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# History of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Titusville, Florida  
1880-2011

## St. Teresa as a Mission

In 1880, Father John F. O'Boyle, who came to the USA from Donegal County, Ireland, was active in the evangelization of about 100 Catholic railroad workers in the vicinity of Fernandina, Florida. It was there that he heard rumors that Mr. Flagler, the railroad baron, intended to develop areas further south, including the Cape and vicinity. Father arrived in Titusville in 1886.



In 1892 the wooden frame structure dedicated to St. Teresa of Avila stood at the corner of Hopkins and Orange Avenue in downtown Titusville. One day, after saying the neighborhood Mass in Daytona, Father O'Boyle came back to Titusville on foot after someone "borrowed" his boat!



In December, 1895, the Great Fire wiped out most of downtown Titusville, but fortunately, St. Teresa's Chapel was left untouched by the flames. A year before, the Great Freeze cancelled most of the commercial life of the area. The Flagler Railroad began to look for areas other than Titusville to develop. It took those unfortunate events to make the first resident priest leave Titusville. St. Teresa's at that time began 60 years of gradual transition from missionary headquarters to parochial church.

In 1895, Father O'Boyle was transferred to Daytona, where he stayed until his death in 1927. Father Boreslaw Radka became the second resident priest of Titusville in 1921. At this time St. Teresa's was a mission church of St. Mary's in Rockledge. Between 1895 and 1921, priests from DeLand and other parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine took care of the spiritual needs of St. Teresa's Chapel. Father Radka built a Parsonage in 1926, where transient missionaries could find rest. Later, during the years of the Second World War, this building served as Titusville's first hospital with the participation of other Christian denominations in town.

Father Radka tended to several neighboring Catholic communities and traveled as far north as Korona, near Daytona, to say Mass in Polish on Sundays, after the 8:00 A.M. Mass in Titusville. He was very faithful to the last calls of the East Coast Missions despite his frail constitution. Father Radka went to his eternal reward 12 years after arriving in Titusville. He was buried in Rockledge by his successor, Father Daniel Hegarty.

Father Hegarty built the second Church in 1937 to replace the first one, which had been transferred by Father Radka to Hopkins and South Street. Father Reynolds was pastor in 1941. Father Bucko was pastor in 1950. Father Bucko was instrumental in beginning a Holy Name Society. In 1953 Father Cordey was pastor and began the Catholic Women's Club. Father Spellman was pastor in 1957. At this time the Catholic community consisted of no more than 300 families.

# St. Teresa as a Parish

On July 18, 1955, the Diocese of Saint Augustine purchased the Hopkins and Ojibway property where the church and school now stand. Archbishop Hurley established St Teresa's as an independent parish with the appointment of Father John B. O'Hare as pastor on January 5, 1958.



The dedication of the church was on July 3, 1960. The pastor and parishioners were very proud of the 800 capacity worship space (the present Parish Center). Many parishioners were used to standing on the lawn during Mass due to crowded conditions inside the church on South Street. With the new church the 1,200 parishioners could be seated during the four Masses each weekend.



With the advent of the Space Age during 1960-1969, Titusville experienced an unprecedented influx of scientists, engineers, and young professionals all enthused by the challenge of conquering space. The Federal Government earmarked Cape Canaveral as a missile testing ground. St. Teresa's needed to serve the needs of many families with elementary age students. This prompted Father O'Hare to go to Ireland in 1960 to ask for Sisters to serve at St. Teresa's.

In 1961, the arrival of the first Sisters of Mercy of Gort, County Galway, signaled great blessings to the Parish. School activities began immediately with the first 90 pupils. Classes were held in the second chapel which was built by Father O'Hare in the small house which was moved from Playalinda in 1962. The house later became the rectory. Sister Kathleen O'Brien (Sr. Aloysuis) came in 1962 and at the present time has served St. Teresa's parish for more than 45 years. In December 1962, the first floor of the school building was completed,



and the second floor was completed in 1965. The number of students reached 760. St. Teresa's employed eight lay teachers and seven Sisters. St. Teresa's School was at that time the largest elementary school in the Diocese of Orlando.

A concrete block duplex, given by the O'Flanagan family, served as residence for the Sisters until September 1964, when the Convent that once bordered on Ojibway Avenue was completed. Eventually this two story convent was torn down to make room for the Middle School Education Building and the three Sisters of Mercy moved elsewhere.

Just as suddenly as it began, the Space Program changed its focus. The Aerospace Industry relocated many families and brought economic upheaval to the Titusville Area from 1974-1988. Parish and school enrollments declined.

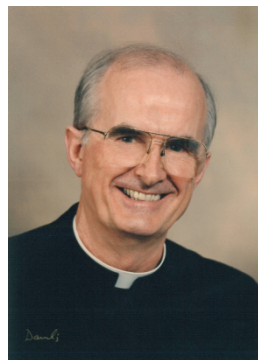
In 1969, Father Michael F. Hanrahan was assigned as pastor to St. Teresa Parish. He was a quiet, unassuming, well-loved priest. His dog, Shalom, was always with him. In the early 80's Father launched a building campaign to build the present church, which was dedicated on the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, October 15, 1982. This church was capable of seating 950. The Altars, Ambo and Baptismal Font were handcrafted by parishioner Jerry Clements.



Father Hanrahan celebrated his 25th anniversary of priesthood in 1984. The Women's Club was very active and many volunteers assisted at parish activities. Painters, coaches, bingo workers invested many hours to support their parish. The old church was converted to a Parish Center with facilities for student athletic programs for basketball and volleyball. Avila Hall, originally part of the school, was equipped with a kitchen for parish dinners and functions. St. Teresa's was alive with activities.

In 1989, Father Hanrahan was transferred. Sister Phil Noone and Sister Ita Hennelly who had served St. Teresa's School since 1961 also moved to the parish in Deltona. Father Hanrahan died in February 2004 and is buried in Ireland.

Father John S. Murray came to St. Teresa's with his great sense of humor and strong sense of purpose in 1989. Father Murray was outstanding as a homilist. He was a compassionate and kind friend. Father was always there for his people. Often he could be found with the children of St. Teresa's School jesting with them and getting extra material for his homilies. Father's Irish humor attracted young and old alike. Father Murray also celebrated his 25th anniversary of priesthood with us.



In the late 1990's Father Murray established a 3 year building campaign to fund a Gymnasium and Education building to house the middle school, library and state of the art labs. These buildings were dedicated on October 15, 2001. Father Murray was transferred to Our Lady, Star of the Sea, and New Smyrna Beach in 2004, where he still serves as Pastor.



In 2004, Father Michael E. Giglio became pastor of St. Teresa's. Father brought with him the energy and enthusiasm to empower St. Teresa's parishioners to participate in parish life. Father provided excellent homilies for us to understand the heart of the Scriptures. With his background in education, Father often presented Scripture or theological evening sessions for adults. The celebration of our Sunday Liturgies is an important focus when everyone is encouraged to fully participate.

Father began the Finance Council, the Building Committee and the Pastoral Council in which parishioners with professional expertise are invited to participate in decision making. Father Michael has a real heart for the school: the children, teachers and parents. His compassion also reached out to the sick and the homebound. He initiated Masses at



the area assisted living facilities and has augmented our Ministry to the Sick.

Father Michael was transferred, effective January 2, 2009 to a parish in Port Orange, Florida, about 60 miles north of here. Our associate, Fr.



Roy Eco, was also transferred. The Bishop put our parish into the hands of the Salvatorian Community. As of January 2, 2009, our new Pastor is Reverend Krzysztof Bugno, known as Fr. Chris. He came from Sacred Heart Church in Rockne, Texas. Fr. Chris is a Salvatorian priest from Poland. Our Associate Priest, Fr. Eugene Grytner, is also a Salvatorian priest from Poland. He arrived on June 2, 2009 after being a missionary in Africa for almost 30 years from the time he was Ordained.

Father Chris has initiated new ventures here at St. Teresa's: an annual Ethnic Mass complete with nationality flags and Ethnic foods Celebration each year on the 4th Sunday of Lent to celebrate ethnicity and diversity, an annual Parish Picnic with games for the children, dunking booth, picnic food and fun for all. He brought a special devotion to the Divine Mercy and was able to have the Diving Mercy image painting created by an artist in Poland enthroned in the Church. The Divine Mercy novena, Fatima Sundays, Blessed Mother devotion in May, and the Sacred Heart Devotion in June were also introduced to the parish. From his initiative we began the project of a Parish Directory or Yearbook. Fr. Chris celebrated his 25th Jubilee with us on May 16, 2010.

In 2011, we purchased a 3 feet statue of our Lady of Fatima for our Fatima Sundays and it is on display in a glass cabinet in the Chapel. We began the Church's renovations by replacing the carpeting in the Sanctuary and aisles of the Church and Chapel with ceramic tile and Jerusalem Cross stone medallions.

In August of 2011, Associate Priest, Fr. Eugene Grytner, SDS was appointed as Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Bartow.

During these 55 plus years as a parish we thank God for our many blessings. We gratefully pray that we may continue with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to form a community of faith, to celebrate the sacraments and proclaim the Good News of God's love through our lives of service and prayer.

# Liturgy and Worship

## Altar Servers

The purpose of Altar Servers is to enhance the sense of worship through assisting the people of God, including the Presider, who make up Christ's Church on earth. Students from grade 5 and higher assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses. School students also assist for Friday school Masses. Ongoing training is provided and parents are asked to assist in laundering the servers' robes. Students should show respect for sacred items and others, reverence, prayerfulness and responsibility in carrying out duties or securing a substitute.



**Helpful Attributes:** Reverence, prayerfulness, respect for sacred vessels, responsibility.

**Time Commitment:** New servers attend 3 training sessions. Students serve about every 1-3 weeks.

## Annulments



The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is a community of life and love, an enduring and exclusive partnership between a man and a woman for the giving and receiving of love and for the procreation and education of children.

Unfortunately, not every marriage, including some that are entered with the best intentions, is successful, and many marriages end in divorce. The Church is aware of the stress and suffering experienced by separated, divorced and remarried people. An annulment is a judgment of a Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church concerning the invalidity of a particular union. If an annulment is granted, it means that in the eyes of the Church a basic element was missing from the marriage union in question from the very beginning, and that on

account of this, the marriage was not valid from the start. An annulment advocate is trained to help facilitate the process of obtaining an annulment so that a divorced and remarried person, or the divorced person intending another marriage, is free to have his or her marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church. To make an appointment with our annulment advocate, call the Church Office.

**Helpful Attributes:** Willingness to tell the advocate the story of your personal relationship with your former spouse and to fill out the appropriate paper work to file the petition.

**Time Commitment:** Varies

## Art and Environment

The primary purpose of the Art and Environment Committee is to make each weekend Liturgy meaningful, especially during the major seasons of the Church year, through creating an environment that enhances the sacred space in the Church. People are needed to be part of the advanced design and planning committee, to help with sewing and creativity, to help with carpentry, or to help carry plants and arrange them in our liturgical space.



Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for the liturgical feasts of Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, or whenever needed for various celebrations. For Palm Sunday volunteers could help braid palms.



**Helpful Attributes:** Sensitivity to the arts, artistic skill, multi-talented, special gift in producing a harmonious whole and well-crafted work of art, ability to work with a group, willingness to see things through and to evaluate how they might be improved.

**Time Commitment:** The day or so before the special feasts or seasons. Time varies depending upon the liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time, Feast of St. Teresa, and All Saints Day).

# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children, ages 4—10, are encouraged to hear God's Word in a simplified form. They are dismissed from the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses with a catechist. Through listening, prayer, and discussion they are encouraged to live the Gospel message. Adult catechists and teens are needed to share their faith.



**Helpful Attributes:** Love of children, generosity, and desire to communicate the Good News to our children.

**Time Commitment:** 1/2 hour of preparation and prayer and a 1/2 hour of sharing the Gospel teaching about once a month.

**Requirements:** Training and fingerprinting are required for all who wish to participate in this ministry.

## Devotions

### Divine Mercy Sunday



Pope John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Sunday we are invited to come and pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is sung and prayers are prayed to consecrate the world to the protection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus through his divine mercy. The holy hour ends with Benediction.

# Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Takes place on the first Fridays of the month in Chapel. There should always be someone present with the Blessed Sacrament during this Exposition. The rosary is prayed together at the beginning. Exposition lasts from after the morning Mass until 4:45 PM when Benediction is celebrated.



## Fatima Sundays



Fatima Sunday devotions take place on the 3rd Sunday of every month from May through October. During Fatima Sunday devotions we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a special prayer for healing, praying of the rosary, the Anointing of the Sick during the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the individual blessing of each of the sick with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is placed in the main Sanctuary and prayers and a reading about the children she appeared to is shared. Please join us for this prayer service. Please bring anyone who is sick to the Church for this anointing and blessing.

## Holy Hour and Benediction

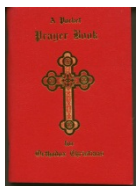
After every Thursday 8:30 AM Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Church for an hour (except holidays). At the end of the hour a short Midday Prayer is prayed and is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

# Lenten Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent at 7 PM the Stations of the Cross are prayed together. A priest or deacon leads the Stations and three altar servers accompany with the cross and candles. The Friday **before** Good Friday the Stations are the Living Stations (acted out by the students of our school). On Good Friday the Stations take place at noon.

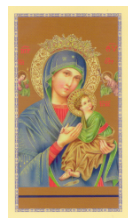
## Liturgy of the Hours



On Monday through Thursday the Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) is prayed in common at 8:10 AM (Before the 8:30 AM daily Mass). Anyone is welcome to come and pray Morning Prayer together. Several prayer books are available for use during this time.

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

This novena is prayed together every Tuesday after the 8:30 AM daily Mass by those who wish.



## Rosary



The Rosary is recited in the Chapel from Monday through Saturday at 9 AM. All are welcome.

# Traveling Madonna

The purpose of this ministry is to develop a home devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, by prayers, praying the Rosary (family participation, if possible), meditation, etc. The statue must be handled with care. It is blessed. Contact the Parish Office to find out how to schedule the time and duration you want. The statue can be picked up and delivered back to the Gift Shop.



**Helpful Attributes:** By having Our Lady of Lourdes in your home, you will know that “Mary” has many titles and responds to you through prayers. “Mary” gave a miracle to Bernadette of Lourdes, France, and to the world. Pilgrims go to this Shrine daily and it is a beautiful, true story for your children to hear and know.

**Time Commitment:** You may keep “Our Lady of Lourdes” statue in your home from a week to a month.

## Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



The purpose of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is two-fold. First, is to serve the people of God in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to them during weekday, weekend, and Holy Day Masses. Secondly, is to take the Body of Christ to those who are sick or unable to come and worship with our community.

**Helpful Attributes:** Reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, be of morally good-standing in the Church, responsibility in being on time, covering your scheduled Masses, and appreciation of assisting to bring the fullness of Holy Communion to the congregation, the sick and/or the homebound.

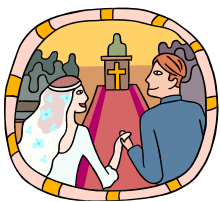
**Time Commitment:** New ministers are required to attend a 3-4 hour



workshop. Present ministers are required to attend a Morning of Reflection every 2 years to update their mandates from the Orlando Diocese. Ministers are scheduled for 2-3 weekends a month, depending upon the number of available Ministers.

## Focus Couple (Marriage)

The purpose of the focus session for couples is to facilitate open couple communication, understanding and study. The Focus Couple reviews the FOCUS inventory with the engaged couple. During the time that the FOCUS Couple spends with the engaged couple they will, by their lives and love, witness to the sacrament and holiness of marriage.



**Helpful Attributes:** Focus Couple must be married more than 5 years and practicing Catholics. They must have the ability and willingness to share their experiences and advice in counseling engaged couple.

**Time Commitment:** To meet with assigned engaged couples throughout the year as marriages become available.

## Gift Bearers

The primary purpose of Gift Bearers is to bring up in the offertory procession the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass. Anyone, any couple, or any family can participate in this ministry. A sign up book is in the main entrance to the Church. Before the Mass report to the Ushers indicating that you are there and go to the back of the Church at the beginning of the first collection. You will walk down the main aisle and hand the gifts to the Presider when he comes to the main aisle.



**Helpful Attributes:** Ability to be early so you can sign up as Gift Bearers before Mass begins. Esteem and reverence for the sacred vessels and elements of bread and wine used in Mass. Respectfulness, quiet, dependability, and responsibility.

**Time Commitment:** A few minutes before Mass to let the Ushers know that you are present to bring up the gifts.

## Music for Worship

### Cantors



Cantors serve the assembly as song leader, psalmist, aid, and “enliven” participation in sacred liturgies. A monthly schedule of cantors for liturgies and a schedule of songs are provided. A replacement cantor will need to be found for any liturgy you are unable to attend. Music should be learned and prepared ahead of time. Arrangements should be made with the Music Director if you have difficulty with music selected.

**Helpful Attributes:** Vocal ability, some training and/or general experience is necessary. Dress appropriately, arrive early, and display a reverent demeanor at liturgies.

**Time Commitment:** Varies

### Contemporary Choir

Enhance and enliven sacred liturgies through contemporary styled music and song primarily at the 11:30 AM Masses on Sundays.



**Helpful Attributes:** Vocal or musical instrumental abilities and desire to aid through music ministry. You do not have to be able to read music.



**Time Commitment:** Rehearsals weekly (1.5—2 hours); Set up, rehearse before Mass and sing and/or play instruments for Mass (2 hours).

## Resurrection Choir



Serve the bereaved of our parish by singing at funerals. Attend rehearsals one half hour prior to the funeral and funerals when possible. There will be short notice before a funeral and it is understood that you can't always attend. Funerals normally take place in the mornings or early afternoons.

**Helpful Attributes:** Vocal ability. You do not have to be able to read music. A desire to serve and minister during funeral masses to the bereaved of our parish.

**Time Commitment:** Varies

## Traditional Choir

Enhance and enliven sacred liturgies through traditional choral music primarily at 9:30 AM Masses on Sundays. Attend most rehearsals and scheduled Masses whenever possible.



**Helpful Attributes:** Vocal abilities and a desire to aid through music ministry. You do not have to know how to read music.

**Time Commitment:** Rehearsals weekly (1.5—2 hours); Rehearse just before Mass and sing at Mass (1.5 hours).

## Instrumentalists



Enhance and enliven sacred liturgies with instruments. Skill in playing a musical instrument is a pre-requisite.



**Helpful Attributes:** Rehearse with Music Director at a mutually convenient time, and play instruments at special liturgies when possible.

**Time Commitment:** Varies



## Readers



The purpose of Readers is to proclaim God's Word with reverence, faith, conviction, and understanding, using the Reader's abilities to make the Word come alive to those who hear it. The Reader must work to become the best tool possible to proclaim the Word, recognizing that the Word itself is what's most important.

**Helpful Attributes:** Clear speaking voice, ability to address large groups of people comfortably, dependable, responsible, well prepared, mediate the presence of Christ in proclaiming the Readings because God speaks to the assembly through the Reader.

**Time Commitment:** Initial training, then preparation time prior to the Mass to become very familiar with the readings and the petitions. Readers are scheduled for particular Masses on weekends and Holy Days. Readers meetings take place once or twice a year.

# Sacristans

The primary purpose of sacristans is to prepare for Mass by preparing the sacred vessels and sacred books needed for the celebration of Mass, setting up the gifts of bread and wine, procuring gift bearers, lighting the candles, and washing the sacred vessels after Mass.



**Helpful Attributes:** Ability to be early so that everything is ready in plenty of time for Mass. Esteem and reverence for the sacred vessels and sacred books, respectfulness, dependability, responsibility, being a devoted Catholic who practices their faith and love for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Time Commitment:** Training by a present sacristan, about 1/2 hour before Mass to set up and 1/2 hour after Mass to clean up. This can be done on a daily basis on a rotation schedule for weekday Masses, or on a weekly basis for particular Sunday Masses.

# Spanish Mass



The Spanish Mass takes place at 6:00 PM on the last Sunday of each month. The priest prays the mass in Spanish. The deacon delivers the homily in Spanish. The Spanish musicians and choir sing the songs in Spanish. Periodically a social is held after the Mass. Anyone is welcome to come.

# Ushers

The purpose of Ushers is to be of service to the faith community when it gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Ushers should manifest good worship and make the celebration of Mass a good worship experience for those to whom they minister.



Ushers take up the collections and dismiss rows in order for Communion to be distributed in a mannerly fashion. An Usher may be a man, woman or a high school student.

**Helpful Attributes:** Be a people-oriented person, responsible, dependable, manifest kindness and reverence for each person and the Blessed Sacrament, be alert for emergencies, helpful to the handicapped, and exhibit warm friendliness and open hospitality in a quiet and reverent manner.

**Time Commitment:** About ½ hour before and after the scheduled weekend Masses and Holy Days.

# Pastoral Care and Outreach

## Baptismal Bibs

For new babies, a white garment is given to them when they are baptized, representing the outward sign of their Christian dignity, becoming a new creation and clothing themselves with Christ. Volunteers help to make a special white bib that is put over the head of the baby at Baptism.



**Helpful Attributes:** Ability to sew.

**Time Commitment:** Time varies, depending upon the number of Baptisms each year.

## Bereavement Ministry



The goals of this ministry are to offer compassion and hope to people while living with loss by periodically providing support groups, holiday presentations, and individual help if needed. This ministry offers to help families prepare funeral liturgies (Preplanning is also available). It provides a reception, if the family wishes, after the funeral Mass. There are two different committees: Support Group Team and Reception Committee. Responsibilities of the Support Group Team has an 8 week commitment (1 day/wk, 1.5 hours), a meeting 2 weeks before for preparation, and optional Diocesan Training, if desired. The Reception Committee works the night before the funeral, meeting in Avila Hall kitchen to prepare food trays, set up tables, and calling people for baking if possible. They also work on the morning of the funeral, working together as hostesses and clean-up crew.



**Helpful Attributes:** Compassionate, understanding, caring, responsible and hopeful.

**Time Commitment:** Varies. Training is available for those who are interested in taking a leadership role in Bereavement and/or Support Groups.

## Blood Bank



Blood Drives save lives! The local blood drive us an opportunity to give blood for those in need. A Blood Bank Drive is held with the cooperation of the Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts. It only takes a few minutes to give blood and it is greatly appreciated. Volunteers are usually needed to assist with hospitality during the blood drive.

**Helpful Attributes:** Compassionate, caring, considerate, willingness to give of oneself to benefit others in need.

**Time Commitment:** Varies depending upon weather one wants to just give blood or to work during the hours as a volunteer.

## Fellowship Club



This is a group of men and women parishioners who gather together socially to share with one another. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in Avila Hall at 7 PM.

**Helpful Attributes:** Enjoy having fun in a group.

**Time Commitment:** Varies depending upon your needs.



# Ministry to the Sick

To provide for those members of St. Teresa Community who seek to receive the Blessed Holy Eucharist who are ill in homes, hospital, and nursing homes and are unable to attend Mass. Ministers to the Sick should be active members of St. Teresa Community. They should express a great interest and desire to serve our parishioners. A prospective sheet needs to be completed to become involved in this ministry and to indicate the area of interest either in the hospital, nursing home and/or homebound.



**Helpful Attributes:** Ministers should be the spiritual connection to our parish, be compassionate, be a good listener, and be patient and understanding. They should be adaptable and use common sense in handling scheduling of the visitations to those who are sick and homebound.

**Time Commitment:** 3 years and it is renewable. A Diocesan one-day training program must be completed, and one needs to become aware of the procedures followed at St. Teresa's.

**Requirements:** Training and fingerprinting are required for all who wish to participate in this ministry.

## Prayer Line



Anyone can request a prayer by calling the prayer line. The intention is then passed on to those in the parish who pray for these intentions daily.

**Helpful Attributes:** Ability to pray daily for the intentions of those who call asking for prayers for a particular need. A genuine responsibility is needed to pass the intentions on to others who are member of the Prayer Line Ministry.

**Time Commitment:** Prayer time for those in need daily.

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

In conjunction with three area Christian churches, people meet to crochet prayer shawls for cancer victims. This group meets at Park Ave. Baptist Church on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 3:30 PM—5 PM.



**Helpful Attributes:** Ability to crochet and concern for cancer victims.

**Time Commitment:** 1 1/2 hours, twice a month.

# Respect Life



The purpose of this ministry is to work towards an end abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and to defend the unborn, elderly and disabled. Another purpose is to speak out against life-terminating issues and to educate others regarding pertinent legislation that deals with life. This also involves participation in the Life Chain and promoting of God's desire for life from conception to natural death.

**Helpful Attributes:** Commitment, strong belief and faith that the attacks on life issues can be overturned.

**Time Commitment:** As directed by the Diocese.



# Sacrifice Beads



Two parishioners string 10 beads together, attach a medal and a crucifix, and give them away to those who would like to use them to pray decades of the rosary, count sacrifices made each day, take them to people who are sick or in the hospital, keep them in their cars, send them to relatives to pray any prayers on, or for any particular need. These sacrifice beads

are given away free to anyone who would like them. They can be picked up in the Office.

**Helpful Attributes:** Finger dexterity to make them.

**Time Commitment:** Varies depending upon commitment.

## **Senior Socials**



This ministry provides useful information to our seniors at St. Teresa. It hosts monthly meetings and breakfasts, provides a Thanksgiving luncheon after the annual Anointing Mass, plans for group trips together, etc. Responsibilities include being available and attending meetings, lunches and trips planned.

**Helpful Attributes:** Enjoy working with our older parishioners and have time to help in any way.

**Time Commitment:** Time varies depending upon what is planned.



# Faith Formation and Evangelization

## Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)

Initiating adults and youth into our Catholic faith is the responsibility of all Catholics. The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a process of information, formation and transformation for those who desire to be Catholics. This is for those adults who want to learn more about our Catholic faith, for those who desire Baptism or for those who wish to receive Confirmation and Communion. We also wish to have a dimension to minister to those Catholics who have been away from the faith and wish to return to the community. For this important witness we need everyone to assist as a sponsor, hospitality and prayer support, discussion leader, or team member. Meeting times take place on Thursdays throughout the year in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.



**Responsibilities of the Team Member:** Facilitate discussion, assist with occasional presentations, pray and participate in discussions and planning.

**Time:** 1 ½ hours weekly

**Responsibilities of the Dismissal Leader:** Lead the discussion on the Sunday Scriptures when the Catechumens are dismissed from the Sunday assembly.

**Time:** One hour once a month

**Responsibilities of the Sponsor:** Companion one of the Catechumens or Candidates in their growth in spirituality. Be willing to share your faith, answer their questions, and attend as many RCIA sessions as possible.

**Time:** 1 1/2 hours a week

**Responsibilities of the Hospitality Support:** Attend an RCIA session once a month and share a small snack.

**Prayer Support:** Pray daily for the Catechumens, Candidates and team.

**Helpful Attributes:** Being a person of prayer, having love for God and God's people, being welcoming and showing hospitality, listening as well as the ability to share your beliefs and your experience of God.

**Requirements:** Training required. Attend team meetings and in-service 4 times a year. Fingerprinting is required for all who wish to be sponsors and Catechists for children.

## **Baptism Preparation**

The purpose of this ministry is to prepare parents for the Baptism of their child. This class is offered 3 times a year (January, May, and September). Meetings take place in Avila Hall. To be involved in this ministry it is necessary to attend all meetings and be able to lead a small discussion group (6-8 people) in sharing on given questions.



**Helpful Attributes:** Being tolerant of different viewpoints, being able to listen to and guide participants in their sharing.

**Time Commitment:** Be available to attend all meetings that are scheduled (January, May and September). Training is available as needed.

# **Bible Study**



Bible Study focuses on a particular book of the Bible and includes personal study, discussion, lecture and prayer. It is for any adult who is serious about developing an understanding and appreciation for the Word of God.

**Helpful Attributes:** Open to learning more about the Bible.

**Time Commitment:** Attendance at the scheduled sessions.

## **Catechist for Religious Education**

K-8 Religious Education is a program and experience of Jesus Christ. A catechist shares their faith and the children come to know and love God. With prayer, Scripture, doctrine, discussion and formative experiences the catechist forms the faith of each child. Religious Education and youth ministry are essential for every Catholic child from Grade K to 12. We need men, women and teens to witness and share God's Word with our next generation. Responsibilities involve teaching and sharing faith with a small group of youngsters. In-service and training is provided locally and through the Diocesan Catechist Certification Program.



### **Meetings:**

**Grades K-8**, Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:45 PM, Aug. - May

**Meeting place:** St Teresa School

**Helpful Attributes:** Faith, prayer, love of children, generosity, the ability to learn, and a desire to communicate the Good News of our Catholic Faith.

**Time commitment:** An hour of preparation and prayer and an hour of teaching each week.

**Requirements:** Training and fingerprinting are required for all who

wish to participate in this ministry.

## Little Rock Scripture Study

Little Rock Scripture Study is an easy way to read, pray, and discuss the Scriptures. Small groups meet in homes for six weeks to discuss one book of the Bible. There is a session in the fall and one in the spring. All are invited to participate or to facilitate a small group in your home. The responsibilities involved are reading the Bible, listening to others and God's message for us today and sharing your faith and insights.



**Meeting times:** In the fall and in the spring small groups meet for 6 weeks. Registration takes place 3 weeks before the start of each session.

**Meeting place:** In homes or in the Faith Formation Room.

**Helpful attributes:** Faith, prayer, and the ability to learn.

**Time commitment:** An hour of preparation and an hour of discussing during the six weeks of Bible Study.

## Vacation Bible School



A week long fun program of Scripture, drama, crafts and games that helps our younger students (K-5) experience God. For this one week in June, we need many adults and teens to assist with crafts, games, drama, snacks and discussions. Responsibilities involved include teaching and sharing faith with a small group of youngsters, playing games with the children, interacting through drama, music, crafts and/or snacks. Adults and teens are needed to assist with small groups, preparing an environment, and

enjoying the children learning about God.

**Helpful Attributes:** Faith, prayer, love of children, desire to communicate the Good News of our Catholic Faith.

**Time commitment:** Mornings (8 AM—12:15 PM) one week in June and VBS meeting (1 hour)

**Requirements:** Training and fingerprinting are required for all who wish to participate in this ministry.

## Youth Ministry

Youth ministry is a program and experience of Jesus Christ which meets the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 6:00-9:00 PM. A catechist shares their faith and the youth come to identify God in their lives and their world, and then come to express their love of God. With prayers, Scripture, doctrine, discussion, service, and formative experiences the catechist forms the faith of each student. Youth ministry is essential for every Catholic teen from Grade 9 to Grade 12. Men, women, and teens are needed to witness and share God's Word with our next generation. Responsibilities include teaching and sharing faith with small groups of teens. In-service and training are provided locally and through the Diocesan Catechist Certification Program.



**Helpful Attributes:** Faith, prayer, love of youth, generosity, the desire to communicate the Good News of our Catholic Faith, the ability to learn, and flexibility.

**Time Commitment:** An hour of preparation and prayer and an hour of facilitating/teaching each week.

**Requirements:** Training and fingerprinting are required for all who wish to participate in this ministry.



# Community Life

## Advent Project for our Food Pantry (Cor Jesu)

During the weeks of Advent we collect nonperishable foods for those who come to our food pantry, Cor Jesu. Lists of food needed are made available for parishioners. After each weekend Mass the items are stored and on Monday they are delivered to our food pantry by volunteers. There is always a need for food, so we encourage any food to be brought in throughout the year as well.



**Helpful Attributes:** Commitment, responsibility, follow-through.

**Time Commitment:** Depending upon the number of volunteers it could be anywhere from quarterly to once a year.

## Altar Linens/Altar Robes



Volunteers are needed to wash altar linens, altar server and/or Presider robes on a regular basis. A rotation of volunteers can be assigned so as to not burden any one person.

**Helpful Attributes:** Commitment, responsibility, follow-through.

**Time Commitment:** Depending upon the number of volunteers it could be anywhere from quarterly to once a year.

## Bargain Shop

St. Teresa's Buyers Bargain Shop at 402 Main Street in downtown Titusville accepts and sells donations to



raise funds for the parish. The Bargain Shop is open from 10 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers can help work in the Shop in 3 hour shifts: 10 AM—1 PM, 1 PM—4 PM each day, Monday through Saturday. If school children's parents volunteer, the hours are used toward their school volunteer hour's commitment. Some training is required to sort and hang clothing and withhold questionable items, i.e. collectables and antiques.

**Helpful Attributes:** Commitment, responsibility, follow-through.

**Time Commitment:** Three hour shift one or more days of the week.

## Church Angels



Before Advent each year the Church receives new hymnals with the readings for the new liturgical year. Help is needed to remove the present plastic covers and put them on the new books (about 1100!). Many hands make light the work. On the Saturday following Thanksgiving the Church Angels replace all the old books with the new ones.

On a day to day basis – Church Angels straighten the books in the pews and pull out or pick up any paper or items left in the pews that do not belong there so that the Church can always look neat and tidy.

**Helpful Attributes:** Commitment, responsibility, follow-through.

**Time Commitment:** Depending upon the number of volunteers it could be anywhere from weekly to monthly or semi-monthly, or seasonally.

## Coffee and Donuts

During most of the year, coffee and donuts are served after all Sunday Masses in the Parish Center. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up after each Sunday Mass.



**Helpful Attributes:** Commitment, responsibility, follow-through.

**Time Commitment:** Depending upon the number of volunteers it could be anywhere from weekly to once a month.

## Emergency Disaster Relief Program

The purpose of this ministry is to provide volunteers to give immediate help and assistance to those involved in catastrophic disasters such as floods, fire, hurricanes and major personal problems. A list of volunteers will be made so that they can be contacted whenever needs arise to see if they are available to help. Call the Church Office to become added to the list.



**Helpful Attributes:** Healthy teens and adults who have a heart for those afflicted and a great desire to help others in need.



**Time Commitment:** Available if a disaster strikes. It could be a few hours, a day, or more depending upon the needs of those being helped. Help could include things such as painting, ripping up carpets or floors, bailing water out of houses, helping prepare food for those affected, etc.

## Ethnic Celebration

Our annual ethnic Mass and nationality pot luck Celebration takes place the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. This is one way we celebrate our diversity. Each year this celebration begins at the Sunday 11:30 AM Mass. Parishioners of various nationalities sign up to carry their nation's flag in the entrance procession. We have purchased flags for over 60 different countries. Sign up for the flags are on a first come, first served basis. Flags are processed in as each country is called out. They are then placed in the stands in the Sanctuary.

We invite parishioners to bring in their favorite nationality foods. The food can be dropped off at the Parish Center before the 11:30 AM Mass on that day.



Volunteers sign up to translate a petition from English into their native language and pray it at the time of the Intercessions at this Mass. People are invited to dress in their native costumes and process in behind their country's flag.

After the Mass all are invited to the Parish Center to partake of the various delicious ethnic foods. Tables and chairs are set up in the Parish Center as well as under the large tent that is placed in the School courtyard. These places are decorated with placemats of nationality flags made by the students in the school and various other ethnic decorations.



Hot dogs and brats are grilled outside for children who prefer and potato chips and drinks are provided.

## **Food Pantry (Cor Jesu)**



Our St. Teresa Food Pantry provides foods and toiletries to those in the area that are in need. It is located at 2306 S. Hopkins and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 AM—11:30 AM. Volunteers are always needed to donate food, help stock shelves, pack bags of food, and help in record keeping. Twice a year large community food drive projects need help sorting food for the different Titusville Food Banks.

**Helpful Attributes:** A willingness to volunteer, a heart for the poor and hungry at the door.

**Time Commitment:** As much or as little as one wants.

**Requirements:** Fingerprinting is required for all who wish to participate in this ministry.

## Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is located inside the main lobby of the Church. It has a great variety of religious articles for sale at very reasonable prices. Parishioners volunteer to help staff it before and after weekend Masses. Parents of students in our school receive points towards their volunteer hours. The Gift Shop is open on Thursdays and Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass. During the week (Mon.—Fri.) it is open from 9 AM—4 PM by going to the Office and asking. We are most willing and able to open up at any time during these hours. We appreciate your business and desire to serve your needs in this way.



**Helpful Attributes:** Friendliness, responsibility and the ability to add and make change.

**Time Commitment:** About 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after weekend Masses. It could be weekly, biweekly or monthly, depending upon your availability.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. To become a member of the Knights of Columbus you must be a practicing Catholic as understood by the Church.



**Helpful Attributes:** A willingness to volunteer.

**Time Commitment:** As much or as little as one wants.

## Lenten Project for Area Charities



During the 6 weeks of Lent we collect items for 3 different area charities: North Brevard Charities, our own Food Pantry (Cor Jesu) and B.E.T.A (Birth Education Training and Acceptance). Lists of needed items are made available for parishioners to take and bring in items of their choosing. Volunteers help to sort the items each Sunday and deliver them to the various charities during the week.



**Helpful Attributes:** Concern for the needs of others.

**Time Commitment:** It takes about 10-20 minutes after any Sunday Mass during Lent to sort and box items. The ability to drive items to one or more of the charity places on a day during the week.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

Helping with soup suppers on the Fridays during Lent is an opportunity to sacrifice and give alms to the needy among us. Volunteers are needed to prepare the soups, set tables, serve and clean up. One could give 2 hours of service preparing vegetables or cooking. Others could set tables and help serve. There is need for an essential clean up crew. There is great camaraderie among those who volunteer. Invite your friends to come enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread (sacrifice) and to give a generous donation (alms) to a designated nearby charity. Responsibilities can involve volunteering for vegetable preparation (9 AM—11 AM) (bring cutting boards, knives and peelers), cooking and food preparation (11 AM—3 PM), or serving and cleaning up (4 PM—7 PM).



**Helpful Attributes:** Generosity.

**Time Commitment:** Two hours on a Friday during Lent.

## Parish Picnic



Our annual Parish Picnic usually takes place in April or May after the 11:30 Mass at the School Fair grounds. We have games for the children (young and young at heart), and the dunking booth is the most popular at \$1.00 per throw (especially when the pastor, assistant pastor or principal are being dunked). We added the popular elephant ears and live music for this celebration of the parish this past

year. We will use our large tent for the serving and dining area as well as you can purchase 50/50 raffle tickets. We do encourage you to bring your lawn chairs to sit under the oak trees. We have a separate area where you can get hot dogs, sausages and, chips.



**Helpful Attributes:** Generosity, willingness to provide picnic foods, help setup tent, tables, and chairs, decorate, cook the meats, and coordinate games and more.

**Time Commitment:** Participate in the Community Life Commission by attending scheduled meetings and the day of the picnic.

## Scouts

### **Girl Scouts of the USA**

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives: leadership, strong



values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouts' membership has grown from 18 members in Savannah, Georgia, to 3.7 million members throughout the United States, including U.S. territories, and in more than 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Girl Scout Daisies (Grades K-1)

Girl Scout Brownies (Grades 2-3)

Girl Scout Juniors (Grades 4-5)

Girl Scout Cadettes (Grades 6-8)

Girl Scout Seniors (Grades 9-10)

Girl Scout Ambassadors (Grades 11-12)

Visit [www.oklawewa.org](http://www.oklawewa.org) for contact information.

**Responsibilities involved in membership:** Live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law – fulfill expectations concerning conduct, participation in outreach/service activities, doing their best, and having fun.

**Helpful Attributes:** Adult mentor willing to mentor girls and girls willing to learn new things and help to others.

**Time Commitment:** As little as one hour to as much as one wants. The more you give the more rewarding the gift returned.

**Training Required:** Yes, training is required and available for free. There is a small fee if supplies are needed.

**Fingerprinting Required:** The church requires fingerprinting and Girl Scout of Citrus Council requires a background check.



# Boy Scouts of America



Cub Scouting means "doing." Everything in Cub Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting: citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Many of the activities happen right in the den and pack. The most important are the weekly den meetings and the monthly pack meetings.

Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

Visit <http://www.canaveraldistrict.org/> for District information, <http://www.cubscoutpack367.org/> for more information on St. Teresa's Cub Scout Pack 367 and <http://www.bsatroop481.org/> for more information on St. Teresa's Boy Scout Troop 481.

**Ministry or Organization:** St. Teresa Cub Scout Pack 367

**Meeting Times:** Pack Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month – 6pm – 7:30pm. Individual Den Meetings – after school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays

**Meeting Place: Pack Meeting** – Parish Center (Pack Meeting includes all Scouts 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades – each grade has a separate Den Meeting)

**Tiger Den** (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) Meeting – Parish Center (Wednesdays)

**Wolf Den** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Meetings – Avila Hall (Monday)

**Wolf Den** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Meetings – Avila Hall (Wednesday)

**Bear Den** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) Meetings – Individual Parents houses

**Webelos-1** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Meetings – Individual Parents houses

**Webelos-2** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Den Meeting – Knights of Columbus Hall  
(Thursday)

**Ministry or Organization:** St. Teresa Boy Scout Troop 481

**Meeting Times:** Troop meetings are each Thursday of the month from 7:00pm-9:00pm. See <http://www.bsatroop481.org/calendar.htm> for more details.

**Meeting Place: Troop Meeting** – Knights of Columbus 3450 Kilmarnoch Lane, Titusville

**The goals/purpose:** is to promote positive values (love of God, love of family, love of country, responsibility, teamwork, recognition of accomplishment, and respect for the environment) for young boys in a safe, wholesome, and structured environment.

**Responsibilities involved in membership:** Live by the Scouting Law – fulfill expectations concerning conduct, participation in outreach/service activities, earning of religious medals, try, do their best, and have fun.

**Helpful attributes:** Membership in Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Structured Leader training, Parental involvement/participation, willingness to learn.

**Time commitment:** Scouts and Leaders 2-6 hours per week between Den/Pack meetings, service projects, elective activities, campouts.

**Training required:** Yes – structured training provided by the Boy Scouts of America. All Pack Leaders go through training

**Fingerprinting required:** Fingerprinting is required by Parish for all Leaders that use Church facilities to hold for Den/Pack Meetings

# Welcome New Parishioners



The purpose of the Welcome New Parishioners Committee is to welcome new members when they are ready to register in the parish. Committee member(s) meet the new person or family to give them a packet of information (Welcome brochure, bulletin, Parish Yearbook, registration form, and the Church Calendar), help them fill out the registration form, answer questions, take them on a tour, explain the various ministries they could become involved in and socialize with them at coffee and donuts.

**Helpful Attributes:** Dependability, responsibility, kindness, joyful attitude, welcoming personality, accentuating the positive, and reverence for each person who comes to register in the parish.

**Time Commitment:** Meet with the person(s) after whichever Mass they attend and spend time with them after the Mass to make them feel welcome.



# Administration

## Parish Office Volunteers

Volunteers are often needed to help with mailings or other projects. It could involve answering the phone when someone is out of the office, using computer skills, or other services using talents that you have to offer.



**Helpful Attributes:** Time to devote to helping out wherever and whenever needed.

**Time Commitment:** As much or as little time as possible.

## Bulletin Editor



The Church bulletin editor sets up the bulletin each week and sends it to the publishing company to be printed. It is typed on the computer in the Parish Office. Various ministries e-mail or bring in pertinent information to be included in the bulletin. This is our primary means of communication with our parishioners each week.

**Helpful Attributes:** Responsibility, typing and computer skills, grammar and sentence structure skills.

**Time Commitment:** 2 – 3 hours each week. The bulletin needs to be in to the publishing company on Tuesday in order for it to be delivered on Friday for the weekend Masses.

## Church Web Master



The Church website requires continuous maintenance adding and removing church activities. A volunteer parishioner with website expertise would need to maintain the site in a timely fashion.

**Helpful Attributes:** Website construction and maintenance knowledge, honesty, responsibility, accuracy in typing and disseminating information, making websites interesting, attractive and interactive, ability to change and update information in a timely fashion.

**Time Commitment:** As needed each week to maintain the website with weekly information.

## **Finance Committee**

Individuals with expertise in corporate finances are invited by the Pastor to be on the Finance Committee.



**Helpful Attributes** Commitment, responsibility, follow-through.

**Time Commitment:** Meetings once a month in the evening.

## **Money Counters**



Registered volunteer parishioners, invited by the Pastor, help with the counting of the weekly and special collections after each weekend.

**Helpful Attributes:** Honesty, responsibility, accuracy in counting monies, ability to follow instructions and to work well in a group.

**Time Commitment:** About 3 hours each week on a specified day.

**Fingerprinting** is required.

# Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves as the ministerial bodies, through which a group of Parish representatives meet to pray, discern, deliberate and agree by consensus about matters affecting the well-being of the entire parish. The Council assists and consults with the Pastor in policy making, planning and governance of the Parish, especially in developing a long range plan for both visioning and moving forward in the mission of the Church.



**Helpful Attributes:** Being a person of prayer, being a good listener, showing enthusiasm about our future as a parish, willingness and ability to participate in various activities in the Parish and concern for the good of all.

**Time Commitment:** Meetings once a month in the evening.

# Stewardship and Development Commission

## Communication



A communication committee would be responsible to keep the lines of communication between pastor, staff and parishioners open and disseminate information properly and in a timely manner.



**Helpful Attributes:** Communication skills such as computer, e-mail, telecommunications, producing newsletters and flyers.

**Time Commitment:** Varies



## Fundraising



The Fundraising Committee brainstorms ideas as to how best raise the funds needed to keep our parish vibrant and alive. Individuals with unique ideas and fundraising experience are needed to bring forth viable ways to raise these funds.

**Helpful Attributes:** Fundraising experience, commitment, ability to work in a committee, creativity, energy, etc.



**Time Commitment:** Varies depending upon the particular means for raising funds.

# Stewardship



We are all called to be stewards. A steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. When we consider our participation in stewardship, we need to include our time and talent, as well as our treasure. Giving a portion of our time and talent, as well as treasure, expresses our gratitude to God who has given us these gifts. The Stewardship and Development Commission includes committees on Communication, Time and Talent, Treasure, and Fundraising. It is the responsibility of this Commission to encourage and to engage parishioners in giving of themselves in these ways.

**Helpful Attributes:** Generosity, responsibility, dedication, organization.

**Time Commitment:** Varies

## Time, Talent and Treasure



As stewards of God's gifts, parishioners share their time and talents in various ministries at St. Teresa's Church and School. God's gifts are numerous and can be used to build up the kingdom of God here on earth in justice and love. Part of our stewardship, in thanksgiving to God for his goodness to us, should be a donation of 10% of whatever wages we earn to be given to the Church.

Treasure could also involve donating to the parish as part of one's will. So, remember St. Teresa's in your will.



**Helpful Attributes:** Willingness to share one's time, talents and/or treasure for the betterment of the parish and its ministries to others.

**Time Commitment:** Varies



# **St. Teresa Catholic School**

The mission of St. Teresa School is to provide a quality education that challenges and empowers students to develop their full potential. Our program is based on Gospel values and Catholic traditions and is implemented in a Christ-centered community that stresses excellence for all students.



All volunteers must be fingerprinted. Parishioners who wish to volunteer can help in the following areas: playground supervision, clinic, and technology. Other areas for volunteers could be as classroom helper, in the Library, lunch supervisions, coupon program, and tutoring.

**Contact the School Office if you are interested in any of these areas, including the list on the next page.**

**(Pre-K3 through 8<sup>th</sup>)  
(321) 267-1643**

**[www.stteresa-titusville.org](http://www.stteresa-titusville.org)**

# **Fundraisers**

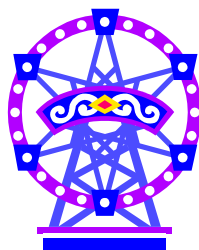
## **School and Parish Fair**



One of the highlights for the student body, school staff, parishioners, and the North Brevard community at large is the annual fair. This event occurs in the fall of each year. The fair brings together the entire St. Teresa community. Many, many months of work go into planning the fair.

Volunteers are welcome in any of the areas of the fair including booth construction, selling advance fair tickets, manning of the game booths, helping prepare and sell food, donating crafts, donating items for the auction gift baskets, or helping prepare the dinners served in Avila Hall.

The school fair has become an event for the City of Titusville and the surrounding communities to attend and enjoy. It has become such a large undertaking that we need volunteers more than ever. Being a part of this experience is rewarding and fun. Our students really appreciate your support. Won't you consider volunteering?



All of the funds raised go directly toward helping maintain the presence of a Catholic school in North Brevard. Please visit our website at [www.stteresa-titusville.org](http://www.stteresa-titusville.org). There is a direct link to the fair website and more information for potential volunteers. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

## **School Golf Tournament**



In 2006, a very small group of volunteers created the inaugural St. Teresa Catholic School Golf Tournament. In the first year it exceeded expectations for community involvement, fellowship, and fund raising. In the second year the same small group created an even

better and more successful tournament. The tournament has become the third largest fundraiser of the year, behind the fair and spring car fundraiser. This tournament is now an essential part of the funding of the school and directly benefits the students and parents. Every penny of profit goes to the school.



The golf tournament's potential as a fundraising and community awareness raising event is great, but limited, without more volunteer involvement. The current group of volunteers has stated that opportunities for even greater success are available, but they need your help. No golf experience is necessary. If you want to feel good about directly helping our school, and are willing to attend a few short meetings and do simple tasks, your help would be welcome and invaluable. Do it for the kids. Call the school office now to add your name to the list of people willing to help.

## Spring Car Raffle



The St. Teresa School annual spring fundraiser is a drawing for a new car. A sub-committee of the St. Teresa School Board plans the car drawing. The committee begins planning in January by selecting a car, finding sponsors, and collecting donations for student prizes. During February, ticket design and information letters are finalized and sent to the printer. The tickets are then mailed to parishioners and school families in late February.

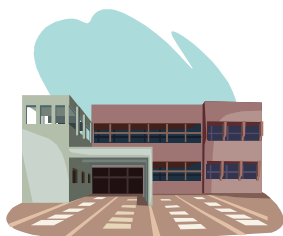
Tickets are available during the months of March and April. Students and their families are present after the weekend Masses to collect donations and tickets from parishioners and to answer any questions about the fundraiser. A donation of \$50 is requested for each car drawing ticket. All school families and parishioners are asked to support the spring fundraiser. In addition to the grand prize of a new car, there is an early bird drawing in March for a new television.

The grand prize drawing for the car is held in late April at the annual St. Teresa School Evening of the Arts program. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this fundraiser by becoming a sponsor, asking for donations, or donating other prizes is welcome to call St. Teresa Catholic School at 321-267-1643. Thank you for your consideration!

## School Volunteers

Please call the School Office (267-1643) if you would like to volunteer to help in any of the following areas:

Box Tops/Soup Labels  
Box Tops/Soup Labels Coordinator  
Buyer's Bargain Shop  
Church Gift Shop  
Clinic  
Clinic Coordinator  
Costumes  
Fair Construction  
Food Panty  
Holiday Gift Shop  
Homeroom Mom  
Lenten Soup Suppers  
Library (NOT Book Fair)  
Lunch Distribution, Money Collection, Room Worker  
Playground Duty  
Playground Duty Coordinator  
Special Events – Cook, Coordinator, Worker  
Sports Events  
Sports Events Coordinator  
Other



**Helpful Attributes:** Enjoy organizing and/or working with other adults for the good of our children.

**Time Commitment:** Varies based on availability and need.

# **Notes**



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