

THE JOURNEY

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

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 16th, 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.

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 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 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Feasts and Saints:

4/21- St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



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:

How do you understand the concept of God's mercy? What does it mean to you personally?

The Gospel reading for Divine Mercy Sunday is the story of Doubting Thomas. Have you ever had doubts about your faith? How did you work through them?

Reflection
REFLECTION

Financials:

FEBRUARY 2023

	FY 23	FY22
BASKET:	11,621	17,730
GIVE CENTRAL:	32,417	35,531
TOTAL:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$ 44,038	\$53,261
		(\$9,223)

Parish Life

From Fr. Frank

April 16, 2023

It is with sadness that I am letting you know about the passing of a dear parishioner and friend: Tom Kinsella. Tom had been a part of St. Teresa's for many years and has been involved in countless activities and ministries, particularly the food pantry, parish council, finance council and many fundraisers. The last several months have been quite difficult for him as the struggle with cancer became insurmountable.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Myrna, his soulmate and partner for over 42 years. Myrna has also been such an integral part of our community and has helped out in so many ways. May we keep her, her son Jason and his family in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the beautiful Feast of Easter, which celebrates the victory of life over death.

May Tom, freed from suffering, live freely in the Kingdom, where he will continue to watch over and love his beloved Myrna and the rest of his family and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at our parish on Saturday, April 29.

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>



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

Come Join Us to Celebrate

A SPRED Mass at St. Teresa of Avila- Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 10 a.m.



Bring the Whole Family and Friends

Everyone is Welcome

SPRED will host the Hospitality in the Parish Center immediately following Mass

Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Thomas and Irene Tobin (D)

12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 4/23 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 4/23 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 4/23 6pm- Fr. Frank

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.

Sunday Funday- April 16th

Today is- Eggs Benedict Day and Fly A Kite Day

1910-The Boston Arena opened.

1940-First televised baseball game on WGN-TV (White Sox vs. Cubs, an exhibition game)

1962-Walter Cronkite became the news anchor for the CBS network.

1995-Governor George W. Bush named April 16 as Selena Day in Texas after the singer was killed two weeks earlier.



On the Lighter Side: Dead or Alive:

“If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?” a teacher asked the children in her Sunday school class.

“No!” the children all answered.

“If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?”

Again the answer was, “No!”

“Well,” she continued, “then how can I get to heaven?”

A five-year-old boy shouted out, “You gotta be dead!”



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



Divine Mercy Sunday

As we the faithful prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day.

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy.

She wrote in her diary that He said:

I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.



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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.