

THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Reflections for Today:

Have you ever felt conflicted between your feelings and what you know to be your mission or calling?

In what ways can you relate to Jeremiah's struggle of staying faithful to your purpose in the face of adversity?

How do you define "offering yourself as a living sacrifice" in your everyday life?



Feasts and Saints:

9/12- The Most Holy Name of Mary

9/15- Our Lady of Sorrows



Financials: Semi-Annual Report

8/9/2023	St Teresa of Avila Parish				
	Semi-annual Report to the Parish				
	ACTUAL			BUDGET	
	Full Year			Full Year	
	FY23	FY22	Variance	FY23	Variance
Collections	683,566	711,008	(27,442)	699,550	(15,984)
Fundraising	173,547	226,281	(52,734)	155,500	18,047
Other	67,031	56,015	11,016	69,600	(2,569)
Total Revenue	924,144	993,304	(69,160)	924,650	(506)
Expenses	(897,406)	(940,601)	43,195	(975,335)	77,929
Net Ordinary	26,738	52,703	(25,965)	(50,685)	77,423
Other Revenue	83,144	56,026	27,118	-	83,144
Other Expense	(83,748)	(36,190)	(47,558)	(65,000)	(18,748)
Net Other	(604)	19,836	(20,440)	(65,000)	64,396
Subtotal	26,134	72,539	(46,405)	(115,685)	141,819
Investment Earnings	8,987	(12,722)	21,709	-	8,987
Total Net	35,121	59,817	(24,696)	(115,685)	150,806

From Fr Frank:

August 28, 2023

I am writing this on the Feast of St. Augustine, one of the Church's greatest theologians from the fourth and fifth centuries. His spiritual depth continues to shape and inform contemporary theological thought throughout western Christianity. The following are words from Augustine's greatest work, Confessions, a deeply personal account of his conversion to Christ after living a very self centered life, even fathering a child:

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness, I plunged into the lovely things you created. You created me but I was not with You. Created things kept me from You. You called, You shouted, and you broke through my deafness...you dispelled my blindness. You breathed fragrance on me, I drew breath from You and now I pant for You. You touched me and now I burn for peace.”

These words could be prayed over and reflected upon for hours on end for they speak an experience each one of us relates to. Conversion to Christ is a life long journey of encountering the God who dwells within, a living breathing spirit of love that we allow to lie dormant as we pursue happiness on everything **OUTSIDE** of ourselves.

What lies “outside” is truly good and beautiful since being created by God, but they can't bring salvation. Only the living, pulsating presence of God, dwelling within the very heart of our souls and spirits, once “tapped into” and given freedom to possess us, can transform and transfigure our very beings.

Labor Day:

The Parish office will be closed on Monday September 4th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



Parish Finance Update:

St. Teresa's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This year's net surplus equaled \$35k (\$26k excluding Investment results). This result maintained the parish's long track record of annual net surpluses excluding Investment results, but fell \$46k below the prior year level, largely due to lower Collections and Fundraising revenue. The shortfall in revenue became apparent early in the fiscal year, and the Parish deferred filling two open staff positions and planned Avila in Action grants as a result.

For purposes of further discussion, results are segregated between Net Ordinary (typically recurring activities) and Net Other (less frequent activities) in accordance with Archdiocese of Chicago reporting guidelines.

Net Ordinary Results: 2023 Net Ordinary results, excluding Investment results, equaled a surplus of \$27k, \$26k lower than last year. As noted above, lower Collections and Fundraising (largely Together in Joy) revenue were only partially offset by lower Expenses (largely Salaries and Benefits).

Net Other Results: 2023 Net Other results equaled a loss of \$1k, \$20k lower than last year. The decrease reflected higher Capital Improvements (largely replacement of the Parish Center range) and Extraordinary Expenses (roof repairs) only partially offset by higher Other Revenue (a contribution for a portion of the range cost and One Parish One Prisoner collections).

Investment Earnings: The Parish shifted certain assets to the Archdiocese's Growth Fund in February 2021. The Growth Fund involves more risk and greater volatility than our prior investment in a CD but is expected to generate higher returns over the long-term. The current year gain reflects the overall net increase in the value of equity and fixed income assets during the year.

Looking Ahead: Earlier this year, we reviewed and approved the budget for fiscal 2024. The coming year's results are planned at roughly break even. To control costs, the two open staff positions are assumed to remain open. We also anticipate further roof repairs will be required.

Thanks for your continued support to St. Teresa's. Your commitment through attendance at Mass, the weekly Collection, and our annual fundraising event are critical to the Parish's success. Please reach out through the Parish office if you have questions.

Don Eldred

Chair, Finance Council

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/uwfaqZUN>

St. Teresa Food Pantry Volunteers:

The St. Teresa Food Pantry is looking for volunteers. We need volunteers to make the pantry for distribution on Saturday mornings (9am to 11:45am) successful and to make sure we can serve our guests appropriately. And, I can promise you that you will have a great time and get a lot out of it. I know folks are busy with school and fall activities starting back up but without volunteers, we can't succeed. Thank you in advance!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at amy_h_long@yahoo.com.

To sign up, follow the link : <https://signup.com/go/skdEmDW>

Amy Long Email: amy_h_long@yahoo.com Cell: 312.909.0784

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@stteresaparish.org Thank you!

Prayer

Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Healing Prayers for Cecelia Braun
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6 PM - Prayers of well being for Carol Christiansen

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 9/10

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- September 3

Bowling League Day and Skyscraper Day

1944-Anne Frank and her family were placed on the last transport train from the Westerbork transit camp to the Auschwitz concentration camp, and arrived three days later.

In the nursery rhyme “Humpty Dumpty,” it never says he’s an egg.





On the weekend of September 23/24, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 162 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for financial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid,

and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 146 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!



www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org

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.

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\$75 at the door

Register by scanning the QR code or visit littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org
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Parish Contacts

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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

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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.

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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

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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.