

THE JOURNEY

"The feeling remains that God is on the journey too." -- St. Teresa of Avila

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday 10 AM - Sign Up Required
Visit teresa.church/reopening to sign up

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday 8:00 AM - Sign Up Required
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Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 8:00 PM

Office Hours

Please call ahead.

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love for the salvation of all people.

Community Ministries

If you want to serve the St. Teresa's community in our liturgies or our planning, there are many opportunities for you!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

teresa.church/rcia

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

Lectors

teresa.church/lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

Pastoral Council

teresa.church/pastoral-council

Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.

Finance Council

teresa.church/finance-council

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

Interested in Joining Our Parish?

Are you interested in making St. Teresa's your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community? Fill out the below form and drop it in the collection basket or join online at teresa.church/join.

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

In fulfilling our mission to be “Faith & Spirit. Alive.” we invite you to get involved with your family here at St. Teresa of Avila parish.

Outreach Ministries

We have a variety of opportunities you can join to get involved and help serve our community, the Lincoln Park area, and the city of Chicago.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

La Posada Border Ministry

teresa.church/border-ministry

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum

Spiritual Ministries

There are many ministries at St. Teresa's that celebrate our faith via small Christian communities, serving in our liturgies, and learning more.

Women's Spirituality

teresa.church/womens-spirituality

Meets the last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection.

Men's Spirituality

teresa.church/mens-spirituality

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the morning to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple.

Food Pantry

teresa.church/food-pantry

Our parish food pantry is a welcoming, dependable source of nutritious food, respect and social contact to the needy of our community.

Refugee Ministry

teresa.church/refugee-ministry

Support a family's transition to living in the United States with donations and time.

Bible Studies/Discussion Groups

Throughout the year there are Bible studies you can join or maybe a book study with Fr. Frank. Schedules change throughout the year, so stay tuned!

Religious Education

teresa.church/religious-education

Whether it's our Montessori based Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children, EDGE Middle School ministry, QUEST High School Ministry, or SPRED Ministry for those with special needs, St. Teresa's has a wide array of programs to meet the needs of our children.

Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

teresa.church/french-community

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

Our Community

Call for Volunteers

Can you help? As a volunteer, you would be required to watch an overview video provided by the Archdiocese and arrive early for a Mass to receive St. Teresa specific training. You would sign up online for the dates that are convenient for you, using the same Signup interface we use to register for Mass. Even if you can only help for one or two Masses a month, we need you.

Please note that the minimum age to serve as a greeter or usher is 18, and the maximum age is 65. Teenagers, between the ages of 14 and 18 can help with clean up after Mass. Also, it is essential that anyone who volunteers is healthy and does not have other risk factors.

If you can help, please contact Jen Olson at the parish office at jolson@archchicago.org.

St. Teresa Food Pantry

The food pantry is in great need of doubled paper grocery bags with handles. If you have a collection that you would like to contribute, please contact mairead.reidy@yahoo.com for drop-off information. Thank you.

St. Teresa's Greenery Sale

We are happy to announce St. Teresa's will be having it's annual Greenery Sale this year. While the pre-ordering period is already closed, there will be limited number of fresh Greenery Items for sale after mass on the weekends

of November 29th and December 6th (11 a.m.-12 Noon). The Greenery will be displayed on tables outside on the sidewalks, and masks and social distancing will be enforced. Payment can be using made cash, credit card, or Give Central. Any questions, please email Kristen Castelloni (kristen@rlcanning.com).

TOGETHER IN JOY - SAVE THE DATE: November 21, 2020

(formally known as Time of Your Life Gala)

The Together in Joy Live Virtual Gala is happening in just 14 days on Saturday, November 21st at 7pm. We need your participation to make the event a success, so if you have not done so already, please go to www.togetherinjoy.com to buy a registration code for the event - and consider adding on a bottle of wine from our sponsor Terlato Wines or a delicious chocolate dessert from the St. T's French community.

Mid-week the week of November 9th our Super Silent Auction items will be posted to www.togetherinjoy.com. Start planning now to bid on our great packages like a 7 night vacation to an 8 person luxury home in Manzanillo, Mexico; a 2 night stay in Hilton Head including a sailboat cruise on an America's Cup Sailboat; or a fabulous wine package to delightfully fill your wine cellar. Looking forward to seeing your bids on these exciting prizes during our live event.

Just 14 days until the Together in Joy Live Virtual Gala! Be sure to register today at www.togetherinjoy.com.

Financials

July 2020

Basket	\$7,654.00		
Give Central	\$41,894.58		
Total	This Year	Previous Year	Budget
	\$49,548.58	\$51,205.00	\$55,164.55
		-\$1,656.42	-\$5,615.97

August 2020

Basket	\$5,027.00		
Give Central	\$39,181.14		
Total	This Year	Previous Year	Budget
	\$44,208.14	\$53,017.82	\$51,205.00
		-\$8,809.68	-\$6,996.86

Letter From Fr. Frank

Dear Parishioners,

We are now well past seven months since the pandemic started in March. Who could have thought that we would be living with this new “normal” for so long, with no end in sight? How much our lives have changed given the new restrictions and social distancing, not to mention, the elimination of almost all large gatherings of people. This reality has had a tremendous impact on all parishes, as religious celebrations have had to be completely re-imagined to allow for safety of the parishioners.

I know there are countless people who can't participate in any gatherings of more than a few people, given chronic health conditions, age, or the need to protect those most vulnerable with whom you live. I hope and pray that those who live alone have friends or neighbors that they can rely on. As we enter the winter months, the virus seems to be increasing significantly throughout the country, causing some of the restrictions that were eased during the summer to return. Think of all the small businesses and the restaurant and entertainment industries, creating so much unemployment and uncertain life situations.

If you are healthy and financially stable, count your blessings. I have had some health issues that have been totally resolved. When your health is called into question, life becomes so vulnerable. I am so lucky to have good health care but am aware of the millions of Americans who have little or no coverage. This is a National scandal. Covid-19 has only surfaced the plight of our health care system and the extreme inequalities by so evident, particularly in minority communities and the poor.

We pray in gratitude for all first responders and those on the front lines. They are putting their lives at risk, not having the option of staying home to do their job. So many of us have the luxury to make this choice to stay at home. I think of the woman who checks out my groceries at the Jewel. She works so hard to make the money so that she can pay the bills and keep food on the table. She's exhausted and not that young. She has no other choice.

I am so grateful to the parishioners who volunteer in all of our ministries. They are all going strong, serving more people than ever. Our Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes, Formation of Children, Sunday Liturgy, Parish Council, Finance Council and other groups are vibrant. We have four people in our RCIA ministry and we are

registering new parishioners on a regular basis. Our on line giving is fantastic!!!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Our annual fundraiser, Together in Joy will be virtual this year due to the pandemic. Carly and James are doing a remarkable job taking the lead. Thanks to Patti and all the volunteers on the committee. Please, please support our fundraiser which will take place on Saturday November 21st. Since we lost income, due to the lack of at Mass collections, and currently have only one Mass, we have lost a substantial amount of revenue. If you aren't on Give Central, please think about making your contributions on line, which guarantees regular contributions. Without Give Central and this form of contributing, we could never make it financially.

My appeal to help is ONLY for those who are financially secure. Giving to our parish happens in so many ways beyond financial resources. Prayer, volunteering, getting involved are all forms of “giving”. Luckily, we are able to stay within our budget, which reflects the current Covid-19 reality.

I so miss seeing people, at multiple masses, at in person meetings, social gatherings, dinner and more. Having to wear a mask and keep social distance are minor sacrifices that should be observed by all. But we all long for our children to be able to go back to school safely, we long to gather in larger groups, we want to be able to travel, so that we can celebrate a special holiday or care for a loved one who is sick, we miss seeing plays, movies, and going to sporting events, is so important for most of us.

The season of Advent is fast approaching, and we need this Season now more than ever. Advent is a time for patient waiting... waiting for Christ to come back, to return, eliminating of the powers of darkness and death forever. But as of now, He hasn't returned, but He COMES now, in the present, to lift sad hearts, to awaken us to new hope, to restore the vision of the New Jerusalem we are forging now, especially in the midst of a world- wide pandemic. We WILL make it through this. We will!!!!

Peace, Joy,
Fr. Frank

Mass Intentions

Joyce Jaszczor and James Carter

August Baptisms

Elizabeth Torres - 11-1-2020

Robert John Kean - 11-15-2020

Arden James Fischer - 11-15-2020

Olivia Carusona - 11-22-2020

Norah Catherine Hetland- 11-22-2020

Pray for the Deceased

Let us Pray For...

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We leave the names on the list for about three months.

Braden Ahern

Tracy Bolger

Ellen Rask

Gary Schell

For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

Pray for the Deceased

Betty Hawkins, Gregg Kerr, Marilyn, Monica McNally, Caroline Mondschean, Rafaela Morena, Rob Vihon, Alicia Villenas, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence.

#PrayForPeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week:

Raphael Edwards; Luis Martinez; Anthony Sipp; Jhonny Guaman; Antoine Jackson; Walter Palmer; James Patterson; Kenneth Burks; Nasee Minniefield (18); Keno Blake; Yarnell Hicks; and Samuel Hart.

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

Finance Council

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The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

Stewardship Committee

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The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at:

www.teresa.church/bulletins

How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.