

THE JOURNEY

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021



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
Visit teresa.church/reopening to sign up

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.

Financial Update

1/13/21							
St Teresa Parish							
Semi-annual Report to the Parish							
July - Dec 2020	ACTUAL			BUDGET			
	Current	Previous	Variance \$	July-Dec	Variance \$	Annual	
Collections	\$329,225	\$366,723	(\$37,498)	\$319,372	\$9,853	\$631,344	
Fundraising	\$237,660	\$207,026	\$30,634	\$105,657	\$132,003	\$111,157	
Other	\$53,539	\$70,968	(\$17,429)	\$57,578	(\$4,039)	\$116,002	
Total Income	\$620,424	\$644,717	(\$24,293)	\$482,607	\$137,817	\$858,503	
			\$0				
Expenses	(\$427,465)	(\$478,530)	\$51,065	(\$434,383)	\$6,918	(\$867,951)	
Net Ordinary	\$192,959	\$166,187	\$26,772	\$48,224		(\$9,448)	
Other Income	\$40,259	\$49,077	(\$8,818)	\$0	\$40,259	\$0	
Other Expense	(\$72,447)	(\$176,861)	\$104,414	(\$109,200)	\$36,753	(\$109,200)	
Net Other	(\$32,188)	(\$127,784)	\$95,596	(\$109,200)		(\$109,200)	
Total Net	\$160,771	\$38,403	\$122,368	(\$60,976)		(\$118,648)	

Previous year reflects the 2019 adjustments from collections to fundraisers

November 2020

Basket	\$8,612.00	
Give Central	\$42,699.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$51,311.00	\$57,937.00
		-\$6,626.00

December 2020

Basket	\$38,858.00	
Give Central	\$41,973.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$80,831.00	\$95,931.00
		-\$15,100.00

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of Jesus to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online: <http://annualcatholicappeal.com> and you can also text to give - text ACA2021 to 345345.

Financial Update

Letter From the Finance Council

The Finance Council prepared the budget for fiscal 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) last spring, after the Covid-19 virus had become a global pandemic, and planned for our most challenging year in recent memory. Results for the first half of the fiscal year have exceeded our expectations and the prior year largely due to the success of our annual fundraising event, Together in Joy, and your continued generosity via online giving.

As outlined in the table below, 1H21 net income equaled \$161k, \$122k higher than the same period last year. For purposes of further discussion and analysis, this amount has been divided between “ordinary” (typically recurring items) and “other” activities.

Net Ordinary Results

Net ordinary results equaled \$193k, \$27k higher than last year as a decline in revenue was offset by lower expenses. The decline in revenue largely results from lower weekly Collections due to the suspension of in person Mass from March 2020. In person Mass resumed in July 2020 but less frequently than before and with capacity restrictions.

An additional Mass is expected to be added during Lent, but lower attendance and in person Collections are expected to persist for the rest of the fiscal year and beyond. Also, the decline in 2H21 revenue likely will be more pronounced than 1H21 due to the timing of annual fundraising revenue.

The decrease in expenses largely results from higher costs in the prior fiscal year due to overlapping employment during staff transitions. More broadly, the demand for our Loaves and Fishes dinners, Food Pantry, and other services has only increased during the pandemic. Our ministries have done commendable work by fulfilling their missions while controlling expenses.

Other Results

The loss from net other activities was \$32k, \$96k lower than 1H20. This favorable variance is largely due to the timing of capital improvements and Avila in Action disbursements.

The Parish received a PPP loan of \$101k during the program’s first round. This amount is not reflected within the above results, but will be recognized as income once the Parish has been released from repayment. The Parish does not anticipate receiving a loan during the program’s second round.

Feedback

The Finance Council roster has been updated on the Parish website. Please reach out if you have questions or suggestions. Thanks for your continued support.

Don Eldred
Chair, Finance Council

Mass Intentions

Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

February Baptisms

None Scheduled

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
Henry Bira
Martha Dilla
Pat Koesters

Ellen Rask
Gary Schell
For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

#PrayForPeace

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

Terrence Woods; Gino Dameron; Gregory Jackson III; Tyrone Carr; Vilut Beny Gavrilas; and Martese Jackson.

A Letter from Fr. Frank

As we approach the season of Lent I would like to invite all to sign up for one of the Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 17th: 7:00 am; 8:00 am; Noon; 6:00 pm; 7:00 pm. The masses will be short, with ashes being distributed after a brief homily. The five masses will allow for a better distribution of people, ensuring proper distancing. I will have individual bags of ashes to be picked up at rectory for those wanting to give ashes to family members. They should not be distributed to anyone else.

Each person will come forward as if going to Communion and I will use a Q TIP to mark each person's forehead. This will be done in silence. Every person will receive a fresh Q TIP to ensure safety. Originally, we were told we could only "sprinkle" the ashes on top of each person's head, but after careful consideration, the archdiocese is allowing the use of Q TIPS. I will dispose of the Q TIPS by burning them.

February is the month we pray for those who are sick and in need of healing, in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. To honor this day, I will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after the 10:00 am Sunday, February 7th. The Sacrament will be celebrated safely in one's car by entering the lot on Armitage Ave, be anointed if you wish, and then receive Holy Communion. If you are not going to be Anointed, you would simply receive Communion. I will wear a mask and shield, and anoint each person on the forehead and on the palms of both hands with a cotton ball. Each person will be Anointed with a fresh cotton ball.

During Lent, I will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions, on Tuesday's from 6:00- 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. This will be done safely, individually and privately.

Peace to All,
Fr. Frank

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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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Chair

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.