

# THE JOURNEY

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

## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2023



### 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](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](http://teresa.church/rcia)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

### Lectors

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### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://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](http://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## 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](http://teresa.church/join).

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Address

Ministries of Interest

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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 for 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:

Numbers 6:22-27

God gives a blessing for the Israelites.

Second Reading:

Galatians 4:4-7

God sent his Son to make us children of God.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds find Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

## Feasts and Saints:

1/2- Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1/3- The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1/4- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1/5- St. John Neumann, Bishop

1/6- St. Andre Bessette, Religious

1/7- St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

## 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

## Thank You:

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to the Food Pantry throughout the year.

We appreciate all of the bags, cookies, soup and all of the other food donations made to our pantry to help others in need.



# Financials

## November 2022

<b>Basket</b>	\$9,212.00	
<b>Give Central</b>	\$37,583.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
	\$46,795.00	\$45,430.00
		\$1,365.00

## 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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## From Fr. Frank:

### New Stove

As I mentioned at Mass, our stove in the parish center is on its last legs. It needs to be totally replaced costing about \$25-30,000. It all depends on the time and cost of putting in a new exhaust system. If you are able, please consider a donation to help with this project. Our stove is used in so many ways, particularly in making weekly dinners for Loaves and Fishes. The wonderful funds raised at Together in Joy are designated for our normal operating expenses, particularly our outreach ministries and catechetical programs.

### LGBTQ Ministry

After the horrible shooting a few weeks ago in Colorado, I have been thinking about starting a regular ministry with our LGBTQ community at St. Teresa's. We need to be very diligent in supporting, educating and welcoming this community to work at eradicating all forms of bigotry and homophobia. Awareness is key to this endeavor and I will do all I can to make our parish a welcoming place for our LGBTQ friends.

I am so grateful to all of you for your love of this parish and for your generous support of our mission. Your commitment to this mission through all the hours of volunteering is inspiring in many ways. I wish all of you a blessed New Year.

# Parish Life

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## 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](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://www.amazon.com/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.



## 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 info at [stjosaphatparish.org](http://stjosaphatparish.org)



# Parish Life

## Happy New Year

Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with God's Peace and Love,

From everyone here at St. Teresa of Avila,  
Fr. Frank, Mark, Charisse, Carol, Sergio, Irma, Jason, Realyynn and Barb



## Parish Life

### St. Teresa of Avila's Volunteers

We would like to say a special Thank You to all of our dedicated volunteers that help make everything we do here at St. Teresa of Avila a success.

To each and every one of you who spend countless hours here each week helping make the lives of others better is a beautiful thing to witness.

There are so many-

The Food Pantry- Each week food items are received, sorted, organized and packed up for distribution on Saturday morning. Volunteers assist everyone who comes to our door receive groceries to take home.

Loaves and Fishes- Weekly planning, shopping, food prep, and cooking of delicious home cooked meals served to go along with much clean up and set up.

At Mass each week- Lector's, Eucharistic Minister's and Sacristan's all help our Sunday liturgy come together beautifully. Also to our parishioner's that come each week to count our Sunday basket donations.

Landscaping and the Care for Creation committee that keep everything so clean and vibrant throughout the year by planting and maintaining our beautiful garden and teaching us many ways to be kinder to our planet.

To the many volunteers that help our children and parishioners grow spiritually- Our wonderful Catechist's, Bible Study, Marriage and Baptism Preparation, Lector and Eucharistic Minister training, and our Friday morning Communion Service.

Sunday Morning Hospitality- By signing up to share coffee "And" along with fellowship after Mass. Making coffee, our very own Peggy. As well as setting up, cleaning up before and after. This such a special thing we do as a parish community that brings us all closer together.

Welcome Baby and The Stranger- To everyone who helps request, organize, collect and distribute all the items to help family's in need.

Together in Joy- Thank you for all of the countless hours of volunteering by our committee to make our yearly fundraiser a huge success!

To everyone else, if not mentioned that donates their time, talent and financially to all the things that together we do in Christ.



# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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 1/8 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 1/8 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 1/8 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Sunday Funday- January 1st

Today is National Hangover Day, Polar Plunge Day, and New Year's Day

1892-Ellis Island opened as a US immigration inspection station.

1971-America banned all advertisements of cigarettes on TV and radio.

1985-VH1 debuted on US cable



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## On the Lighter Side: Exercise Day

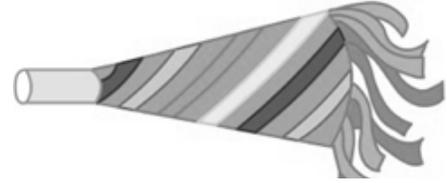
- 1.) Place a cement block on the floor.
- 2.) Walk around it twice.
- 3.) Sit down! Rest!
- 4.) You have just walked around the block Twice



## Around the Parish:

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### New Year's Traditions from Around the World:



#### Making Noise-

From fireworks to gun shots to church bells-seems to be a favorite around the world.

Italians let their church bells peal, the Swiss beat drums and the North Americans sound sirens and party horns to bid the old year farwell.

#### Eating Lucky Food-

The tradition of eating 12 grapes at midnight comes from Spain. Revelers stuff their mouths with 12 grapes in the final moments of the year- one grape for every chime of the clock.

In the southern US black-eyed peas and pork foretell good fortune.

#### New Year's Folklore-

On New Year's Eve, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing.

For abundance in the New Year, fill your pockets and cupboards.

#### My Family's New Year's Eve Tradition:

Every year before the clock struck midnight my mother, Dolores would place these items by our kitchen table.

A bottle of Holy Water and a Holy Card- So that God was to always be in our home.

A broom- To sweep out the evil

A piece of bread- For us to always have food

A single dollar- In hopes that we would always have money for the things we needed

The Mortons Salt- So that our lives always had flavor

I still do this today. This tradition brings me closer to my mom who has passed away many years ago.

I hope one day my children do the same in their own homes and think of me with love.

Charisse Gioia

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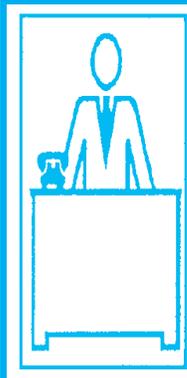
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## Parish Council

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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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