

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

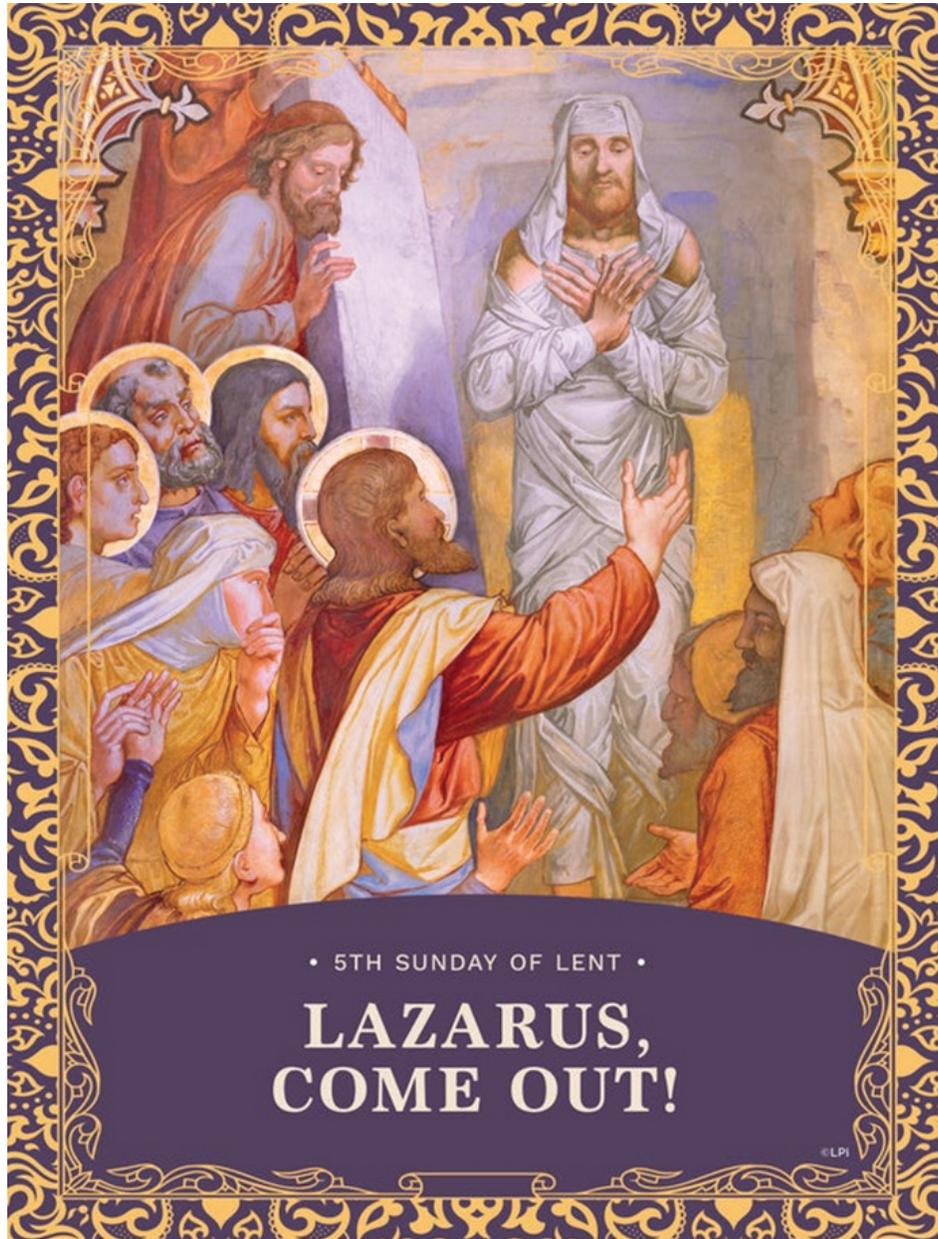
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March 22, 2026

“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 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.

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/>.

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: I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Second Reading: If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

Feasts and Saints:

3/23- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

3/25- The Annunciation of the Lord



Gospel Meditation: 5th Sunday of Lent:

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him. It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44). That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— 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)



Catholic Q & A:

Question:

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the “Holy See?”

Answer:

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is “sedes.” So each diocese can be referred to as a “see.” Most people think that St. Peter’s is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope’s seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope’s Chair.

Catholic Trivia:

Question: In the New Testament, how many times does Jesus tell us we need to forgive our enemies?

Answer: Seventy seven times.

Devotions, Explained!

Anima Christi, Explained

The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: Soul of Christ – “Anima Christi” in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to save them from “the malicious enemy” and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius’ Spiritual Exercises. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

Virtues, Explained!

Faith, Explained!

“Nobody reaches God’s presence until he has learned to believe that God exists, and that he rewards those who try to find him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

So how do we learn to believe? Through the theological virtue of faith – which is “man’s response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man.” (CCC 26). Faith, then, is embarking on the journey to find God. By faith “‘man freely commits his entire self to God.’ For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God’s will.” (CCC 1814)

But it is not enough for faith to simply be within us, as a lit match burns in a dark room. We are compelled to fan those flames. We must encourage them with the complementary virtues of hope and love, and we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding so that our faith will grow and strengthen.



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Lazarus Wanted

“It must be so crazy, being God,” one of my friends said in high school. “Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?”

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God’s omnipotence. It’s understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. “Oh God, thy sea is so great,” goes the old fisherman’s prayer. “And my boat is so small.”

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. “This illness is not to end in death,” he tells his companions. “But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn’t know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered – “Lord, let your will be done” – he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

Stewardship Reflections:

5th Sunday of Lent

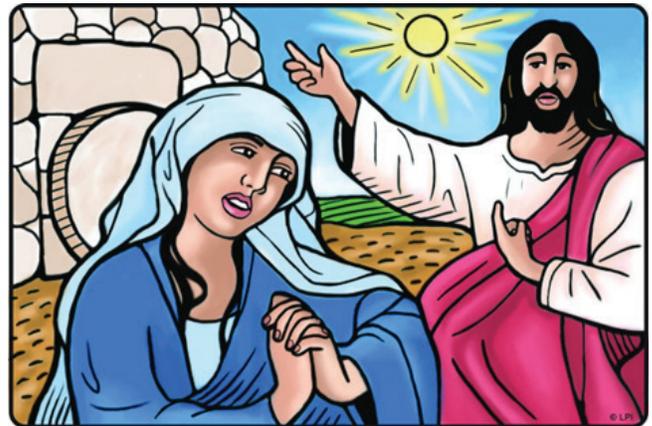
Are you asleep?

Today Jesus is called to the grave of a dear friend who had recently died. Martha cries out that if Jesus were closer, her brother Lazarus would not have died.

Remember from the First Sunday in Lent that death and sin are connected and that life is seen as living a faith-filled life? That is what is happening in this Gospel. Living as a disciple of Christ can give us the ability for a life everlasting in the presence of God.

What in our lives needs to be uncovered, as Lazarus is unwrapped of his burial clothes and returned to live with his loved ones?

As we move closer to Easter Sunday, let us ask God to unwrap or unbind that which needs to be healed so that we may live a life that is pleasing to God.



CRS Rice Bowl:

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Embracing God's Love: Lessons from Stories of Hope

In the book of Genesis, we learn that God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects the God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. As children of God, all people deserve respect and care—especially those who are most vulnerable.

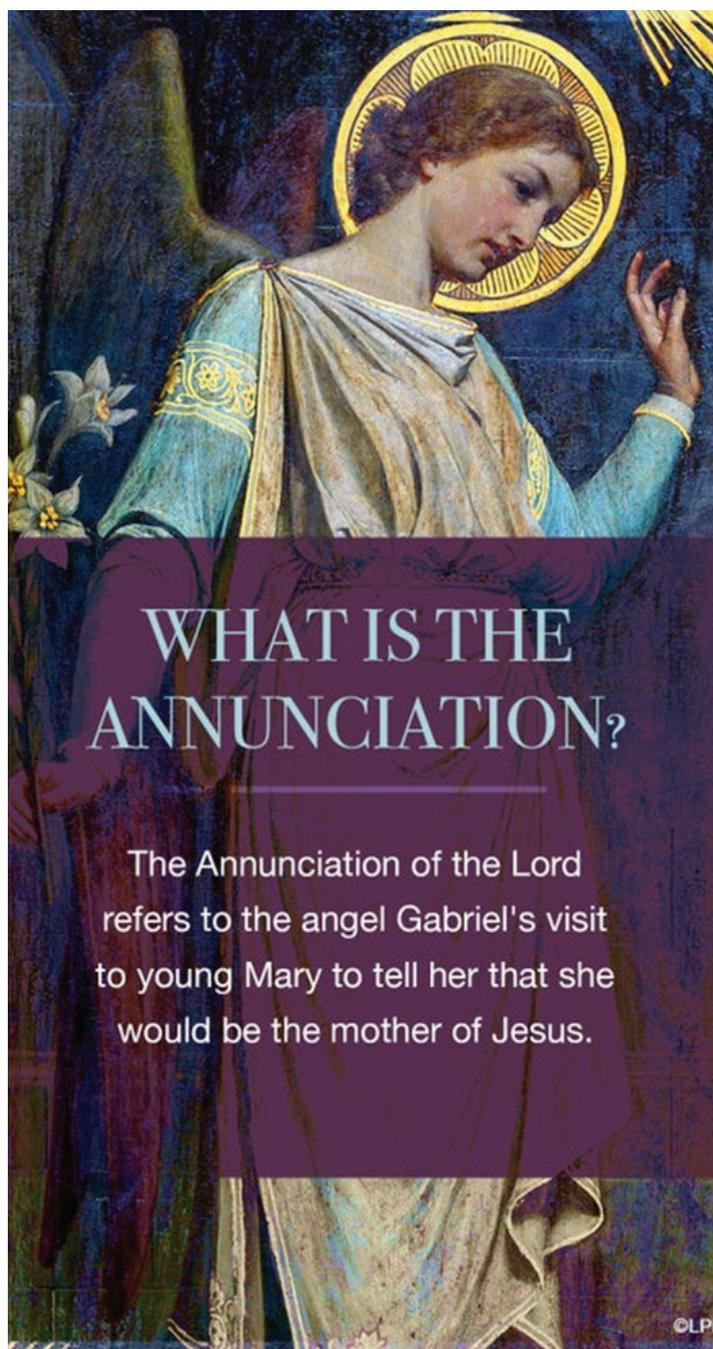
When we reflect on the challenges faced by our sisters and brothers in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste, we see how their resilience and courage helped them overcome adversity. Their stories remind us to treat every person with dignity and compassion.

In Ghana, Georgina lives in a rural area where poverty makes it difficult for families to get health and nutrition services for their children to grow healthy and strong. When a clinic opened to help mothers and children, it helped kids reach important milestones. Georgina's children are now learning their ABCs and counting. She uses her knowledge at home and shares it with others. Thanks to this support, children in Walewae have a brighter future.

In Guatemala, Maribel and her family didn't eat healthily and felt unwell. After learning about the importance of nutritious foods in a CRS program, her family began adding fruits, vegetables, protein and vitamins into their daily routine. Now their health is improving.

In Timor-Leste, malnutrition is common among young girls because families have limited access to nutritious food. That makes it even more important for them to learn about nutrition and self-care. Through CRS nutrition classes, Adriana learned how iron prevents conditions like anemia and how protein and carbohydrates help her brain grow.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on these Stories of Hope and consider where we fit into their broader story.



WHAT IS THE ANNUNCIATION?

The Annunciation of the Lord refers to the angel Gabriel's visit to young Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus.

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>

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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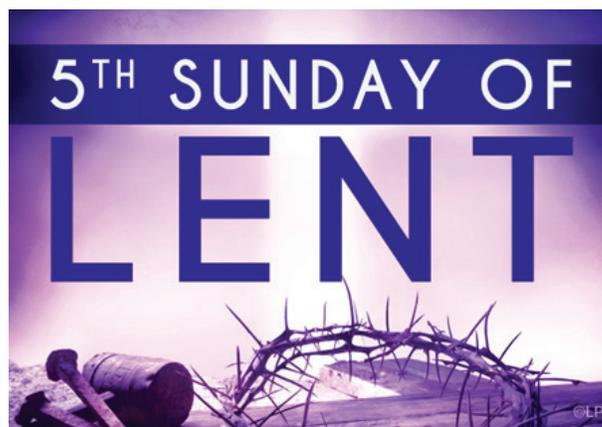
Thank you



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.



Mass Intentions

- 5 PM- Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 10AM - Maria Hanafin (D) ; Josefina Gomez (D)
- 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 3/28 5pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 3/29 10am- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 3/29 12pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 3/29 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.

Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.

Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.

Where the ground feels dry,

break through with life anew.

Amen.

Sunday Funday March 22nd:

Today is Goof Off Day and World Water Day

1933- President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Beer and Wine Revenue Act, putting a federal tax on all alcoholic beverages, although prohibition was still in effect until December 1933.

1963- The Beatles' first album, Please Please Me, was released in the United Kingdom.

1997- Tara Lipinski, age 14 years and 9 months, became the youngest women's World Figure Skating Champion.

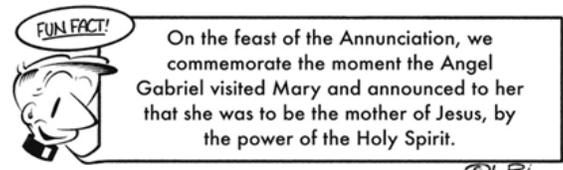
The broader your wish, the more likely it is to come true.

The word "dinosaur" comes from Ancient Greek meaning "terrible lizard".

"What was it called when young Jesus tried to pronounce a word?"



"The **enunciation** of the Lord."



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

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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

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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.