

THE JOURNEY

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2023



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

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

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:

Sirach 15:15–20

The eyes of God see all he has made.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:6–10

God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:17–37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Feasts and Saints:

2/14- St. Valentine's Day, Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishops

2-17- The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

Wednesday February 22, 2023

6:30am, 8:00am, Noon, and 7:00pm



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

Reflections for Today:

Be attentive to opportunities to perform acts of loving service that might be outside your comfort zone.

Reflection

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

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:

Another great weekend at St. Teresa's. Ten candidates for Confirmation were introduced to the parish at the 6:00 pm Mass, as they make final preparations for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 25th. I ask all parishioners to keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive this beautiful outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide them on their journey.

I want to thank all of you for your kind words of congratulations as I celebrated my anniversary to the priesthood. The celebration of any priest's anniversary of ordination is a celebration of the people who truly formed and shaped the spirituality of the individual priest. I've been blessed with wonderful parishes and a high school, giving me the privilege of serving people from all backgrounds and ages. At the heart of my priesthood is the celebration of the Eucharist that gathers people around the one Priest, Christ, who sends us all into the world to mediate His Presence.

—As special thanks to Charisse and Barb who organized the celebration that brought together hundreds of parishioners who were able to meet new people and renew existing friendships.

The best part of the weekend was seeing so many people coming together, talking and sharing and laughing. We are bringing back the socials after the 10:00 am Mass and the 6:00pm Mass as a way to build community spirit. I'm hoping to have a true Mardi Gras celebration on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 19th. Let's have lots of treats and snacks to mark the occasion.

We will be participating in Operation Rice Bowl as usual, but I hope to focus a bit more on this Lenten program. As a community of faith, we are called to reach beyond our borders into the larger works to help those in need to help themselves. Catholic Relief Services, which sponsors Rice Bowl, reaches out to people in all parts of the world, regardless of faith, empowering them to be able to care for themselves. Training in methods of agriculture, health care, economic principles, education of children and adults are just a few of the areas of enrichment and empowerment.



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 Hospitality and Fellowship after the 6pm Mass

We look forward to seeing you

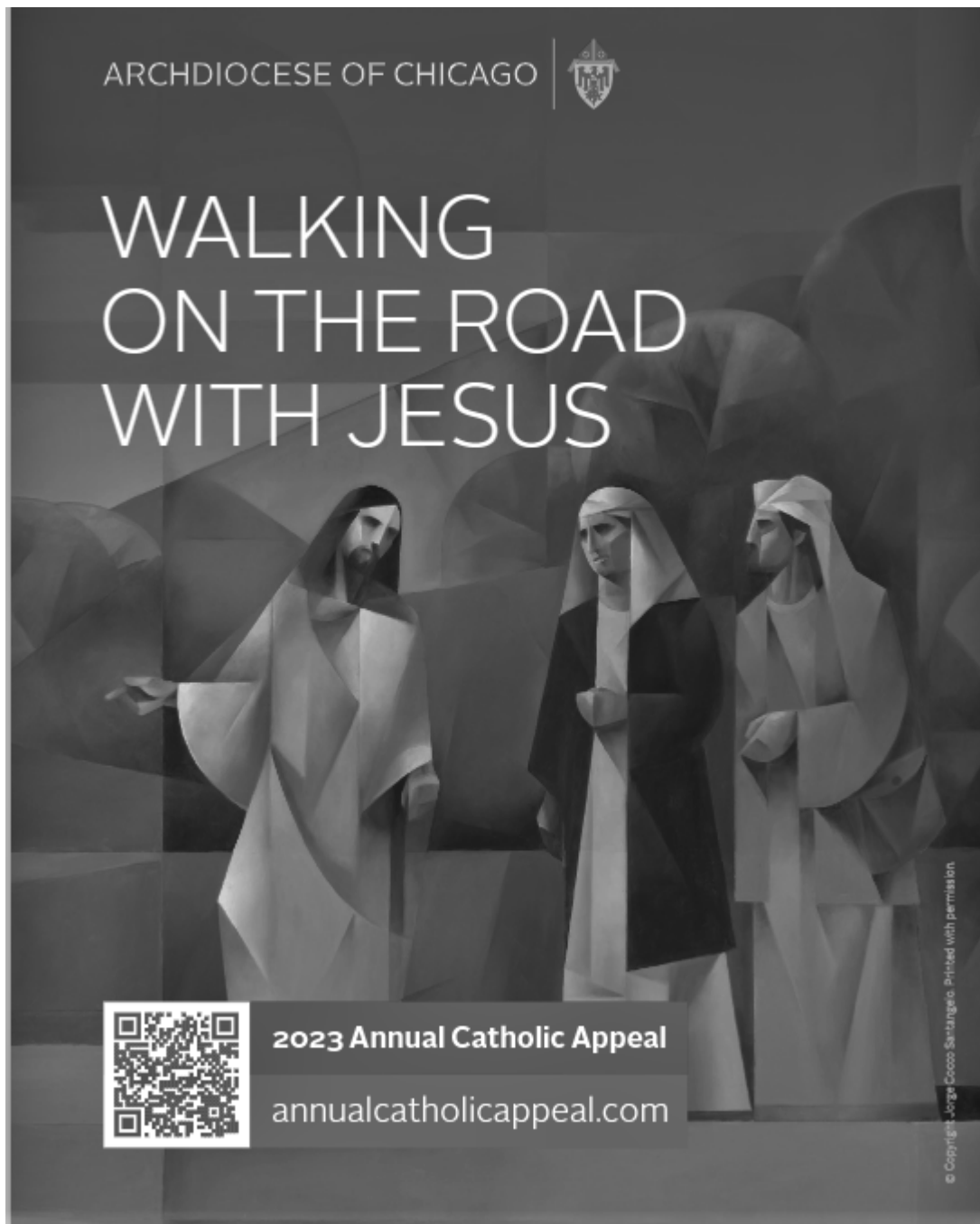


Parish Life

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection; It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of “Walking on the road with Jesus.”



Parish Life

Mardi Gras Celebration:

Let's Mardi Gras next Sunday February 19th, 2023 after each mass. Please bring in your favorite snack or treat to share and celebrate in preparation of the Lenten Season that is upon us.



Operation Rice Bowl:

Rice Bowls will be distributed after each mass this weekend. Please take one home.

CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.



2022 Contribution Statement:

To request your 2022 Contribution Statement please contact Charisse Gioia in the Parish Office

773-528-6650 or email cgioia@stteresaparish.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

Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Ramona Gannon (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 2/19 10am - Fr. Frank

Sunday 2/19 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 2/19 6pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday Funday- SUPERBOWL

Trivia-

Super Bowl MVP – Joe Montana is the only player to win the Super Bowl MVP award three times.

Eighteen of the league's 32 teams have won the Super Bowl.

Silly Superbowl Facts-

6% of Americans call in sick the Monday after Super Bowl

Antacid sales increase by 20% on the Monday following the Super Bowl

The average number of people at a Super Bowl party is 17.



On the Lighter Side: Valentine's Day Jokes

Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? A. No, they had an apple!

What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love? A. "I found the perfect match!"

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!

How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day? A. He gave her a ring.

Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef? A. He'll dessert you.



Around the Parish:

St. Valentine's Day February 14th

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and where did these traditions come from?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

St. Valentine is the patron saint of many things. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and traveling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.



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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.