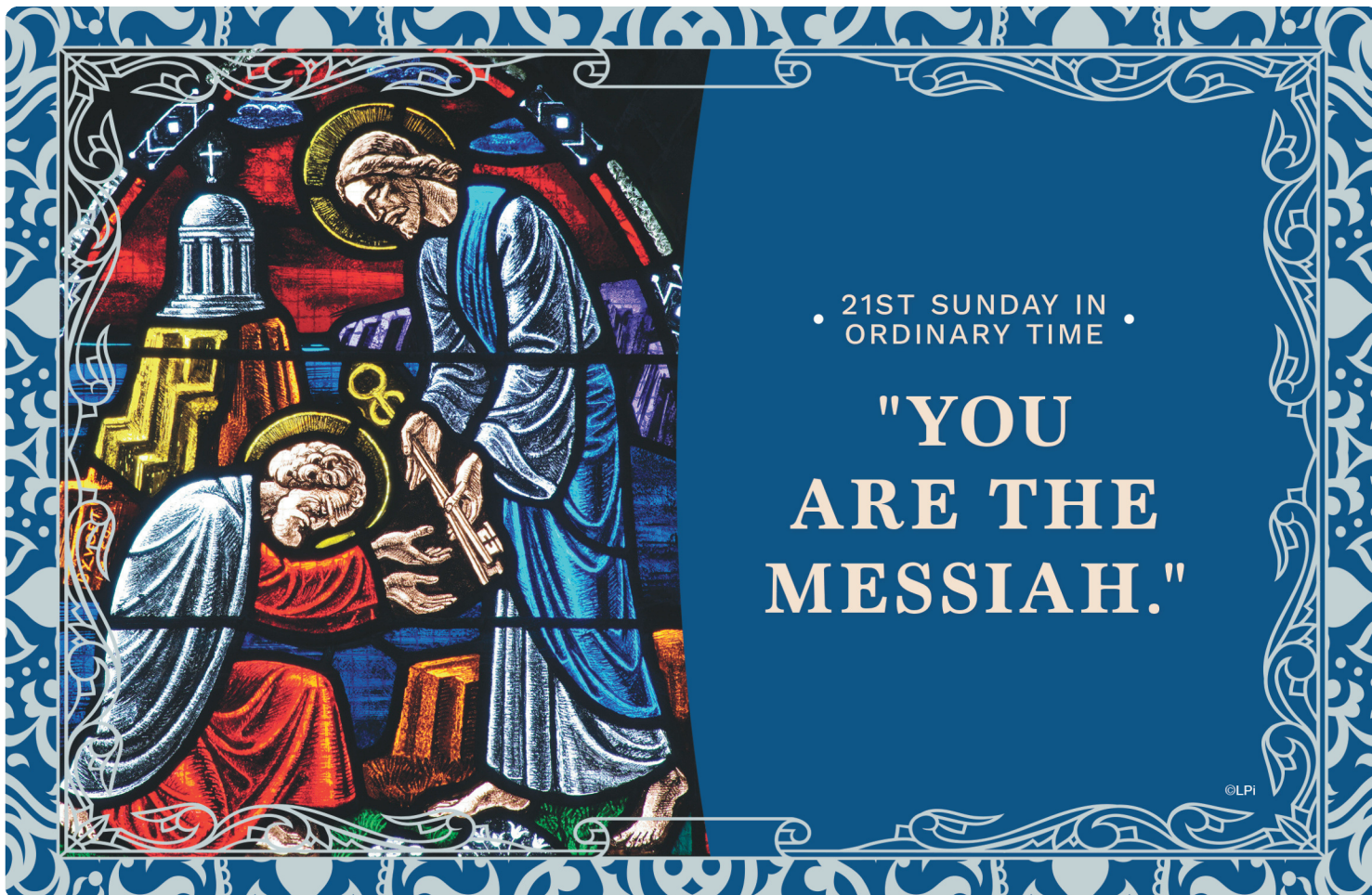


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 8:00am*, 5:00pm Vigil

**Sunday | 6:30am, 8:00am,
10:00am*, 12:00pm**

Weekday Masses

Monday | 6:30am*, 8:00am

Tuesday | 6:30am*, 8:00am

Wednesday | 6:30am*, 8:00am

Thursday | 6:30am*, 8:00am

Friday | 6:30am*, 8:00am

6:30am Masses in Chapel

*Livestreamed Mass

youtube.com/StTheresaParishPalatine

ADORATION

Monday-Friday | 7:00am-7:00pm

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CONFESSION

Saturdays | 12:00pm - 1:30pm

PARISH RECEPTION HOURS

Current thru Sept 12:

Monday - Thursday | 8am-8:00pm

Friday | 8:00am-2:00pm

Saturday | 9:00am-3:00pm

Sunday | 9:00am-1:00pm

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dear Friends,

On August 10th, Catholic Governor Maura Healey of the State of Massachusetts signed into law the “Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act” which eliminates the restrictions on abortion after the twenty-fourth week of pregnancy in that state and now gives greater discretion to the doctor's professional judgment on whether or not an abortion can be procured at any moment of pregnancy up until the birth of a child. Representative Christine Barber, who sponsored the legislation, stated abortion “should be between a doctor and a patient.” There are nine other states with similar laws enacted: Alaska, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, Minnesota, Michigan, Vermont, New Jersey, and Maryland. The means by which babies are killed during late term abortions are too gruesome to describe here, but one can easily find the methods described online.

Every time I mention abortion in a homily or in a written article, I receive several angry comments from people that I need to keep politics out of the Church, citing the separation of Church and State and letting me know my reflection on this topic is not welcome.

However, abortion itself is not only a political issue. It is first and foremost a moral and human issue. And the Church has a great deal to say about that. It teaches that every human life possesses God given dignity and that innocent human life must be protected. That teaching does not become political and out of bounds simply because politicians have chosen to legislate about it.

As a priest, I have a responsibility to preach the Gospel and to teach what the Catholic Church teaches... not only on the subjects that are comfortable or politically neutral. The U.S. bishops themselves identify abortion as a grave moral issue and explicitly encourage pastors to address it: *God loves each human life from the instant of his or her conception and entrusts this gift to the protection of a mother and father. The Church has consistently taught that every human life is sacred; therefore, every intentional abortion is gravely wrong. Abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds the women and men involved.* (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

At the same time, I recognize that abortion touches people very personally. Some in our parish may have experienced an abortion, encouraged someone to have one, lost a child, or carry wounds and grief that others know nothing about... so when we speak about abortion, we must speak not with anger or condemnation, but with truth, compassion, mercy, and hope. Protecting life must be accompanied by genuine compassion for those who struggle.

An article in Vatican News from August 13, 2026, written by their Deputy Editorial Director Massimiliano Menichetti, is excerpted here (for brevity) about this new law in Massachusetts:

There are images and stories that go viral, that underscore truth, beauty, communion, that give hope, such as the sequence filmed in Colombia, showing a mother under the rubble protecting her newborn son with her own body after the collapse, due to the 7.4-magnitude earthquake, of a five-story building in the Ciudad Capri neighborhood of Cali. The images circulating on social media and news broadcasts show the horror of the devastation, the rescuers searching and racing against time and the rubble, the woman and the little one being brought out alive and now out of danger.

The image captures, in all its drama, an entire fraternal, supportive society, intent on saving, taking care of, taking responsibility for the other, saving itself. It does not matter how many resources are required: the aim is to preserve life, even if it is only one.

About 4,300 kilometers away, in Massachusetts in the United States, the scene is completely different: it is that of the signing of an act. And the life of a child, in this case in the mother's womb, is no longer seen in the same way; something else prevails.

Here, the “Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act” was signed, a law that eliminates the limit of the twenty-fourth week for the voluntary termination of pregnancy and gives greater discretion to the doctor's professional judgment. Within this law is the word “care,” and yet here it is synonymous with death...

...People speak of choice for the woman, of care, and yet a real possibility of choosing is never provided, because the apparently easier path is proposed, which then is anything but that. It is proposed to intervene immediately, remove the problem, close one's eyes, deny every scientific finding showing that from the moment of conception an unstoppable process begins that determines the person. It is proposed to kill without ever saying so.

Allowing, instead, a woman a true choice would mean activating pathways, psychological, economic, and spiritual support, but this has an infinitely higher cost in terms of money and resources, and therefore it is better to remain silent.

A LETTER, CONT...

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A State shows all its foresight and breadth of vision when it takes care of its citizens, guarantees peace, equality, freedom of expression, protects life; when citizens build a society capable of recognizing the other, helping him, supporting him, accompanying him, loving him, laying in the present the roots of the future.

Abortion, then, becomes confirmation or distortion of what is right and what is wrong, of what is against life and what is in favor of it.

The distortion lies in wanting to hide suffering, difficulty, and pain, instead of wanting to embrace those who find themselves in extreme situations and cannot find a way out. It is here that humanity is measured: a humanity that does not kill but loves and takes responsibility; that is willing to move through the rubble in order to save a life and to rejoice fully when this happens.

Since 1973, approximately 63 million babies in the United States alone have lost their lives through abortion. That represents about 16% of our nation's population (if those babies had lived) that have been killed through abortion.

What can we do in the midst of this ongoing human life crisis? Support crisis pregnancy centers and advocate for legislative changes to protect unborn life at the state and federal levels. Pray for the election of government leaders who will protect life. Pray for those people who are contemplating abortion this day, that they will choose life. Finally, pray for mothers and fathers who live with the loss of a child or children through abortion that they might know that God's love does not abandon them, and his mercy and forgiveness is always available to them.

May God bless you all.

Love,
Fr. Tim

Saint Theresa Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sunday, August 23

7:15 AM – 1:30 PM

445 N. Benton Palatine
Dolan Center

THIS WEEKEND!



BLOOD DRIVE

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WELCOME TO ST. THERESA

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OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Theresa Catholic Church is to share Christ with others through the sacraments, education, prayer, and service.

JOIN US, BECOME A PARISHIONER, RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES

If you are new to the parish or not yet registered, we invite you to join St. Theresa Catholic Church! Contact the receptionist at the Pauline Pastoral Center front desk or speak with a greeter during weekend Masses. To sign up for parish email updates, text LITTLEWAY to 84576 or visit sttheresaparish5.flocknote.com.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:30pm. Prep classes are held on 1st Wednesdays. Call Mary Amirante to begin the planning process: marya@sttheresachurch.org or 847-358-7760.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

RE classes for Kindergarten-8th grade meet September-April on Tuesdays 4:30-6:00PM or Saturdays 9:00-10:30AM. For age 7+ not Baptized or 3rd grade+ who have not received First Holy Communion, classes meet September-April on Thursdays 5-6PM. Two years formation for Sacraments reception is required. Contact Elizabeth Vogt elizabethv@sttheresachurch.org, 847.358.7760 x 111 or visit www.sttheresachurch.org/religious.

ADULT SACRAMENTS

Adults who would like to join or be fully received into the Catholic Church and have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation need to attend Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes at St. Theresa. Contact Dcn. Larry Schumacher larrys@sttheresachurch.org or call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations on your engagement! Please make wedding arrangements six months in advance. Call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Are you discerning the priesthood or diaconate? Contact Fr. Tim frtim@sttheresachurch.org, 847.358.7760 x 101.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 12:00-1:30 pm in the Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Receive the Lord's healing strength and peace, if you are seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized, or about to have surgery. Contact Fr. Tom Bishop frtom@sttheresachurch.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday - 8/23/26

6:30am | Bob Kunkel
8:00am | Charles Bordenkircher
10:00am | For Parishioners
12:00pm | Joseph Schmetzko, Frank & Jeanne Serpico, Mary Newell, Nancy Owens, Roger Zahorski, Martin Durkan

Monday - 8/24/26

6:30am | St. Theresa Purgatorial Society
8:00am | Ronald Richter

Tuesday 8/25/26

6:30am | Jerome & Joan Paschke
8:00am | Bernice Woodsum

Wednesday - 8/26/26

6:30am | Thomas Schuman
8:00am | Al Russ

Thursday - 8/27/26

6:30am | Dawn Fry
8:00am | Jerry Sara

Friday - 8/28/26

6:30am | Jerry Mele
8:00am | Bob Klinger

Next Saturday - 8/29/26

8:00am | Rita O'Connor, William J. Riley, Nancy Owens, Thomas Jacobi, Vivian Bedard
5:00pm | Ella & James Malek

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God, Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.



WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Daily Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org>

WEEKLY GIVING

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PARISH FINANCE CORNER



Stewardship means recognizing God as the source of all things, caring for His gifts responsibly, and returning them with increase.

Weekly Collection					
Current vs prior 2 years	Current	Prior Year		2 Years Prior	
WEEKEND ACTIVITY	8/16/2026	8/17/2025	Variance	8/18/2024	Variance
Sunday Basket / Mail	\$ 19,647	\$ 14,982	\$ 4,665	\$ 30,381	\$ (10,734)
Electronic - PUSHPAY	\$ 8,471	\$ 10,758	\$ (2,287)	\$ 9,243	\$ (772)
Total Weekly	\$ 28,118	\$ 25,740	\$ 2,378	\$ 39,624	\$ (11,506)
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	Fiscal year 7/1/2026 to 8/16/2026			7/1/2025 to 8/17/2025	
Compared to BUDGET/PRIOR	Actual	Budget	Variance	Prior Year Actual	Variance
Sunday & Holy Days only	\$ 216,294	\$ 211,460	\$ 4,834	\$ 192,343	\$ 23,951

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You can also make a one-time gift on pushpay. Just select "Give one time" and then choose the Fund you would like to support. Funds include things like Second Collections, Tuition Assistance, St. Vincent DePaul and more!

Of course, as always, you can mail in your parish envelope or put it in the collection basket.

Questions?

Email Jennifer Dzierzak or Kathryn McIntyre:
jenniferd@sttheresachurch.org or kathrynm@sttheresachurch.org.

St. Vincent DePaul provides temporary emergency financial assistance to our neighbors in need

St. Vincent DePaul partners with many other organizations in the community to assist the less fortunate. Local food pantries are one example and provide healthy food options for those with food insecurities.

If you are in need of food, or if you are interested in donating food items or volunteering your time to assist, below are a few local options.



*Faith
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Food
Pantry*



*Journey's
the Road
Home*



*Palatine
Township*

Please check the organization's website for hours of operations and food donation options and requirements.

St. Theresa School is back in session this week!

Please join us in praying for a happy, healthy, blessed year for our teachers, students, staff and parents!



St. Theresa School

Introducing Mr. Eric Martinez Assistant Principal



**2026-27
Middle School**

Mr. Martinez is a dedicated educator with 15 yrs of teaching experience & a passion for helping students grow academically, socially, & personally.

Eric played collegiate baseball at WIU, where he earned his B.S. in Psychology before completing a M.S.Ed. from Roosevelt University.

He recently completed the Aspiring Leadership Program through the Archdiocese of Chicago, further strengthening his leadership skills and dedication to Catholic education.

Fun Fact: *"I'm the proud dad of six amazing kids, and when I'm not at school, you'll usually find me behind the grill. I love BBQing and spending time with family & friends."*

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,
We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.
Amen.



Help Families After the Colombia Earthquake

Following the 7.4 magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia, Catholic Relief Services is supporting Caritas Colombia and its nationwide diocesan and parish network as they respond to widespread damage.

Many families urgently need shelter, clean water, food, medical care, protection and other essential support. Our prayers are with all who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.

Through its trusted network of dioceses and parishes, Caritas Colombia is often among the first to respond— accompanying families, offering care, identifying immediate needs and mobilizing assistance through trusted relationships.

Your gift today can provide emergency relief to families affected by this disaster— helping bring shelter, food, clean water, protection and other urgent support to our sisters and brothers in Colombia. Scan the QR Code to help!



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AUGUST 26 & 27
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A Prayer for Colombia

Lord Jesus, draw near to the people of Colombia in this time of fear and sorrow.

Hold close all who are suffering, strengthen all who are bringing help, and let your peace be felt in the heart of every person in need of comfort. Our

Lady of Chiquinquirá, patroness of Colombia, wrap your mantle around your people. Pray for the grieving, the injured and the weary, and welcome all who have died into your Son's loving home.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Colombia Earthquake

Emergency Factsheet | August 2026



The Poor are our Lord - St. Jeanne Jugan



JOIN US FOR A MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON AMERICA

*Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm
St. Theresa Church, Palatine*

On this day, September 11, our hearts turn back to that morning in 2001 when the world seemed to stop. Nearly 3,000 men, women, and children lost their lives in an act of unspeakable violence. Families were shattered, first responders gave their lives, and a nation was changed forever. For Catholics, this day is not only about remembering history, it is about praying for the dead, comforting the living, and recommitting ourselves to be instruments of peace in a world so often torn apart by hatred.

As we reflect on 9/11, we remember that every person lost was a child of God. In those moments of terror, Christ was present, with the frightened office worker praying the Our Father, with the firefighter climbing the stairs, with the chaplains who ran toward danger to offer absolution and last rites. Their courage and sacrifice are a powerful reminder of Jesus' words: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Our Catholic faith calls us to pray for the repose of the souls of the departed. [On September 11], we commend them to the mercy of God, trusting in the promise of the Resurrection. We pray, too, for those who still bear invisible wounds, the families who carry grief, the survivors who carry trauma, and the children who grew up never knowing their loved ones.

As Catholics, we must also look inward. In the face of evil, we are reminded to forgive, as Christ forgave from the Cross, and to be peacemakers in our communities. 9/11 was a day of tragedy, but it was also a day of great charity and unity. Strangers helped strangers. Churches were filled. America prayed together. Let us not allow that spirit to fade.



SAVE THE DATE



St. Theresa FALL BONFIRE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12



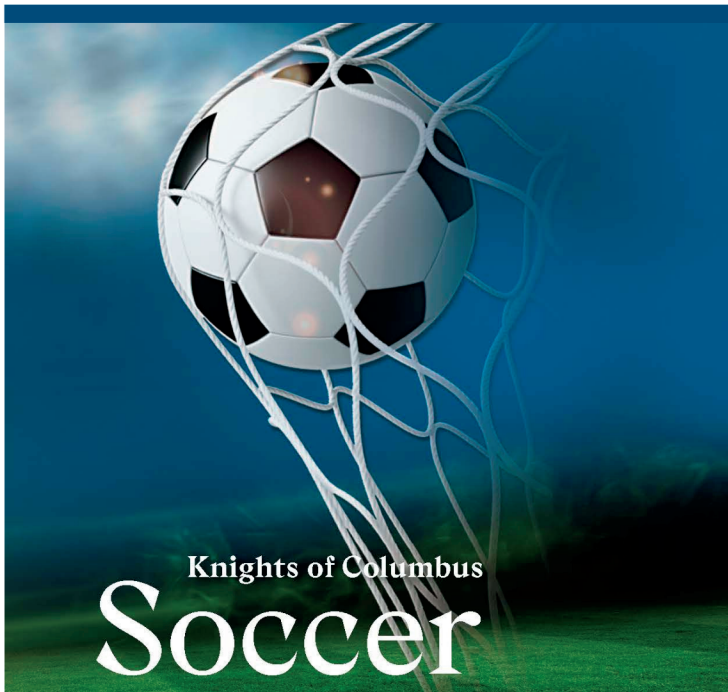
5:00 Mass
6:00 Bonfire



St. Theresa
Parish Grounds



Food, Drinks, and
Fun for the Family!



Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: ST. THERESA BONFIRE - School Playground

Date: Saturday, Sep 12, 2026 Time: Starts at 6 PM

Sponsor: KoC Palatine's Holy Ghost Council #4977

Contact: Bill O'Brien at BOBRIEN100@COMCAST.NET

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.



The St. Theresa Charismatic Prayer Group has a couple really incredible and unique opportunities for prayer and fellowship coming up. Check out their Mass and Healing Service on October 7, as well as the Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning the following week on October 14!

Mass with Healing Service Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sparough S.J.



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

St Theresa Church
445 North Benton Street, Palatine IL 60067
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
7:15 pm Prayer and Praise

For more information contact Deacon Lou Riccio
(847) 358-7760

Wednesday Evenings
St Theresa Church
Gathering Space



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

October 14 – November 18, 2026

7:30 – 9:30 PM

- **Learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit spoken about in Holy Scripture in 1Cor. 12.**
- **Find out how important the gifts are and how to use them in your daily life.**
- **Hear personal testimonies of people whose lives were changed by living in His Holy Spirit, who has equipped us to live in His power.**

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St Theresa Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

*For more information, please call Deacon Lou Riccio,
Prayer Group Coordinator at (847) 358-7760*

SCHEDULE OF SEMINAR TALKS

October 14, 2026

-God Loves You

October 21, 2026

-Salvation

October 28, 2026

-New Life

November 4, 2026

-Receiving God's Gifts

November 11, 2026

**-Prayer for the Release of
the gifts of the Holy Spirit**

November 18, 2026

-Growth and Transformation



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Women of Wisdom: Living Our Name —with Sr. Carrie Miller, SLW

Tuesday, September 22, 7:00pm
St. Edna Church
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL



We are living in times marked by chaos, disagreement and confusion. Silence is not an effective answer.

As People of Wisdom, how are we called to respond? How might the Words of Scripture be our resource? How do we follow the love and example of Jesus to guide our words and actions?

"Pope Leo has recently reminded us that 'We are made for these times.' So the search always continues as to how the Words of Scripture can guide us in making our response to God's invitations/nudges to us." - Sr. Carrie

Join us! All are Welcome!

Witnessing the faith-in-action of people around her, Sister Carrie has an ongoing search of connections between the Words of Scripture and the realities of life. Her ministry work includes Retreats, Spiritual Direction, Counseling, Parish Ministry, and serving on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Living Word.



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When – Monday, August 31, 2026

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PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

MAY THEY FIND HEALING

Erica Adams	Les Lawson
Sandra Alesch	Donna M.
Bob Bansfield	Sylvia Malinowski
Andrea Barbosa	Larry and Nancy Mazur
Peyton Barbosa	Teresa Adriana Merincola
Gerri Barnhart	Dennis Oats
Rey Brillo	Thomas Obermeyer
Peggy Carrick	Katzonri Okada
Donna Ciesel	Loretta Parker
Martin Chavez	Lea Petrikas
Donna Ciesel	Mark Peters
Baby Dagalen	Ann Riccio
Terry and John Davalle	Tom Richardson
Megan Dwyer	Mary S.
Tricia Flaherty	Ruth Sanzone
Janice Hanson	Susan Scurto
Ron Hayes	Sarah Smith
Ellen Hope	Ronald Sowizrol
Penelope Johnson	Fran Swaine
Nancy Kane	Bernadine Szewc
Lorraine Kearns	Thaddeus Szewc
Alex Kowalenk	Garreth Thornley
Diane Lancour	Owen Witt (2 year old)
Jolynn Lash	

*Lord, hear
our prayer*



BAPTISMS

Braeden Finlay Blumberg
Daniella Brett Figueroa
Henry Jozef Kasjanski
Calvin Eugene May
Ambrose Francis Wolcott

MILITARY AND VETERANS

Master Sergeant Michelle Geronimo (U.S. Air Force)
Dr. Tom Hauert (U.S. Navy Lt.)
Louis A. Kittler (U.S. Navy)
James Olinski (U.S. Army, Vietnam)
Capt. Lindsey M. Palka (Royal Canadian Air Force)
Rob Staszewski (U.S. Navy)
Adolf Stransky (U.S. Navy, Vietnam)
Master Sergeant France Sumayop (U.S. Air Force)
Ron Willer (U.S. Army, Vietnam)

If you have a name you would like added to the prayer
list, please contact us.
Email Lisa at bulletin@sttheresachurch.org
or call Mary at 847-358-7760

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE | AUGUST 29-30

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 6:30am	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
Priest	Fr. Matt Jamesson	Fr. Matt Jamesson	Fr. Tom Bishop	Fr. Michael Wanda	Fr. Tim Fairman
Deacon	Dcn. Jim Devine	Dcn. Greg Vogt	Dcn. Larry Schumacher	Dcn. Andrew Kim	Dcn. Lou Riccio
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Bohlmann K.L. Bohlmann Maureen Fox Jim Denno	Debbie Christensen Andrea Leider	Mary Sanfilippo Diane Vollmert Greg Starzinski Karen Flasch	Justine Braskich Marie Paul Ralph Poznanski Bryan Fong	Susie Sadural Neil McManus Nancy Brinckerhoff Carol Oswald
Sacristan	Don Klippstein	Andrea Leider	Carol Meyer	Dan Ullmer	Diane Broniarczyk
Lector	Mike Thompson Laurie Nannini	Tom Galvan Carol Hollar	Tom Van Havermaet Carl Siemianowski	Lisa Jerzyk Maureen Bubulka	Neva O'Laughlin Betsy Skibinski

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THE WEEK AHEAD | AUGUST 24-30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
STS First Day of School 6:30am Mass (Chapel) 7am-7pm Adoration (Chapel) 7:30am Meet the Teacher (School Building) 8:00am Daily Mass (Church) 2:30pm STS Athletics (Gym) 7:00pm RE Board Meeting (Teacher's Lounge)	6:30am Mass (Chapel) 7am-7pm Adoration (Chapel) 7:30am STS Parent Social (School) 8:00am Daily Mass (Church) 2:30pm STS Athletics (Gym) 7:00pm Finance Council (Festle) 8:30pm Men's Basketball (Dolan Gym)	6:30am Mass (Chapel) 7am-7pm Adoration (Chapel) 7:00am Crossroads Bible Study (Festle) 8:00am Daily Mass (Church) 2:30pm STS Athletics (Gym) 7:00pm UpLIFTed (YM Room) 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group (Bernardin) 8:30pm Co-Ed Volleyball (Dolan Gym)	6:30am Mass (chapel) 7am-7pm Adoration (Chapel) 8:00am Daily Mass (Church) 9:30am Pastoral Staff Prayer (Teacher's Lounge) 2:30pm STS Athletics (Gym) 7:00pm Cor Men's Faith Formation (Bernardin) 7:00pm Youth Ministry LIFT (Youth Ministry Room)	6:30am Mass (Chapel) 7am-7pm Adoration (Chapel) 8:00am Mass (Church) 12:30pm STS Pep Rally (Gym) 1:30pm STS Athletics (Gym)	8:00am Daily Mass (Church) 12:00pm Confessions (Church) 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass (Church) 6:00pm Cub Scouts Campfire (Lower Dolan and School Playground)	<i>Please note new Mass times!</i> 6:30am Mass (Church) 8:00am Mass (Church) 10:00am Mass (Church) 11:00am Lift KAIROS 4th Day Meeting (Youth Ministry Room) 12:00 Noon Mass (Church)