

# THE JOURNEY

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

The Most Holy Trinity  
June 4, 2023



## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## Address

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Chicago, Illinois 60614

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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

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

“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: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

## Feasts and Saints:

6/5- St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

6/6- St. Norbert, Bishop

6/9- St. Ephrem, Deacon 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 does the unity within the Trinity challenge and shape our understanding of community and relationships within the Church?

What does it mean to live in communion with the Triune God, and how does this impact our daily lives?

# 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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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK NEUHENGEN

Mark received his MA in Theology from ChicagoCTU on Thursday May 25th, 2023.  
Everyone here at St. Teresa of Avila is so very proud of you.

Congratulations and May God Bless you always!



# 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.



## 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!**

## I'm Hungry...Where Should We Go?

Planning to dine out soon or hosting a summer cook out? Please consider these great restaurants that have graciously and generously donated incredible meals to our Loaves and Fishes Ministry:

**Dee's Chinese Carry Out** at 1114 W. Armitage Aveune (Across the Street)

**The Honey Baked Ham Company** at 2815 N. Ashland Avenue ( great for take-out sandwiches and side dishes and/or a main entre at your holiday picnics).

**Wazwan Chicago** at 1742 W. Division (features the flavors and street food culture of South Asia; featuring Chef Zubair Mohajir, who has prepared and donated many Thanksgiving dinners to Loaves and Fishes; and finally.

**Casati's Modern Italian** at 444 W. Fullerton Ave. Known for its light, fresh and healthy food traditions of Florence, you can dine in or carry out.

**Your Patronage is a great way to say, "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 RIVALs:	
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 UNCLs 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)





# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Dr. Patricia Fox (D)

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

6 PM - Fr. Seamus Jones (D)

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 6/11 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 6/11 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 6/11 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. (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.

## Sunday Funday- June 4

Today is- Cheese Day and Hug Your Cat Day

1784-Elisabeth Thible was the first woman to fly in an untethered hot air balloon, flying for about 45 minutes.

1937-The first shopping carts were introduced at the Humpty Dumpty Supermarket in Oklahoma City, created by the store's owner, Sylvan Goldman.

1974-During a 'Ten Cent Beer Night' inebriated Cleveland Indians fans started misbehaving, causing the game to be forfeited to the Texas Rangers.



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## On the Lighter Side: AND THE LORD SEPARATED HIS PAPER FROM HIS PLASTICS...

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ. "What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: "It starts with the letter R." One boy blurted, "Recycle!"





**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



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St. Gertrude Catholic Church in Chicago

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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.