

# THE JOURNEY

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023



#### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

#### Address

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](http://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

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### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://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](http://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:smatejka@hpschicago.com).

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://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](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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](https://teresa.church/french-community)

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

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## This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.

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## Feasts and Saints:

5/15- St. Isidore

5/18 - St. John I, Pope and Martyr

5/20- St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest



## Financials:

### MARCH 2023

	FY 23	FY22
BASKET:	27,978	17,482
GIVE CENTRAL:	38,956	44,938
TOTAL:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$ 66,934	\$62,420
	\$4,514	

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## 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!

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## Reflections for Today:

In what areas of my life do I need the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength? How can I invite the Spirit to help me in these areas?

What is my relationship with the Holy Spirit? Do I actively seek the Holy Spirit in my life, or do I tend to overlook this important aspect of my faith?

Reflection  
REFLECTION

# Parish Life

## CONGRATULATIONS

First Communion was celebrated on Sunday, May 7, at the Noon Mass. Congratulations to the 16 children who now join us at the table of the Eucharist. With the altar enlivened by the chalices painted by the children, Fr. Frank reminded all of us of the importance of nourishing the heart and soul with the Eucharist. The children have been preparing for this sacrament over the last two years. The preparation culminated in a retreat on Saturday where they wrote letters of encouragement to Steven from our One Parish One Prisoner ministry, baked the bread for the First Communion with Fr. Frank, and participated in a reenactment of The Last Supper. Thank you to the families for making their children's faith formation a priority, and the St. Teresa's community for its support and prayers.

Congratulations to:

Emilia Araya	Grace Lutkus
Gabriel Blanc	Drew Magac
Bondi Compton	Freddy Riedesel
Connor DeWitte	Helena Ring
Vivian Donnelly	Thomas Rodi
Amy Gonzalez	Eva Royer
Austin Good	Christopher Tongelidis
Conley Kutschke	Antonio Zavala



# Parish Life

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## 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



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## 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](https://teresa.church)

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## 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/uwfqUZN>



# Parish Life



Our friends at St. James Lutheran School

St. James provides bag lunches once a month to Loaves and Fishes so that we can provide our guests with a warm meal to go and a sack lunch on these Friday's.

We would like to say Thank You to this smiling bunch for making the delivery a few weeks' ago!



# Parish Life

LET'S BREAK THE CHAINS TOGETHER ON JUNE 4TH  
AFTER ALL MASSES  
OPOP FUNDRAISER FOR TEAM ROBERT



Many of you have been asking how can we help our One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) ministry? We are ready to answer that question.

June 4th is our moment. Please join us for St. Teresa's first OPOP Fundraiser for Team Robert which will take place after the Masses on June 4th in the Parish Center lobby. (Team Stephen's Fundraiser will occur in the Fall closer to his discharge date.)

Did you know that St. Teresa and one other parish (ICSJ is the other) are the only parishes in the Archdiocese to be selected to be in this ministry. We are the pilots or guinea pigs, so to speak and it has been a ride. The goal is to have OPOP spread to other parishes and grow the program. It's success kind of depends on us.

As you have heard, St. Teresa is sponsoring 2 prisoners to assist in reentry. Robert is the first to reenter after over 20 years. A lot has changed since he was incarcerated in 1997 and he will need financial assistance to begin to live in today's world. Robert has no family on the outside. He hadn't had a visitor since 2011 until our OPOP team visited him. Just imagine that - no one visiting you for over 11 years. He took a chance and applied to be involved in our OPOP program. His only connection with the outside world is St. Teresa of Avila parish.

June 4th is the opportunity for us to get Robert on his feet for the first months of his period of reentry. We will be speaking about Robert and our journey with him after each of the Masses. We ask you to open your hearts and generously contribute to his new life. Robert is entitled to a rebirth and resurrection of his Life just like what we celebrate on Easter. We are Easter People after all! Please join us.

With gratitude – Team Robert and the entire OPOP ministry.

In the meantime, if you'd like to donate please use this QR Code  
or [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) St. Teresa of Avila





## Mass Intentions

10AM - Manuel A. Gomez (D)

12 PM - Estella Montes (D) , Martha Montes (D) and Concepcion Ramirez (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 5/21 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 5/21 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 5/21 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Sunday Funday- May 14

Today is- Buttermilk Biscuit Day and Dance Like a Chicken Day

1925-Virginia Woolf's novel Mrs. Dalloway was published.

1973-Skylab I was launched.

1998-76.3 million people tuned in for the series finale of Seinfeld.



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## On the Lighter Side: Mom Jokes

Son: "Mom, can I have \$20?"

Mom: "Does it look like I am made of money?"

Son: "Well, isn't that what M-O-M stands for?"

What kind of flowers are best for Mother's Day? Mums.

Why is a computer so smart? Because it listens to its motherboard.

What did the mama tomato say to the baby tomato? Catch up!

Nothing is really lost... until mom can't find it.

Yes, please get a new cup every time you need water — said no mom ever.





**Sunday  
June**

**11**

**8:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.  
Medical questions call  
800-7TO-GIVE**



**St. Teresa of Avila Church  
1950 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago**

Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcomed.  
To schedule, use link or scan QR code:  
[https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5604541](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5604541)



**Donate blood and be entered for a chance to win a motorcycle! \***

\*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents only; 18+. Ends 6/30/23. One drawing; two (2) winners. Enter by blood donation or online. See Official Rules and online entry form at [versiti.org/ride](https://versiti.org/ride). Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 638 N. 18th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233.



### HOSPALITY VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:

Perhaps you can't donate blood but we still need YOU and your smile!!!  
Could you donate an hour or two as the hospitality volunteer?  
Text or call Mark Buciak at: 773-307-0033  
Thank you for your kindness

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

### Bible Verses About Mothers

Proverbs 1:8-9: "Pay close attention, my child, to your father's wise words and never forget your mother's instructions. For their insight will bring you success, adorning you with grace-filled thoughts and giving you reins to guide your decisions."

Ephesians 6:1-3: "Children, if you want to be wise, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. For the commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: "You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents."

Luke 2:51: "And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart."

### Poems About Mothers

"What Mother Means" by Karl Fuchs

"Mother" is such a simple word,  
But to me there's meaning seldom heard.  
For everything I am today,  
My mother's love showed me the way.

"You're My Mother" by Forest Houtenschil

You're my mother,  
I would have no other!



### A Blessing for Mothers

Almighty God has brought you  
the joy of motherhood:  
May he now bless you.  
Through the mercy of God  
and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
may you and your children one day  
come to share in the unending joys of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Parish Council

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President

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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

**Dan Summins**

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.

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## Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at:

[www.teresa.church/bulletins](http://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.