

# THE JOURNEY

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

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
January 8, 2023



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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  
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**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Tuesdays-** 6 PM to 7:30 PM

**Office Hours**

**Weekdays:** 9 AM - 7:30 PM

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

“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

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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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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.

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## This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

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## Baptism:

Sunday January 8th, 2023

Camila Sol Martinez and Skylar DeWyze



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## Feasts and Saints:

1/9- The Baptism of the Lord

1/13-St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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## 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

## November 2022

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

## 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

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## The Feast of Epiphany 2023

You don't have to look up into the skies to see the Star of Bethlehem, it shines brightly in unlikely places. I made a visit, a pastoral visit to the emergency room at a local hospital. The environment was very brightly lit, filled with people of all ages and from many walks of life, as you would expect. Certainly, within this room filled with light, there was much darkness. The pain, suffering, uncertainty, loneliness were palpable, just to prayerfully gaze in the faces of this gathering of people. The wounded Church.... One young woman walked in with a companion and she was clearly in much pain... inner pain, the pain of depression. I heard her concerned companion say she's been struggling with depression and he spoke with such love. This companion was "light" in the ER room... a living STAR. The nurse who managed the intake was one who cared for the troubled woman, truly cared. The way she spoke, the words of hope and comfort were spoken in gentle tones of compassion. The nurse was a living STAR. A nurse called the name of one of the patients. No response. He called again, but louder; no response. He called again, raising his voice. A frail woman raised her hand and he went to her and helped her up. The patient was embraced with patience and calm. He was a living STAR. A father was walking around the room with his 10 month old son who was clutching his dad's fingers on each hand bouncing him up and down as they walked. Everyone in the area began to smile, wave their hands, make cuddling sounds, one gentleman, in much discomfort, started making bird noises that were truly believable!!! "What's his name?" asked one of the people. His dad said with pride, "Marco!" This little boy was a living STAR!! Many STARS filled that emergency room, stars of humanity letting the "light" within emerge, MANIFESTING the Light of Christ. "Epiphany" simply means a manifestation, an outward revelation of an inner, dynamic love....God. The Magi were looking UP into the sky, guided by ONE STAR, not any other nor any other constellation. That one star led them over the infant Child, human and divine, the "light" that dispels all darkneses. Those "wisemen", astrologers, left the child, no longer needing to gaze into the darkened skies for guidance and knowledge. They could look WITHIN and SEE the star through the eyes of wonder, awe, rooted in faith. All the lights in the sky: the stars and the countless constellations, the light from millions of galaxies, all these lights up there converged and coalesced in the ONE LIGHT: Christ!!!!

Christ is the one star that draws us all together, each and every single human being, united in and with the ONE Incarnation. All Creation, every human being who lived, is living, will live are united in ONE family of "light." Epiphany draws the many shades of humanity into a living quilt of beauty. But we live in a world in which darkness seems to prevail: the wars, violence, endless poverty, abuse of children, loneliness, racism and the list goes on. There are many Herods in our day, political and religious leaders, who abuse power and create idols to be worshipped....themselves!!!! These leaders create so much darkness as they invade countries to amass power and control. Just like those Magi, the STAR within, Christ, beckons us to choose other paths, new routes that embrace the living God in the stranger, the lonely, the one on the fringes. Living the eight beatitudes ignites the light within each of our hearts, our centers, and our life's purpose is to let the "light" shine in the darkness. Each of us, every human being, is on a journey, a unique journey given them by a God who just refuses to stop loving us, especially when we wander off our chosen paths onto paths that lead to no where but alienation. We are loved even as we get lost on routes leading to darkness. The Three Person God, ONE in Love, will never give up on us. NEVER!!!

A nurse, a dad, an infant boy, a person in pain making bird noises.... YOU are a living STAR, making God present in your compassion, your care, your being engaged, your work for justice, your joy. Let your LIGHT shine in the darkness, making God present through your humanity.

# Parish Life

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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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## **Hospitality:**

**Please join us after the 10am Sunday mass for hospitality**

**This is a wonderful way to catch up and visit with fellow parishioners as well as meeting new ones and getting to know them.**

**If you would be interested in hosting a Sunday here is the link to sign up-**

**<https://signup.com/go/uwfqUZ>**

**We look forward to seeing you**



# Parish Life

## Winter

Well it is that time of year when the hussle and bussle of the holidays are behind us and it seems that we just have the long winter ahead. As a kid for me and I'm sure most of us winter seemed to go on forever! It felt like there was snow on the ground from Christmas until Easter. Now as an adult I truly embrace this season of winter and I love all the change this time of the year brings. I have put together some winter fun below.

### ENJOY AND STAY WARM.... UNTIL SPRING

If crows fly in pairs, expect fine weather; a crow flying alone is a sign of foul weather.

A Year of Snow, Crops Will Grow.

If there is thunder in Winter snow will fall 7 days later.

January:

Fog in January brings a wet spring.

January 13th, St. Hilary, the coldest day of the year.

February:

If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.

Fogs in February means frosts in May.

Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.

March:

When March has April weather, April will have March weather.

Thunder in March betokes a fruitful year.

Groundhog Day, Will the groundhog see his shadow?

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, since 1887, according to folklore, if Phil the groundhog comes out of his hole and sees his shadow on February 2nd, it means there will be six more weeks of really crummy weather. If not, the rest of winter will melt away.



**So from now until Spring let's enjoy all the good stuff inbetween!**



# Parish Life

## Epiphany and the Christmas Tree

When should you take your Christmas tree down? Once Christmas Day is over?

There's often confusion – and debate – about the right time to do this. But you shouldn't be tempted to take your Christmas decorations down too quickly because tradition stipulates that it should stay up for a little longer than you might think.

### Twelfth Night

Christian tradition dating back to the 4th century marks Twelfth Night, the end of Christmas and the Eve of the Epiphany (Christian feast day), as the time to take down your Christmas tree and pack away your decorations again.

That means you can enjoy the glow of the lights for a little while longer, because Twelfth Night falls on either 5th or 6th January 2023 – and the dates depend on tradition. Be warned though: leaving your Christmas decorations up after this date is thought to bring bad luck.

After Advent, which is the four weeks before Christmas in preparation and celebration of the birth of Jesus, Christmas celebrations traditionally started on Christmas Day and lasted for 12 days (known as the 12 Days of Christmas), finishing on the evening of 5th January, known as Twelfth Night.

The Epiphany on 6th January is a celebration in itself, marking the Magi – the Three Kings or Wise Men – visiting baby Jesus in his manger in Bethlehem, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

'Twelfth Night is the night before Epiphany and is the night, tradition says, when Christmas decorations should be taken down. Epiphany, on the other hand, is the day when the Church, theologically, marks the arrival of the wise men to give their gifts to the baby Jesus.

Roman Catholic's can choose to keep their tree up until 2nd February, according to the traditions of Candlemas, which commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.





# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Raymond Romero (D), Eusebio Lopez (D) and Estela 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 1/15 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 1/15 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 1/15 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Sunday Funday- January 8th

Today is Bubble Bath Day and Elvis Presley's Birthday

1935-President Andrew Jackson paid off the entire US national debt

1973-The unmanned space mission Luna 21 was launched

1992-Japanese prime minister treated president George H. W. Bush to dinner, and Bush threw up on the host.

2010-Giant self-rolling snowballs were found in the UK.



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## On the Lighter Side: The peace and love of God!

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before.

Tell me why. "Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love God because it endured forever!"



## Around the Parish:

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# Welcome the Stranger

## Lincoln Park Old Town Parishes

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Welcome the Stranger is a collaborative refugee ministry of the Lincoln Park Old Town parish grouping Immaculate Conception St. Joseph, St. Josaphat, St. Michael Old Town, St. Teresa of Avilla, and St. Vincent de Paul, together with Catholic Campus Ministry of DePaul University.

**Lincoln Park Old Town Parishes thank you for your generous support of the Exodus World Service Welcome To America! program.**

Our latest family arrived on Tuesday evening, November 11, from Burma. We welcomed a mother, father, and their two young children as they begin their new life. Together we turned an empty apartment into a home by collecting and delivering basic household items for the kitchen, bath and bedroom, as well as a first month's supply of food staples.



Members of the LPOT Welcome the Stranger Initiative prepare a new home for a family's arrival from Burma.



Click here to learn more about refugees entering the United States.



Less than 1% of all refugees are resettled each year. Refugees invited by the U.S. government to resettle in America are the most thoroughly vetted individuals allowed in our country. Once approved to resettle in the U.S., refugees pay for their own flight through a revolving loan fund and enter the U.S. as legal residents. Refugees start their new lives in the U.S. with next to nothing and face the difficult challenge of learning a new culture and language. What's more, refugees' deepest wounds are often emotional. Even after reaching safety in the U.S., many refugees still struggle with fear and loneliness. They need welcome, friendship and a place to belong.

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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.