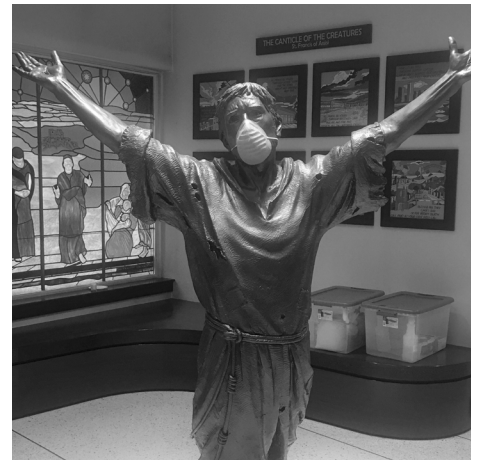


THE JOURNEY

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19th, 2021



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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1037 W. Armitage Ave.
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday 10 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday 8:00 AM - Sign Up Required
Visit teresa.church/reopening to sign up

Friday Communion Service

Fridays 7:30 AM

Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing

Please call the office to arrange.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 8:00 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

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

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

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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.

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>

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

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.

La Posada Border Ministry

teresa.church/border-ministry

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

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.

Care for Creation Ministry

teresa.church/care-for-creation

Our mission, an authentic social and moral commitment, is to educate and inspire our parish to accept the health of the planet and all creation as a personal and communal responsibility, thereby instilling a desire to make choices that result in actions for the stewardship of God's creation.

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 Shephard 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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to all of the support from this parish and the greater community, Together in Joy 2021 was a huge success! We raised over \$200K to support St. Teresa parish and its outreach ministries!

Special thanks to all who contributed on the Together in Joy committee and our business and individual sponsors and silent auction donors. If you are in the market to buy or sell a home, reach out to our Silver Sponsor, Emmy K Designs, who is continuing the generosity by offering to donate 25% of her commissions from real estate fees back to St. T's (see attached flyer)!

Whether you stopped for a picture in front of the Together in Joy greenery wall or were captured in a candid shot, you can find photos of the night's festivities taken by volunteers Kevin Neugent and Katie Cuda here: togetherinjoy.com. We are so grateful to James Johnston and Studio Thread for producing this year's St. Teresa video: <https://f.io/VjnzhIE8>. Finally, a recording of the night's program can be found at bidpal.net/togetherinjoy2021.

May you all have a blessed holiday and we look forward to celebrating with you again - Together in Joy - in 2022!

Thank you from the Care for Creation Committee

Thank you!! Together, the community and parishioners of St Teresa's diverted over 4500 Lbs of pumpkin waste away from landfills. Without your effort, the equivalent of 3400 Lbs of CO2 would have entered our atmosphere. More committee members encouraged! Join us for our next meeting: Wed., December 15 at 7 PM in the parish hall. Contact Mark @ mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org.

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday December 19th after the 10am Please Join Us for Breakfast With Santa.

Financials

September 2021

Basket	\$6,074.00	
Give Central	\$34,741.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$40,815.00	\$50,431.00
		-\$9,616.00

October 2021

Basket	\$15,580.00	
Give Central	\$33,984.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$49,564.00	\$51,566.00
		-\$2,002.00

Training - Engaging with Refugees

St. Teresa's Refugee ministry volunteers will be joining with parishioners from St. Vincent, St. Clements, St. Josaphat, and Exodus World Services for this training, to prepare volunteers to engage with refugees. This training offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden a volunteer's understanding of who refugees are and how they get to the U.S., as well as what help they receive when they arrive. Our parishioner-volunteers need only attend one of the two sessions that are being hosted and run by Exodus World Service specifically for our collaborative effort. This training is a prerequisite for New Neighbor volunteers, and is open to all. You have two choices and can register for either here --> <https://exodusworldservice.org/register/>

Wednesday, January 12 6:30 - 9:30 pm virtually via Zoom

Or

Sunday, January 16 2:00 - 5:00 pm in person at St. Teresa Avila

Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve- 3pm and 7pm

Christmas Day- 10am

New Years Day- 10am

Mass Intentions

10AM - Nancy Kolinski (D)

12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday, 12/26 10am - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 12/26 12pm - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 12/26 6pm - Fr. Udovic

November Baptisms

Andrew Oliver Wolforth- December 5 th , 2021

Callan Walter Norris- December 12 th , 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

Jack Strang

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 two weeks to violence in the City of Chicago:

Demond Brown; Federico Bautista; Rudy Cruz; Andre Padgett; Marcellas Taylor; Kevin Tinker; and Darton Gates.

Join us for Bible Education 101!

Adventure through the bible in a PRACTICAL, INSPIRATIONAL & HISTORICAL way. Gradually read the 14 narrative books, while learning the influences on God's chosen people through to the establishment of The Church. We will begin January 4th at 7 pm in the St. Teresa of Avila parish hall. Bring a Catholic bible; other materials provided. Sign Up & Questions? Contact Debbie at dbichimer@gmail.com and watch this YouTube St. Teresa Page Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StTeresaofAvilaChicago/videos>

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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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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.

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.