

Saint Theresa Parish

PALATINE, ILLINOIS



Christian life and spirituality flow from Sunday.

HERE WE FIND OUR SPECIAL PLACE to experience belief moving to active faith. Here is a holy place for healing and to search for spiritual meaning in our lives. The grace of faith is nourished in our Sunday Eucharist: for it all begins with Sunday. All that we cherish as Catholic Christians flows from Sunday.

Our baptism transforms us and challenges us. Ordinary lives transformed by an extraordinary spirit.

Answering the call to authentic worship, education, evangelization, and service to the community and beyond.

At Saint Theresa Parish we uncover a glimpse of the reign of God as we find a home to pray; to be educated in the faith; to extend Christian charitable outreach and evangelization; to be *'ecclesia'* – a sacred assembly called out to hear and act upon the Word and enlivened and called apart by the Holy Spirit into a relationship with a transcendent reality.

Together, we also discover opportunities to play and experience a fun-filled personal and community spirit. We live in a covenant of hope and the reality of Christian joy.

Our Patron Saint

Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. In French-speaking areas, she is known as Thérèse of Lisieux. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. She was canonized in 1925, and two years later she and St. Francis Xavier were declared co-patrons of the missions.



On October 19, 1997, Saint John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church. Her parents, Louis and Zélie, were beatified in 2008 and canonized in October 2015.

A Little History

- 1930 - Village Hall on Slade Street is rented
- 1932 - The *first* First Holy Communion Class
- 1941 - New church built at the corner of Wood and Bothwell Streets
- 1952 - Five acres purchased on Benton Street
- 1954 - School opens with 200 children taught by four Sisters of Christian Charity and two lay teachers
- 1960 - 1,300 school students
- 1961 - Present church building dedicated
- 1979 - Dolan Activity Center built
- 2001 - Present church redesigned
- 2015 - Building on our Faith Together (Capital Campaign)

WEEKEND Saturday: 5:00 PM
MASSES Sunday: 7:00 8:30 10:00 11:30 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word and RCIA / RCIC 10:00 AM

Weekday Mass
6:30 8:00 AM (M - F) Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day
Anticipated (evening before) 7:00 PM
Day of... 6:30 AM 8:00 AM 7:00 PM

Baptism
First and third Sundays 1:00 PM
Preparation is required.

Penance (Reconciliation)
Saturday 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Matrimony
Congratulations! Please consult the parish at least six (6) months in advance (847-358-7760).



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

Youth Ministry

"LIFT" is an acronym for *Living In Faith Together*. Through LIFT, St. Theresa Catholic Church offers the opportunity for the youth of our parish to find a safe and joyful place to encounter Jesus Christ and to share Him with others through the sacraments, fellowship, prayer, and service.

Formed under the patronage of the Little Flower, the teens of LIFT are encouraged to advance in their own spiritual life through the "little way" and to make their unique talents and personalities influential in the larger context of their day-to-day lives.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

ST. THERESA PARISH not only offers exceptional programs and processes for the young, but also emphasizes the complete Christian person – adult faith growth and participation.

Each individual and family is different: young career-oriented people, newly married couples, empty nesters, retired. Each circumstance longs for the presence of God: God invites all to a new spiritual understanding and participation.

St. Theresa Parish offers many ways to grow and remain active in faith. Here is a sampling of our many prayer, service or ministry opportunities:

Altar Ministry - Sacristan
Altar Server

Baptism Preparation
Bereavement Ministry
Bible Study

Catechist Formation
Charismatic Prayer Group
Councils and Committees (appointed)
Christian Initiation of Adults
Christian Initiation of Children

Eucharistic Adoration
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Kairos Prison Ministry
Knights of Columbus

Lenten Mission (and speaker series)
Liturgical Season Charitable Outreach

Marian Rosary
Ministry of Care
Music Ministry

Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

Prayer Groups

REACH
Special Religious Education for Adults

Respect Life
Rosary & Novena Prayer

Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Ushers

Wedding Ministry
Women's Club

LIFT Youth Ministry

*Bringing all generations
together*



Saint Theresa School

Catholic Identity

- Daily religious instruction based on curriculum as authorized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Grades 1 - 8 attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration weekly
- Grade 2 - First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- Grade 8 - Sacrament of Confirmation: service to community, church and family is required
- Approximately 400 students - 98% Catholic
- Average class size: 21
- Differentiated classes, Reading Resource Center, Learning Resource Center and expanded library
- Beyond outstanding math and science, the curriculum also includes music, art, physical education, computer, foreign language and band

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

- Fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education and the National Catholic Education Association
- 2006 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School

School Philosophy

We believe in and support Catholic Christian education as a vital part of the evangelizing mission of the Church. Within a Christian environment of trust, Gospel values are fostered within the development of the individual's full potential. With an emphasis on literacy and problem-solving skills, our school provides varied learning experiences, addressing the uniqueness of each student.



Youth Education & Formation

Religious Education

Our parish Religious Education Program serves the needs of our young parishioners who attend public schools and those preparing for the Sacraments. Classes are held at various times throughout the week from September through April. For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 847-359-2846.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. THERESA PARISH is an essential part of the parish's mission to preach the Gospel to all people. From the earliest stages the child is introduced to liturgy, Scripture, and the traditions of the Church. Our goal is to help child(ren) grow in the richness and knowledge of the faith and to understand what we believe through meaningful participation in liturgical worship and the sacramental life of the Church: to offer moral formation, teach prayer, and form all believers to be disciples of Christ.

Parish Sacramental Programs

The preparation process for the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation), Eucharist, and Confirmation follows the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Parent formation sessions and Sacramental celebrations are combined for our parish school and religious education program. The Director of Religious Education oversees the sacramental preparation.

Stewardship

Stewardship is a lifestyle: A way of thanking God for all blessings by returning a generous portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with the Lord and each other and involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving.

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles found in Scripture

What difference does stewardship make in our lives?

First, the difference is in the focus of giving. The focus is primarily on God and our relationship with God. It also addresses our personal need to give.

Second, the difference is in the motivation for giving. Stewardship is an integral part of a spiritual life and we give in that context because we are grateful to God for what we have received.

Third, the difference is in the result of giving. As we practice stewardship, we find that we grow spiritually and that our faith is deepened. We find that our lives are changed for the better.

How do personal needs or the needs of a family fit into the concept of stewardship?

Our first responsibility is to take care of our own needs and the needs of our families - not necessarily all our wants. In looking very carefully at what we need versus what we want, we end up making choices that place material things and money in their proper perspective.

To what is St. Theresa Parish asking me to commit?

We encourage all to a life of prayer.

We encourage all to talk and pray with family members and then make a decision to be stewards.

We invite all to have a visible and active presence at worship and community activities.

We invite each individual to join one of our ministries or organizations.

We invite all to give of time, talent and treasure.

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