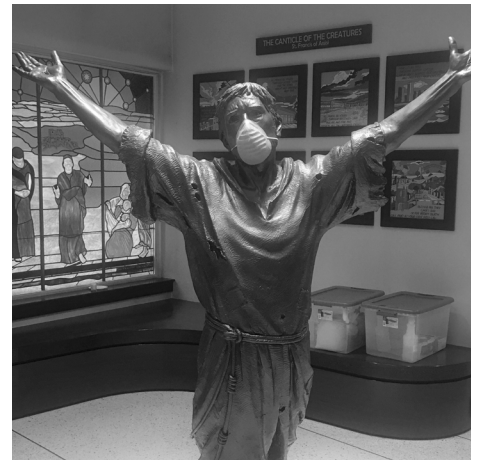


THE JOURNEY

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

Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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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 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.

Care for Creation-Parishioner Spotlight



Rosie Hutchinson- "MY roommate and I subscribe to a residential compost club called the Urban Canopy. Each month, a lovely human on a bike contraption comes and picks up a 5 gallon bucket filled with our compost, So many things are compostable that we use in our daily life, at it's pretty hard to mess up- if it grows, it goes! Composting is an affordable way for us to mitigate food and packaging waste. Plus! Compost =soil=growing gardens and shrinking waste. Win-win" Join us for our January 19th meeting in the Parish Hall. Contact Mark at mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org

Eucharistic Notice:

If you know of or have someone in your home who would like to receive Holy Communion, but because of their age or health problems are unable to leave home, call St. Teresa of Avila office (773)528-6650 Ext. 230 and request a visit from a Minister of Care or Father Frank to bring them the Eucharist.

Financials

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

November 2021

Basket	\$7,449.00	
Give Central	\$37,981.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$45,430.00	\$51,311.00
		-\$5,881.00

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

Questions to ponder heading into 2022 that will gently lead us to the Lenten Season

As we leave the season of gift giving and enter a new year, we are reminded that everything is a gift: our lives, our bodies, our families and friends, our talents, our possessions, the land we cultivate, the air we breathe, the water we drink... EVERYTHING and EVERYONE is a gift!!!! We possess NOTHING, for everything is on loan to us, by God, which includes the home we live in and the property we "own." Ultimately, we own nothing.

Difficult words to swallow but the truth that emanates from the gospel. In teaching and example, Christ shows us that God has entrusted to us our lives and the lives of every human being, the earth, creation, calling is to see everything as gift to be treasured and blessed, not as property to be manipulated and dominated. We have so distorted the story of Creation in the Book of Genesis, mistranslating the word "domination" to give license to abuse of the land and environment. Particularly in the West, we have come to see the created world, including human beings, as objects to be controlled and "owned."

The Benedictine community of monks and nuns have had as the foundation of their lives of prayer and praise a deep love and reverence for the earth and all of God's creation. This most certainly includes animals, plants, vegetation, oceans, rivers and streams. The Benedictines see themselves as "stewards" of creation. Throughout their over 1,500 year history, they have treasured creation and their relationship with God's Creation. Yes.... Relationship!!

Let us begin this year as individuals, families and as a parish to honestly look at how treat the environment and what our relationship is with everything and everyone we encounter. Have we taken our possessions for granted? Do our possessions possess us? Do we care about over consuming? Can we simplify our lives? Do we treat everyone we encounter, especially the ones we don't like, with respect? Has our love of another become possessive and manipulative? Do we make good use of time, seeing time as another God given gift? - Fr. Frank

Mass Intentions

10AM - Raymond Romero and Xavier Lopez

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, 1/16 10am - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 1/16 12pm - Fr. Frank

Sunday, 1/16 6pm - Fr. Frank

January Baptisms

Owen Roccasalva- January 9th, 2022

Lucia Piazza- January 16th, 2022

Wells Robert Anderson- January 23rd, 2022

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:

Patrick Green; Ralph Williams; Jose Tellez; Frank Hall ; and Anthony Whitehead.

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.