

THE JOURNEY

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 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

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Welcome

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**.

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Ministries of Interest

Welcome

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 opportunites you can join to get involved and help serve our community, the Lincoln park area, and the city of Chicago.

Refugee Ministry

The Refugee Ministry works alongside St. Vincent's, St. Josaphat's and St. Clement's parishioners with Exodus World Services to support refugee's in Chicago. Please fill out this link and Ellen Moiani will contact you with the latest updates! https://bit.ly//sttsrefugee. Additionally you sign up at any time for a 3 hour Engaging with Refugees:Cross-Cultural Training https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee. Additionally raining https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee. Additionally raining https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee. Additionally raining https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee. Additionally raining https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee. Additionally you sign up at any time for a 3 hour Engaging with Refugees:Cross-Cultural Training https://bit.ly/sttsrefugee.

exodusworldservice.org/register/.

Night Ministry

Support our partnership with The Night Ministry by providing sack suppers to the homeless. Participation is easy and safe! For more information and to sign up, please contact Susan Matejka at **smatejka@hpschicago.com**.

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.

Parish Life

Join St. Teresa for Alpha:

Alpha is an introduction to Christian spirituality through community, conversation and a free meal. Register online or in person on our website teresa.church. All are welcome!

Girl Scout Cookie Drive:

Girl Scout Cookies for Food Pantry

- · Have more Girl Scout cookies than you need? Did you name your new pet Samosa
- · Have you snacked your weight in Thin Mints?

St Teresa to the rescue. In March or April we would like to distribute boxes of Girl Scout cookies as treats to those we serve at the pantry.

If you are interested in helping out, please drop off cookies in the basket in the church gathering space.

Many thanks for your continuous, generous support of the St Teresa Food Pantry! Amy Long and Mairéad Reidy



Giving Options:

You can now donate to St. Teresa of Avila through Zelle! For more information go to teresa.church/give

Refugee Welcome Amazon Registry:

Refugees often arrive in the U.S. with only a few personal possessions. Help turn an empty apartment into a home through your purchase. All items must be new. This shows respect and provides dignity. The items on the list are required by the U.S. Government Office of Resettlement. All you need to do is click and buy! The items will be delivered to the location provided in the Amazon List. Go to https:// amzn.to/3Lah6qS

Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 ACA:



Financials

December 2021

Basket	\$15,432.00	
Give Central	\$33,772.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$49,204.00	\$60,711.00
		-\$11,507.00

Christmas

Basket	\$14,794.00	
Give Central	\$12,741.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$27,535.00	\$21,420.00
		\$6,115.00

Parish Life

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Spring Training Sessions:

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at St. Teresa of Avila, please consider joining us for our upcoming Spring training series. Training sessions will be held on the following dates:

Eucharistic Ministers:

*Background/Theology/Discussion Seminar: Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30pm

*Practacalities and Logistics: Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30pm

Lectors:

*Background /Theology/Discussion Seminar: Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30pm

*Practacalities and Logistics: Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30pm

Attendance at both sessions for each ministry is required in order to serve in that ministry. Please email Eric Fredericks at **eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com** to sign up. Eric will send you a Google Form to complete your RSVP. You may also direct any questions to Eric at that email address.

Mardi Gras:

The week before Ash Wednesday is Mardi Gras, a time of feasting and celebrating before the solemn season of Lent quietly begins on March 2. Given what we have been going through, start Mardi Gras NOW!! Celebrate and let it rip, just a bit. The Tuesday before, March1, we will be offering Paczkis (Poonchkees) throughout the day. I might even celebrate Mass before Adoration and burn the palms right after Mass. Have a Paczki and pray before the Blessed Sacrament as a way to peacefully begin Lent. The Sunday before February 27th, I hope to have some type of Mardi Gras Celebration.

Last Years Palms:

Please bring in last years Palms to church. I will have a basket in which you can place your dried out palms. We burn last years Palms to create the crossed etched on your foreheads. This celebrates the cycels of the Liturgical seasons, a continual connection with the past into the present. We are "spiraling" our way forward into Easter and will never end. And palms will forever be fresh!!

Lent:

In less than four weeks, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. I'm hoping to possible add a weekday Mass for the Lenten season and have multiple opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconcillication. Operation Rice Bowl will be a part of our Lent, perhaps more visible than the past two years. I'm trying to think of creative ways to incorporate Operation Rice Bowl in our parish life. Mark is working on potentially offering the Ignation Retreat, again, which will be online.



Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Josefina Gomez (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, 2/27 10am - Fr. Frank Sunday, 2/27 12pm - Fr. Frank Sunday, 2/27 6pm - Fr. Frank



Baptisms February 20th

Dominic George Powers Shea Machinzie Mahoney Silas Austin MacKenzie Georgia Avery Flessor

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 Michelle Weir Henry Bira Pat Koesters 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:

Lenell Taylor; Ronald Coppage; Atlanta Gibson; Ryan Balbag and Dontrell Walker.

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

Don Eldred

Chair

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews The Stewardship Committee's goal is 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

Chair

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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.