

THE JOURNEY

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 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

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: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Feasts and Saints:

7/3- St. Thomas, Apostle

7/5- St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest and St. Elizabeth of Portugal

7/6- St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr



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:

Reflect on a time when you may have been hesitant or reluctant to welcome someone into your life or extend hospitality.

How might this reflection encourage you to be more open and receptive to God's messengers in the future?

Reflection

Financials:

MAY 2023

	FY 23	FY22
BASKET:	14,355	21,584
GIVE CENTRAL:	46,442	40,697
TOTAL:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$ 60,797	\$62,281

\$(1,484)

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

St. Maria Goretti Feast Day July 6th

July 6 marks the feast day of St. Maria Goretti, a young virgin and martyr whose life is an example of purity and mercy for all Christians.

St. Maria Goretti is best known for her commitment to purity and the courageous defence of her faith at the young age of eleven that made her willing to undergo death rather than participate in a sin against God. She is also remarkable for the forgiveness she willingly granted her attacker as she lay on her deathbed.

Maria was born in Corinaldo, Italy on October 16, 1890. Her father, a farmer, died of malaria when she was young, and her mother had to work to support their six children.

Maria took care of the younger children while her mother worked, and she prayed the Rosary every night for the repose of her father's soul. She grew in grace and maturity, and her cheerful obedience and piety were noticed by those around her.

On July 5, 1902, a neighbouring farm hand, Alessandro Serenelli, tried to rape Maria. On several prior occasions, Alessandro had harassed Maria with impure advances, all of which she has vehemently rejected. This time, he locked her in a room and tried to force himself upon her. She fought against him, shouting, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" and warning him that this was the path towards hell. When Maria declared that she would rather die than submit to this sin, Alessandro angrily grabbed her and stabbed her 14 times with a knife.

Maria was found bleeding to death and rushed to the hospital. As she lay dying, she forgave Alessandro for the crime he had committed against her, saying, "Yes, for the love of Jesus I forgive him...and I want him to be with me in Paradise."

Although the doctors tried to save her, she died two agonizing days later, only eleven years old.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He remained unrepentant until one night, eight years into his prison term, when Maria appeared to him, dressed in white, gathering lilies in a garden. She smiled, turned towards Alessandro, and offered him the flowers. Each lily he took transformed into a white flame. Then Maria disappeared.

From that moment, Alessandro converted and found peace. He repented of his crime and changed his life. He was released from prison three years early and begged forgiveness from Maria's mother, which she duly granted.

Many miracles were attributed to Maria Goretti after her death. In 1950, she was canonised by Pope Pius XII, becoming the youngest Roman Catholic saint officially recognised by name. Her feast day is celebrated by the Church on July 6, and she is the patron saint of purity, rape victims, young women, and youth in general.



Parish Life

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 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 Thank you!

Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity

Planning for our Fall religious education programs is in full swing. We are looking for additional catechists and assistants to help with our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program (ages 3 to 12) and our Confirmation Preparation program (13-15). Serving as a catechist is a rewarding opportunity to share our faith with the young people of St. Teresa's. AND, exploring the unconditional love of the Good Shepherd with curious, open-minded children can revive your own faith.

You do not need prior experience to join our team. We are very fortunate to have a certified trainer in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our parish. She has graciously offered to provide CGS training for our new volunteers again this year! Thank you Marrey!!

We offer CGS at three different times, Sunday mornings (8:45-10:00), Sunday afternoons (4:30-6:00), and Monday afternoons (4:00-5:30). It is wonderful to have catechists and assistants who can help with one of the classes each week, but we also need people who can fill in when someone is out of town or just help check kids in at the door. So, whatever time you can give, would be appreciated. If you have any interest in helping with faith formation for our young people, please reach out to Barb McHugh (bmchugh@stteresaparish.org).

Parish Life

Join us at the best event of the year - Together in Joy Gala!

Join us for our annual gala to celebrate and support our parish ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. The evening will consist of entertainment, dinner, and a silent and live auction.

The Together in Joy Gala is integral to our continued support of our many outreach programs in our community including the weekly food pantry, Loaves and Fishes meal, and our refugee and prison ministries.

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Artifact Events

4325 N Ravenswood Ave

Chicago, IL 60613

Tickets

Earlybird Tickets (now through July 9): \$150

Tickets (July 10 onward): \$200

Tickets can be purchased at togetherinjoy.com

Raffle Prize

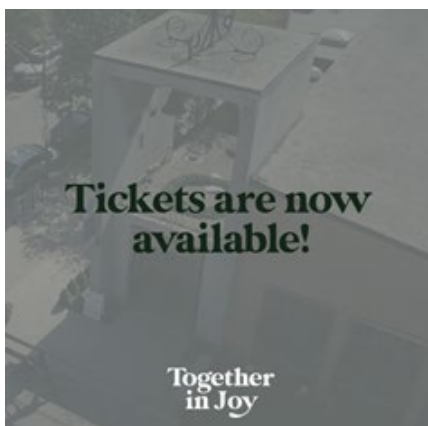
Have you ever wanted to win \$5,000? Now is your chance! Purchase a raffle ticket for \$100 and be entered to win \$5,000. Odds increase the more tickets you buy! Proceeds go directly to the parish.

Raffle Prize Tickets can be purchased at togetherinjoy.com

Sponsor the Event

Demonstrate your support for the St. Teresa of Avila community by becoming a Gala Sponsor and receive unprecedented exposure to the hundreds of families attending the parish and the gala. As a Sponsor, you will join other local businesses and individuals committed to making a significant difference in our community. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$500 and include event tickets. This is a great way for your company to support our ministries as well while receiving exposure to over 600 families.

View Sponsorship opportunities at togetherinjoy.com



Happy 4th Of July

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday July 4th

On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from Great Britain, an event that eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, U.S. citizens celebrate this historic event.

July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the United States declaring itself to be a free and independent nation.

Although it was actually July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress officially voted to declare independence from Great Britain, it wasn't until July 4 that the finalized Declaration of Independence was approved. It would then be a few more weeks, on Aug. 2, 1776, until most of the delegates were able to travel to Philadelphia to sign the document.

The U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid federal holiday on June 28, 1870. It wasn't until 1938 that Congress made it a paid federal holiday.

The first big 4th of July party took place on the one-year anniversary of independence, in 1777.

People set off fireworks, built bonfires, lit candles in their windows and lined the avenues with joyful shouts. A band played celebratory tunes. Artillery fire from colorfully decorated vessels on the Delaware River filled the air with booms and gunsmoke.

When the Declaration of Independence was signed, 2.5 million people were living in the newly free nation. That's about the population of Houston now. In 2020, the United States had a population of about 332 million.

More than \$300 million in fireworks are imported into the U.S. annually.

Thomas Jefferson designed his own portable writing desk to pen the Declaration of Independence. He used it throughout the rest of his life until giving it to his granddaughter in 1825.

Americans eat 155 million hot dogs on July 4th.



Mass Intentions

10AM - Marsha Wagner (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 7/9 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/9 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/9 6pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday Funday- July 2

Today is- Made in the USA Day and World UFO Day.

1881- The world's first international telephone call was made between St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, and Calais, Maine, United States.

1963- ZIP codes were introduced for US mail.

1984-The PG-13 rating was introduced by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).



On the Lighter Side: A Sheepish Recovery

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."



Parish Life

THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOODBYE:

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Realynn Long our evening office receptionist.

Realynn started working at the parish in September of 2021 part time while at full time college student at DePaul.

We Congratulate her on her Graduation this Spring and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

Your smiling face will be missed in the office.

Goodbye, Goodluck and God Bless you Realynn!



Hello July:



Around the Parish

Is there More to Life than My Job?



Join St. Teresa of Avila for a small group experience where you can explore the basics of Christianity rooted in your own opinions and questions

Join us on Monday at 7 PM



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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

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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.