

# THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023



#### Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

#### Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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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)

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### 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 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

## Reflections for Today:

In the parable, how does the landowner's approach to rewarding workers challenge your understanding of fairness and merit? How might this influence your interactions with others?

Reflect on St. Paul's attitude in the second reading. How can his unwavering commitment to God's will, regardless of personal outcomes, inspire your own sense of purpose and devotion?

Reflection  
REFLECTION

## Feasts and Saints:

9/24-Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

9/27- St. Vincent DePaul, Priest

9/29- Sts. Michael, Garbriel, and Rachel



## Financials: August 2023

	FY23	FY22
BASKET:	14,355	21,584
GIVE CENTRAL:	46,442	40,697
TOTAL:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$60,797	\$62,281
		\$(1,484)

## Stewardship

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.-  
Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying “it's not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

**From Fr. Frank:**

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week is National Migration Week and in the Catholic Church it will include World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This gives us as a church and nation to focus on the painful plight of those fleeing their homelands due to poverty, violence and injustice. As Pope Francis reminds us Christians, people have a right to migrate when their lives are threatened and their human dignity denied in horrible ways.

The gospel teaching comes to mind: the measure you measure with will be measured back to you. Jesus tells the story in today's gospel of a man begging for mercy from his master who demanded that his huge debt be paid back in full. The master forgave the entire debt because compassion filled his heart.

This same man had his own servant, who owed him a much smaller amount, pay him back in full, no questions. Unable to do so, he had the servant put in prison. Amazing!!!! This same man was relieved of a huge debt he owed, no strings attached. But he returned the mercy shown to him with greed and hardness of heart. Needless to say, it didn't end well for him.

The measure you measure with will be measured back to you.

This gospel teaching pierces the human heart, not only of individuals, but the heart of the church and the heart of our nation. As countless numbers of migrants and refugees are entering our nation and being bussed to cities around the country, including Chicago, we need to respond as we would hope people would respond to us if we had to flee our country. Every nation has a right to borders that are secured and protected. But also, every human being has a right to living in safety, able to take care of the most basic necessities of life.

The crisis we are facing has National and worldwide ramifications, involving economics, trade, food distribution, totalitarian regimes and the destruction of our environment. Much could be added to the list, I have no doubt. But our nation has been blessed in countless ways and immigrants form the backbone of our lifestyles in many hidden ways. The key word is "hidden."

Most of us have family members who emigrated to America, fleeing poverty. My mom's family came from Italy in the 1920's. It took years for the process of entering the US to take place. But if Italy actually bordered the US, not being separated by a huge ocean, would they have not found a way to "cross the border" on the East, if it meant feeding a family?

Oftentimes, "rights" come in conflict: human rights, National rights, constitutional rights... the call of a disciple of Jesus is always mercy and compassion whenever it is possible. Mercy and forgiveness and compassion have no limits. Respecting laws and respecting human beings must somehow come together. Love can never be measured. And yet, if you measure in love... love will be measured back to you. Gospel paradox.

## St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael

### Feast Day September 29th

The Bible mentions 3 archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Each angel had a specific mission in salvation history, but they continue their protective help in the world, even though we may not see their invisible spiritual work.

The Roman Rite of the Catholic Church has assigned September 29 to be the feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels. For many centuries this day was only reserved for St. Michael.

After the Second Vatican Council, the Church wanted to further highlight all three archangels and grouped them all together on September 29. Previously St. Gabriel and St. Raphael had separate feasts during different parts of the year.

St. Michael is the Patron Saint of soldiers, police, paramedics, and the sick and dying.

Michael, whose name means “Who is like God?”

St. Gabriel is the Patron Saint of messengers, postal workers, broadcasters, and expectant mothers.

Gabriel, whose name means “God is my strength” or “Strong man of God,”

St. Raphael is the Patron Saint of travelers, the blind, medical workers, and matchmakers.

Raphael, whose name means “God has healed,”

As we honor these three archangels today, call upon their intercession, seek their mediation, and trust that they will accomplish the duties they are given. Through Michael, seek God’s protection. Through Gabriel, seek God’s revelation. And through Raphael, seek God’s healing. They will not let you down.

*Glorious Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, I entrust myself to your angelic mediation. Please set into motion God’s plan for my life, protect me from the evil one, deliver to me God’s holy word, and heal me of my sin. I thank you for the glorious duties you fulfill in the divine mission and rely upon you in my life. Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for me and mediate God’s grace to me. Jesus, I trust in You.*



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](http://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](http://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](http://togetherinjoy.com)



## Welcome Babies!

As the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Refugee Program continues to support refugee families, Catholic

Charities has requested help to welcome five newborns with what they need. Once again we are asking for donations which will be used to purchase:

Bassinets or small baby cribs

Small dressers with changing tables

Diapers and wipes

Baby blankets

Donations may be made on Give Central:

1. Press Find Your Charity.
2. Type in St. Teresa of Avila.
3. Press Welcome Babies Project.
4. Indicate donation amount.

Thank you for your always generous response to support families. Questions?

Contact Mairead Reidy ([mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com](mailto:mairiad.reidy@yahoo.com)) or Geneva Gorgo ([genevag@hotmail.com](mailto:genevag@hotmail.com)).



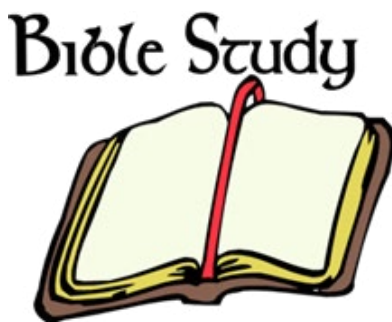
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## Bible Education

“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 - Dorothy Kadzielawski (D) and Joe Castiglia (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- 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 10/1

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 24

Cherries Jubilee Day and Punctuation Day

1789-The United State's Post Office was formed.

1948-The Honda Motor Company was founded in Japan.

Fun Fact:

For every human on Earth, there are 1.6 million ants.





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)

*Prayer for  
September*

*May You Have:*

- Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
- Enough trials to keep you strong,
- Enough sorrow to keep you human,
- Enough hope to keep you happy,
- Enough failure to keep you humble,
- Enough success to keep you eager,
- Enough wealth to meet your needs,
- Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
- Enough friends to give you comfort,
- Enough faith to banish depression,
- Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

*And God to Keep You going..  
Bless You & Your Loved Ones.*

inspire, uplift, and encourage

# To serve is to reign. discernment retreat October 6-8, 2023

Join us at our Home in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood for a weekend of prayer and discernment as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary with our elderly Residents.

**Open to Catholic young women ages 18-35**

Overnight accommodations provided Friday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 8, with the possibility of staying until the 9th for those who wish.

**Little Sisters of the Poor  
St. Mary's Home  
2325 North Lakewood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois, 60614**

For more information or to register contact Sr. Christina, [vcchicago@LittleSistersofthePoor.org](mailto:vcchicago@LittleSistersofthePoor.org)

"Mary became the first of those who, 'serving Christ also in others, with humility and patience lead their brothers and sisters to that King whom to serve is to reign.'" JPII



# Parish Contacts

## Staff

### Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor

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### Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology

Coordinator/Bulletin

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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

Part-Time Business Manager

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### Jason Krumwiede

Director of Music

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## Staff

Housekeeping

**Irma Saavedra**

**Sergio Mora**

Building & Facilities Manager

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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.