

# THE JOURNEY

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
March 14, 2021



## **Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## **Address**

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Sunday** 10 AM - Sign Up Required  
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## **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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://teresa.church/french-community)

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

# Parish Life

## 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>.

## 2020 Tax Letters

2020 Tax Letters will be furnished upon request.

Please call the rectory Monday-Friday 9am-4pm at 773-528-6650 and speak to Charisse or email at [cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org).

## St. T's is on SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow St. T's on social media. YES!-YOU...can post messages, Photos and share your St. T's experiences.

Did you attend a recent event/gathering, perhaps learn something new while exchanging/ networking, volunteering with one of our St. T's ministries? Don't be shy, add a "St. T's selfie" too!

FaceBook: St Teresa of Avila Church

Instagram: [stteresaofoavilachurchchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stteresaofoavilachurchchicago)

Twitter: @StTsChurch

Nextdoor: St Teresa of Avila Parish

## Social Justice Stations at St. Mary's

I'm writing to encourage you to attend St. Mary's Social Justice Stations of the Cross services on Friday evenings during Lent. I hope you'll find this prayer experience grounding in the justice issues of today. Each week will focus on a different issue and reflect on the stations through that lens. The themes are:

March 19: Incarceration

March 26: Covid-19 Pandemic

Register at:

<https://www.saintmarys.org/lent.html>

Live Stream can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintMaryOfTheLake>

# Financials

## December 2020

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

## January 2021

<b>Basket</b>	\$40,597.00	
<b>Give Central</b>	\$36,538.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	\$77,135.00	\$54,484.00
		\$22,651.00

# Financial Update

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## St. Teresa's Investment Planning Changes

This note is to advise you of a significant change in the investment direction of certain Parish assets and the establishment of a policy to guide future management and use of these and other Parish funds. Our objectives from these changes are to create greater resources for our Parish's ministries over the long-term and to provide a roadmap for future decisions about the investment and use of our assets.

A number of years ago, the Parish faced a difficult situation. Our location included two vacant, unsafe boarded up buildings (old school and convent) and no obvious use for them. In consultation with the Archdiocese, we received approval to sell the properties and retain the proceeds.

The sale ultimately generated net proceeds of approximately \$2m. Since then, the money has been invested at the Archdiocese in a certificate of deposit as we deliberated how best to proceed (assets above a parish's operating needs are required to be invested through the Archdiocese).

After extensive deliberation and further consultation with the Archdiocese, the Finance Council recently recommended and Fr. Frank approved investment of the bulk of this money in the Archdiocese's Growth Fund. The Growth Fund has a target asset allocation of 70 percent equities and 30 percent fixed income. Equity and fixed income securities involve greater risk than a certificate of deposit, but over the long-term are expected to generate higher returns.

The remaining net proceeds will be reserved as cash to mitigate against the risk of a temporary downturn in Parish revenue, such as the risk we faced this year from the pandemic. The Parish's overall asset allocation is expected to range around 60 - 65 percent equities, with the balance in fixed income or cash/CD.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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## Fr. Frank Homily for Saturday, March 6

### *Saturday of the Second Week of Lent*

Why did Jesus tell the story of the Prodigal Son, his most famous of all the parables? He was addressing religious leaders who were scandalized by the company he kept, especially those with him he ate. Eating a meal, sharing a banquet, was considered a very intimate experience. Laws and religious etiquette created borders and boundaries as to those one was free to dine with. Jesus crossed those borders and told this beautiful story which is truly about the lavish, scandalous love of the father, an image of God.

This prodigal father created a huge banquet for a son who was self absorbed and petulant, wanting his inheritance BEFORE his father died. Horrible!!! We know the "rest of the story," which ends with this father with a cavernous heart on the OUTSIDE of the party of mercy, begging his self righteous son to come INSIDE and celebrate his younger brother's return to life. We don't know the ending for we are to supply the ending.

How would you end the Parable of the Prodigal Son? Your way of completing the story will speak volumes about how you see God and those who gave hurt you.

Peace,  
Fr. Frank

*Since the start of the pandemic, Fr. Frank writes a homily (almost) every day and we send it out via email. There is an entire collection you can view online. You can sign up to receive them and view old ones at <https://teresa.church/homilies>*

## Mass Intentions

Joyce Jaszczor , Kevin Cooney , and  
Francisco Ramirez

## Mass Schedule

Sunday, 3/21 10am - Fr. Edward Udovic  
Sunday, 3/21 6pm - Fr. Michael Njeru C.M

## March 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  
Neal Reishus

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:

Bryshawyn Robinson (14); Thomas Forrest; Matthew Harlan; Quentin Johnson; Edward Woodall; Andrew Carter; and Arsenio Stevenson.



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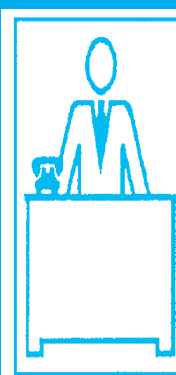


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For further information,  
please call the Parish Office.



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## Parish Council

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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

**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

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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.

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## Contributing to the Bulletin

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

[www.teresa.church/bulletins](http://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.