

THE JOURNEY

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek:
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and
thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart:
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for
righteousness' sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Pastor

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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:

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Feasts and Saints:

1/30- St. John Bosco, Priest

2/2- The Presentation of the Lord

2/3- St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr and St. Ansgar, Bishop



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

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

Once again, parishioners and families in the Catechisis of the Good Shepherd Program, you brightened the lives of St. Teresa's Food Pantry guests with your generous donations of Christmas cookies. The guests were delighted with the bags decorated by the students and by the sweet treats inside. Continued thanks for your always generous response to other's needs.

Reflections for Today:

What blessings do I see in my life?

How do I thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on me?

Who can I be a blessing to today?

Reflection
REFLECTION

December 2022	FY 23	FY22
Basket	22,696	15,432
Give Central	32,569	33,772
Total	This Year	Previous Year
	\$55,265	\$49,204
		\$6,061

Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

I'm reading a wonderful and inspiring autobiography by the great civil rights leader John Lewis, a member of the House of Representatives who died very recently. His life was lived trying to combat the evil of racism, a plague that divides and demeans. His story is so compelling, even as it forces the reader to face some very ugly social evils.

He tells of a friend from his early years, a white child, with whom he shared wonderful times. Everything was fine between these two childhood friends until they reached a certain age in school that caused a huge breach in their friendship. There came a point in which the white child was forbidden from seeing John... ever. Their friendship just ended abruptly. Racism divides, this hateful attitude of superiority, and is an attitude that must be learned and passed on.

John Lewis writes poignantly of how he patiently and wisely witnessed against this pervasive moral plague that divides the human family. It infects the core of who we are as a human family, causing African Americans to constantly face and confront the results of centuries of being compelled to live in a shadow of rejection, causing countless injustices.

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear and simple: Satan lives to divide people, families, nations and races. At the heart of the Evil One: divide. When Satan divides, sin has the upper hand. The power of the Holy Spirit is overcome by "spirits" that divide. The greatest sin against the Holy Spirit is to render the Spirit powerless!!

John Lewis gave his entire life to the power of the Holy Spirit. His words have the power to UNITE, to inspire and to build bridges, unless the devil is given voice. The very short autobiography is aptly called,

"Across That Bridge," evoking the bridge in Selma. The Spirit had the last word on that fateful bridge.



Parish Life

Hospitality: Parish Center

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>

Please join us for Pizza hospitality after the 6pm Mass

We look forward to seeing you

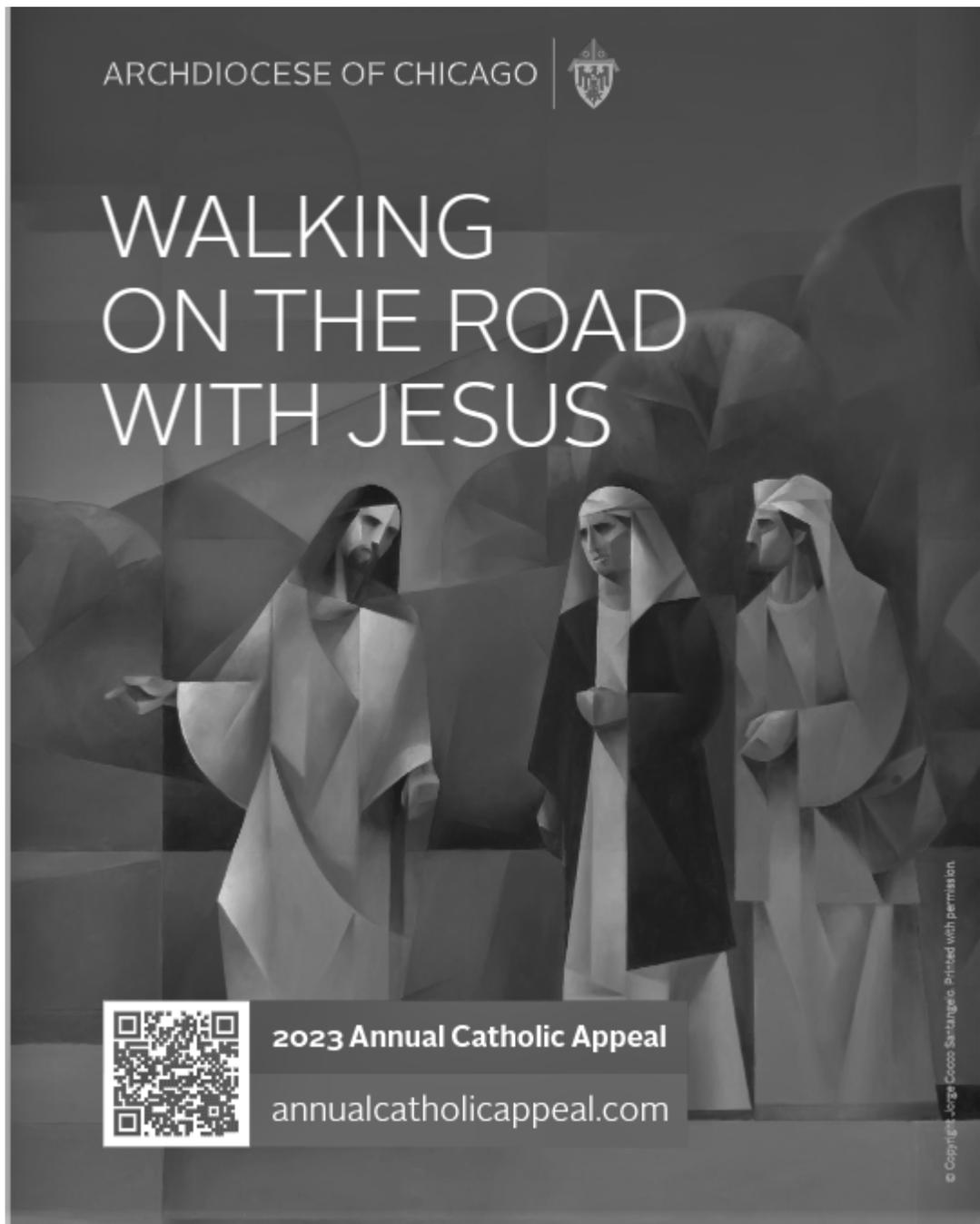


Parish Life

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.



Parish Life

2022 Contribution Statement:

To request your 2022 Contribution Statement please contact Charisse Gioia in the Parish Office
773-528-6650 or email cgioia@stteresaparsh.org



Name Tags:

After years of talking about the need to have name tags so everybody knows our actual names, we have received the approval of the Parish Council and the Finance Committee to begin the process.

The name tags will be permanent and have a magnetic clip to use so that your clothes are not damaged when wearing it. The name tag will have your name and the area that you live in (i.e. “Lincoln Park”, “Park Ridge”, “Rogers Park”).

Please go to our website to fill out the form- teresa.church

Groundhog Day February 2nd, 2023:

February 2nd each year brings the most-watched weather forecast of the year—and the only one led by a rodent. Legend has it that on this morning if a groundhog can see its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If it cannot see its shadow, spring is on the way.

Groundhog Day Pancakes



- 1 large pancake for the head**
- 3 small (silver dollar) pancakes for the cheeks and ears**
- 3 mini marshmallows**
- 3 mini chocolate chips**

Prayer

Mass Intentions

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

12 PM - Raul Roberto Montes (D)

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 2/5 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 2/5 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 2/5 6pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday Funday- January 29th

Today is -National Carnation Day, National Corn Chip Day, and Puzzle Day

1886-Karl Benz patented the first successful gasoline-driven automobile.

1924-The first US patent for an ice cream cone rolling machine was issued to Carl R. Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio

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On the Lighter Side: Squirrels

A small town had four churches Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic and Baptist.

All four had a serious problem with squirrels in the church. Each church in its own fashion had a meeting to deal with the problem. The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that squirrels be in the church and that they would just have to live with them. The Methodists decided they should deal with the squirrels lovingly in the style of Charles Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park at the edge of town. Within 3 days, they were all back in the church. The Catholics also humanely trapped them and attempted to teach them the “rhythm” method which of course did not work. The Baptists had the best solution. They voted the squirrels in as members Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.



Around the Parish:

CANDLEMAS FEBRUARY 2ND

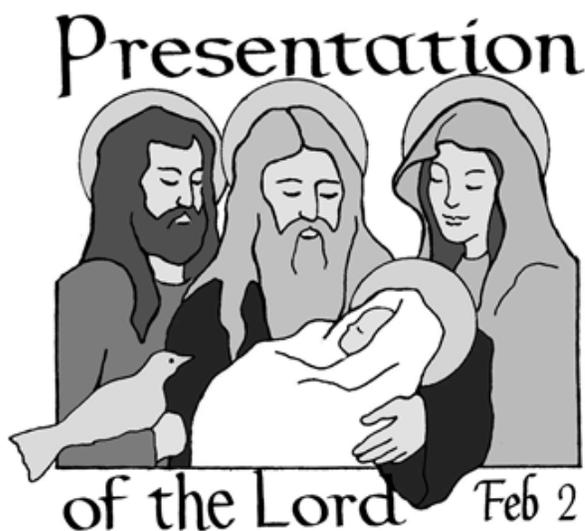


Forty days after Christmas, the Catholic Church observes the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, The feast, which is also known as Candlemas. Despite not being a holy day of obligation, it is a significant day in the Church's calendar, one that marks the conclusion of the Christmas Cycle and anticipates the light that will vanquish all darkness at the Easter Vigil.

Candlemas is a Catholic festival to commemorate the purification of the Virgin Mary, after childbirth, according to Jewish law and the presentation of Christ in the Temple.

The name refers to the candles lit that day in churches, which celebrate the presentation of the Christ Child in the temple of Jerusalem.

“Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. On this day we celebrate your presentation at the Temple. Help us to bring your light into our lives, that we may always be reminded of your love for us. Amen.”



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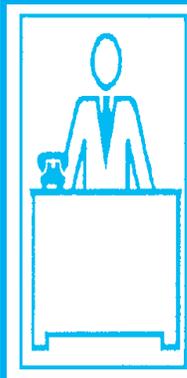
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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

Finance Council

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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.