

# THE JOURNEY

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

**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 11, 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](https://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](https://teresa.church/lectors)

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](https://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](https://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](https://teresa.church/finance-council)

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

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## 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](https://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.

## 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).

## The Gift that Keeps on Giving

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." -- 1 Peter 4:10*

Please help us remain financially stable by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won't dive while attendance is low.

If you've already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

## St. T's, YOU and SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow St. T's on social media. Yes-YOU can post messages, share your experiences and photos.

Stay connected sharing your experience at our church, ministry experience, attending a virtual network/education event and more. Perhaps create your own St. T's Selfie Sunday!

We Care for Each Other, our Faith and our Community.

Facebook: St Teresa of Avila Church

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YouTube: StTeresaofAvilaChicago

# Financials

## 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

## February 2021

<b>Basket</b>	\$5,688.00	
<b>Give Central</b>	\$37,994.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	\$43,682.00	\$42,606.00
		\$1,076.00

## Together in Joy 2021 - Info Sessions

Please join the Together in Joy 2021 co-chairs after mass on Sunday April 18th for a mimosa (post 10am mass) or glass of wine (post 6pm mass) to celebrate our incredible success during last year's Together in Joy virtual gala and to learn more about how you might help plan this fall's event! We need your connections to the community and your hard work to meet our ambitious fundraising goals. Your time and talent can make Together in Joy an even bigger and better event in 2021. Consider this your calling -- stop by and learn more! We look forward to seeing you then!

Also, stay tuned for a quick 1 question survey to be circulated next week to help us determine the right format for this year's event (i.e. in person, virtual, or some combination of both). Please make your voice heard!

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## Fr. Frank Homily for Friday, April 2 *Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*

Every time you look at a crucifix, you see the ultimate definition of Love, a Love that saved us all, from the first humans created, to those who will be the last: past, present and future humanity is embraced in Christ's Love. But this has only meaning if you deeply believe that Christ is not just a wonderful human being, but the Son of God, for Christ is the God-man.

I remember seeing a movie about a priest who lost his priesthood because he lost his faith. He poignantly said, "When I look at a crucifix, I only see a man, nothing more." This priest was so honest, admitting that he just had no faith in Christ's divinity: he was simply a wonderful human being who loved in a most lavish way. But this love, while beautiful, does not have the power to SAVE the whole of humanity. Only God forgives and saves.

I'm afraid many people baptized and brought up Catholic, going to Catholic schools and being taught the teachings, could easily say the same words as that priest, that the one hanging on the Cross is just another man. Nothing more. Brutal honesty with ourselves is the beginning of salvation.

This day we call "GOOD" Friday is only good insofar as we believe to the depths that the One hanging on that Cross is THE Christ, the SON of the living God. Faith is a gift that can be lost is neglect, selfishness, and a serious misunderstanding of science. We have to come to the point in our lives when we admit to how shallow and futile our lives have become, as the gift of wonderment has been lost. We can readily understand what makes a sunset so beautiful through scientific explanations of the magnificent shades of color. But we lose the ability to see a WHO is behind the beauty and a PURPOSE to why it was created.

The priest in the movie regained his faith when he connected to people in Love, in vulnerability. The Cross connects us to the most powerful expression of LOVE, Christ spreading out His arms, embracing each and every one of us, especially the one who has lost faith. When Christ's Love is encountered, our hearts are softened as Grace pours in, saturating them, allowing them to be transformed into a Garden of Delight where God walks about freely.

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

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday, 4/18 10am - Fr. Edward Udovic

Sunday, 4/18 6pm - Fr. Frank

## March Baptisms

Aurora Mary Finn- April 18, 2021

Finnegan Ward Miller- April 18, 2021

Roy Ruxton Bianchini- April 25, 2021

## 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:

Javier Ramos; Maria Reveron; Raffael Anderson; Dajhari Gray (17); Jawond Brown (18); Vincent Jones; Reginald Lacy; Dante Thomas; Kieer Pargo; Marcus Dixon; Sinforiano Trujillo; Adam Toledo (13); Tyrell Bellmon; Marshond Maxey; Courtney Macon; Elijah Mena; Octavius Mitchell; Brian Guerrero; Dashawn Norman; Jakub Marchewka; Derrick Triplett; Ricky Shipman; Eugene Broach; and Richard Cade.



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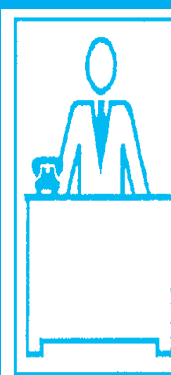


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## Parish Council

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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

**Dan Summins**

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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.