

THE JOURNEY

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

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2022



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:

Isaiah 52:7-10

God's salvation is announced to the world.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-6

God now speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Reading:

John 1:1-18

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Feasts and Saints:

12/26-St. Stephen, the First Martyr

12/27- St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

12/28- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12/30- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

New Year's Day Mass Schedule:

Sunday January 1st, 2023

10am and 12pm



Financials

September 2022

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

October 2022

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

Parish Life

Christmas 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"The Word was made flesh, and he made his dwelling among us." These momentous words from the beginning of John's Gospel describe exactly what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, has indeed come among us and become a part of our human family. He shared our joys and our sorrows. He came to know the full expanse of our human experiences, those that lift us up and those that cast us down. Through his death and resurrection, he has transformed our lives and our very world. The One born among us as Son of God and Son of Mary has given us a new birth in hope.

We know the challenges that marked his life from the very beginning. We recall how the Holy Family shared the plight of refugees, when they had to flee to Egypt to protect their newborn child from violence. These challenges find an echo in our world today. We see people flee the violence of war and oppression and crushing poverty. Their plight moves our heart to do whatever we can to alleviate their pain. Their story, framed within the story of the Holy Family, also reminds of the unfailing hand of God's providence that leads us and saves us. And that gives us joyful confidence.

Whatever the challenges we face as individuals and communities—from war, violence, disease, injustice, natural climate disasters—we do not lose hope. We know that the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. He walks with us. He sustains us. He gives us a hope that will not disappoint.

Join me in prayer this Christmas season. Let us ask God to deepen our faith in the Incarnate Word. Let us ask God to renew our hope and lift us up when we are weary. Let us ask God to keep our hearts joyful in all circumstances, because we have come to know God's love for us.

God bless you and all your loved ones. As I celebrate the Eucharist in this Christmas season, know that I bring all of you to the altar with me.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Archbishop of Chicago

Parish Life

Bible Education: “A Biblical 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

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

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

amazon.com/Mika-Micky-Bedside-Sleeper-Portable/dp/B07J232RV4

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



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 if you are interested. Full info at stjosaphatparish.org



Parish Life

Merry Christmas

**We wish you a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas Day
With Love,**

Fr. Frank, Mark, Charisse, Carol, Sergio, Irma, Jason, Realynn and Barb



Parish Life

2022 SPRED CHRISTMAS PARTY

A jolly good time was had by all!

Merry Christmas

from Pat, Adriana, Janette, Caitlin, Carrie, Nick, Quetzali and Jake!!



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 or ask for Mechell Sotak.



Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Guadalupe Rosado (D) and Martha Montes (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 1/1 10am- Fr Frank

Sunday 1/1 12pm- Fr Frank

Sunday Funday: December 25

Today is- A'phabet Day (no L), Christmas, and National Pumpkin Pie Day

350- Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.

1941- Bing Crosby premiered White Christmas on his weekly radio show.

1996- JonBenet Ramsey was murdered in her home.



On the Lighter Side: The Gift

"Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."



Around the Parish:

Gift Giving at Little Sisters of the Poor:

Through your generosity the Angel Tree gifts were delivered to the residents on Saturday December 10th by volunteers, a few staff members from St. Teresa of Avila along with some of the teens preparing to make thier confirmation. It was a heartwarming morning.

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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.

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.