

THE JOURNEY

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

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord
April 9th, 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

“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.

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: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Feasts and Saints:

The Week of Octave Easter Monday -Saturday



Financials:

JANUARY 2023

	FY 23	FY22
BASKET:	19,653	37,366
GIVE CENTRAL:	38,166	36,270
TOTAL:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	57,819	73,636
	(\$15,817)	

Food Pantry:

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**. Please drop off at the parish office or at the pantry.

Help our Food Pantry by donating cans of **HEARTY SOUP** or **BOXES OF CEREAL**.

Please bring to Mass each week to be Presented during The Presentation of the Gifts.

Note: We only ask for soup and cereal as most items needed come from the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Thank You!

Reflections for Today:

In what ways does the risen Christ appear in your life?

What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?

How has the message of Easter transformed your life?

What areas of your life need transformation through the Resurrection?

Reflection
REFLECTION

Parish Life

Easter 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila,

Thanks be to God, we are an Easter people! That means that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the very fact that He lives today – guides every aspect of our lives. For us, Easter isn't simply a day of remembrance – it is a way of life. And we have a mission, given by Jesus to the apostles and handed down to us in our own time, to invite others into that same way of life.

Your Easter gifts are an important part of bringing our shared mission to life. In fact, contributions shared during the Easter season constitute a significant portion of our annual budget and our ability to fund vital ministries and areas of operation for our parish

I humbly ask that you make an Easter gift of any amount to ensure that our parish ministries and operations can continue.

If you are unable to make a financial gift at this time or to serve in other capacities, please continue to pray for our St. Teresa of Avila family and know that I am praying for you.

You are a gift to our St. Teresa of Avila family and your mere presence in the pews on Sundays and Holy Days to worship our Lord and gather around the Eucharistic table means more to our local Church than you might realize.

An abundance of graces upon you and your loved ones during this joyous Easter season!

God Bless,

Fr. Frank



Parish Life

One Parish One Prisoner: Donation for Robert

We are requesting an iPhone that someone would be willing to donate to Robert as he makes his transition out of prison? A phone is an important lifeline for people exiting prison and is a condition of release. People can contact me: david.t.espinoza@gmail.com in order to make arrangements.

Refugee Welcome Amazon Gift List: Welcome the Stranger Ministry

Refugees often arrive in the U.S. with only a few personal possessions. Help turn an empty apartment into a home through your purchase. All items must be new. This shows respect and provides dignity. The items on this list are required by the U.S. Government Office of Resettlement. All you need to do is click and buy! The items will be delivered to the location provided in the Amazon List.

Go to <https://bit.ly/3yyz1SN> or use the QR code below



Spring Blood Drive: Sunday June 11th, 2023

Save The Date for our annual Spring blood drive!

To reserve a time to donate blood please use the QR code below:

Call (800) 7 TO- GIVE (786-4483)

Current deferral period for COVID vaccines is 2 full days.

Remember to bring a photo ID



Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Bring a friend or two. Make saving a life a social time to catch up with a good friend

Parish Life

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOSPITALITY

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 each other!

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)

The Octave of Easter

The celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection continues in the Church for eight days, called the Octave of Easter.

Each day of the Octave is ranked as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts.

The idea of an Octave of a great feast has its roots in the Old Testament. There are many Jewish feasts that lasted for eight days, for example, the feast of Passover and the feast of Tabernacles. In the Catholic Church, we celebrate eight days of Christmas as well as eight days of Easter.

The Octave of Easter ends on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

The Easter Lily

The Easter lily, a tall, stalky plant topped by graceful, trumpet-shaped blooms. The fragrant flower that fills churches and homes come Easter is also a beautiful decoration welcoming springtime.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity—the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. And the life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection.

Referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are believed to have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion, as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal.

The trumpet shape of the Easter lily also fit into the image of a trumpet sounding the message that Jesus had risen and thus loss becomes a form of rebirth too.

This Easter Sunday is a day to reflect on rebirths, loss and especially the beauty of the White Lily.



Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D) and Raymond Romero (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 4/16 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 4/16 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 4/16- 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday Funday- April 9th

Today is- Name Yourself Day and Winston Churchill Day.

1867-The Alaska Purchase – the United States bought Alaska from the Russian Empire for \$7.2 million, in a treaty ratified by the U.S. Senate.

1965-Astrodome opened with the first indoor baseball game is played. It was an exhibition game between the Houston Astros and the New York Yankees. The Astros won 2-1.

1998-The Price Is Right aired their milestone 5,000th episode. Every prize given away on that episode was a car.



On the Lighter Side: Praying for Food:

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."



Parish Life

A Note from our One Parish One Prisoner Ministry (OPOP)

Easter, Resurrection and Rolling Away the Stone. Please meet our incarcerated friends.

Robert-

Last month, Fr. Frank and I visited Robert who our parish is helping re-enter society on June 2nd. We never met him before and we wanted to share a few things about him. First, he is very tall. 6'7". He is a shy and quiet man. He is polite and laughed at our jokes. Our over two-hour visit flew by. He is anxious about what awaits him in a world he has not walked in over 20 years. He is ready to leave his old life behind and start a new one. He is counting the days.

Many of you have asked us how can you help? We will be fundraising for the costs of Robert's re-entry the weekend of his release at the masses on June 4th. There will be more information on this plan and needs in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Stephen-

OPOP has another inmate that our parish is shepherding through re-entry, Stephen. Stephen's release date is in September of 2023. Here are some things we want you to know about Stephen. He is a talented artist and gifted cook, working towards his culinary arts degree (and actually serves as head chef for his facility!). He is a devoted godfather to his nieces and nephew and looks forward to being a part of their lives. While he knows a lot has changed in the world, he has been busy setting goals for his next phase of life and is excited for his release.

Fundraising efforts for his re-entry will take place closer to his release date.

Easter is a time of rebirth. Please pray for Robert and Stephen as they walk into a new life very soon. Please enjoy artwork that Robert and Stephen gave our parish.

Art By Stephen



Art By Robert



The Easter Bunny

One theory of the Easter Bunny's origins is that it stemmed from early pagan celebrations around the vernal equinox. Pagans celebrated the springtime renewal of life, as well as the goddess of dawn and fertility, Eostre, who was often represented by the hare or an egg. As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebrations around the vernal equinox may have merged with the observance of Christ's resurrection because they both occurred around the same time. Missionaries were said to blend pagan traditions with Christian holidays to make the transition smoother for new believers, so it is possible that the celebrations of Eostre and the resurrection of Christ became one.

The earliest evidence of a more modern Easter Bunny dates back to the 1600s, when it's first mentioned in German writings. This rabbit, called "Oschter Haws," or Easter hare, was believed to lay a nest of colorful eggs for well-behaved children. It is believed that children sometimes left carrots in their nests for the bunny, in case he got hungry during his nighttime escapades.

While there is no actual bunny that once served as the iconic hare, the legendary egg-laying rabbit is said to have been brought to America by German immigrants in the 1700s. Children would make nests for Oschter Haws to leave behind eggs. The tradition spread throughout the U.S., where the hare's gifts eventually became chocolates, candies, and small treats, and the nests were replaced by baskets with shredded "grass." Today's baskets are often far more elaborate and include toys, candy, and money or change hidden inside plastic eggs.

Chocolate bunny figurines also originated in Germany, where they began making chocolate molds for the fabled rabbit in the 1800s.



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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.