

# THE JOURNEY

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

The Ascension of the Lord  
May 21, 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)

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

### 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.

## This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

## Feasts and Saints:

5/22- St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

5/25- St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5/26- St. Philip Neri, Priest

5/27- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop



## 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 does the promise of Christ's return impact your daily life? Does it give you hope and motivation to live out your faith?

Have you ever stepped out of your comfort zone to engage with someone who may have different beliefs or backgrounds? How did that experience impact you and the other person?

# Reflection

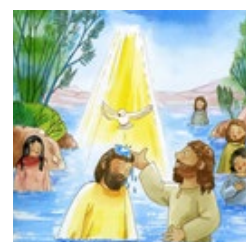
## Financials:

### 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       |

## Baptism May 21, 2023

Luke Hayes Fitzpatrick  
Julian Nathan Cervantes



# Parish Life

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## Catechesis Programs Finish up the Year

On Mother's Day weekend, we held the final sessions for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We had approximately 100 children in our Catechesis and Confirmation Preparation programs this year. Ten children celebrated their Confirmation in March, and 16 children received their First Communion on May 7. Congratulations again to all of them!

THANK YOU to our volunteer catechists who made this year possible. We cannot provide these wonderful programs without our catechists, who share their time and talents to pass on our faith to the next generation. Please join us in thanking them!

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Ana Analus          | Jocelyn Lutkus  |
| Mike Bichimer       | Kelsey Mack     |
| Anastasia Bullinger | Barb McHugh     |
| Tim Cable           | Laura Moran     |
| Kelsey DeWitte      | Grace Ohs       |
| Maureen Forsman     | Janel Palm      |
| Stephanie Good      | Betsy Peterson  |
| Caleigh Havansek    | Annette Pruss   |
| Kelsey Klupchak     | Cindy Sternisha |
| Krista Kutz         | Jeannie Weber   |
|                     | Kathleen VanDam |

We need your help! We are working on plans for the 2023/2024 catechesis year. Unfortunately, we will be losing a few catechists next year. If you have any interest in helping with faith formation for our parish children, please reach out to Barb McHugh ([bmchugh@stteresaparish.org](mailto:bmchugh@stteresaparish.org)). There are no prerequisites to join our team. We will have training for people who want to help as assistants and as catechists.



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## Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

The Food Pantry is open throughout the summer and we often have a harder time finding volunteers during this time. If you have time on a Saturday morning, please think about volunteering. It is only a few hours commitment (9am-11:45am) and it is time well spent. Below is a link to the site to sign up. Thanks in advance.

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

We're using SignUp (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/skdEmDW>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Email Amy Long at [amy\\_h\\_long@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_h_long@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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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>

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# Parish Life

Please see the very open and sincere letter on the following page that Robert wrote to the parishioners of St. Teresa to introduce himself to you. The lack of direction and amount of loss in his life is heartbreaking.

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| A letter to the PARISHIONERS OF St. TERESA                             |  |
| FROM: ROBERT   |  |
| I BEnd in PRISON SINCE APRIL 2003, I WAS 19 YEARS OLD.                 |  |
| OVER THE LIFE I CHOSSEd WHEN I YOUNG, I WAS ADDICT TO THAT GANG LIFE.  |  |
| I'M FROM THE SOUTHSIDE OF CHICAGO; BRIDGEPORT AREA. IT COST ME         |  |
| 20 YEARS OF MY LIFE. THAT I WOULD NEVER GET BACK. THE CASES            |  |
| I WAS IN PRISON FOR: POSSESSION OF A WEAPON AND GANG-RELATED CRIMS     |  |
| AFTER MY RIVAL'S, ENEMIES TRIED TO KILL MY DAD. THE LIFE SYL           |  |
| GROWING UP, MY MOM SHE WAS DRINKING ALOT SHE DIDN'T CARE WHAT          |  |
| I DID. AND MY DAD WAS ABOUT THE GANG LIFE TO THE SAME THING            |  |
| I WAS. THE LIFE HE WAS DOING I LIKED IT. AND I GOT                     |  |
| ADDICTED TO IT. IT'S HARD TO SAY THE GANG I WAS IN I JUST              |  |
| KNEW THAT LIFE, THATS ALL WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND MY RIVAL'S              |  |
| WE DEFEND ARE SELF. BUT THIS LIFE YES I REGRET ALL OF                  |  |
| THIS AND IF I HAD I WISH IT WOULD BE TO START MY LIFE ALL              |  |
| OVER AGAIN SINCE A LITTLE KID. SINCE I BEnd IN PRISON OVER THESE       |  |
| YEARS. IT MESSED UP TO SAY THIS I GREW UP IN HERE. LEARN               |  |
| THINGS LIKE DRAW, DOING TATTOOS, COOKING, PAINTING AND MY EDUCATION    |  |
| MY GED AND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN HERE, BUT OVER THE YEARS             |  |
| I LOST A LOT OF MY FAMILY IN THIS PLACE. MY MOM FROM DRINKING          |  |
| ALOT. MY DAD WAS SHOT. MY GRANDMA A HEART ATTACK, BOTH OF              |  |
| MY UNCL'S FROM DRINKING ALOT AND 1 OF MY COUSINS COMMITTED             |  |
| SUICIDE. THE ONLY PEOPLE I HAVE LEFT IS MY AVNT AND MY                 |  |
| OTHER COUSIN. AND YES IT WAS VERY, VERY HARD FOR ME SEEING THIS        |  |
| HAPPEN, BUT BEING IN THIS PLACE. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SO OVER |  |
| THE YEARS PASSED ME BY IN HERE I SAY TO MYSELF. I HAVE TO              |  |
| MAKE THIS RELEASE DATE JUNE 2, 2023. AND NOW IT NEAR AND CLOSE AND     |  |
| NOW I FEEL THIS LIFE OVER WITH NOW. ....                               |  |
| End OF letter  |  |
| FROM: ROBERT   |  |
| Release: June 2, 2023  |  |

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# 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 - Joyce Jaszczor (D) and Dorothy Kadzielawski (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. (Liset Correa)

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 5/28 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 5/28 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 5/28 6pm- Fr. Udovic

## Sunday Funday- May 21

Today is- Strawberries & Cream Day and Talk Like Yoda Day

1975-Carol Burnett was added to the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1980-The Coyote finally caught the Road Runner.

1999-All My Children actress Susan Lucci finally received an Emmy award for her role as Erica Kane. She had been previously nominated for a record 18 times with no win.



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## On the Lighter Side: Good for Some, Bad for Others

My sister's dog had been deaf and blind for years. When she started to suffer painful tumors, it was time to put her down. As I explained this to my seven-year-old son, he asked if Jazzy would go to heaven.

I said I thought she would, and that in dog heaven, she would be healthy again and able to do her favorite thing: chase squirrels.

Jacob thought about that for a minute, then said, "So dog heaven must be the same as squirrel hell"





**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

### Around the Parish


### What Does It Mean to be LGBTQ+ and Catholic

Join St. Gertrude and St. Teresa of Avila for a series of four conversations for Pride Month from LGBTQ+ members from each community as they share their stories of faith, hope and love





Join us for one or all the conversations

Every Thursday starting June 1st  
1st and 3rd session at St. Gertrude  
2nd and 4th session at St. Teresa



Register with the QR Code



St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Chicago

### Young Adult Pub Trivia at St. Teresa of Avila

Come and Join St. Teresa for a night of drinks, community, and Trivia!



Hosted by Geeks who Drink

Come as a team or by yourself

May 31st at 7 PM



Contact Mark Neuhengen at [mneuhengen@teresa.church](mailto:mneuhengen@teresa.church) with questions

# Parish Contacts

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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.