

# THE JOURNEY

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

**Fourth Sunday Of Advent**  
December 18, 2022

The Virgin is with  
child, and shall bear a  
son, and she will call  
him Emmanuel.



**Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

**Address**

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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](mailto: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](https://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](https://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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#### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](https://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](https://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](https://teresa.church/join).

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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](mailto:smatejka@hpschicago.com).

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto:cdeanhockey@gmail.com) to get the link and join.

### La Posada Border Ministry

[teresa.church/border-ministry](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

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

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://teresa.church/french-community)

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

## This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Second Reading:

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

## Feasts and Saints:

12/21- St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12/23- St. John of Kanty, Priest

## Baptism: December 18th, 2022

Vivian Brett Harris and Julian Nathan Cervantes



## 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

## Food Pantry Christmas Request:

The Food Pantry would welcome donations of packaged Christmas cookies which will be used in Christmas bags for our Food Pantry guests. Baskets will be provided in church for donations. Thank you for always responding generously to requests to help those in need.

# Financials

## September 2022

<b>Basket</b>	\$6,789.00	
<b>Give Central</b>	\$34,886.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	\$41,675.00	\$40,815.00
		\$860.00

## October 2022

<b>Basket</b>	\$21,536.00	
<b>Give Central</b>	\$34,775.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	\$56,311.00	\$49,564.00
		\$6,747.00



# Parish Life

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## Christmas 2022

Dear Parishioner,

As I write this letter I am filled with gratitude for wonderful parish we have. People are slowly coming back to Mass and a number of people keep connected through our live-streaming the 10:00 am Mass. As we continue to move out of the pandemic, we are learning new ways to evangelize and reach out to let the Good News of Christ be proclaimed. And we continue to teach the beauties of the Catholic faith to our children in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the many ways we give birth to Christ now, in the present. The Birth of Christ is not an event relegated to the past. We cherish and proclaim the story of the Birth of Christ, His glorious Incarnation, the Word made Flesh, and we do so by giving birth to Christ through our own witness.

I am in a privileged position in seeing the birth of Christ being lived out, right here and now, as parishioners, the dozens of volunteers, prepare hot meals, organize the food from the Chicago Food Depository, bag the food, welcome and distribute the food for the most vulnerable in our midst. We have parishioners reaching out to inmates, helping to prepare them for their release; there is a team working to connect refugees and their families in a new culture and those who are ministering to immigrants, giving them life giving experiences in the city. Our outreach ministries are strong with committed leaders who organize and train the volunteers.

Within our parish, we have many parishioners coming together in our spirituality groups, our Bible study programs, our new grieving ministry. Our religious education program is made possible through phenomenal leaders and dedicated catechists who truly love our children and want to help parents form them in the Catholic faith. Our Sacramental preparation programs are so inspiring, making First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation beautiful experiences for our young people.

I want to thank all of you for your care and support of this parish, making this time of Christmas a time to show gratitude for your remarkable generosity in the collections and in our Together In Joy fundraiser. I want to thank our dedicated staff and all they do behind the scenes to communicate, organize, maintain, and create ministry. What anchors this faith community is our love of Christ, which we celebrate at each and every Eucharist. Every time we witness to His Love, we give Him Birth.

I wish all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas. I will pray for all of you in my daily prayer and in the celebration of Mass. If any of you would like to receive Communion at home, to be Anointed or receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I will come out to you. Take care and may God keep blessing you and your loved ones.

Fr. Frank

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## Bible Education: “A Bibilical Walk Through the Mass” begins in January!

Join us as we explore the rich biblical roots of the Liturgy and learn what our words, gestures, and rituals mean and why it all matters. The course is an easy to understand and non-intimidating manner. Sign Up or Questions?

Email Debbie at [dbichimer@gmail.com](mailto:dbichimer@gmail.com)

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## Welcome Babies:

THANK YOU to all those who contributed baby items and financial support to Busha and her husband, the newly arrived Syrian family. On October 15 they welcomed Ella, a beautiful baby girl. All are doing well. Catholic Charities has asked us to lend help to Tahera and her husband Yama, also from Syria, who will welcome a baby in January.

**They are in need of: A baby dresser similar to this one on Amazon:**

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07B7K9Y51psc=1&ref=ppx\\_yo2ov\\_dt\\_b\\_product\\_details](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07B7K9Y51psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details)

**A gently used bedside crib similar to this one on Amazon:**

[amazon.com/Mika-Micky-Bedside-Sleeper-Portable/dp/B07J232RV4](https://amazon.com/Mika-Micky-Bedside-Sleeper-Portable/dp/B07J232RV4)

Please contact Mairead Reidy ([mairread.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairread.reidy@yahoo.com)) or Geneva Gorgo ([genevag@hotmail.com](mailto:genevag@hotmail.com)) if you have any questions. Thank you for helping families feel welcomed and supported in their new country.



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## Pilgrimage to Italy:

Join Fr. Francis Bitterman, pastor of St. Josaphat Parish, on a pilgrimage to Italy from June 22-July 1, 2023.

Travel to Florence, Assisi and Rome and celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. The trip is organized with a very experienced tour guide from Trans World Travel. Click on the QR code or email [frfrancis@stjosaphatparish.org](mailto:frfrancis@stjosaphatparish.org) if you are interested. Full into at [stjosaphatparish.org](http://stjosaphatparish.org)



# Parish Life

## SEASON OF ADVENT

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This week we focus our hearts on the “Lord of peace” who came down from heaven in the form of a baby. The fourth candle of Advent is called the “Angel Candle” and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace.

Lord, would you bring your strength and peace to your people! Would your presence be felt by all who seek you in a powerful way in this Advent season. Turn the hearts of mankind towards you. We pray that the lost turn to you and find an unshakable peace that nothing else in this world can offer. Amen.



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### CGS First Reconciliation 2022:

#### CONGRATULATIONS

to our children who celebrated their

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

Gabriel Blanc

Bondi Compton

Connor DeWitte

Vivian Donnelly

Austin Good

Conley Kutschke

Grace Lutkus

Drew Magac

Frederick Riedesel

Helena Ring

Thomas Rodi

Eva Royer

Christopher Tongelidis



## Parish Life

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Saturday December 24th, 2022

3pm English, 5pm French and 7pm English

Christmas Day Sunday December 25th, 2022

10am English and 12pm English



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#### Give a Gift of Love for the Holidays:

To your loved ones who are unable to come to Church to receive The Bread of Love and Life at Mass. If you have Catholic parents, relatives, friends or maybe a neighbor suggest, invite or ask them if they would like to receive The Eucharist for the Holidays in their home? If yes please call St. Teresa of Avila Office at 773-528-6650 for a Minister of Care to visit with them. (Disciple work)

Holy Name Cathedral will begin training Lay Personnel for ministries of care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. For more information call Ms. Lori Doyle at 312-787-8040 or text [ldoyle@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:ldoyle@holynamecathedral.org) or ask for Mechell Sotak.





# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor and Marsha Wagner (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 12/25 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 12/25 12pm- Fr. Frank

## Sunday Funday- December 18th

Today is- Answer the Phone like Buddy The Elf Day

Bake Cookies Day and (snow) Flake Appreciation Day

1787-New Jersey became the 3rd state.

1949-Due to the mild temperatures in 1949, the Rockefeller Christmas Tree was spray-painted with hundreds of gallons of silver paint in efforts to look more winter-like.

1968-Chitty Chitty Bang Bang was released. It was based on Ian Fleming's book of the same name.



## On the Lighter Side: Christmas Jokes

What do you call a greedy elf? Elfish.

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners? Rude-alph!

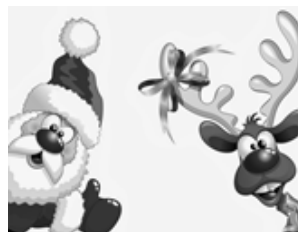
What is a skunk's favorite Christmas song? Jingle smells!

What name did Santa give his dog? Santa Paws!

Where do snowmen keep money? In a snow bank.

What's the best thing to put into Christmas dinner? Your teeth!

What's Santa's favorite candy? Jolly ranchers.



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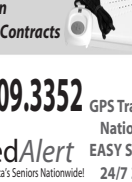
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### Exploring the Diaconate 2022-23



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## EXPLORING THE DIACONATE 2022-23

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

### RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM at 847.837.4563 or [conuoha@usml.edu](mailto:conuoha@usml.edu)

7:30–8:30 P.M.

<b>Tuesday, October 4, 2022</b>	Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
<b>Thursday, November 3, 2022</b>	Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
<b>Tuesday, December 6, 2022</b>	Zoom
<b>Thursday, January 5, 2023</b>	Zoom
<b>Monday, February 6, 2023</b>	Zoom
<b>Tuesday, March 7, 2023</b>	Zoom
<b>Monday, April 24, 2023</b>	Our Lady of Ransom, Niles
<b>Tuesday, May 9, 2023</b>	Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, [bpuhala@usml.edu](mailto:bpuhala@usml.edu) or 847.837.4564 or visit us at [usml.edu](http://usml.edu).

Application deadline for the 2023–2024 Aspirancy Path is July 15, 2023.

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## Parish Council

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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 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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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.

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## Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at:

[www.teresa.church/bulletins](http://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.