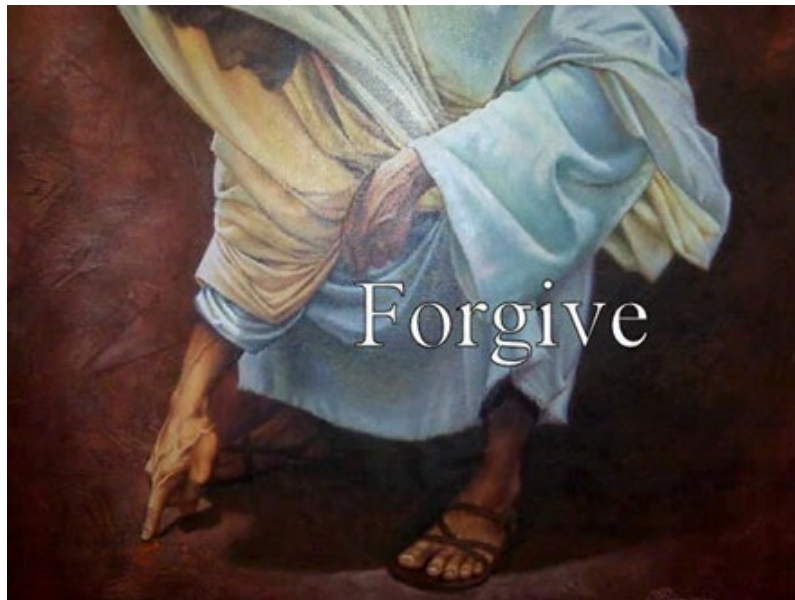


# THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023



#### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

#### Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

773-528-6650

#### 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: Sirach 27:30–28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

## Reflections for Today:

Reflect on a time when anger or vengeance controlled your actions. How did this affect your relationship with others and with God? How can you work to overcome these emotions in the future?

How do you practice empathy and compassion in your daily life? How can recognizing the innate human dignity in others help you to be more forgiving and understanding?

## Feasts and Saints:

9/19- St. Januarisus, Bishop and Martyr

9/21- St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

9/23- St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest



Reflection  
REFLECTION

## 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)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>924,144</b>	<b>993,304</b>	<b>(69,160)</b>	<b>924,650</b>	<b>(506)</b>
Expenses	(897,406)	(940,601)	43,195	(975,335)	77,929
<b>Net Ordinary</b>	<b>26,738</b>	<b>52,703</b>	<b>(25,965)</b>	<b>(50,685)</b>	<b>77,423</b>
Other Revenue	83,144	56,026	27,118	-	83,144
Other Expense	(83,748)	(36,190)	(47,558)	(65,000)	(18,748)
<b>Net Other</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>19,836</b>	<b>(20,440)</b>	<b>(65,000)</b>	<b>64,396</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>26,134</b>	<b>72,539</b>	<b>(46,405)</b>	<b>(115,685)</b>	<b>141,819</b>
Investment Earnings	8,987	(12,722)	21,709	-	8,987
<b>Total Net</b>	<b>35,121</b>	<b>59,817</b>	<b>(24,696)</b>	<b>(115,685)</b>	<b>150,806</b>

## From Fr. Frank:

Summer is coming to a close and the beautiful season of Autumn is upon us. It will be great to see people back and our religious education programs gathering our children in their formation of our Catholic faith. The staff spent the Summer cleaning and reorganizing the various work places. So much needed to be tossed or shredded.

October promised to be a month filled with many activities to get the year going.

-The first weekend(October 1st) will be a welcome for our children and families;

-the second weekend (October 8th) is a holiday weekend and the Chicago Marathon and we are planning a way to honor and celebrate the Native American culture which is foundational to our country;

-the third weekend is Together in Joy,(Saturday, October 14th) our annual fundraiser and the celebration of our patron Saint, Teresa of Avila, whose Feast day is Sunday, October 15;

-the fourth weekend (October 22nd) we will have a Ministry Fair to welcome new people in our various ministries and will provide for parishioners the opportunity to move donations to on line giving through Give Central;

-the fifth weekend(October 29th)will be a time to celebrate the magic and joy of Halloween.



## Formation of a New Spirituality Prayer Group

I'm hoping to start a new spirituality faith sharing group of people wanting to come together on a regular basis to pray and share in our Catholic faith. It would be great to bring together a diversity of people, coming from a variety of perspectives and cultures. With all the divisiveness and rancor so evident in our culture and in the ways we relate to each other in our differences, I thought one way to anchor this Spirituality Group would be to focus on discovering and deepening our Faith through culture: literature, poetry, art, music, drama, film.

Just to get things going, I thought about reading together a wonderful book by a Trappist monk known for his spiritual teaching: Grace, A Journey To God. This book is such a gift because it explores the grounding and foundation of our life in Christ:Grace. ALL is Grace!!!

I'm hoping to be a participant in this group, not so much the leader. We all can take part in guiding and facilitating. Rooting prayer and faith in culture, plays, movies, art exhibits, spiritual writing, and more seems a way to bring some peace and beauty in these difficult times.

God is the ultimate Beauty and our prayer and spiritual lives are meant to shape us in the beauty Who us God. And God's gift of Grace makes US beautiful!!!!

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Understanding Forgiveness

The parable of the Unforgiving Servant in the Gospel for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 18:21-35) conveys a significant lesson about forgiveness. Though the details of slavery and debt bondage may seem distant, the core message resonates with contemporary readers: God's mercy is abundant, and we must pass that mercy on to others. Just as the king forgives the servant's debt, we too have been forgiven by God, and we are called to extend that same grace to others.

The parable takes a serious turn when the forgiven servant fails to show mercy to another. This harsh act is met with severe consequences, reflecting a spiritual truth: If we do not forgive others, we risk losing the grace we have received. The Gospel calls Catholics to be mindful of how we treat others, recognizing that our actions reflect our relationship with God. Forgiveness is not optional but a necessary expression of our faith.

The Gospel challenges the tendency to quantify or limit forgiveness. Peter's question about how many times to forgive is answered by Jesus with a call to unlimited mercy. God's forgiveness is not constrained by numbers or conditions; it's a boundless grace that transforms us. For Catholics, this is a reminder to approach others with the same unlimited compassion and forgiveness, reflecting God's own boundless love in our daily lives.

### The Essence of Forgiveness

Forgiveness is central to the readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. Both readings convey that forgiveness is not merely a personal virtue but a spiritual principle deeply intertwined with our relationship with God. It's depicted as a path towards healing and grace, rather than a sign of weakness or concession. As we forgive others, we reflect God's infinite mercy and open ourselves to His healing love.

The readings highlight the reciprocal nature of forgiveness: our willingness to forgive others is connected to the forgiveness we receive from God. In Sirach, we are urged to forgive others if we wish to be forgiven by the Lord. Similarly, in Matthew's Gospel, the king's forgiveness of the servant's debt is conditioned on the servant's willingness to forgive others. This theme calls on us as Catholics to recognize forgiveness as a two-way street, a mutual exchange that reflects our understanding of God's mercy.





## 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](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)**



## Registration for Catechesis

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](mailto:bmchugh@sttereseparish.org).



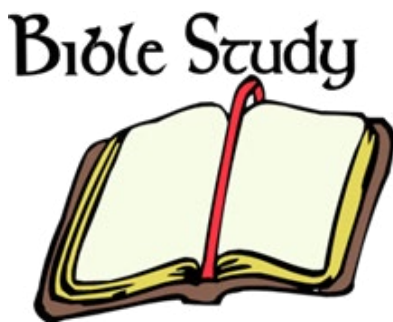
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## Bible Education

“A Biblical Walk with Our Blessed Mother” begins the week of October 3/4! Join us, on Tuesday at 7 pm OR Wednesdays at 9 am, as we learn Mary’s unique role in God’s kingdom and in our lives.

“A Biblical Walk Through The Mass” begins on October 15! Join us, on Sunday at 8:50 – 9:50 am OR 4:40 – 5:40 pm, as we explore the rich biblical roots of the Liturgy and learn what our words, gestures, and rituals mean and why it all matters.

This course is presented in an easy to understand and non-intimidating manner. Sign Up or Questions? Email Debbie at [dbichimer@gmail.com](mailto:dbichimer@gmail.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/uwfaqZLN>

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## 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](mailto:amy_h_long@yahoo.com).

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

Amy Long Email: [amy\\_h\\_long@yahoo.com](mailto:amy_h_long@yahoo.com) Cell: 312.909.0784

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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!

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## 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!



# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Healing Prayers for Cathleen Hall  
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- Cathleen Hall  
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 9/24  
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.

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### Sunday Funday- September 17

Apple Dumpling Day and Country Music Day  
1849-Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery in Maryland.  
1972-The first episode of M.A.S.H. aired on CBS.

“I never panic when I get lost. I just change where it is I want to go.”  
– Rita Rudner





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](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorchicago.org)

## SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS

#IlovePsalms


Hello September,  
Thanks for the  
reminder  
that change  
can be beautiful!

God is in control.  
Angels have been  
assigned to our case.  
His miracle is coming.  
Do not worry and Do  
not give up!

St. Teresa of Avila Men's Spirituality Retreat 2023





Second Collection Seminarian Education September 17, 2023

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## Staff

### Fr. Frank Latzko

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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

Religious Education

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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.

### Carol Spalla-Malone

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**Sergio Mora**

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## Parish Council

**Anna Althoff- President**

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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](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.