

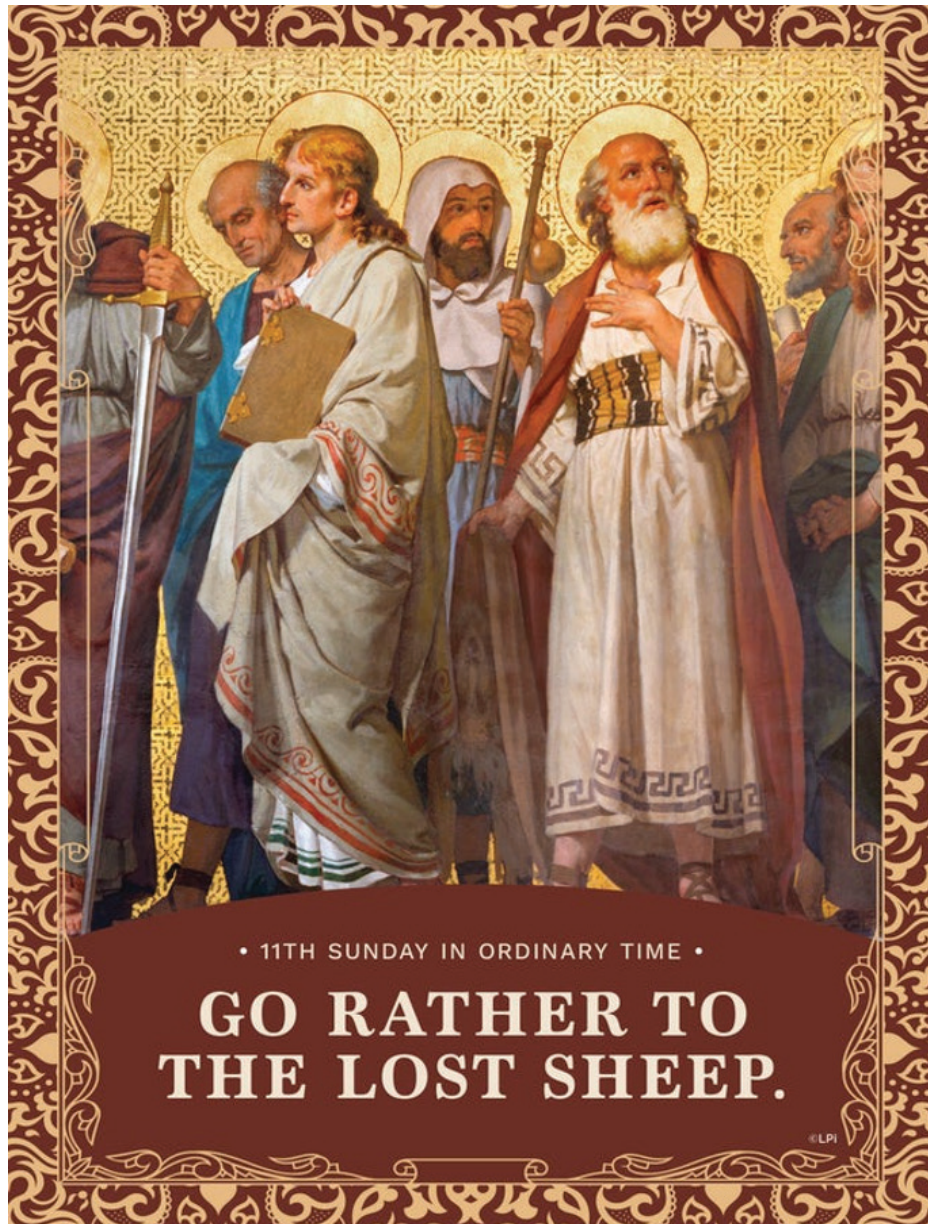
# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

June 14, 2026

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

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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

**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

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

## 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.

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:** Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. (Ex 19:5)

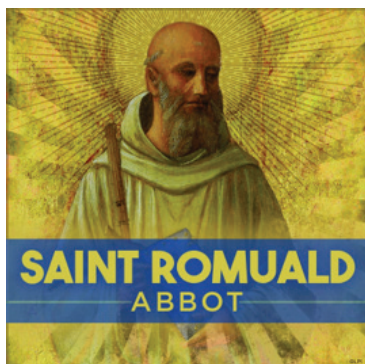
**Second Reading:** But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

**Gospel:** At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36)

## Feasts and Saints:

6/19- St. Romuald, Abbot

Juneteenth



## Gospel Meditation: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work.

— Father John Muir

## Financials: April 2026

	FY26	FY25
Basket/Mail In:	22,930	12,585
Give Central:	37,170	37,150
<b>Total:</b>	<b>THIS YEAR</b>	<b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b>
	\$60,100	\$49,735
		\$10,365



# Our Promise to Our Priests



Our annual collection benefitting

## HEALTHCARE, WELLNESS AND RETIREMENT

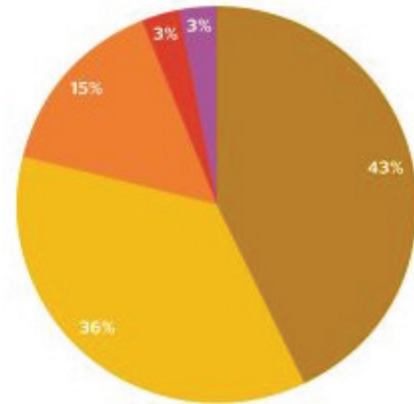
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### HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED

#### Priests' Health and Retirement Total Annual Costs

Medical/Pharma and Wellness	\$ 5,845,000
Retirement Benefits	4,864,000
Nursing Care Assistance	1,971,000
St. Benedict's and Bishop Lyne Residences	363,000
Administration and Other	372,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,415,000</b>

- Medical/Pharma and Wellness
- Retirement Benefits
- Nursing Care Assistance
- St. Benedict's and Bishop Lyne Residences
- Administration and Other

Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA

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## Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Laborers

“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.”

This excerpt from Matthew’s Gospel has become a catchphrase in the modern Church. We give ourselves vertigo with the amount of head-shaking we do over the much-lamented “decline in numbers.”

Which numbers, you ask? Well, take your pick — numbers of baptized Catholic children who continue to profess their faith in adulthood, numbers of registered parishioners, numbers of priests ordained each year. All are a fraction of what they were generations ago.

That last one — the priests — that’s a particular worry for us, isn’t it? So we pray, “Send us laborers, Lord! Make them holy. Make them earnest.”

And then we add, in the silence of our hearts: “Make them perfect.”

It’s no secret that part of the reason the pews are empty is because we often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop, or a particular human representative of the Church.

Because that’s the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

We must consider this: today’s Gospel lists the Apostles whom Jesus sent out in ministry to heal, console, and evangelize, and right at the end — like a record scratch — comes the name of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. If ever a laborer failed in his work, it was Judas.

And surely, when he did, his fellow laborers were so demoralized and so disenchanted that they considered laying down their tools and leaving the harvest to wither and die.

But they did not, and we must not.

Without cost we have received, and without cost we are called to give.

So we labor on, for the day is drawing to a close, and the threshing time is near.

## Stewardship Reflections:

## The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, “I haven’t been this happy in some time.” Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.



World Refugee Day

Today, we remember the plight of millions of people across the globe displaced from their homes by war, famine, corruption, and other violence. These people are part of our human family, and their needs are Christ's needs.

In Matthew 25, we see God's heavenly expectations for disciples. We are to meet Jesus in the least among us - the hungry, the thirsting, those without adequate shelter or clothing, the ill, and even the incarcerated. This shouldn't be too much of an imaginative stretch. After all, Christ himself knew what it was to be a refugee.

St. Joseph took the Holy Family to Egypt, fleeing from the wrath of Herod. Jesus spent his first few years of life as a stranger in a strange land. Mary knew what it was like to navigate an unfamiliar marketplace and to be surrounded by a foreign tongue. Joseph had a practical trade but had to start from nothing all the same.

Let's pray for all refugees today and to see in them our own story of faith.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATES JUNE 19, 1865, THE DATE ENSLAVED PEOPLE IN GALVESTON, TX, FINALLY RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT THEY WERE FREE.

JUNETEENTH BECAME A FEDERAL HOLIDAY IN 2021 WHEN PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN SIGNED THE JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY ACT.

JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATES THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE USA.

## 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 please sign up on the board in the Parish Center.

## 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:chicago2381@hotmail.com).



## Mass Intentions

- 10AM- Maria Borces (D)
- 12 PM - Helen Zalewski (D)
- 6PM- 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

- Sunday 6/21 10am- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 6/21 12pm- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 6/21 6pm- Fr. Udovic

## Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,

You've called every soul to yourself, aware of our faults and failures, but also our gifts, perspectives, our talents, and our dreams. As we grow to know you, help us to more fully understand ourselves and, in doing so, to use our unique positions to spread your love to the world.

Amen.

## Sunday Funday Flag Day

Today is Flag Day

1916 – President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed this day as Flag Day.

1937 – Pennsylvania became the first state of the United States to celebrate Flag Day officially as a state holiday.

What did one flag say to the other flag?

Nothing. It just waved!

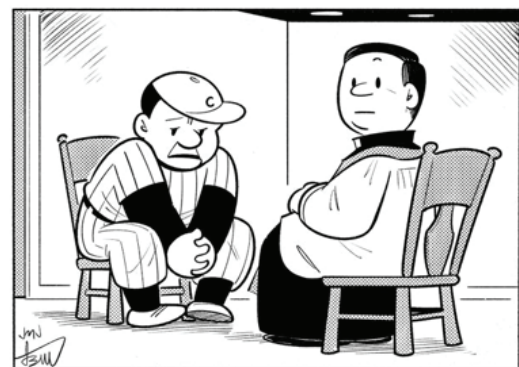
Teacher: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Student: On the bottom!

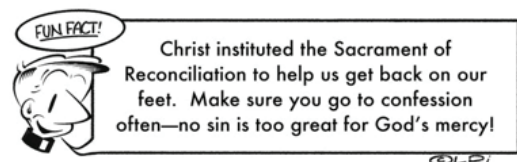
Q: What's the difference between a duck and George Washington?

A: One has a bill on his face, and the other has his face on a bill

"What did the baseball player confess to the priest during his confession?"



"Stealing second base."



St. Romuald | June 19

Saint Romuald was born into a noble family in Ravenna, located in modern-day northern Italy. When Romuald was twenty, his father killed a relative in a duel to resolve a conflict over land ownership. Horrified by his father's actions, Romuald fled to the Benedictine monastery of San Apollinare-in-Classe, just south of Ravenna. After a forty-day retreat of prayer and penance to atone for his father's sin, Romuald decided to stay and become a monk.

Around 978, Romuald and Marinus built a hermitage at the border of France and Spain near the Monastery of Saint-Michel-de-Cuxa. After living a hermit's life for nearly two decades and possessing a new theological and practical understanding of monasticism, Romuald began traveling across Europe. He founded hermitages and monasteries and provided spiritual direction to existing ones in need of reform. He visited his father, who had repented of his former lifestyle and became a monk himself. Before his father died, Romuald helped him more fully embrace his monastic vocation. Holy Roman Emperor Otto III asked Romuald to become the abbot of Otto's first monastery, San Apollinare-in-Classe. However, the monks resisted Romuald's reform efforts so vehemently that he left in frustration within a year. In 1012, Romuald used donated land in Camaldoli, near Arezzo in Tuscany, to build five hermitages, marking the beginnings of the Camaldolese Hermits of Mount Corona. His new form of monasticism harmonized the silence and solitude of hermits with the shared meals and shared prayer of monks. Over the next fifteen years, Romuald founded several more monastery-hermitages, firmly establishing his new form of monastic life within the broader life of the Church.

The "Brief Rule" that Saint Romuald left his brothers directed them to love their cells, be detached, self-observant, attentive to praying the Psalms, reverent before God, intense in asceticism, and become childlike in their receptivity to grace.

Saint Romuald passed away in the solitude of his cell, a place he referred to as "paradise." Those who prayed at his tomb reported numerous miracles. One account states that Romuald's body remained incorrupt and was relocated to Fabriano, Italy, where his order had constructed another monastery. Today, this church is known as Saint Romuald's.



## Virtues, Explained!

### Truthfulness, Explained!

Sin began with a lie.

It was a lie that Satan told Eve in the Garden of Eden, and it was by doubting God’s faithfulness – by thinking God to be a liar – that the fall of man came about.

Of course, God Himself is Truth – Adam and Eve discovered that when they believed the lie. Therefore, if we belong to God, we must live truthfully – in small matters and in large ones, so that the witness we bear to the ultimate Truth of God shall always be taken seriously. “Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known,” says the Catechism (CCC 2472), which also calls the act of martyrdom “truth written in letters of blood.” (CCC 2474)

When Ananias tries to deceive the Christian community and secretly hoard wealth for himself, Peter tells him he has “lied not to human beings, but to God.” (Acts 5:4)

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### Catholic Trivia:

**Question:** Church candles, particularly the ones used in Sacramental celebrations, should contain at least 50% of what component?

**Answer:** Beeswax

## Catholic Q & A:

### Sin

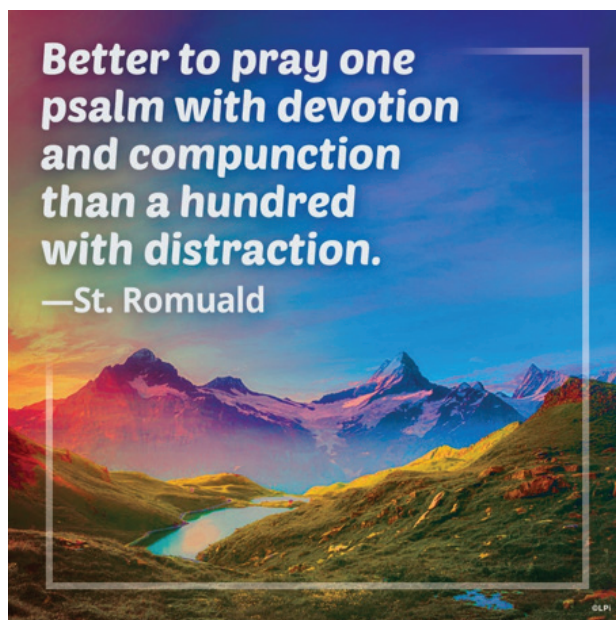
#### Question:

A member of my parish was recently arrested for a white-collar crime. I don’t approve of what he did, but he is a great neighbor and a nice person. How should I treat someone like him?

#### Answer:

There is a litany of expressions that fit this situation: Everyone makes mistakes. Hate the sin, love the sinner. Judge not, lest you be judged. All of these proverbs and sayings highlight the fact that we are here to help each other on the way to salvation. Our hope and goal is that everyone grows in grace, drawing closer to God and to the promise of eternal life. Part of that process is our struggle, collectively and individually, with sin. And that is the ugly part. Sin is not nice, pretty, or inviting when laid out for all to see. Nor is it easy for the person caught in the spotlight.

Kindness and support are not the same thing as approval. We recognize that good people can do bad things and in their struggle, they need the help of others. Our kindness is often the flicker of hope that allows someone to face the consequences of sin while focusing on the promise of redemption. Your desire to help and support your neighbor is the response of grace to sin, and the same response of Jesus to us.



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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.

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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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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.