

# THE JOURNEY

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

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 16, 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.

## 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: Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

## Feasts and Saints:

7/18- St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

7/20- St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

7/21- St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7/22- St. Mary Magdalene



## 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

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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!

## Reflections for Today:

In what ways am I like the different types of soil mentioned in the Parable of the Sower?

Do I tend to allow distractions or worldly concerns to hinder the growth of God's Word in my life? How can I create fertile ground for His Word to take root and flourish?

# Reflection

Actual Collections Vs. Weekly Budget



# Parish Life

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**From Father Frank:**

**July 2023**

Things are going well for Robert, our friend who was released from prison over a month ago. Thanks to a number of dedicated parishioners, Robert is learning how to use the EL, see various neighborhoods riding his bike, visit museums and much on the horizon. Just put yourself in his shoes and imagine entering life after being locked up over 20 years. It has to be overwhelming and even frightening trying to learn basic skills that we all take for granted.

I visited Robert and brought him some supplies. He has spending much of his time taking walks, riding his bike and painting. He is such a skilled artist, which you saw for yourself at Mass this past Sunday. Robert painted a beautiful image of praying hands that I presented at the Masses I celebrated. As time goes on, Robert will be given more and more independence, allowing him the ability to start working, something he wants to happen as soon as possible. It just takes time and a lot of patience.

I brought Robert to his first taste of Starbucks, quite an experience. As we were drinking coffee I taught him how to take a photo with the I Phone. He was so amazed!! All the new experiences he is having is a joy to witness. So much we take for granted is almost a miracle for Robert. We will be reaching out in the future to involve more parishioners in being a part of Robert's new life.

Thank you all for your generous support of our One Parish One Prisoner ministry: OPOP. Perhaps Robert will feel comfortable coming to a Mass one Sunday and you can welcome him in person. You are all making a difference caring for those who just want another chance. Our God is the God of the never ending second chance.

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*Sunday July 16th, 2023*

*Dominic John Bernal*



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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!

## Registration for Catechesis is OPEN

Registration for our Fall 2023 religious education programs is open. Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for children 3 years old through 6 th grade will begin on Sunday, Sept 17, and our Confirmation Preparation program for children in 7 th grade and older who are interested in being Confirmed will begin on Sunday, Sept 24. You can register for these programs by scanning the QR code below, going to the Religious Education section of the St. Teresa website, or by going to the following web address <https://forms.gle/kr6HdUzkcAzHJRfs8>. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Barb McHugh at [bmchugh@stteresaparish.org](mailto:bmchugh@stteresaparish.org).



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## 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

Tickets : \$200

Tickets can be purchased at [togetherinjoy.com](https://togetherinjoy.com)

### Raffle Prize

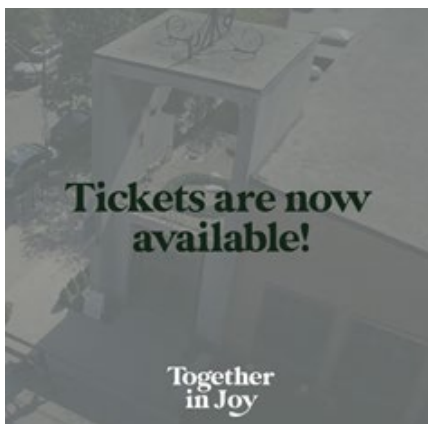
Have you ever wanted to win \$5,000? Now is your chance! Purchase a raffle ticket for \$100 and be entered to win \$5,000. Odds increase the more tickets you buy! Proceeds go directly to the parish.

Raffle Prize Tickets can be purchased at [togetherinjoy.com](https://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](https://togetherinjoy.com)



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## 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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## Summertime Favorites

### Top 5 Summer Movies

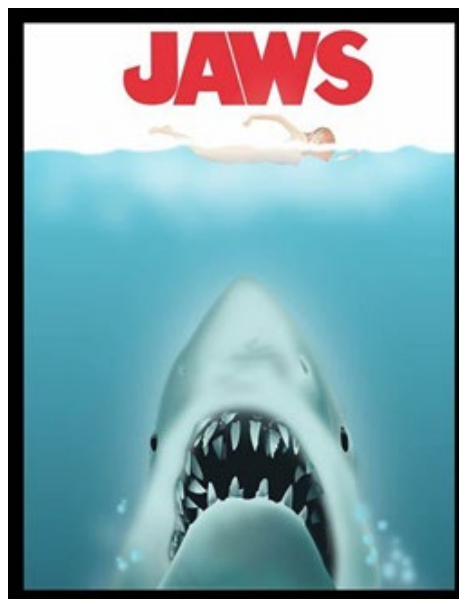
Jaws  
The Sandlot  
The Parent Trap  
Grease  
Dirty Dancing

### Top 5 Summer Sports

Baseball  
Beach Volleyball  
Surfing  
Golf  
Tennis

### Top 5 Summer Cocktails

Pina Colada  
Mojito  
Tequilla Sunrise  
Paloma  
Spritzer





## Mass Intentions

10AM - Carole Moriarity (D) and Thomas and Irene Tobin (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 7/23 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 7/23 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 7/23 6pm- Fr. Udovic

## Sunday Funday- July 16

Today is- National Corn Fritter Day, National Fresh Spinach Day and World Snake Day

### July Highlights

Birthstone: Ruby

Flower: Water Lily or Larkspur

Cancer (June 21 – July 20)

Leo (July 21 – August 20)

Parents' Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July. President Bill Clinton established Parent's Day in 1994.

The Tour de Donut is a 30 mile bike race in Illinois where riders take 5 minutes off their time for each donut they eat along the way.



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## On the Lighter Side:

A little boy was taken to the dentist. It was discovered that he had a cavity that would have to be filled. "Now, young man," asked the dentist, "what kind of filling would you like for that tooth?" "Chocolate, please," replied the youngster.



## St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day July 22

On July 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament. Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born. Scripture introduces her as a woman “who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out”.

What the Scriptures make certain about Mary Magdalene is that she was a follower of Christ, who accompanied and ministered to him. The Gospels record her as being one of the women present at Christ’s crucifixion.

In addition, she was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection. The Gospels all describe Mary Magdalene going to the tomb on Easter morning. When she saw that the tomb was empty, she stood outside, weeping. Jesus appeared to her and asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

She did not recognize him, however, and thought he was the gardener, until he said her name, “Mary!” Upon hearing this, Mary recognized him. She returned to the grieving disciples to announce to them the message of the Resurrection.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke about Mary Magdalene in his address before the Angelus on July 23, 2006. He referred to her as “a disciple of the Lord who plays a lead role in the Gospels.”

The Pope recalled Mary Magdalene’s presence “beneath the Cross” on Good Friday, as well as how “she was to be the one to discover the empty tomb” on Easter morning.

The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental truth,” Pope Benedict said. “A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death.



Around the Parish

Is there More to Life than My Job?



IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN MY CAREER

Alpha

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



May the Month ahead be filled with an abundance of

MAGNIFICENT

*Miracles,*

BLISSFUL

*Blessings &*

SPLENDID

*Surprises.*

WELCOME

JULY



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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.