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**2021 Guide Book & Directory**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Parish Partnership of St. Luke & St. Teresa is comprised of peoples of all ages coming together in prayer, worship, and reception of Sacraments as expressions of faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As parishioners, all are asked to give of themselves in time, treasure and talent for the common good. This Guide Book and Directory is offered so that you might learn more about the many activities, services and programs offered and you are invited to participate so that we may carry out the mission of the Parish Partnership as disciples of our Lord.

This Guide Book will serve as a ready reference and information of what is available both in the parishes and local community and the individuals to contact regarding any particular activity, event, committee or board. Hopefully this book will also benefit new members of the parishes who wish to be better informed and seek greater parish involvement.

This Parish Directory is made possible by some local businesses. Their participation allows us to provide this book free of any expense to the parishes. We thank them for their generosity and ask you to support them. Please keep this reference handy and use it as best fits your needs.

As your parish priest, I encourage you to become actively involved in the programs of either parish and to inform me if the directory does not address a particular area of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor David M. Darin  
Pastor

## **Vision Statement of St. Luke & St. Teresa Parish Partnership**

Through our coming together for worship, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Formed and missioned by it, we serve God's people in our homes, families, neighborhoods, workplaces, congregations, communities, and world. Committed to being a welcoming faith community, we share hospitality with all people and foster stewardship to honor our all loving, almighty, ever-living God.

## **St. Luke Parish History**

When Belleville was incorporated in 1850, it lay in the Diocese of Alton, Illinois. At that time, there was only one Catholic Church (St. Peter's) located in Belleville. German-speaking people largely attended and the vernacular parts of the Mass were conducted in the German tongue until World War I.

By 1866, the town had enough English-speaking Catholics to justify a Parish using their own familiar speech. The original boundaries of St. Luke were the same as those of St. Peter's, and until property and buildings could be acquired, St. Luke used the large hall of St. Agnes Orphan Asylum for a church, sent its children to St. Peter's school, and the Pastor resided at the Belleville Sister's hospital.

Bishop Baltes assigned Fr. Michael Gough as first Pastor on January 18, 1883. Born in Rhode Island on May 19, 1851, he was ordained on December 23, 1882. The cornerstone of the new church was laid at the present corner of North Church St. and East "C" St. on July 4, 1883. Opened in 1882, St. Luke School for English-speaking children actually pre-dated the Parish itself. At first, it operated in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Academy near St. Peter's. In 1884, it was moved to a renovated stable on St. Luke property.

In 1887, the Diocese of Belleville was formed with St. Peter's as its Cathedral. On April 25, 1888, the Rt. Rev. John Janssen was consecrated first Bishop.

By July 1889, the first part of St. Luke's permanent school building was ready for use. By 1905, it became necessary to expand to accommodate the ever-growing student body. When Fr. Gough died unexpectedly on January 7, 1912, the parish had grown to over 600 families.

Fr. Patrick Byrne (who had been Fr. Gough's assistant since February 21, 1909) was appointed to succeed Fr. Gough and he served until January 1916.

Fr. Vincent Hartung became Pastor on January 20, 1916. During his tenure, other parishes were created in what was once exclusive St. Luke territory. These drained off many families who were obliged to fulfill their Catholic duty in the new parishes. Thus, by 1927, the student body at St. Luke had fallen to less than a third of its one time enrollment.

On October 26, 1927, Fr. Francis Kaiser became Pastor of St. Luke. He was born on August 8, 1891 in Cologne, Germany and came to the United States in 1908. He was ordained in September 1921. His first project was to replace the old Church with a new and larger one. The new Church (which we still use today) was dedicated on December 23, 1928. The basic structure was erected for less than \$30,000. Furnishings, windows and other accoutrements, some of which were donated, ran the final cost up considerably above that sum.

On October 13, 1946, Fr. Kaiser dedicated the Our Lady of Peace Memorial Shrine honoring Parish veterans of World War II. This statue still stands between the Church and the Rectory. His final project in 1965 was to build a new convent across from the Church.

Owing to advanced age and failing health, Msgr. Kaiser retired and was succeeded by Fr. Theodore Siekmann on October 21, 1968. Msgr. Kaiser continued to reside next door to the Church until his death on August 7, 1975.

Even the expansion of the boundaries for St. Luke, which occurred in 1955, proved to be less than needed. The School Sisters of Notre Dame, who staffed St. Luke School for 88 years, left the Parish on July 25, 1971. The school reopened under a lay faculty the following August. A new Parish hall, complete with kitchen and gymnasium, and designed to support the school, was finished in 1975.

On March 7, 1976, Otto Faulbaum was appointed the first permanent deacon for St. Luke Parish to assist Fr. Siekmann. The St. Clair County Historical Society declared the Church and Rectory landmarks on December 2, 1979. Due to declining health, Fr. Siekmann retired on March 12, 1982, and Fr. Dean Braun was named temporary administrator.

Fr. Gene Neff was appointed Pastor on April 18, 1982. Because of the shrinking enrollment and the prohibitive cost of bring the nearly 100 year old school building up to required safety standards (fire and building codes), the school was merged on May 27, 1982 with St. John School in Shiloh. To afford Fr. Neff some relief from his added duties as head of the Ministry to the Sick and Aged, Fr. Fred Jones was assigned as part-time associate pastor on July 6, 1982. Also in 1982 the soup kitchen, which was the brainchild of Earl Hasenstab, began and continues to this day.

In 1984, St. John School closed and most of the remaining St. Luke school children transferred to St. Augustine of Canterbury School. Sadly, the old St. Luke school building was torn down in 1985 and an addition to the Parish Hall was constructed the following year.

Deacon Otto Faulbaum passed on December 20, 1987. Deacon Pete Cerneka began serving as a deacon during the fall of 1990. Sister Grace Marie Mueller, SSND was hired as a Pastoral Associate in August of 1991. Fr. Neff was transferred on August 1, 1994 and Fr. James Margason was appointed Pastor on August 6, 1994. Other changes included Fr. Jones passing away on March 12, 1996, Deacon Robert Lanter was ordained as a deacon on April 19, 1997 and Deacon Pete Cerneka moved away from St. Luke in 1999.

Fr. Margason was named a Domestic Prelate with the title “Monsignor” in 2000 by St. Pope John Paul II. He was transferred to Corpus Christi Parish in Shiloh in July of 2004. At this time, Sister Grace was appointed as Parish Life Coordinator. At this time, St. Luke and St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Parishes began to share a pastor when Father John Venegoni was appointed pastor and sacramental minister. In 2005, Fr. Venegoni was diagnosed with cancer and his schedule was greatly reduced during his treatments. Many priests assisted with Masses during this time. In August of 2007, Father David Darin was appointed as pastor since Fr. Venegoni retired due to his illness and later passed away on October 11, 2007. The interior of the church was redecorated highlighting various architectural features of the building. Various associate pastors also assisted during this time until there were none available to be assigned. In April of 2012, the honor of Chaplain to His Holiness with the title “Monsignor” was given to Father Darin by Pope Benedict XVI. Sister Grace Marie retired at the end of June, 2017.

## St. Teresa Parish History

St. Teresa Parish was founded in 1926 by the Most Reverend Henry Althoff, Bishop of Belleville. The parish was formed out of the existing parishes of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Luke, and put under the protection of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus—also known as “The Little Flower.”

The first pastor, Rev. William Hoff, arrived in Belleville on January 7, 1926, and temporarily took up residence at the Cathedral. Shortly thereafter, that initial “parish family,” which consisted of approximately 120 families of German-American descent, purchased two homes on property located in the 1100 block of Lebanon Avenue. One would be used for a rectory and the other for a convent. They also decided to build a church and a school on the property. The church and school were dedicated on August 29, 1926, and the school opened on September 7th with an enrollment of 135 pupils. The School Sisters of Notre Dame took up residence in the parish on September 21, 1926. To accomplish all of this in one year was quite a feat for such a small number of households.

By 1950 the parish had grown to nearly 500 families, and there was need for additional educational space. On May 28, 1951 ground was broken for a new school, which was dedicated by the Most Reverend Albert R. Zuroweste on September 7, 1952.

With the death of Msgr. Hoff on June 1, 1955, Msgr. Joseph Stenger was appointed the second pastor of St. Teresa’s on August 1, 1955. Perhaps most significant under his leadership was the purchase of the Star-Peerless Brewery property for \$54,000 in 1958, which ultimately became the site of the present-day church and rectory. Ground was broken for this construction project on January 3, 1965, and dedication ceremonies were held on May 7, 1967.

Msgr. Stenger’s unexpected death occurred in September, 1971, and Msgr. Laurence J. O’Connell succeeded him. Even though the pastorate of Msgr. O’Connell was extremely short, having passed away on March 19, 1975, his life-long interest in education was instrumental in providing a much needed library for the school.



Msgr. Cletus Cunningham served as the fourth pastor of St. Teresa Parish. He was appointed in 1975 and served until 1982. The responsibility of providing educational and growth opportunities for the whole child was enhanced during his pastorate with the purchase of additional frontage property adjoining the school grounds on Church Street, and the subsequent building of a gymnasium, several classrooms and a fully-equipped kitchen.

Fr. Robert Dollar followed Msgr. Cunningham as pastor. He continued the implementation of church reform mandated by the Second Vatican Council. The beauty of our parish grounds was enhanced by undertaking a major landscaping project, as well as the erection of an informational sign at the entrance of the church property. Again, property was purchased on Lebanon Avenue for expansion of the school playground area.

In July, 1991, the parish fully realized the national shortage of religious vocations, when the School Sisters of Notre Dame ceased their presence in the staffing of our parish school.

Fr. Louis Peterson became the sixth pastor of St. Teresa Parish on June 24, 1991. The parish, now the second largest in the Diocese of Belleville had a membership of over 1,450 households. The school had an enrollment of 298 children in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, while 192 children were enrolled in the Parish School of Religion. Fr. Peterson was granted a leave of absence in January of 1994.

Several priests served as Administrators from January until the end of June, 1994.

Fr. Donald W. Eichenseer served as parish administrator from July of 1994 until he was named the seventh pastor of the parish in November of 1995. In May of 2000, Fr. Eichenseer was recommended, by Bishop Wilton D. Gregory to be named a "Prelate of Honor of His Holiness" and given the title "Monsignor." Under his leadership a new addition to the school was completed in July of 2000 providing a parish meeting area, eight classrooms, an elevator, handicapped accessibility and additional parking.

Fr. John L. Venegoni, was appointed the eighth pastor of St. Teresa Parish by Bishop Wilton Gregory on September 2, 2003. Fr. Venegoni restructured the Pastoral Council, greatly reduced the parish debt owed on the new addition, improved the lighting around the grounds, and installed air-conditioning to seven of the original classrooms. Fr. Venegoni was granted a medical leave of absence in July of 2007 and passed away October 11, 2007.

The current pastor, Fr. David Darin, was appointed the ninth pastor of St. Teresa's by Bishop Edward K. Braxton on July 10, 2007. In April of 2012, Fr. Darin was recommended, by Bishop Edward K. Braxton, to be named a "Chaplain to His Holiness" and given the title "Monsignor."

# Saint Teresa Parish Grade School

## Mission Statement

St. Teresa School, a direct apostolate of St. Teresa Church, exists to pass on the Catholic Faith and its religious values by immersing the student within a Christ-centered environment.

Our students are provided the opportunity to experience both academic excellence and an awareness of current social concerns. This will be accomplished by a continued partnership of St. Teresa Church, families, students, and staff.

Within the limits of our resources and facilities, we are committed to the children and their families from the parish of St. Teresa, who desire a Catholic education.

## Philosophy

Education at St. Teresa School is a gradual development of the human person through the inspiration of the Divine. It is a continuation and an enrichment of what is begun in the home that strives to develop the spiritual, academic, social, and psychological aspects of the child.

The philosophy of the school is based on the principle that Catholic schools are to be communities of faith, in which the Christian message, the experience of community, worship, and social concern are integrated in the total educational experience of the students, their parents, and members of the faculty.

Our school, in accordance with the above principles established by the United States bishops in their most recent *Catechetical Directory*, *Sharing the Light of Faith*, focuses on trying to maintain the highest possible standards of education. As a faith community and as members of an educational institution, the faculty of St. Teresa School determines specific objectives each year to further the accomplishment of these goals.

In order to achieve the knowledge and skills required by our society for genuine participation and leadership in the world of tomorrow, as well as to achieve the openness of mind and generosity of spirit needed to attain a sincere concern for all humanity, it is presumed that parents who enroll their children in St. Teresa School will share this responsibility for their children.

# Liturgical Ministries

*To volunteer as a liturgical minister at either parish, contact the rectory office at 618-233-3500.*

**ALTAR SERVERS** - Assist the priest with the celebration of Mass. Boys and girls in sixth grade through high school plus adult servers.

**ART and ENVIRONMENT TEAM** - Arrange the church décor for liturgical seasons and feast days. The team includes both planners/coordinators and volunteers of all ages who help in various ways.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - Lead worship for children in grades K-4 in the rectory basement during the 11:00 Sunday Mass. High School students and adults can serve as leaders.

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - Assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. Open to active, Confirmed Catholics 16 years of age through adult.

**GIFT BEARERS** - Gift bearers represent the assembly by bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar at each weekend Mass. This ministry includes families with children as well as individuals and couples of all ages.

**HOSPITALITY: OUTDOOR GREETERS** - Outdoor greeters welcome people as they arrive for worship. This ministry includes families with children as well as individuals and couples of all ages.

**HOSPITALITY: USHERS** - Ushers help people to find seats, take up the collection, pass out bulletins, count Mass attendance, and respond to people's needs during worship. This ministry includes families with children as well as individuals and couples of all ages.

**LAY PRESIDERS** - On Tuesday evenings we celebrate Evening Prayer and on Friday mornings we celebrate Morning Prayer in the Adoration Chapel at St. Teresa Church. Lay Presiders take turns leading these services. Previous experience as a Lector is helpful.

**LECTORS** - Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Lectors are chosen based on ability to speak loudly and clearly and willingness to prepare readings in advance and study scripture. Eighth grade students through adult.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** - The joint St. Luke—St. Teresa Liturgy Committee assists the pastor and liturgy director with planning, evaluation, and work of preparing liturgical celebrations. Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

**MINISTERS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND** - Visit people who are sick or homebound to pray with them and take them Holy Communion. For St. Luke parish, contact Diane Lanter at 618-233-6226. For St. Teresa parish, contact David & Marilyn Young at 618-593-2834.

**SACRISTANS** - Prepare the sacristy and sanctuary before Mass, plus coordinate the efforts of liturgical ministers as they prepare for worship. Contact Rectory for more information.

## Music Ministry

For information on any choir or to volunteer as a musician, contact the rectory office at 233-3500.

**ADULT CHOIR (St. Teresa)** - Sings at the 11:00 am Mass September through June, rehearses on Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm. Sings a variety of classic and contemporary music. Regular attendance is ideal. Join for the whole year or for certain seasons or special occasions. High School students through adult.

**CANTORS (St. Luke & St. Teresa)** - Proclaim the psalm and lead the assembly in sung prayer. Ability to read music required along with ability to independently prepare music in advance. Eighth grade students through adult, call to schedule audition.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR (St. Teresa)** - Sings for all-school Masses (typically on Wednesday mornings) as well as selected Sundays at 11:00 Mass. Rehearses before Masses at which they sing. Open to students in grades 4-8.

**HANDBELL CHOIR (St. Teresa)** - Embellishes (no pun intended!) hymns and acclamations and plays instrumental music at various Masses from September through June. Rehearses on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. Ability to read music is helpful, regular attendance is required.

**ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS (St. Teresa)** - We welcome a variety of woodwinds, brass, and strings. Proficiency at your instrument and ability to independently prepare music in advance are required. Scheduling is flexible, call to schedule an audition.

**FUNERAL CHOIR (St. Teresa)** - Provides a ministry of music and presence at funeral Masses. Occasional rehearsal before a funeral. Attendance is flexible, come when you can.

**YOUTH CANTORS (St. Teresa)** - Lead the singing for weekday school Masses. A great way to develop vocal skills and confidence to eventually serve as Cantors at the weekend Masses. Open to students in grades 5-8.

## Parish Life

**BOOK CLUB** - St. Luke's Book Club meets the third Tuesday every other month at 7:00 pm. Contact Susan Evers at 397-2295.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE** - Inspects and recommends repairs, improvements, upkeep, renovations, maintenance and new construction. Contact the rectory at 233-3500.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** - This St. Luke committee offers refreshments and hospitality after Sunday Mass. Contact Donna McKelvey at 277-2523 for more information.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** - St. Luke's Finance Council and St. Teresa's Finance Council are a parish advisory group who assists the pastor in setting the budget and in administering the parish finances.

**FUNERAL LUNCHEONS** - As needed to prepare funeral luncheons for parishioners. For St. Luke contact Jean Duffy at 235-2721; for St. Teresa contact Carol Gass at 235-6891.

**HEALTH MINISTRY** - Do you work in some aspect of the health field? Are you a doctor, nurse, dietician, or have some other gift you can share with our parish? St. Teresa Health Ministry just may be for you! Our meetings are usually less than 1 hour, and we try to meet quarterly. Due to legal reasons, we cannot visit parishioners at home as part of our ministry. We also provide educational articles to the bulletin; perform blood pressure screenings bi-annually, as well as CPR/AED training for our parish. Contact Barb Masters at 234-5912.

**LADIES SODALITY** - Open to all women of the two parishes, new members are always welcome.

- The St. Luke Ladies Sodality meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in St. Luke's parish center. They hold their Noon Luncheon on the first Tuesday of every month except January & July. Contact Mary Wescovich at 558-2192 for more information.
- The St. Teresa Perpetual Help Sodality meets on the first Tuesday of each month September through May, at 6:30 pm in St. Teresa's parish center. Contact Julie Neill at 537-2567 for more information.

**LEGION OF MARY** - Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to their pastor for apostolic work in the parish. It aims to sanctify its members by a solid interior life of prayer, which forms the mainspring of a very definite active apostolic activity. This group meets on Thursday at 12:30 pm in the St. Luke Community House. Contact JoAnn Rider at 401-1709.

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**MEN'S CLUB** - Open to all men of either parish. Monthly meetings are:

- St. Luke - the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Contact Ron Kahrhoff at 235-0899 for more information.
- St. Teresa - the second Monday of the month, at 6:30 pm. Contact Kevin Vosse at 236-0696 for more information.

**NOVENA TO ST. TERESA THE LITTLE FLOWER** - The Novena to our patron, St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, is held immediately following the 8:30 am Mass on the First Monday of every month.

**PARISH PICNIC** - The St. Teresa Parish Picnic is an all-aged social gathering, open to the public, for fun, food, and fellowship. Our picnic is held on the school grounds by a host of people. Check the parish bulletin for the date of the picnic. Contact the rectory at 233-3500.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** - The primary purpose of the Parish School of Religion (PSR) Program is to provide assistance and support to the parents of students who attend public schools. St. Luke and St. Teresa Parishes are a part of the Family Faith Formation/Activity Center for five parishes located at the St. Augustine of Canterbury campus, 1910 West Belle Street. For further information, contact the rectory offices at 233-3500.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Plans, sets goals, establishes policy to develop the life of the parish and promote the mission of the church; composed of members of the parish, representatives from parish organizations, two trustees and the pastoral team. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Contact the rectory offices at 233-3500.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** - Perpetual Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is offered on a 24 hour basis in the St. Joseph Chapel of St. Teresa Church. Adoration gives you an opportunity for personal, private and quiet prayer any hour of the day or night. You are welcome to come for a designated hour or anytime and remain as long as you wish. Contact Mary Ellen Hermann at 234-4945 or Brad Dunn 671-8627, for more information.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Providing a comfort for those in need. Members knit or crochet shawls on their own time and at their own pace. Contact Susan Evers at 397-2295.

**PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE** - Informs the parish of recent pro-life matters, encourages letter writing, supplies information on related issues, activates a pro-life phone tree to contact senators and representatives regarding voting and plans activities during pro-life month. Open to all parish members.

- QUILTERS** - Ladies of both parishes meet for quilting on Thursdays throughout the year. We welcome anyone who would like to help quilt.
- St. Luke Quilters meet in St. Luke's parish center from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Contact Mary Maue at 234-2357.
  - St. Teresa Quilters meet in the rectory basement from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. Contact Karen Foeller at 416-3581.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - Blood drives are held twice a year. Watch the bulletin for further information. Give blood to save a life!

**ROSARY** - Join us for praying the Rosary before the 8:30 am Weekday Mass. Rosary is also prayed in the Adoration Chapel after the weekend Masses during May & October.

**SOUP DAY** - St. Luke provides soup on the last Tuesday of the month. Contact Steve Dietrich at 476-3968 for more information.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - The St. Vincent de Paul Society is composed of lay personnel of the parish (both male and female) who assist individuals and families, by actual private personal visits, within the parish boundaries, that are in need of food and financial needs for assistance in utility partial payments, rents, transportation, or pharmacy requirements. Funds for the society are obtained by membership donations at monthly meetings and the Poor and Needy Collection at the parish. The SVDP meets monthly at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Call Tom Kolb at 795-1719 or Carol Gass at 779-7534 for more information.

**YOUNG AT HEART** - The Young at Heart Club organized February 13, 1990. Membership is open to parishioners 50 years of age and over. The non-Catholic spouse is eligible and welcome. The purpose of the club is to promote the interest and welfare of the mature adult by education, information, social contacts and activities. The club also promotes joint efforts with other Parish organizations to enhance the Parish family. They Dine Out on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise designated. Contact Nancy Zahner at 235-3359, for more information.

## Sacraments

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** - Parents of the first born child are to attend a baptism preparation session prior to baptism. Please contact rectory offices at 233-3500 or Sr. Annette Kaba at [srannette67@gmail.com](mailto:srannette67@gmail.com).

**FIRST COMMUNION** - Requires two years of preparation. Contact rectory offices at 233-3500 or Jenifer Lohmann at [jllohmann@stteresabelleville.org](mailto:jllohmann@stteresabelleville.org).

**CONFIRMATION** - Proper preparation required. Contact Jenifer Lohmann at the rectory 233-3500.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** - Helps prepare engaged couples for their lives together as husband and wife and directs them in the planning of their wedding. Discussions should be held with the parish priest at least four months prior to setting a wedding date. Contact the rectory offices at 233-3500.

**PRECANA** - As part of the requirements prior to marriage, following diocesan guidelines for marriage preparation, a Precana program is offered through the Metro East Vicariate. Contact the rectory at 233-3500.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** - If an adult wishes to join the Catholic Church, he or she is invited to participate in the RCIA Program. The RCIA sessions are currently held on Sunday mornings. The sessions focus on understanding how faith works in our lives, and how we can express it in our own personal prayer life and in the celebration of the sacraments. Various stages of the process are marked by liturgical celebrations during the Sunday Liturgy. The program culminates at the Easter Vigil, when an individual is baptized (if he or she has never been baptized) or makes a profession of faith (if they have been baptized in another religion), is Confirmed, and receives the Eucharist for the first time in the Catholic Church. This program includes Catechists, and Sponsors as well as those interested in the Catholic Faith. For further information on the RCIA Program, or information on how you can become a sponsor or member of the RCIA catechetical team, please contact the rectory offices at 233-3500.

# St. Teresa School

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION** - St. Teresa Athletic Program is to provide an environment where students can develop individual skill, positive attitudes toward themselves and their team, and good sportsmanship toward fellow participants and opposing teams. The Athletic Committee coordinates, supports and conducts all school Athletic programs under the direction of Joe Voss, Athletic Director.

**EXTENDED CARE** - A program offered from 7:00 am until the time for school and after school until 6:00 pm on school grounds. All grades, Pre-K-8, are invited to participate in this program. Contact the school at 235-4066 for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL-CATHOLIC** - Althoff Catholic High School is located at 5401 West Main Street, Belleville, IL. This High School is open to all Catholic students of high school age residing in the Metro East Vicariate. For any information about enrollment and other matters, contact the school at 235-1100.

**PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION** - The St. Teresa Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was formed in 1990. Objectives:

1. To foster communication and cooperation between family and the school.
2. To develop united efforts in the interest of the physical, mental, social, intellectual and spiritual education of every child.
3. To promote the welfare of children in homes, church and community and create a greater appreciation of Catholic education.
4. To fulfill these objectives through conference, committees, projects and fundraising activities.
5. To provide a labor pool of volunteers to assist at school.

The PTO meetings are held on the fourth Monday of August, November, February, and May at 6:30 pm in the parish center. Membership is open to any parent, faculty member or interested parishioner. Dues are \$1.00 per member per year. PTO provides services for parents, teachers, students and school.

**SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION** - This board shall formulate policies for Catholic education in the parish. Since Catholic education is the legitimate exercise of the Church's right to teach, the Board shall be subject to the authority of the Church represented within the parish by the pastor. Except for this reservation, the Board shall maintain control over all aspects of Catholic education in the parish.

1. Voting members of the board shall consist of:
  - a. Nine lay men and/or women who are active parishioners excluding only those in direct paid employment by the parish or their immediate families. Members shall be elected by a lottery.
2. The Pastor/Administrator of the Parish will be an ex officio voting member of the Board. The Principal of St. Teresa School will be an ex officio non-voting member of the Board.
3. The Business Manager, a representative of Mother of Perpetual Help, St. Teresa Athletic Association (STAA), Extended Care, and the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), will be ex officio non-voting members of the Board.

The Board shall meet monthly at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the parish center. Special meetings may be called by the president as needed or by two members with the Pastor's approval.

**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT** - Give consideration to leaving a lasting memorial to the future education of youth as you plan your estate giving to charitable causes. Our Catholic Grade School has established an Endowment Fund. You are welcome to leave money, stocks, bonds, property and another financial means of support for continuing catholic education. Contact the rectory at 233-3500.

## Scouting

**BOY SCOUTS** - Cub Scouts in grades 1-5 hold their Pack meetings once a month in the Parish Center. Contact Beth Schindelar at 314-780-0228. Boy Scouts meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Contact Beth Schindelar at 314-780-0228.

**GIRL SCOUTS** - Active Troop-Daisy to Cadette-Grades K-8. Meetings determined by leaders. Open to all girls in the parish. Contact the school office at 235-4066.



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## Youth Activities

**YOUTH GROUP** - The Youth Program provides resources and developmental opportunities for youths in both parishes that are in the sixth through twelfth grades to exercise their Christian faith and Catholic values in our community through Social, Service and Faith/Life events. Youth will not only participate in fun activities and games for their spiritual development, but they will also engage in service based opportunities within the Belleville community to help form a bridge between their faith and the world. Contact Nancy Furlow at 222-0585.

**LUKE 18 RETREATS** - Luke 18 is a three-day retreat that focuses on inviting young people to open themselves to God; we strive to welcome young people into the Church in order to help them better understand who they are as beautiful and unique members of the Body of Christ. The retreat emphasizes the Sacraments, prayer, the gifts of the Spirit, Saints, the wonderful Tradition of the Church, and authentic Catholic identity. Talks and activities are woven together in a fashion that allows youth participants to engage in faith formation in a truly exciting way. One unique aspect of this retreat is that senior high youth are very active in the planning and executing process, so that junior high youth are able to grow in their faith with peers who have recently experienced their same situations in life. Our mission is to enable young people to walk away from this experience more zealous about their faith and filled with a greater knowledge and love of God. Contact: Kristine Lamons at 541-9010.

## Community Resources

**BETHANY PLACE** Provides services to people with AIDS and their families. Sponsors an annual WALK. Operates a food pantry and is always in need of volunteers for secretarial work, typing, phone, etc. Call 233-7901 for more information.

**CALL FOR HELP** They equip individuals to overcome crisis, trauma, and homelessness through stabilization, transitional and support programs to help them achieve their maximum potential for daily living. The Sexual Assault 24 hr Crisis Hotline is 618-397-0975.

**COMMUNITY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY** Located at 1218 West Main Street provides food for those in need and is always in need of volunteers and donations. Call 355-9199 for more information.

**HOSPICE OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS** Volunteers to give tender, loving care to terminally ill patients and their care giver, aided by a trained staff of nurses. Call 398-4729 for more information.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER** Provides confidential help in crisis pregnancies: free pregnancy testing, counseling, adoption information, referrals for medical care, new mother and new baby needs. Call 233-CARE. Supported by the Diocese of Belleville.

**PROJECT RACHEL** Provides a private, confidential means for those seeking assistance in reconciling an abortion experience. Call 1-800-5WE-CARE or 1-888-456-HOPE to be put in touch with a professional who has been specially trained to understand the traumas of those touched by abortion. Sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville Respect Life.

**RACIAL HARMONY** Dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation and communication among all races and ethnic groups. Educational events held periodically during the year. \$10 Membership. Call 233-7901 for more information.

**RADIO INFORMATION SERVICE** Reading for the blind. Call 398-2179 for more information.

**THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS** Services provided include the 24-hour crisis hotline at 235-0892, the Charles T. & Joan Meyer Women's Shelter for battered women and their dependent children, the Peace Place non-residential counseling for children, Counseling & Advocacy Services, and Prevention & Education Services. As always, all services are provided free of charge.

## Liturgy

### EUCCHARIST

Saturday:	5:00 pm @ St. Teresa
Sunday:	7:00 am @ St. Teresa
	9:00 am @ St. Luke
	11:00 am @ St. Teresa
Monday & Thursday:	8:30 am @ St. Luke
Tuesday & Wednesday:	8:30 am @ St. Teresa
Tuesday:	Evening Prayer is offered in the Adoration Chapel at 6:30 pm
Friday:	Morning Prayer is offered in the Adoration Chapel at 8:30 am
Holy Day Liturgy:	Consult Bulletin

### NOVENA TO ST. TERESA

First Monday of every month following the 8:30 am Mass.

### RECONCILIATION

4:00-4:40 pm Saturday or by appointment.

## Parish Staff

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School Kitchen .....	235-2039

## Parish Websites

[www.stlukebelleville.org](http://www.stlukebelleville.org)  
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