

THE JOURNEY

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

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60614

773-528-6650

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>.

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

Prayer

Mass Intentions

Marjorie Reidy

Mass Schedule

Sunday, 3/7 10am - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 3/7 6pm - Fr. Frank

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

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 last week to violence in the City of Chicago:

Pierre Romell Anderson; Barbara Jimerson; Jalen Harris; Dantreel Johnson; Alva Besst; Antonio Shaffer; Jerome Anderson; and Alberto Flores (16).

Thank You, Volunteers!

2020. A very difficult year. For many people served through the St. Teresa Food Pantry, the pandemic increased the issue of food insecurity. As a result, many new guests appeared every Saturday morning. The ongoing success of the pantry is because of the support of the St. T's parish community, but more specifically because of the volunteers who give their time and talent. Because of their faithfulness, the Food Pantry has been open every Saturday, even during lockdown. Volunteers:

- provided 3,000 hours of work
- welcomed 2,908 guests to the pantry
- filled 125 bags of produce and staples weekly
- assembled 116 grocery carts
- distributed 500 25-pound Emergency Food Boxes to local organizations in need
- distributed grocery carts to guests
- assembled bags of treats for holidays
- delivered groceries to the homebound
- sorted, organized, shelved food donations
- packed special food bags for the homeless

Thursday Sorters and Baggers:

Marilyn Aleide
Karen Breen-Vogel
Kim Brisley
Cathy Cahill
Sybil Cassara Blair
Marsha Brumleve Wagner

Marie Considine
Ed Folts
Geneva Gorgo
Karen Kinsella
Karen Smerko Lynch
Maryann Miskiewicz

Sergio Mora
Stephen Ohlhausen
Diane Sibon
Dennis & Melissa Smerko
Cindy Sternisha

Saturday Distributors:

Arturo Aceve
Paige Affinito
Grace & Dave Armstrong
Christian & Connor Armstrong
Jonathan Armstrong
Darby Aucklan
Lauren Aydt
Nicole Bard
Julie Bartholomae
Lori & Caroline Benvenuto
David Bernal
Jennifer Bernardi
Rick Choate
Jack Clark
Cathy Clinton
Barbara Cohen
Meghan Crooks
Gianna Cumpian
Armelle Davasse
Priya Dhar
Bernadette Diaz
Adriana Diaz
Justine Dombroski
Lorrie and Dave Donnell
Susan Duffy
Margaret Dunlap
Jose Duran
Maribella Espino
Michael Fitzsimmons

Kaitlin & Pat Meyer
Fletcher Micheli
Patrick Mullee
Kathy Murdock
Ava Nelligan
Teresita Gomez
Scott Goodreau
Annabelle Graham
Abby Greaney
Christine & Guillen Gutierrez
Mary Kate Haaf
Leah Hanson
Lisa Hanzelka
Maria Harrigan
Shane Healy
Genevieve Hesse
Reese Hoffman
Hailey Hurd
Grace Johnson
Brianna Johnson
Noah Karow
Molly Keegan
Leah Kennedy
Celeste King
John Paul Koehl
Erin Lech
Yannik Leuz
Martin McIntosh

Maureen Ogrady
Anna O'Hare
Joe O'Toole
Ava Owens
Katie Palm
Daniela Pozzi Pavan
Jen & Mike Pinckney
Isaac Rice
Marla Robinson
Jack Clark and John Rottier
Soren & Grace Rucker
Jack Schiedemeyer
Alina Shah
Janette Shea
Molly Sinclair
Matt Smith
Cindy Sternisha
Scott Szykowny
Nathan Szymanski
Court Tan
Dylan Tate
Lily Thornton
Francisco Tlatenchi
Adam Velarde
Tony Ventosa
Sean West
Nicholas Wilkerson
Sammi Yee

Thank you pantry volunteers, Amy Long and Mairead Reidy (Team Leaders)

Grocery Carts Make Happy Guests

Late in 2020, folding carts were purchased for guests who needed help transporting their food home from the Food Pantry. The project was more special because it was a group effort of St. Teresa's ministries:

- Proceeds from Together in Joy (thank you committee, attendees and supporters) provided funding.
- High school students in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program assembled the carts.
- The Saturday team (especially Dave Donnell) managed distribution of the carts to guests.
- Staff members Sergio, Charisse and Jen helped with logistics and delivery of the carts to St. T's.



Catechesis students assemble carts.

Dave Donnell: cart master

A happy guest enjoying his new wheels.



Parish Contacts

Staff

Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor
frfrankjohn56@gmail.com

Kate Lynch

Director of Religious Education
klynch@stteresaparish.org

Jennifer Olson

Operations Director
jolson@stteresaparish.org

Mark Neuhengen

Director of Evangelization and
Parish Mission
mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org

John DeWyze

Technology Coordinator/Bulletin
jdewyze@stteresaparish.org

Sergio Mora

Building & Facilities Manager
smora@stteresaparish.org

Irma Saavedra

Housekeeping

Jason Krumwiede

Director of Music
musicalnut1@mac.com

Charisse Gioia

Office Manager
cgioia@stteresaparish.org

Olu Balogun

Night Receptionist
obalogun@stteresaparish.org

Parish Council

Anna Althoff

President
annamarialthoff@hotmail.com

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

Don Eldred

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

Dan Summins

Chair
dsummins@hotmail.com

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.