

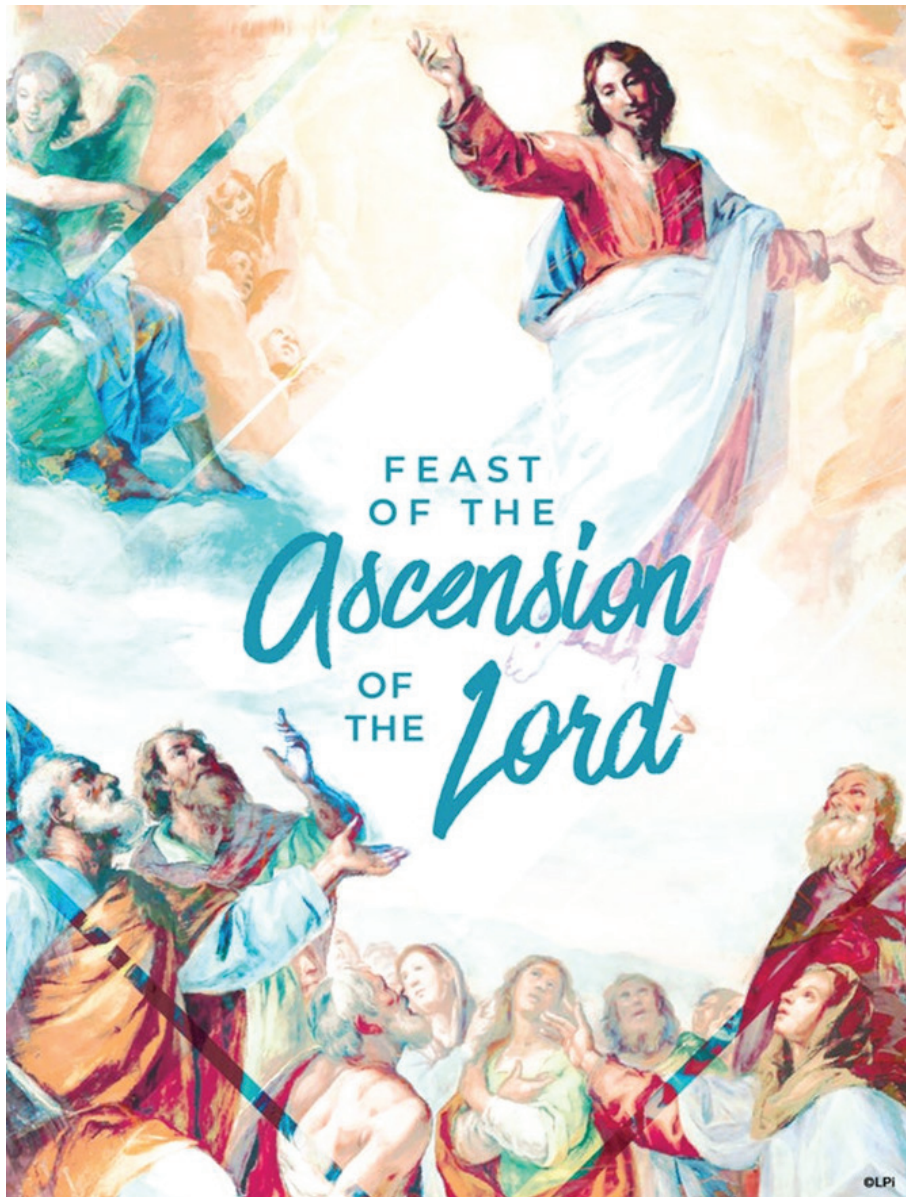
# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

May 17, 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** 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:** When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. (Acts 1:13)

**Second Reading:** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

**Gospel:** Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

Feasts and Saints:

5/18- St. John I, Pope and Martyr

5/20- St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

5/21- St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions

5/22- St. Rita of Cascia, Religious



Gospel Meditation: The Ascension of the Lord

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours. Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week

— Father John Muir

Financials: February 2026

	FY26	FY25
Basket/Mail In:	6,884	8,324
Give Central:	32,776	34,686
<b>Total:</b>	<b>THIS YEAR</b>	<b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b>
	\$39,660	\$43,010
		(\$3,350)



## Congratulations!!!

On Sunday, May 3, 22 children celebrated their First Communion at St. Teresa's. It was a beautiful day! Congratulations to Giuliana, Xóchitl, Elle, Maya, Lucy, Hannah, Genna, Maeve, David, Fenn, Romain, Jack, Simon, Kai, Cillian, Alex, Dylan, Whitt, Valerie, and Adrien, Riley, and Lulu (not pictured)



## Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son became.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

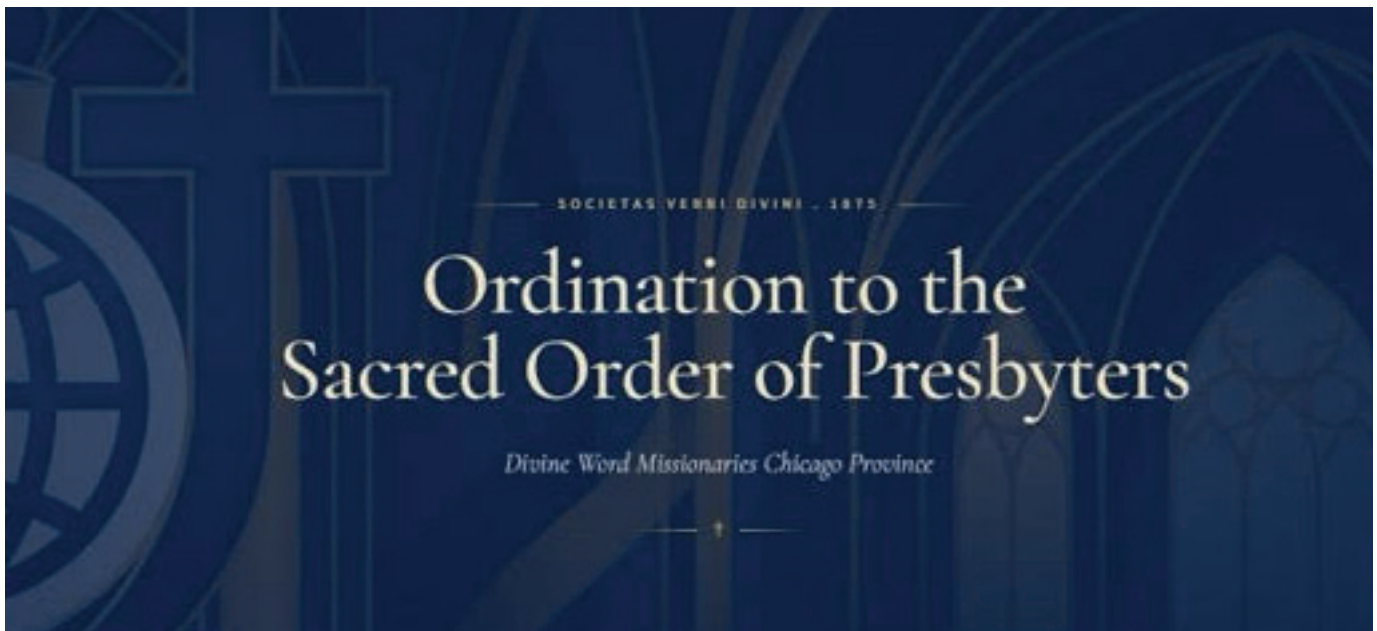
## Stewardship Reflections:

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!





Deacon Brian's Ordination Weekend:

Friday May 22, 2026- HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRIAN

Saturday May 23, 2026 -10:00am

To watch the ordination live sign on to the link below

<https://youtube.com/live/FLQ8mw8maIk?feature=share>

Sunday May 24, 2026 -12pm

Deacon Brian will celebrate his 1st Mass here at St. Teresa

Everyone at St. Teresa of Avila would like to THANK YOU Brian for your help and kindness as you served as Deacon to our parish.

Congratulations on your ordination!

May God Bless your ministry and guide your steps always



*Your life has been set apart  
to celebrate the mysteries  
of Christ,  
to proclaim the good news  
of salvation,  
to lead the lost from darkness  
into light.*

*Blessings on your Ordination*

## 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

- 10AM- Celeste Gannon (D)
- 12 PM - Concepcion Ramirez (D); Joyce Jaszczor (D)
- 6PM- Manuel Gomez (D)

## 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 5/24 10am- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 5/24 12pm- Fr. Brian Junkes
- Sunday 5/24 6pm- Fr. Corey Brost

## Blessing for Communications

Dear Jesus,

On this World Communications Day, bless each of us as we communicate, whether by conversation, email, text, post, letter, or phone.

May our words bring peace, comfort, healing, promise, joy, and love.

May we bring your blessing wherever we go.

Amen.



## Sunday Funday May 17th:

Today is Cherry Cobbler Day and World Telecommunications Day

- 1875- Aristides won the first Kentucky Derby.
- 1939- The Columbia Lions and the Princeton Tigers played in the United States' first televised sporting (baseball) event.
- 1973- Televised hearings regarding the Watergate Scandal begin in the United States Senate.
- 1977- Nolan Bushnell opened the first Chuck E. Cheese's in San Jose, California.
- 2000- The final episode of Beverly Hills 90210 aired on FOX.



"Did you hear about the porcupines' prayerful journey?"



"They were on a **quill-grimage.**"



A "pilgrimage" is a special journey to a spiritual location with the purpose of thanking God, carrying a prayerful intention, and growing deeper in faith.

G.L.P.

Join Us Next Sunday May 24, 2026 6pm Mass Fr. Corey Brost Viator House of Hospitality

What happens to kids who escape violence in their homelands and make it to our nation alone seeking refuge?

Come and learn the answer to this question on May 24 by learning about Viator House of Hospitality and Bethany House of Hospitality, two Chicago area homes for young men and women who escaped to our nation alone, were put in government-funded shelters, but had nowhere to go when they turned 18 and had to leave the shelters.

Opened in 2017, VHH and BHH, working with immigration officials, welcome young men and women, respectively, on their 18th birthdays. At these homes, rooted in the best of Catholic values, these young people can go to school, learn English, find their first jobs in a safe environment where they can also heal from the trauma that chased them out of their home countries. Guided by staff and volunteers, young people at these homes start to build a life in the U.S. while pursuing their asylum cases.

Come to hear stories of hope, healing and opportunity from Fr. Corey Brost, C.S.V., director of Viator House, and Sr. Maureen Jerkowski, OSF, director of Bethany House. Come and learn how you can make a difference in the lives of kids who escape to our nation as a Catholic advocating for a compassionate asylum system.

<https://www.bethany.house>

<https://www.viatorhouseofhospitality.com>



your kindness save a life

**Donate Blood**

**Sunday  
May  
31**

**7:30AM – 2:00PM**

**Helpful tip:**

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. Please bring your id.

**St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Blood Drive**

1950 N. KENMORE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60614  
@PARISH CENTER

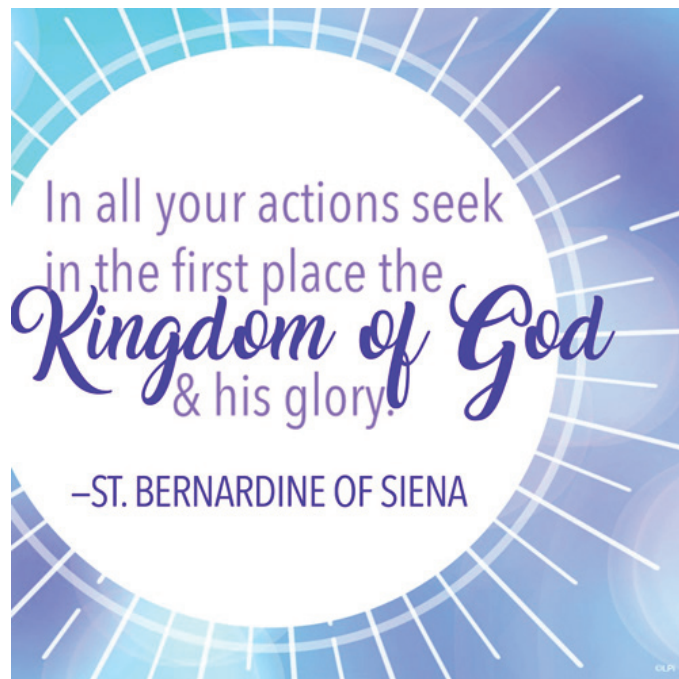
To make an appointment, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, scan the QR code below or go to the following link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3wbt8vzx>

**Donate blood and be someone's hero. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.**

**As a thank you, all donors will receive a \$25 E-Gift Card!**



**Questions? Call  
1-800-7TO-GIVE**



Devotions, Explained!

Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary – undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord’s Prayer – are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation – “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words – “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus” – echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.

Catholic Trivia:

Question: Before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Catholics make small signs of the cross over which body parts?

Answer: On their forehead, lips, and chest (near their heart).

Catholic Q & A:

The Assumption

Question:

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God’s will, living each day with confidence in God’s mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus’ public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: “For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.”

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God’s grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.



## Staff

**Fr. Frank Latzko**

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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**

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Parish Mission

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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](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.