

# THE JOURNEY

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

**Pentecost Sunday**  
May 28, 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](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.

## 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.

### 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.

## 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 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Feasts and Saints:

5/29- The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

5/31- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6/1- St. Justin, Martyr

6/3- St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs



## 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 Holy Spirit empower individuals to spread the good news of Christ?

What are the unique gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to each member of the Church?

How can we be agents of God's love in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit?

# Reflection

## Financials:

### MARCH 2023

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

## 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/uwffqUZN>

# Parish Life

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From Fr. Frank,

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend,

St. Teresa's received an award from Ranch Triangle, our Lincoln Park community association. The award highlights our many ministries of social outreach that assist the homeless, refugee, prisoner and those struggling to make ends meet. Ranch Triangle wanted to highlight all many ways the people of St. Teresa's make our neighborhood a welcoming place for those on the margins. Thank you all for making Matthew 25 a lived reality.

The Feast of Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church, a Community of disciples rooted in Baptism. As Christ ascended, he left us with the mission to continue in our humanity what He began in His. As St. Teresa teaches, our hands must become the hands of Christ, our feet, His feet, our hands, His hands and our eyes, His eyes. The Church is universal, "catholic", in that we are called to evangelize and live the gospel in every culture and nation.

As baptized disciples, our baptism becomes the engine of our lives, guiding us, directing us, inspiring us. Baptism is a Sacrament that unites all disciples on a mission to transform the world. All Christians, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Protestant, are united in Baptism. What a powerhouse of goodness and beauty we have the potential of being. The Spirit frees us, just as it did those Apostles locked in the Upper Room, to live the Good News, speaking the gospel in a language all can understand: the language rooted in love and the dignity of each human being.

Our Church must be living and dynamic, allowing itself to be transformed and reformed from old patterns of organization to new expressions of institution. The Spirit "blows where it will," and when we follow the leanings of the Spirit, the expression of our Catholic faith expands in new directions we never could have dreamed of.

I believe we were given an award by a secular association because it sees in us a community moved by this expansive Spirit, even if it wouldn't use these words. At the heart of our identity in this little corner of Chicago and Lincoln Park is to embody a community of welcome to those human beings pushed away and forgotten. At the heart of our ministries and parish life is the celebration of the Eucharist, the Food that nourishes us to do what we do in a way that makes Christ present in all human beings, but especially the Poor.

# Parish Life

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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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## Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking!

Hearing the call to serve those less fortunate? Always wanted to (learn to) cook for a crowd? Our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is seeking cooks (and their helpers) to prepare a warm dinner for the elderly and homeless in our area, served each Friday afternoon. For a 3-6 hour commitment one Friday a month, you'll meet a wonderful group of people to work with, share kitchen tips and feel good about helping those in need.

For more info, please contact Charisse Gioia [cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org) Thank you!



# 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.

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 RIVALS, ENEMIES TRIED TO KILL MY DAD. THE LIFE SYL	
GROWING UP, MY MOM SHE WAS DRINKING ALOT SHE DIDNT 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. ITS HARD TO SAY THE GANG I WAS IN I JUST	
KNEW THAT LIFE, THATS ALL WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND MY RIVAL:	
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 UNCLAS 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 CANT 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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## 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.

St. Teresa is sponsoring two 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.

Please join us after all masses on June 4th to celebrate this ministry and to raise funds to get Robert on his feet for the first months of his reentry and to help him build a financial safety net while he gets gainful employment. We estimate that this may cost somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 as Robert literally has nothing. OPOP will be involved in budgeting and planning for Robert's expenses. If there is a surplus, we will utilize the proceeds for our other incarcerated friend, Stephen, when he is released. If you are unable to attend the June 4th fundraisers after each Mass, please consider donating through Give Central. The QR code to assist in the donation process is below. We could not have this ministry without the support of our generous parish. We are all members of the OPOP ministry! Thank You, Team Robert.

If you'd like to donate prior to the event use this QR Code or the OPOP page on St. Teresa of Avila's [givecentral.org](https://givecentral.org)





## Mass Intentions

10AM - Healing Prayers for Irene Silva

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 6/4 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 6/4 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 6/4 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Sunday Funday- May 28

Today is- Brisket Day and Hamburger Day

1897-Jell-o was introduced.

1937-The Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, was officially opened to vehicles.

1999-In Milan, Italy, after 22 years of restoration work, Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece The Last Supper was put back on display.



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## On the Lighter Side: Gift Cards for Jesus

At the Christmas Eve service at my church, the pastor, quizzing some children about the nativity, asked,

“What gifts did the three wise men give the Christ child?” “Gold!” one child yelled. “Frankincense!” shouted another.

After a pause, a third asked, “Gift cards?”





**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

### St. Teresa of Avila Bags Tournament

Saturday, June 3rd, 11am-1pm at St. T's  
\$50 buy-in per team - drinks and snacks provided!  
Email [mollymdeprenger@gmail.com](mailto:mollymdeprenger@gmail.com) to join



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## Parish Council

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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.