

THE JOURNEY

“Truth suffers, but never dies.” - St Teresa of Avila

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022



Fr.
Frank



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 PM French Mass

Sunday 10 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday- 8:00AM

Friday Communion Service

Friday- 8:00AM

Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing

Please call the office to arrange or email
cgioia@stteraparish.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

“St. Teresa of Avila Parish is an engaged community rooted in the beauty of the Eucharist and our Catholic faith. We want to make a difference in the lives of the people, especially those who are searching to discover how much God loves them and is calling them to join in the Mission of Christ to live His Gospel. We do so by welcoming people of all backgrounds and cultures in our parish, respecting their desires and questions, crossing borders and learning from those we encounter. You are welcomed to join in the Mission of building bridges and sharing the Good News of Christ.”

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.

Welcome the Stranger

Join with parishioners from St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat and others in the Lincoln Park Community to support a refugee family's journey in Chicago. Please fill out this link and we will add you to our updates and emails! <https://bit.ly/welcomethestrangerLP>. Additionally, if you would like to work directly with a refugee family, you can sign up at any time for a 3 hour Engaging with Refugees: Cross-Cultural Training <https://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 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

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God hears the prayer of the poor.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

One Parish One Prisoner:

Next Sunday I will be celebrating our new prison ministry. One Parish One Prisoner. We have two individuals who are incarcerated and we are reaching out to them, simply to make a connection, perhaps allowing for a friendship to develop. The purpose of this ministry is to offer support after they are released. Individual parishioners will offer a reflection on their involvement in this ministry. At various times, I would like to have parishioners offer reflections during the Mass, so that other voices than the priest's can be heard. The homily will be preached by the priest and the reflection can occur at some point afterwards, perhaps after Communion.

Feasts and Saints:

10/24- St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

10/28- Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Food Pantry Needs Bags:

In an attempt to reduce the use of plastic bags, the Food Pantry is always in great need of **DOUBLED PAPER GROCERY BAGS WITH HANDLES**. If you have a collection that you would like to contribute, please drop it off at the parish office or at the pantry. Thank You

Financials

August 2022

Basket	\$14,503.00	
Give Central	\$39,911.00	
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$54,414.00	\$55,489.00
		-\$1,075.00

Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

Greetings to all as the brisk, cool weather descends upon us as autumn sets in. The colors of the leaves seem a bit more vibrant this year and they are beautiful to behold. But like Spring, this wonderful Season of colors, pumpkins and goblins is so short. We are in transition....

This past week I participated in a gathering of priests from around the archdiocese. It was a good, but sobering, gathering as we talked about the completion of the Renew My Church process that began 7 years ago. As you remember, St. Teresa's was in the first grouping of parishes. The purpose of Renew My Church was twofold: to address the need to merge/close certain parishes due to changes in demographics, the drastic reduction in the number of Catholics participating in Mass and other Sacraments, and to address the continual decline in the number of priests.

Here are some of the numbers. We started the process with approximately 350 parishes. We now have approximately 220. Close to 60 parishes were completely closed, the others merged with neighboring parishes, while maintaining the worship site/church building. Consequently, two or three parishes merged and became one parish, usually with a new Saint name, but the church building remain active; one pastor and pastoral staff with two, possibly three, places where Mass is celebrated. What a challenge they have, but many are rising to the occasion by transforming how parish life and community are experienced.

Mass attendance has significantly dropped even before COVID. But since COVID, parishes are averaging 30 to 40 percent reduction in Mass attendance, meaning physical being present, not counting those live streaming. At St Teresa, before COVID, we were up to nearly 650 people coming to mass, now we barely reach 400. The one consolation: all parishes are experiencing this reduction and live streaming is reaching countless numbers of people who can't come to Mass due to caring for an elderly parent, a child, sickness or traveling. Live streaming is here to stay and we have to creatively respond to this huge shift in how we experience religious practice and devotion. St. Teresa's has many households who watch and they are from all over the city and country!!

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, I am trying to form a new Parish Council to begin to see new ways of reaching out to those who are searching for a religious home and to reach out to those active parishioners who need continued spiritual formation. I had one parishioner respond. Please consider being a part of this new Council that will meet approximately 6 times throughout the year. The Council will be responsible for coming up with long term and short term goals to strengthen the Mission of the Parish. And making certain that these goals are being attained, allowing for new goals for which we can strive. Stagnation is not an option, if we want to remain vibrant and open. Please, please consider being on this council. You can let me know by emailing me.

Parish Life

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Fall Training:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

Background/Theology/Discussion Seminar: Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00pm

Practicalities and Logistics: Sunday, October 30th at 2:00pm

Lectors:

Background /Theology/Discussion Seminar: Sunday, November 6th at 2:00pm

Practicalities and Logistics: Sunday, November 13th at 2:00pm

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.



Set Aside Time To Strengthen Your Marriage:

Join other couples as we learn how to build a path to a harmonious life together.

It is a program for couples led by couples. All are welcome- newly married or married for 50+ years.

Program will start on November 2nd and end in May. It will consist of 9 meetings and a weekend retreat for couples to come together and improve their relationship.

To join our group or request more information, please contact:
Irenemoreau@gmail.com or jackiekoesters@gmail.com



Parish Life



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Parish Life

Join us for our annual gala to celebrate and support our ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. The evening will consist of entertainment, dinner and a silent auction. The Together in Joy Gala is integral to our continued support of our many outreach programs in our community from our weekly food pantry to Loaves and Fishes and refugee ministries.

Event Details

Saturday, November 19, 2022

City Hall Events 838 W. Kinzie St. Chicago, IL 60642

Ticket Sales Schedule

Tickets Available for \$150

Visit togetherinjoy.com to buy your tickets today!

Event capacity is limited; buy your tickets early to secure your seat!

Become a Sponsor

Would you or someone you know like to support the ministries of St. Teresa through a business? Please reach out to outreach@stteresaparish.org to learn more about available event sponsorship opportunities.



Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Mary Jaszczor (D)

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

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

Let Us Pray For: The Sick, The Deceased and Peace in Our World:

We pray for everyone who suffers from illness of mind or body.

We pray for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

We pray for those who have passed away.

We pray for peace in our city and around the world.

We pray for the intentions on our prayer cards.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday, 10/30 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday, 10/30 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday, 10/30 6pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday Funday:

October 23rd is- Boston Cream Pie Day, Canning Day and Mole Day and **Fr. Frank's Birthday!!**

1973-President Nixon agreed to turn over subpoenaed audio tapes of his Oval Office conversations.

2001-The iPod was demonstrated. On sale the following week, the retail price was \$399.



On the Lighter Side: You might be in a country church if....

1. The doors are never locked.
2. The Call To Worship is "Y'all come on in!"
3. People grumble about Noah letting coyotes on the ark.
4. The restroom is outside.
5. Opening day of deer hunting season is recognized as an official church holiday.
6. In the annual stewardship drive there is at least one pledge of "2 calves".
7. Never in its entire 100- year history has one of it's pastors had to buy any meat or vegetables.
8. When it rains, everybody's smiling.



Coming Soon:

Greenery Sale 2022:

We are happy to announce that we will have our Annual Greenery Sale this year again. The sale will be the weekend of Saturday/Sunday December 3rd/4th after all the masses. We are taking pre-sales up until Tuesday, November 1st. If you are interested in placing a pre-order, please contact Kristen Castelloni at kristen@rlcanning.com for pricing and items availability. All proceeds benefit St. Teresa of Avila Parish.



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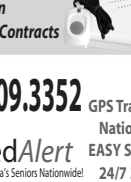
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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

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.