

THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 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

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

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

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: Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Reflections for Today:

How does the key placed on Eliakim's shoulder symbolize his authority and responsibility? What does it mean for us to be entrusted with authority in various aspects of our lives? How can we use our authority to benefit others?

In St. Paul's reflection on God's wisdom, why is humility emphasized before God's unfathomable knowledge? How do you personally approach the idea of standing in awe of God's wisdom and design?

Reflection
REFLECTION

Feasts and Saints:

8/28- St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8/29- The Passion of St. John the Baptist



Financials:

JUNE 2023

	FY 23	FY22
BASKET:	7,150	9,220
GIVE CENTRAL:	42,902	38,001
TOTAL:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$ 50,052	\$47,221
	\$2,831	

From Fr Frank:

August 20, 2023

Planning my sabbatical has given me the opportunity of seeing the complexities of international travel, national borders, and how long one can visit a particular country. Getting a visa is a frustration beyond all telling and I have learned through my own desire in getting a visa, that the process allowing me to stay beyond the limit determined by law is complex and nearly impossible. Borders between nations is necessary and important in the establishment of cultural identity, security and economic opportunities.

But borders can and are fluid and flexible, just think about how the many wars throughout history have altered countless national borders.

Currently, the southern border of our country has become a place of much pain, suffering and controversy as millions of people are fleeing their own nations due to violence, human trafficking, poverty and countless forms of injustice. And yet we have an obligation to also maintain security and protection for our own citizens. Laws protecting borders are essential but they are challenged by unjust political regimes, economic collapse, poverty and violence. Every country has the right to know who is coming in and who is going out; every country has the right to determine the length of visits, no matter what the visit is for. But oftentimes, desperate situations call for desperate measures.

In the gospel today, Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman, a foreigner, who begs Jesus to free her daughter from a tormenting demon. At first, Jesus simply ignores her. Then, he responds in an uncharacteristic manner by telling her he has been sent to the “lost sheep of Israel,” thus eliminating her since she is not a part of God’s Chosen People. Well, she is very adamant and persuasive in getting Jesus to be a bit more open about who he heals. She is challenging the borders between people and religions. It works.

Jesus simply recognized that he indeed has been sent to Israel, the people God has chosen to be the instrument of salvation. But this salvation is not just for Israel but the whole world. The chosen people of God will always be special, but their unique status is not to be enclosed in an airtight container but SHARED with everyone! This foreign woman would become the human instrument Jesus encounters so that his mission may now be universal and not particular.

And yet this doesn’t mean we get rid of borders, boundaries or National identities. We are being called to see that Christ is not bound by OUR borders, nor is his mercy only for certain groups or nations. Our Church exists within countless national borders. Our parish, all parishes, have borders that create identity and culture. But the Church, our parish, must never be DEFINED by those borders. We are always being called to create bridges and connections between parishes, dioceses, states, countries, religions, lifestyles, races, cultures and languages.

I pray that our little parish be a parish with a unique identity and mission. But this mission must nurture us to be “border crossers” that enrich and widen our horizons. Being missionary disciples, crossing borders, only makes the heart expand. Disciples of Jesus have very large hearts.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist August 29

Today St. John the Baptist was beheaded and we mark his martyrdom.

Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite.

The Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

A woman played the primary role in his martyrdom. Herodias, the wife of Herod Antipas, was the former wife of his half-brother. John was arrested because he had denounced her illegal marriage. During the celebration of Herod's birthday, Herodias's daughter, Salome, performed a dance in honor of the king who remained enchanted and told her she could ask him for anything she wanted, even to half of his kingdom. After consulting her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod did not want to do it, but could not refuse: he had, after all, made a promise.

The king promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. (MK 6:17-29).



Join Us At The Best Event of The Year

Together in Joy!

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

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



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@sttereseparish.org.



Liturgical Minister Announcement

Have you ever considered becoming more involved in liturgy by serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at Mass? Now that Fr. Frank has re-introduced the cup for Holy Communion, we are especially in need of Eucharistic Ministers for all Masses. We currently cannot fill all of the Eucharistic Minister positions at the 6pm Mass. We have opportunities available for both ministries and we would welcome your getting involved in these unique roles in the liturgical life of St. Teresa of Avila. Service in these ministries will deepen your faith and help you grow in your love of the Lord. To serve as a Lector, all that is required is a deep love of the Word of God and a desire to serve God's people. Likewise, to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, all you need is a deep love of the Eucharist and a desire to serve. We will train you and teach you all you need to know.

Please prayerfully consider serving your parish in these very important ministries. If you are interested in serving, please email Eric Fredericks at eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com. Eric will be organizing training sessions in the near future and he will coordinate with you on scheduling.

Thank you for considering participating at our liturgies in these very important ministries!



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>

Mission Appeal 2023

Sunday August 27, 2023

Sr. Rose-Ange Woulaou, of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Paul.

This annual second collection provides vital support to ministries that witness and proclaim the love of Jesus in areas of the world affected by poverty and upheaval. Missionaries travel great distances to evangelize in remote and persecuted communities. They form priests and lay leaders, educate adults and children, offer medical care, provide safe homes, administer the Sacraments and more.

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!

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@sttereseparish.org Thank you!

Prayer

Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Barbara Repp (D)
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6 PM - Healing Prayers for Bruce Lindstrom

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.

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.

We pray for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse.



Upcoming Mass Schedule

- Sunday 9/3
- 10:00am- Fr. Frank
- 12:00pm- Fr. Frank
- 6:00pm - Fr. Frank

Reconciliation

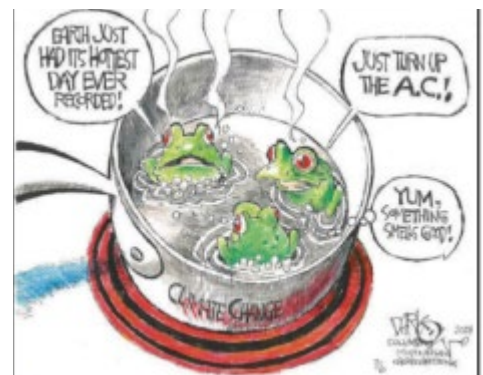
Celebrated through the year and during the Lenten and Christmas Seasons. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the parish office 773-528-6650.

Anointing

We have anointing of the sick periodically during Mass. If you wish to be anointed or a loved one please contact the parish office 773-528-6650.

Sunday Funday- August 27

- Banana Lovers Day and Just Because Day
- 2003-Mars made its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years, passing just 34,646,418 miles away.
- Mosquitoes are the deadliest animal, killing more people each year than any other species including other humans.



JOIN THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FOR

CHEZ STE. MARIE



WINE TASTING

SEPT. 14 | 6-8 PM

ST. MARY'S HOME

Support the Little Sisters' mission while sampling exquisite wines from France and savoring fabulous cuisine. Hosted by the House of Glunz.

TICKETS

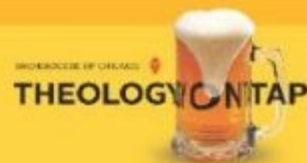
\$60 in advance

\$75 at the door

Register by scanning the QR code or visit littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org
773-935-9600



All Young Adults,
please join us
for a fun and
meaningful night of



STORIES & SPIRITS



**FIRST
DRINK
ON US!**

As Christians, our faith is based on the tradition of the divinely inspired storytelling of the Gospel. Join our *Theology on Tap* series, *Stories & Spirits*, to hear modern day stories of God working in the life of Catholic Chicagoans. We've all got a story! Are you ready to explore yours?

All young adults ages 21-35 are welcome

**Tuesdays in August at 7:00 p.m.
Black Barrel LIVE!, 455 W North Avenue**

TO REGISTER
scan the QR or visit
rebrand.ly/theologyontap23



SERIES SPEAKERS



Tuesday
8/8
BISHOP MARK BARTOSIC
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago,
Episcopal Vicar for
Vicariate II



Tuesday
8/15
EMILY CORTINA
Coordinator of Outreach
and Formation,
Kolbe House Jail Ministry



Tuesday
8/22
DR. KIMBERLY LYMORE
M.Div. D.Min, Associate
Minister, Faith Community
of St. Sabina



Tuesday
8/29
KEVIN PEASE
Director of IPS Scripture School
at Institute of Pastoral Studies,
Loyola University Chicago

Hosted by St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat, St. Michael, and Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Parishes



Parish Contacts

Staff

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Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology

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Charisse is responsible for managing the parish office as well producing our weekly bulletin and emails.

Charisse has been with the parish since 2019.

Mark Neuhengen

Director of Evangelization and

Parish Mission

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Mark is responsible for our Parish Evangelization and Ministry. Mark is a graduate from Loyola University Chicago, holds a masters in theology and has been with the parish since 2019.

Barbara McHugh

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Barb is responsible for our Children's Faith formation programs. She and her husband Ed have been parishioners at St. Teresa's for over 30 years.

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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

dsummins@hotmail.com

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.