

THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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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 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

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 virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email cdeanhockey@gmail.com to get the link and join.

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 in any way you can! Please fill out this link and Ellen will contact you! <https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee>.

There is also immediate need to support the Mwamikazi family, a Congolese refugee family, through purchasing items on their amazon wish list. Items are anywhere from \$10-\$100. Buy what you can! <https://bit.ly/sttswish>

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 for 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.

St. Teresa's Blood Drive - Sunday, October 24, 2021, 7:30am - 1:00pm

To Schedule an appointment, choose from the following options:

- Call (800) 7 TO- GIVE (786-4483)
- Look for the link in the weekly email
- Current deferral period for COVID vaccines is 2 full days.
- Photo ID and facemask is required
- Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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: stteresaoofavilachurchchicago
Twitter: @StTsChurch
YouTube: StTeresaofAvilaChicago

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Name Tags

After years of talking about the need to have name tags so everybody knows our actual names, we have received the approval of the Parish Council and the Finance Committee to begin the process.

The name tags will be permanent and have a magnetic clip to use so that your clothes are not damaged when wearing it. The name tag will have your name and the area that you live in (i.e. "Lincoln Park", "Park Ridge", "Rogers Park").

Simply send us your name (as you want it to appear on the name tag) and the area you identify as living in.

Go to <https://teresa.church/nametags> to sign up (or look out for the link in the weekly email).

Friday Morning Communion Service

Beginning Friday September 10th, there will be a Friday morning 7:30 am communion service. All are welcome.

Together In Joy Gala - 2 Months to Go!

Ticket Sales

The 2021 Together in Joy Gala - St. Teresa's ONLY annual parish fundraiser - is just over 2 months away. Our event is still planned to be held IN-PERSON on Saturday, November 13th at The Carter Chicago (1948 W Fulton St) with COVID-19 precautions being taken. The option to view the event virtually and participate in the silent auction and paddle raise online will also be available.

While the event is still weeks away, now is the time to buy your tickets! Consider inviting your friends and family and buying a full table (seats 10). Full price and young adult price tickets can be purchased at www.togetherinjoy.com (click on the "Purchase Tickets" button while there). We look forward to celebrating and supporting St. Teresa of Avila Parish with you in November!

Peloton Raffle Tickets

Don't miss your shot at a 1/100 chance of winning your very own Peloton Bike package for only \$100! The Together in Joy committee is raffling off a Peloton Bike Works package to be shipped and installed directly in your home! The raffle is \$100/ticket and only 100 tickets will be sold for this prize. Buy now at www.togetherinjoy.com!



A Note from Fr. Frank

With Labor Day behind us, the beautiful season of Autumn is ready to burst into color. Halloween is on Sunday this year so we have to do something fun and creative. My hope is to eventually add the Noon Mass on Sundays, but am hesitating because we are having a hard time getting people to volunteer to be Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers. The 6:00 pm rarely has anyone sign up. I'm going to have additional training sessions in October for those interested in helping out at liturgy.

In terms of numbers, we are at about 40% of our usual numbers of people who attend Mass. The other parishes are at about 50%, so we are down a bit. Our 10:00 am Mass is very good, almost back to regular attendance but the 6:00 pm Mass is about half its normal number. This will be a great time to take a look at Mass times and make adjustments, changing or eliminating masses. Most of the surrounding parishes are eliminating a mass on the weekend. St. Michael's is eliminating their Sunday evening mass, sending anyone interested to our evening mass on Sunday. St. Josaphat's will be publicizing our Sunday evening mass time since they do not have one. And since St. Josaphat's and St. Vincent's have a Saturday evening mass, I do not plan on adding the 5:00pm Saturday mass. The numbers at that mass were quite low, about 60 on average.

I want to maintain the three masses on Sunday, if we get more volunteers and if there is a need. For a Mass to be viable, there needs to be at least 80 or so people. This number is not absolute, just one that seems reasonable. All the Mass times, for both Weekends and Weekdays in the various surrounding parishes, will be published at each parish to better help people as they plan their schedules. On a final note in this regards, I would be open to changing the Sunday evening Mass time to 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, or even later, at 6:30 or 7:00. Keeping it at 6:00 is great if we can get more people to attend. Your thoughts?

I'm planning on adding one daily Mass at 8:00 am on Mondays if there is an interest. Our current Mass on Wednesday mornings has a wonderful attendance of between 10 and 15...usually. This is actually a great number. Most of the neighboring parishes are slightly reducing the number of daily masses.

I'm hoping that as Summer ends and Fall begins, our Sunday attendance will increase significantly, since we are always very low in attendance during Summer, the nature of our parish. And I'm hoping beyond all hope that this pandemic is largely in the rear view mirror by Spring 2022. As the variants keep surfacing, it is imperative that everyone, who is able, be vaccinated. The current reality is having many parents deeply concerned for the health of their children. My heart goes out to all you parents, as you desperately want your child to be at school with friends and engaged in life, learning and having fun... but you want your child as safe and healthy as is possible. The most difficult vocation in the world is being a parent. All I can do is pray for you, as you have to make those difficult decisions regarding the welfare of those little lives you would give your very life for.

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

Mass Intentions

10AM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6PM - Jaszczor, Kosek and Pawlowski Grandparents; Lynn Lindstrom and Don Sproul

September Baptisms

Lucas Steven Smith - 9/12/2021

Bennett Seraphin Bamouni - 9/12/2021

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday, 9/19 10am - Fr. Udovic

Sunday, 9/19 6pm - Fr. Udovic

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:

Brandon Porter; Travell Miller; Isaac Jordan (13); Kheaven Clark; Dexter Dardon; Jessica Vilaythong; James Williams; Mohammad Habib; Kevin Julian Velasquez; Mycal Moultry (4); Peter Jackson Jr.; Enrique Negrete; Andrew Leaks; 2 Unknown deaths.



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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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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.