

THE JOURNEY

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

First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 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

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

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Pastoral Council

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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

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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.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

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.

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.

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 Shephard 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

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday’s Readings:

First Reading:
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

Second Reading:
Romans 5:12-19
Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 4:1-11
Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

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:

How am I going to try to grow this Lent?

How will I use this time to resist the temptations in my life?

Fasting is one of the traditional Catholic Lenten practices. All Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of fasting. For personal fasting, you can choose to voluntarily abstain from meat one more day during the week.

Feasts and Saints:

- 2/27- St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- 3/3- St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- 3/4- St. Casimir



Reflection

Financials:
Semi-Annual Report to the Parish

	ACTUAL			BUDGET	
	First Half			First Half	
	FY 23	FY 22	Variance	FY 23	Variance
Collections	\$317,815	\$318,724	\$4,091	\$362,010	(\$44,195)
Fundraising	146,346	220,719	(74,673)	150,500	(4,154)
Other	53,645	35,181	18,464	30,304	23,341
Total Revenue	\$517,806	\$569,624	(\$52,118)	\$542,814	(\$25,008)
Expenses	(415,600)	(460,467)	44,807	(493,078)	77,410
Net Ordinary Surplus/(Deficit)	\$102,206	\$109,157	(\$7,311)	\$49,744	\$52,582
Other Revenue	21,861	9,137	12,724	-	21,861
Other Expense	(89,582)	3,757	(92,349)	(40,000)	408
Net Other Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$17,781)	\$13,894	(\$29,629)	(\$40,000)	\$22,289
Subt: Ord & Other	\$84,115	\$123,051	(\$38,934)	\$9,744	\$74,371
Investment Earning	(46,830)	78,171	(134,801)	-	(46,830)
Total Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$27,485	\$199,222	(\$171,737)	\$9,744	\$117,741

Parish Life

From The Finance Council:

St Teresa's fiscal years run from July 1 to June 30. The Parish's net surplus (inclusive of investment earnings/losses) for the first half of fiscal 2023 (the six months ended December 31) equaled \$27k, \$172k below last year and \$18k above budget. For purposes of further analysis, results are segregated between Net Ordinary (typically recurring activities) and Net Other (less frequent activities, such as bequests) in accordance with Archdiocese of Chicago reporting guidelines.

The unfavorable variance versus last year resulted primarily due to current year Investment losses versus prior year gains and higher Other Expense (largely a deposit for a new kitchen stove and other capital expenditures). Net Ordinary results declined \$7k versus last year, as the impact of lower net Fundraising revenue (largely Together in Joy) was partially offset by higher Other Revenue (a one-time contribution in support of the Food Pantry and Loaves and Fishes dinners) and lower Expenses (largely lower Salaries and Benefits due to open staff positions).

The small favorable variance versus budget resulted from higher Net Ordinary results, partially offset by Investment losses. The higher Net Ordinary result was due to lower Expenses (open staff positions) and higher Other Revenue (one-time contribution), partially offset by lower Collections. Last year's Collections were depressed in the first half but rebounded in the second. Also, while Net Revenue from Fundraising was essentially at budget, it was at the lower end of the more recent historical range.

Looking ahead, the budget for the second half of the year already anticipated a net loss, as fundraising income from November typically funds the operating loss in the second half of the year. However, during 2H 2022 we experienced a material increase in collections that has not been sustained in 1H 2023 as planned. If the first half level of FY 2023 Collections persists, the Parish is at risk of experiencing its first full year operating loss (excludes investment gains and losses) in over a decade.

We have sufficient cash reserves to weather this risk but will temporarily defer filling two open staff positions for the time being. The second half plan also includes \$25k in discretionary support for Refugee Ministries as part of our Avila in Action program. A decision on proceeding with this expenditure has not yet been made.

Thank you for your continued support of St Teresa's. If you have capacity, please consider increasing

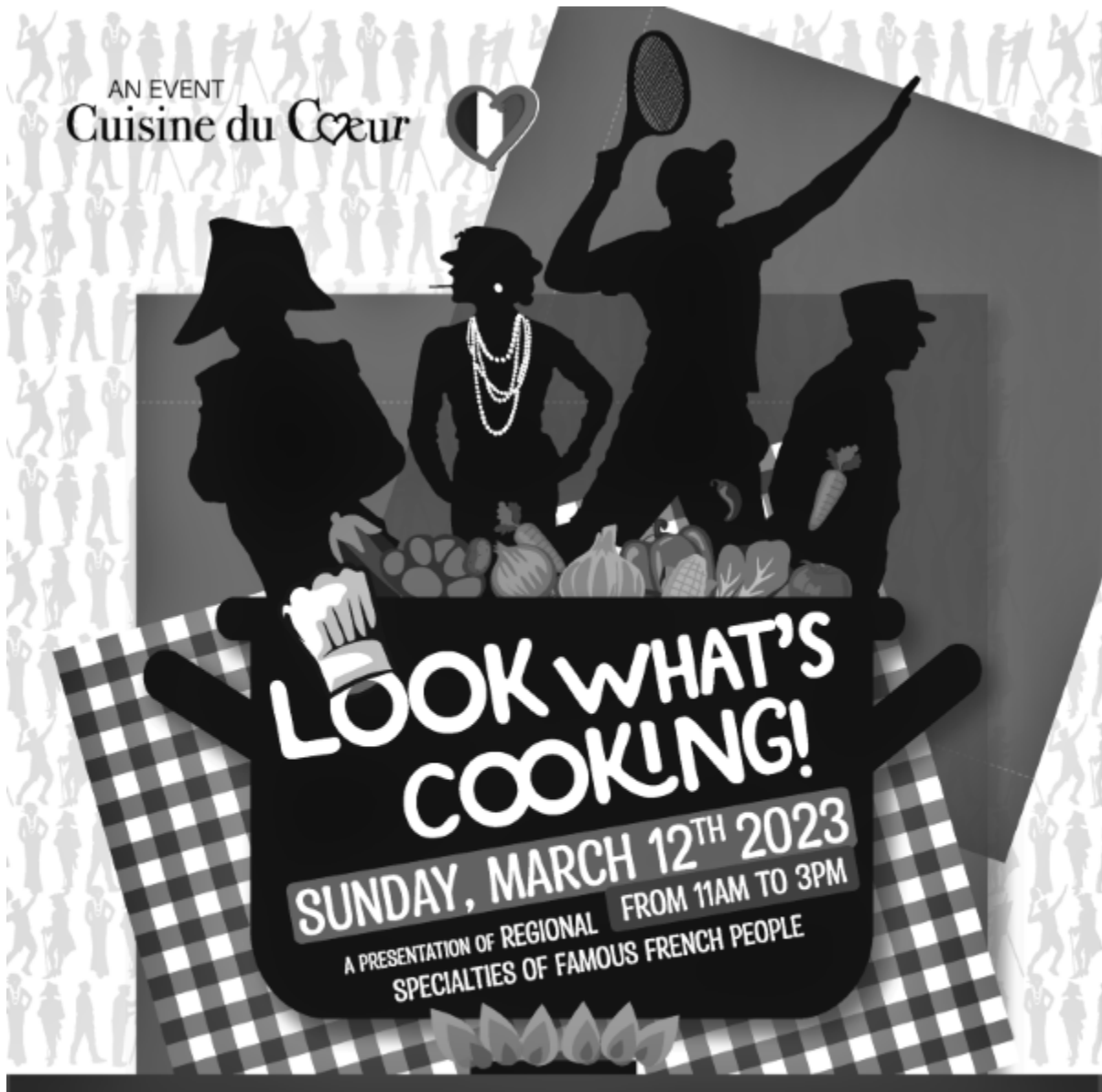
your level of giving; our Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes dinners, Refugee, Prison, and other ministries

depend on your time, talent, and treasure. Finally, please encourage your family and friends to return to

Mass. While we are proud of the work done by St. Teresa's outreach ministries, the celebration of the

Eucharist is the heartbeat of our thriving community.

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AFTER THE 10AM AND 6PM MASS

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 after the 10am Mass here is the link to sign up-

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



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 to our website to fill out the form- [teresa.church](https://www.teresa.church)

Parish Life

Lenten Tuesday's:

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday evening for an evening of prayer and meal sharing.

Soup Will Be Served 6:00-7:30pm

Adoration and Confession 6:00-7:30pm

Tuesday February 28 th - Chicken Noodle Soup

A Prayer For God to Bring Beauty From Ashes

Dear God,

In this season of Lent we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to manifest through our weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We give you thanks today and believe this season of darkness will fade away. Thank you for being with us in whatever we face and for being greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new.

In Jesus' Name, Amen



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 - Patrick Reidy (D) and Marjorie Reidy (D)

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 3/5 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 3/5 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 3/5- 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday Funday- February 26th-

Today is-National Pistachio Day, and Tell a Fairytale Day

1870-New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line, created by Alfred Beach, was opened to the public.

1995-Selena Quintanilla-Perez performed her last concert in Houston before being shot by her manager.



On the Lighter Side: The Miraculous Cane

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir was practicing.

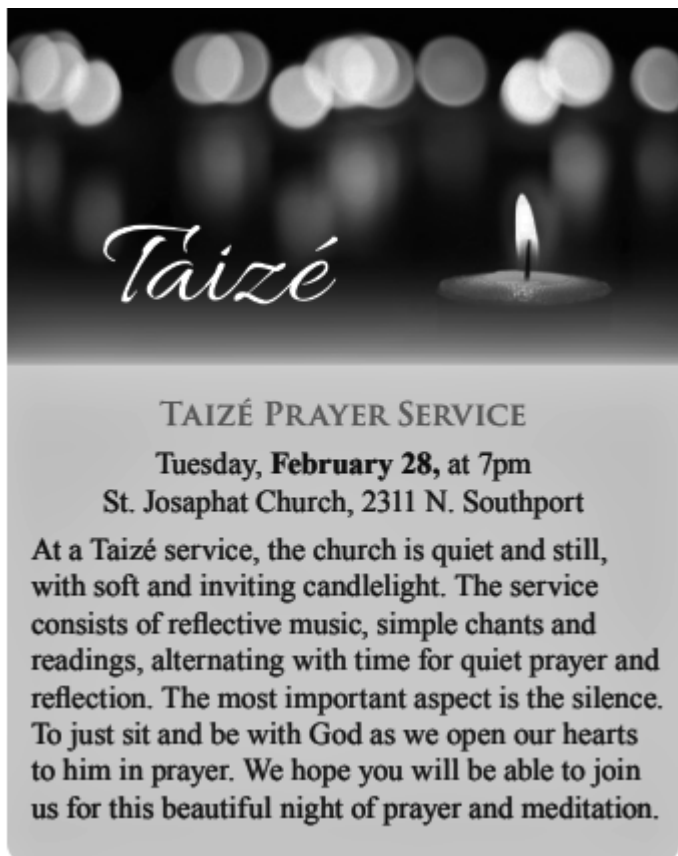
Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed.

"Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the pastor heal you by faith?"

"No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"



Around the Parish:

A poster for a Taizé Prayer Service. The top half features a black and white photograph of a single lit candle in the center, with a row of out-of-focus bokeh lights above it. The word "Taizé" is written in a white, elegant script font to the left of the candle. The bottom half of the poster has a solid light gray background with black text.

Taizé

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, **February 28**, at 7pm
St. Josaphat Church, 2311 N. Southport

At a Taizé service, the church is quiet and still, with soft and inviting candlelight. The service consists of reflective music, simple chants and readings, alternating with time for quiet prayer and reflection. The most important aspect is the silence. To just sit and be with God as we open our hearts to him in prayer. We hope you will be able to join us for this beautiful night of prayer and meditation.

A poster for Chicago Mayfest. The background is dark with a faint image of a person playing a guitar. The text is white and yellow. At the top, "CHICAGO" is in white with four stars to its right. Below it, "MAYFEST" is in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, "FEATURING The Armitage Art Show" is written in a smaller font. The phrase "SAVE the DATE" is prominently displayed in the center. Below that, the event details are listed: "Live Music, Food, Drinks, Kids Area, Art Show, Premium Shopping." followed by the dates "May 12-14, 2023" and times "Fri 5-10pm | Sat & Sun Noon-10pm". The location "Lincoln Park" is listed next. At the bottom, it says "Armitage from Sheffield to Racine" and "Proceeds Benefit The Ranch Triangle". Logos for "STAR EVENTS" and "The Ranch Triangle" are at the bottom corners.

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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

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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

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You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.