

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

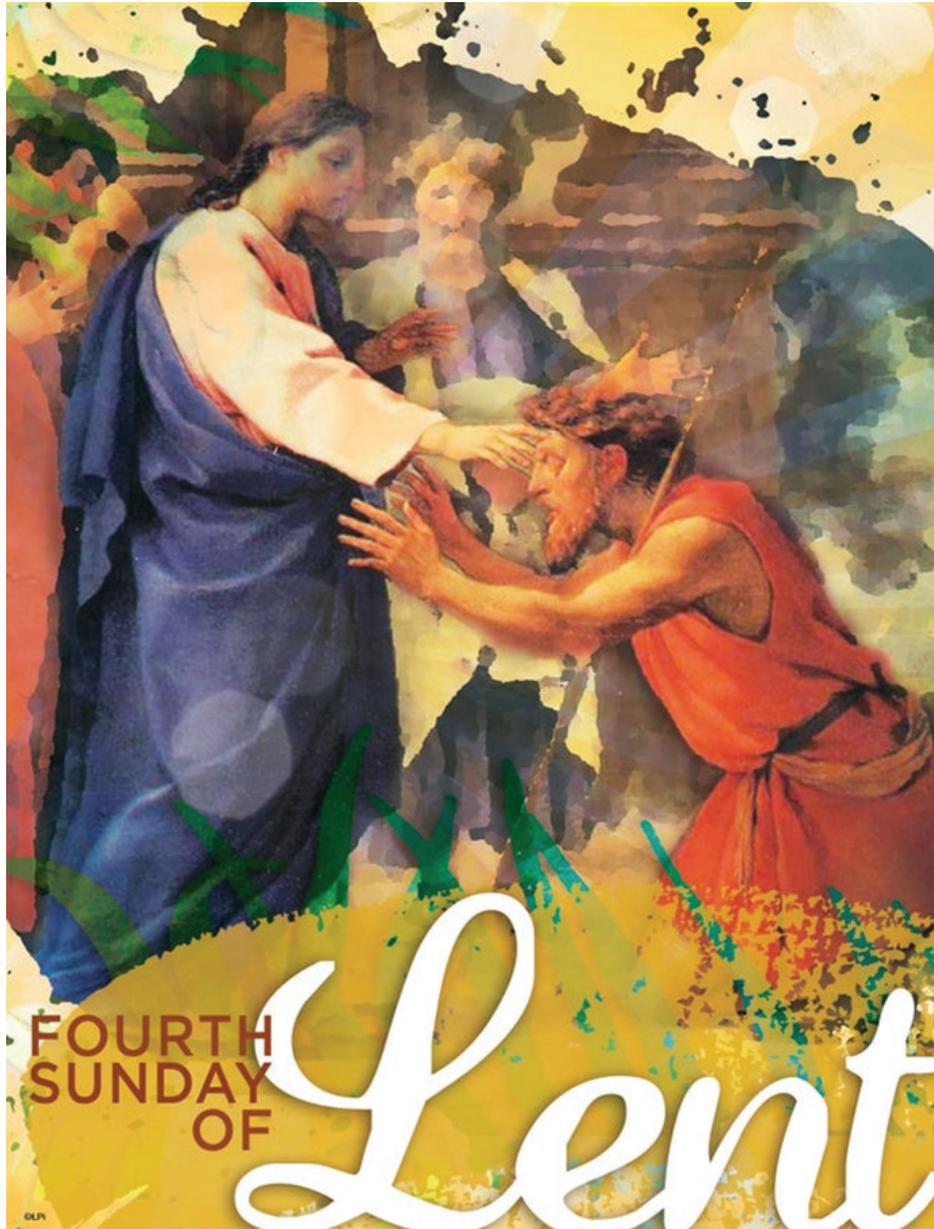
CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

March 15, 2026

“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 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@sttereparish.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.

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Ministries of Interest	
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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

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: Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers;

and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Second Reading: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel: He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,

"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .

So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

Feasts and Saints:

3/17- St. Patrick, Bishop

St. Patrick's Day

3/18- St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

3/19- St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel Meditation: 4th Sunday of Lent:

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark. Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

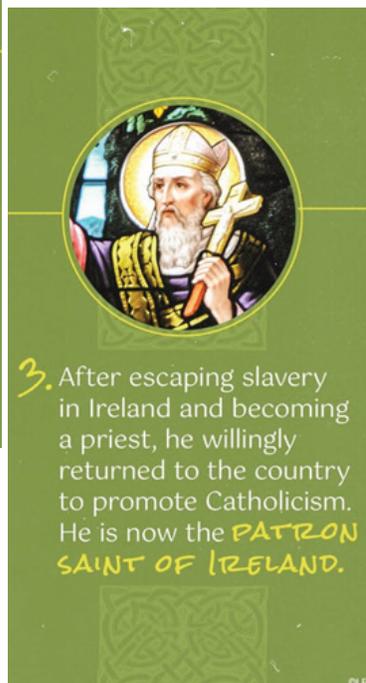
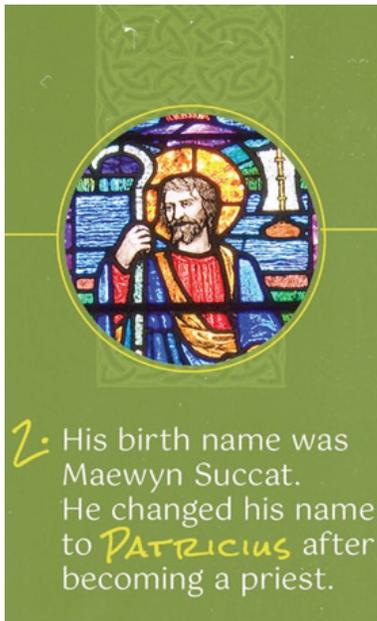
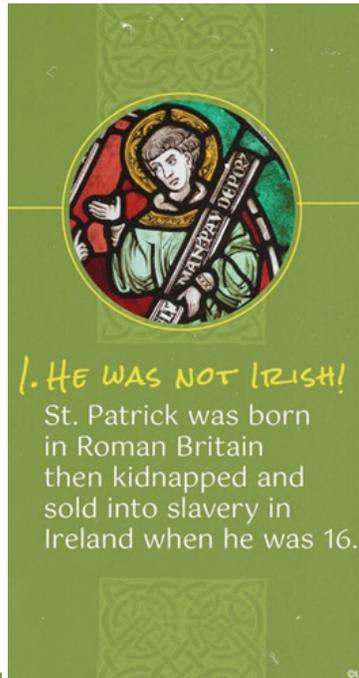
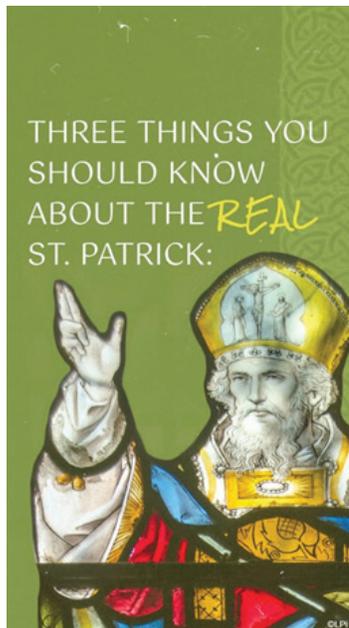
— Father John Muir

Financials: December 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	32,170	46,835
Give Central:	39,446	39,177
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$71,616	\$86,012
		(\$14,396)



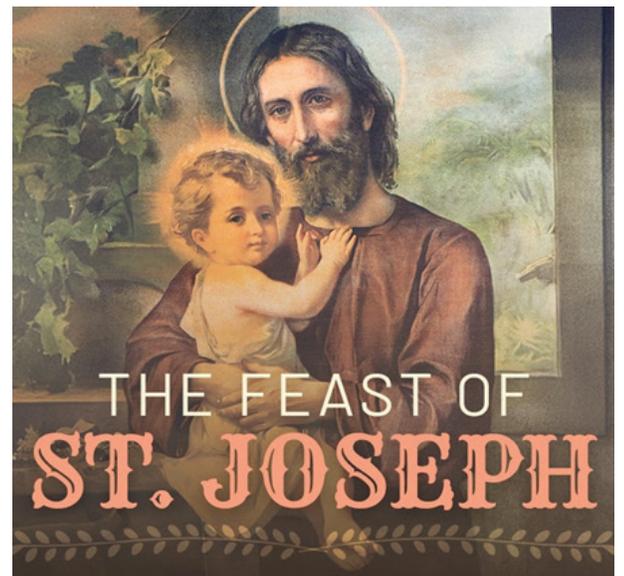
Saint Patrick | March 17th



Saint Joseph | March 19th

The Solemnity of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the whole other side of town, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not. Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.



Catholic Q & A

Take Up Our Cross

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!



CRS Rice Bowl:

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

A Story of Hope from Timor-Leste

Most teenagers don't start their day by walking down a hill to collect water, feeding pigs or tending vegetable gardens. But for 14-year-old Adriana, who lives in the remote village of Ermera in Timor-Leste, these are daily responsibilities. In a region where malnutrition is common among adolescent girls, Adriana's physically demanding routine shows how important adequate nutrition is for healthy growth.

Growing up in a remote village, Adriana faces long treks to school, seasonal foods and limited access to nutritious food. The family's income from coffee harvesting lasts only a few months each year, so balanced meals are rare outside of harvest season.

"If it's the coffee harvest season, we have money and can have these types of [nutritious] foods weekly, but if it's not coffee season, then it might be once every two weeks or once a month," says Adriana.

Visiting the local market further highlights the challenges of malnutrition. The distance to the market and the high cost of fresh food are additional barriers. Unemployment and a lack of knowledge about healthy eating in Adriana's community mean people don't consume a variety of foods, which leads to poor nutrition.

That's why Adriana attends monthly sessions put on by CRS and local organizations to learn about how to improve her nutrition and self-care. In these sessions, Adriana learns about how conditions like anemia, often caused by low iron levels, lead to fatigue and weakness.

"When I attend the nutrition session, it helps me to understand more about the importance and benefit of food for my development," Adriana says. "When I eat good nutritious food, it will help me to grow healthy to support my brain [functioning], so I can learn more and achieve my dream. I want to be a doctor, to be healthy and help others because in our villages there is no doctor."

Adriana also receives healthy snacks, comprised of protein and carbohydrates, at school during nutrition sessions to foster healthy eating habits.

"The nutrition session with the adolescent girls at the schools has a massive benefit for the girls as they are key for the future. The right time to prevent anemia is when the girls are still adolescents," says Liborio Martins, head of programming at District Health Services in Ermera.



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

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

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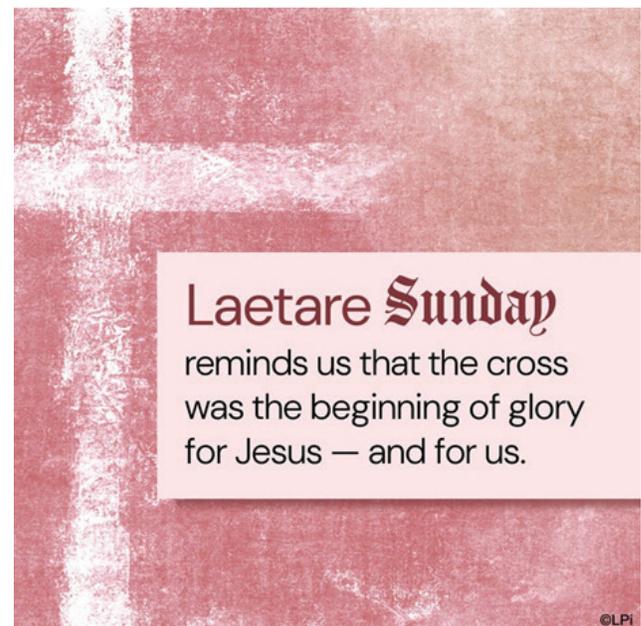
Thank you



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.



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Mass Intentions

5 PM- Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

10AM - Daniel Brennan (D)

12 PM - Kenneth and Joyce 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.



Mass Schedule

Saturday 3/21

5pm- Fr. MacDonald

Sunday 3/22

10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 3/22

12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 3/22

6pm- Fr. Udovic

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.

Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.

That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.

That Your Light can break like the dawn.

Amen.



Sunday Funday March 15th:

Today is Everything You Think is Wrong Day and The Ides of March

1906- Rolls-Royce Limited was incorporated.

1956- My Fair Lady debuted on Broadway at the Mark Hellinger Theatre.

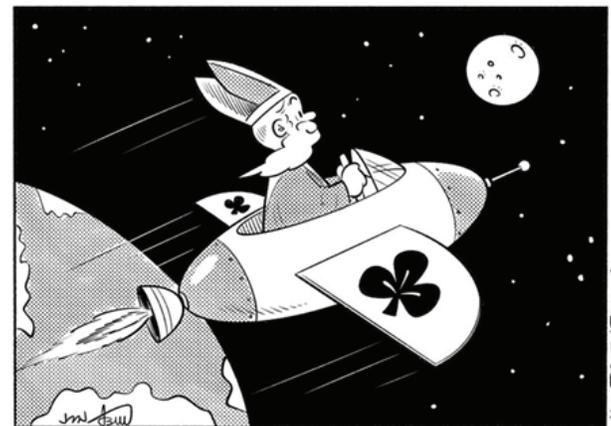
1985- The first Internet domain name was registered – symbolics.com.

A group of Nightingales is called a Watch.

The only difference between intuition and paranoia is whether you're right or wrong.

The United States officially adopted the metric system in 1975.

"What does St. Patrick use to fly to the moon?"



"A sham-rocket!"



According to tradition, St. Patrick used a three-leaved shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland.

GLP!

Finance Update:

St. Teresa’s fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. As outlined in the adjacent table, net income for the six months ended December 31, 2025 equaled \$379k.

Excluding investment results, net income equaled \$180k. This amount was \$33k higher than the same period last year and \$94k better than budget.

In accordance with Archdiocese reporting guidelines, results are segregated in two sections—at the top of the table, ordinary, or recurring, items and below that, “other”, or non-recurring, activities. The favorable net income variances resulted largely from \$81k in pledge receipts from the Generation-to-Generation capital campaign, which are included in Other Revenue.

For Ordinary activities, revenues from weekly Collections are essentially level with last year, but somewhat below the budgeted three percent increase.

Revenues from Fundraising, largely Together in Joy, are below last year, but above our conservative budget.

Higher Various Revenues results from more catechesis students this year and a \$25k donation to Loaves & Fishes.

In the prior fiscal year, another \$25k donation to Loaves & Fishes was classified in the non-operating section as Other Revenue.

Lastly, the increase in Ordinary Expenses is due in part to higher Maintenance costs.

Looking ahead, we currently anticipate another full year net surplus based on first half results plus the budget for the remainder of the year. If achieved, this outcome will extend our more than decade long string of full year net surpluses, excluding investment results.

Thank you for your continued attendance at Mass, the gift of your time and talent to our ministries, and your generous financial contributions.

1/19/2026

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

	ACTUAL			BUDGET	
	Half Year			Half Year	
	FY26	FY25	Variance	FY26	Variance
Collections	354,386	354,384	2	381,508	(27,122)
Fundraising	210,389	220,159	(9,770)	186,000	24,389
Various	95,398	43,200	52,198	38,639	56,759
Total Revenue	660,173	617,743	42,430	606,147	54,026
Expenses	(557,458)	(512,567)	(44,891)	(523,360)	(34,098)
Net Ordinary	102,715	105,176	(2,461)	82,787	19,928
Other Revenue	93,377	58,874	34,503	18,000	75,377
Other Expense	(16,504)	(17,213)	709	(15,500)	(1,004)
Net Other	76,873	41,661	35,212	2,500	74,373
Subtotal	179,588	146,837	32,751	85,287	94,301
Investment Earnings	198,962	131,148	67,814	-	198,962
Total Net	378,550	277,985	100,565	85,287	293,263

Holy Week & Easter Triduum Mass Times



Saturday, March 28, 2026

- 5:00 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms
- 6:00pm French Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

- 10:00 am, 12:00pm & 6:00 pm Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

- 7:00pm
- Mass of The Last Supper

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

- 3:00 pm
- Mass of Our Lord's Passion
- 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

- 7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

- 10:00am and 12:00pm Easter Mass

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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

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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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Parish Council

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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.