

# THE JOURNEY

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

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021



### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

### Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10 AM, 6 PM

### Daily Mass Schedule

**Wednesday** 8:00 AM - Sign Up Required  
Visit [teresa.church/reopening](https://teresa.church/reopening) to sign up

### Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing

Please call the office to arrange.

### 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 virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email [cdeanhockey@gmail.com](mailto:cdeanhockey@gmail.com) to get the link and join.

### 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.

## 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

Instagram: stteresaofavilachurchchicago

Twitter: @StTsChurch

YouTube: StTeresaofAvilaChicago

## Together in Joy Raffle and Event Tickets

We are 4 months away from this year's Together in Joy Gala on **Saturday November 13th!** There is still plenty of time to buy your gala tickets at the full or young adult prices. Consider inviting your friends and buying a full table (seats 10)!

Our event raffle tickets are now on sale! Like last year we are giving away an original Peloton bike to be shipped and installed directly in your home! Raffle tickets are \$100/ticket with only 100 tickets to be sold. So buy yours today!

Please go to [www.togetherinjoy.com](http://www.togetherinjoy.com) to find all the details on event tickets, raffle tickets, and more!

# Financials

## May 2021

Basket	\$7,271.00	
Give Central	\$35,637.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$42,908.00	\$62,755.00
		-\$19,847.00

## June 2021

Basket	\$8,502.00	
Give Central	\$43,428.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$51,930.00	\$65,885.00
		-\$13,955.00

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## Alpha: Is There More to my Life than my Job?

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Josaphat, and St. Teresa of Avila are excited to invite you to Alpha. Alpha is space where you can explore the deepest questions in our life from a Christian perspective. Through light discussion, we explore the deepest truths of our lives. Everyone who comes from Alpha has a different perspective and experience of faith, spirituality, and community. If you come to the first session and realize Alpha is not for you, there is no pressure to come back! We are excited to offer Alpha both online and in person. The first session in person session will be September 20th and the first online session will be September 23rd.



For your comfort, we will offer unique affinity groups for the LGBT community, Young adults/College Students and in Spanish and English language. Certain affinity groups only meet in person.

<https://teresa.church/alpha/>

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## A Letter from Fr. Frank - Please Wear Masks to St. Teresa's

Due to the rapid spread of the new COVID variant, we are strongly asking all parishioners to wear masks in all our parish buildings, which, of course, includes the church during all liturgies and Adoration. Also, we will not have any socials after the Masses.

These measures are to ensure the safety of our parishioners and visitors as this new variant continues to spread quickly. We all have a responsibility to do whatever we can to keep ourselves healthy, and not to do anything to put others at risk.

If you have not been vaccinated please consider doing so, after you have consulted with your doctor. The more that people are vaccinated, the better will we be able to get beyond this virus.

Take care,  
Fr. Frank

## Mass Intentions

Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living  
and Deceased

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday, 8/8 10am - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 8/8 6pm - Fr. Frank

## August Baptisms

Leah Rose Dirnberger-August 1st

Lucas Jordi Volsky- August 15th

Theodore Adeleye Gordon August 22nd

## 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

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

## Pray for the Deceased

Marilyn, Caroline Mondschean, Rafaela Morena, Gary Schell, 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:

***(This includes the last two weeks, as the bulletin of 8/1 was not updated by mistake).***

Kyrucion Ratliff; Ty Davis; Jeremiah Jones (16); Davion Wright (16); Shelby Fisher; Henry Scott; Damarion Benson (15); Victor Hampton; Marcus Jones; Janarrow Deberry; Theodore Smith; Julian Jackson; James Antonio Scales; Darien Williamson; Lugean Turner (17); Luis Torres; Ronnie Wade; Alfonso Gutierrez Garcia; Maurice Dotson; Juan aMana; Raymond Soni; George Arteaga; Josue Medin; Allard Warren; Davonne Reed; Tydrell Jackson; Robert Hannon; Angelo Williams; Kevin Stephenes; Patrick Glasper; Demarcus Reed; Jerome Jenkins; Antonio Holmes; 3 Unknown deaths.



STOP THE VIOLENCE

Since 2010, on the shores of Lake Michigan, the BCDC has hosted annual sunrise prayer services to pray for the protection of our children.

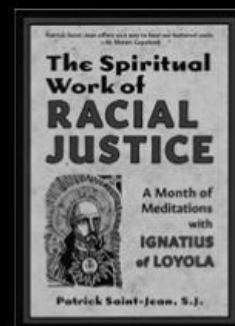
Join us for: *"These Streets Are Holy"*  
Sunrise Prayer Service & Mass.  
Oakwood Beach - 41<sup>st</sup> Street & Lakeshore Drive, Chicago  
Saturday, August 7, 2021  
6:30 am – 8:00 am CDT  
NOTE: In the event of heavy rain, the prayer service will be moved to Our Lady of Africa (Holy Angels Catholic Church) - 615 E. Oakwood Blvd.

For more information contact Deacon Gill at 773-933-0027 or email [deacongill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deacongill@sbcglobal.net)

## Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Catholic Retreat

Join St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Parish for a day-long retreat on Racial Justice hosted by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J. based on his new book

All are Invited!



Saturday, August 14th, 9 AM- 5PM  
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Parish  
1950 N. Kenmore Ave



## Fiscal Year Update

St. Teresa's fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The Finance Council planned for our most financially challenging year in recent memory due to the pandemic. However, this year's results exceeded our expectations and the prior year thanks to your continued generosity, higher investment earnings, and release from repayment of a PPP loan. As outlined in the table, fiscal 2021 net income equaled \$234k, \$219k higher than the prior year and \$353k higher than the budget. Results are explained further below.

**Net Ordinary Results:** 2021 net ordinary results, excluding investment earnings, equaled \$83k, slightly lower than last year and \$128k higher than the budget. The better-than-expected result largely reflected record fundraising results and your continued weekly support through Give Central. Collections exceeded budget, but declined somewhat versus last year, reflecting the suspension of in person Mass from March to July 2020 and resumption thereafter at reduced capacity.

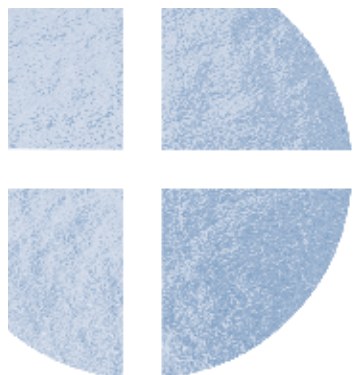
**Net Other Results:** 2021 net other results, excluding PPP loan release, equaled a loss of \$94k, \$10k better than last year and \$16k favorable versus budget. Other expense decreased by \$73k versus last year due to lower capital improvements spending, the absence of expenses covered by insurance (the absence of the insurance recovery reduced other revenue), and lower Avila in Action grants. This year's larger capital projects included the completion of the audio-visual project and the replacement of both air conditioning units.

**Investment Earnings and PPP Loan:** The higher investment earnings resulted from the previously announced February 2021 shift of certain assets to the Archdiocese's Growth Fund. The Growth Fund involves more risk and greater volatility than our prior investment in a CD but is expected to generate higher returns over the long-term. The Parish was released from repayment of a PPP loan in May 2021.

**Looking Ahead:** Earlier this year, we reviewed and approved the budget for fiscal 2022. The coming year's budget plans for a modest surplus as we gradually emerge from the pandemic. Social distancing restrictions on Mass were completely lifted as of June 2021, but the virus persists, and weekly attendance remains below pre-pandemic levels.

Thanks for your continued support to St. Teresa's. Please reach out if you have questions.

Don Eldred  
Chair, Finance Council



# The Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 15, 2021

## What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.



## What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven.

While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."





## THE SOLEMNITY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life.

Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.





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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.