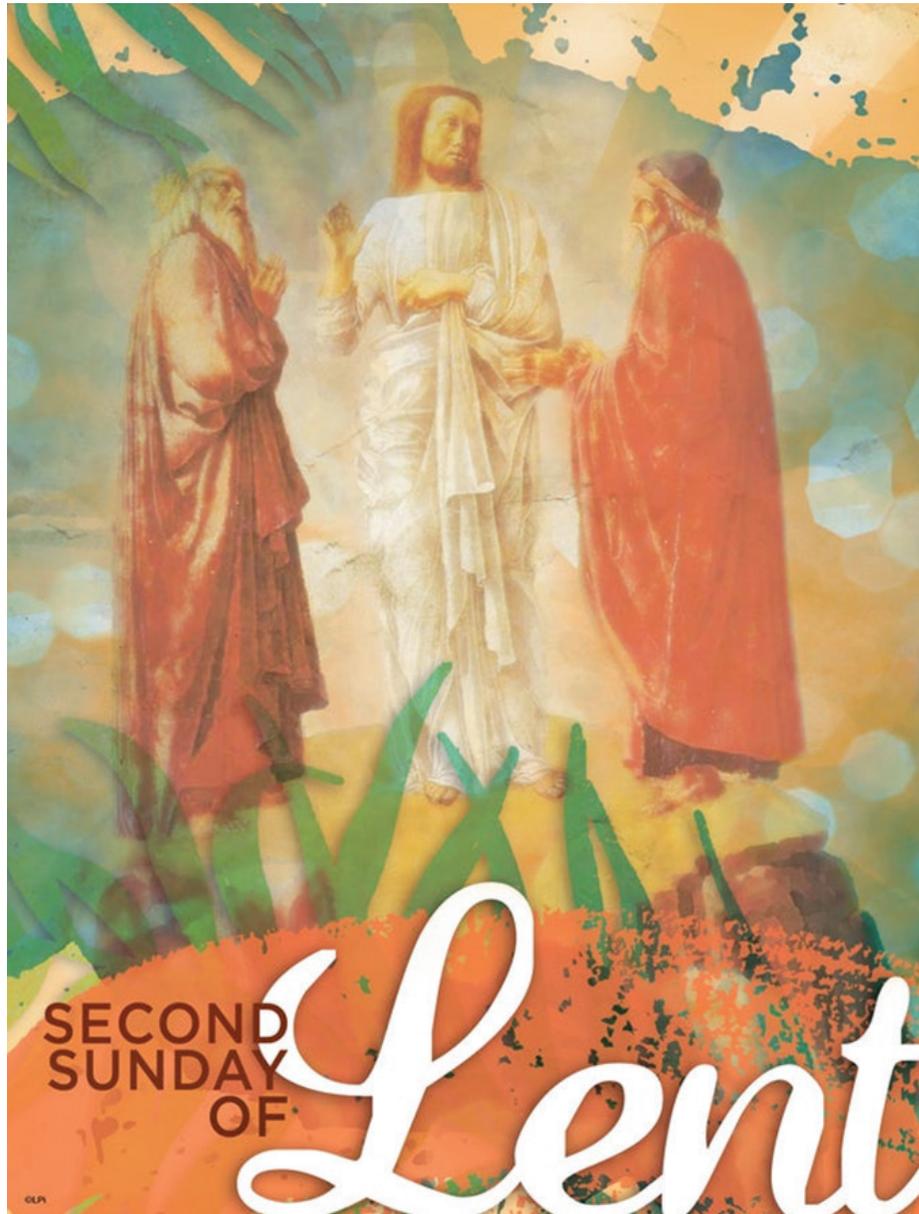
# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

March 1, 2026

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

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## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## Address

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 5 PM, 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.”

## 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](http://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](http://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](http://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

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### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://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](http://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](http://teresa.church/join).

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# 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/>.

### 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.



## 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:** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

**Second Reading:** Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

**Gospel:** Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

**Feasts and Saints:**

3/3- St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

3/4- St. Casimir

3/7- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs



**Gospel Meditation: 2nd Sunday of Lent:**

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering. We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity. Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands? Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

**Financials: December 2025**

|                        | FY25             | FY24                 |
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| <b>Basket/Mail In:</b> | 32,170           | 46,835               |
| <b>Give Central:</b>   | 39,446           | 39,177               |
| <b>Total:</b>          | <b>THIS YEAR</b> | <b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b> |
|                        | \$71,616         | \$86,012             |
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### From Fr. Frank:

As was announced last weekend, our Director of Evangelization and Mission, Mark Neuhengen, has accepted a position on the staff at St. Juliana's Parish on the northwest side of Chicago. He will be responsible for organizing and forming the various pastoral ministries in the parish, allowing Mark to grow in the gifts he brings to any parish community. The pastor of St. Juliana's is Bishop Siemianowski, who has so many responsibilities as the Vicar of Vicariate II; Mark's new position on the staff will greatly help the Bishop as he serves a number of parishes.

We wish Mark many blessings as he leaves our parish. Mark started the Alpha ministry of welcoming and forming those searching to encounter Christ and the catholic faith through dialogue and prayer; he also developed small communities for young Catholics around the spirituality of St. Ignatius and the Jesuits to deepen their relationship with Christ.

I hired Mark nearly 7 years ago and am happy that he can move forward as he continues to grow as a leader in a parish community. Our loss is St. Juliana's gain. May Christ continue to lead you, Mark.

We will celebrate Mark the weekend of March 14-15 after all of the masses.

### Confessions

I will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation on these Tuesday's in March: the 3rd, 10th, 17th. from 6:00-7:30 pm during Adoration; I will also hear Confessions on Good Friday, between noon and 2:00pm

### My Retirement

I continue to search for a place to live once I retire. I will be celebrating a Mass celebrating retirement and 42 years as priest. I have been pastor for 18 years and I was a resident for 6 years in the 1990's as I taught at Quigley. This means I have ministered at St. Teresa's for 24 years of my 42 years as priest, more than half of those years right here. This is truly home for me in many ways. My grandmother, grandfather, mom, aunt, uncle, godmother, great aunt, great uncle all lived at or around Dayton and Dickens in the 1930's thru the early 1960's.



## St. Katharine Drexel | March 3

Born in Philadelphia, St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955), grew up to become one of the first American-born saints. Her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine considered joining a contemplative order. However, during an audience with the Pope while on a trip to Rome with her sister, when she asked for more missionaries to be sent to the American West, the Pope asked her to become a missionary herself! Now known as the Apostle for Social Justice, St. Katharine gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of Black and Native Americans. She established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states. At the time of her death, she had also established a system of 63 schools, including Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans. Believing that education was the key to opportunity, her love of the Blessed Sacrament sustained her mission.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us!

## St. Casimir | March 4

We live in a culture that tells children, "Follow your dreams! Be who you want to be!" It might be hard to imagine the courage it took to be St. Casimir. A prince second in line for the throne of Poland, the young man had great expectations placed upon him. Inspired by a devout tutor, St. Casimir developed a deep faith. As a teenager, he would often sleep on the ground, reject courtly finery for plain clothes, and dedicate long hours to prayer. He even made a private commitment to celibacy. Casimir's avoidance of a military engagement made his father furious. The king imprisoned his own son. The episode confirmed to St. Casimir that he served a higher King, Jesus Christ. He would spend the rest of his life in prayer, study, and service to the poor. When we need courage to do what is right, St. Casimir, pray for us!



### Lenten Drive For Refugee Families:

As we are all looking for ways to do Almsgiving this Lenten Season, St. Teresa's will be doing a drive for refugee families tied to Exodus World Services who are most in need.

Starting Ash Wednesday, tags will be placed on the cross in front of church with purple bags nearby. Please grab a tag with a list of needed items including gift cards for groceries, along with a purple bag to fill. We ask that all items be brought back to St. Teresa's by Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in signing up to work with a refugee family, or to deliver items to those in need, please send an email to [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com)

Thanks as always for your continued generosity.

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**CRS Rice Bowl:****SECOND WEEK OF LENT****A Story of Hope from Ghana**

**One thousand days:** From conception to a child's second birthday, every day is vital for their development. But in rural Ghana, poverty prevents access to essential health and nutrition services, causing children to miss critical milestones. This can lead to serious health issues, academic struggles and limited job opportunities in adulthood.

To address this, Catholic Relief Services teamed up with the Sisters of Charity of St. Anne on a project in Walewale, Ghana, to help children up to 3 years old live happy and healthy lives by improving early childhood development.

The project began more than four years ago when the sisters met with the chiefs and elders of the community about establishing a space at the Our Lady of Rocio Clinic to provide mothers and children with health education services and early childhood development activities. Today, the space teaches caregivers new ways to support their families, offers mental health services for moms, empowers communities through savings groups and strengthens families to build a brighter future together.

As part of the project, community volunteers were trained in skills like making early learning toys and starting savings and lending groups. Some of the toys the mothers learned to make include sensory shakers crafted from plastic bottles and stones or buttons, and fabric balls from scraps around the home.

Sister Yvonne says that a sensory shaker is like music for a child. "It helps the child develop mentally and build muscle strength," she adds.

Georgina was one of the first volunteers and is now a lead mother in her community who trains female neighbors in what she has learned. A mother of three, Georgina brings two of her children to the space to learn how to make simple, inexpensive toys that engage children's senses and stimulate learning and development. She says that her children are seeing the benefits. "They teach them how to count: one, two, three. ABCs," Georgina says. "Compared to those in the house that I live with [who don't attend the space], they are very smart indeed."

Sister Yvonne emphasizes, however, that early childhood development cannot stop at the walls of the center. Mothers must make play spaces at home for their children and volunteers must teach new mothers what they've learned so that this knowledge will spread and other children can thrive.

"This program has helped us change our lives and our children," Georgina says.



## 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>

## 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. Please email Steve Sibon - [sjsibon@aol.com](mailto:sjsibon@aol.com)

## 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)

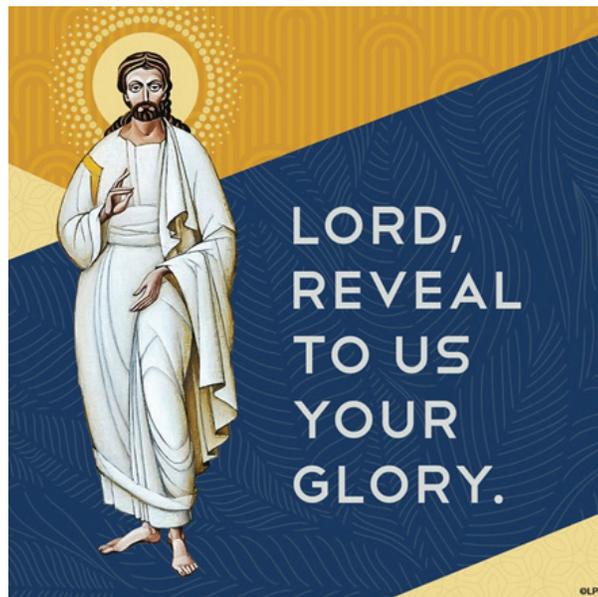
Thank you



## 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).



## Mass Intentions

- 5 PM- Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 10AM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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

- 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

- Saturday 3/7 5pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 3/8 10am- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 3/8 12pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 3/8 6pm- Fr. Udovic

## Blessing of Hope

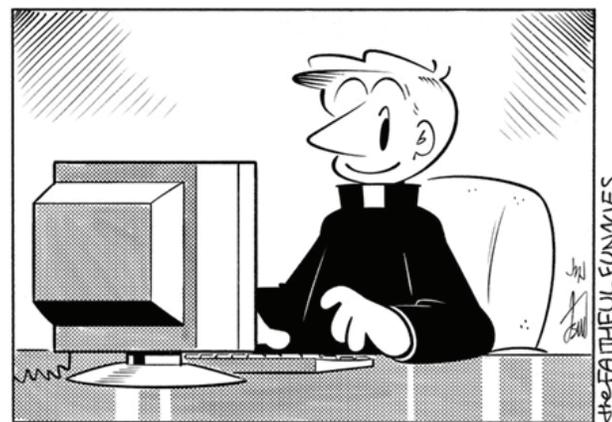
In Your goodness Lord, bless us.  
Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts.  
Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance.  
Help us remember what You have done, and look forward to what You will do.  
Amen.

## Sunday Funday March 1st :

Today is National Compliment Day and Peanut Butter Lovers Day

- 1790- The first United States census was authorized.
- 1932- The Lindbergh Kidnapping – Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family’s new mansion in Hopewell, New Jersey.
- 1983- Swatch watches were introduced.
- 1995- Yahoo! was incorporated.
- 1998- Titanic became the first film to gross over \$1 billion worldwide.

“Why did the priest use email?”



“To send **Mass messages.**”

**FUN FACT!** During the season of Lent, it’s a good idea to attend weekly Mass. Lent is a time to realign our hearts back to Christ, and there’s no better way to accomplish this than participating in the Holy Mass!

GLP!

Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Three Tents

You guys, I was such a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — "What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?" — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

Stewardship Reflections:

2nd Sunday of Lent

Today we are following Jesus up on a high mountain with Peter, James, and John. There they see Jesus "transfigured," his face like the sun and his clothes as white as light. Jesus is there conversing with Moses and Elijah.

What are we to make of this image of Jesus, the earthly teacher of this small band of disciples? They were merely followers of a teacher, a rabbi. When they see this and hear a voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son..." they begin to realize this man is more than just a rabbi. However, Jesus tells them to keep this a secret until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Well, they have no idea what this means. Therefore, they continue to follow him as if he was just a human, a teacher. However, we live in the time after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead. Now it is we who must proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Son of God the Father.

Take this week and think about how, in your own way, can proclaim through your words and deeds the Jesus is your savior, your teacher, and rabbi.



**WEEKEND OF  
MARCH 7 & 8, 2026**

**PARISH CENTER  
STOP IN .....**

**TO LEARN  
ABOUT ALL OF THE  
MINISTRIES THE PARISH  
HAS TO OFFER!**

**TO LEARN  
ABOUT ALL THE WAYS  
TO GET INVOLVED AND  
VOLUNTEER!**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA**



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Charisse 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](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.