

# THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023



## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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: Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 (shorter form Philippians 2:1-5)

Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

## Reflections for Today:

Can you recall a specific instance where your actions didn't align with your words?

How did it impact others? Are you willing to change your initial stance if it turns out to be wrong?

In your daily life, which holds more weight: what you say or what you do?



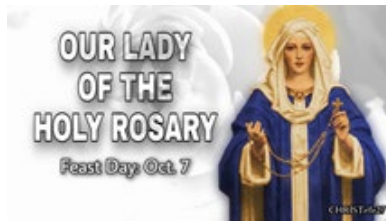
## Feasts and Saints:

10/2- The Holy Guardian Angels

10/4- St. Francis of Assisi

10/6- St. Bruno, Priest

10/7- Our Lady of The Rosary



## 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:

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

## St. Francis of Assisi:

Feast Day- October 4

Patron of Animals, Merchants & Ecology

Founder of the Franciscan Order, born at Assisi in Umbria, in 1181.

St. Francis is one of two patron saints of Italy, alongside Catherine of Sienna. St. Francis of Assisi is well-known for his many miracles involving animals and birds and his compassion for healing critically ill and injured people. St. Francis is also the patron saint of ecology, including animals, their lives and welfare.

St. Francis had a devoted love of God and His word and mercy. His love for God was so profound that it overflowed to compassion for all His creatures, ranging from other people to birds and even predators, such as wolves.

St. Francis firmly believed all God's creatures deserved compassion, and often preached sermons to animals. He became the first-ever saint to exhibit Christ's wounds, known as stigmata, in 1224.

St. Francis fostered bonds with all animals, but had a particularly devoted relationship and appreciation for birds. Reportedly, many birds would follow him around, listen to his sermons and even perch on his arms, shoulders and hands. Since birds symbolize growth and spiritual freedom, many people believe the miracle of birds listening to St. Francis' sermon was a sign from God encouraging St. Francis to continue his work sharing the Gospel of Christ.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death."



## From the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program . . .

Dear St. Teresa of Avila Parishioners,

On behalf of the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement program and the refugees you support, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you. Earlier this year, the resettlement team welcomed a family of six from Syria. The mother of the family immediately notified us that she was pregnant and due to deliver soon. This was a surprise to all of us and we quickly realized that we needed a helping hand. We knew that we could depend on the St. Teresa of Avila community to support us as we welcomed our newest family's first baby boy. The refugee ministry mobilized to assess the needs of both mom and baby while creating a plan to fulfill those needs.

We were all in for a bigger surprise when baby arrived via emergency c-section five weeks before we were expecting him to. The St. Teresa of Avila refugee ministry took this new urgency in stride and was prepared to immediately gather and provide vital baby items to the family. We had nothing prepared— due to you all stepping up in a time of urgent need, baby and mom had the items they needed.

Thank you for warmly welcoming this lucky baby to the world while welcoming his family to the country.

Sincerely,

Emily Parker

Case Manager Supervisor

Refugee Resettlement

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

## 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)).



## Join Us At The Best Event of The Year Together in Joy!

Celebrate and support the ministries of St. Teresa of Ávila that serve our Lincoln Park community.

Join us for an evening you won't forget, complete with a cocktail hour featuring a complementary bar and passed hors d'oeuvres, a three-course plated dinner, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, and dancing!

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.

**Purchase your ticket to attend: [TogetherinJoy.com](http://TogetherinJoy.com)**

Purchase a Raffle Ticket for a Chance at Winning \$5,000

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! All proceeds go directly to the parish. You don't need to attend the event to purchase or win!

**Purchase at [TogetherinJoy.com](http://TogetherinJoy.com)**

Come Prepared to Bid on these Amazing Live Auction Items:

### **6 Day/7 Night Stay for 4-8 in Italian Villa in Abruzzo, Italy**

Make this restored Italian villa your home for the week! Located in the Abruzzo region of Italy, this home is perfect for kicking back with a bottle of wine and taking in the spectacular sights.

Minimum bid: \$1,500

Generously donated by Carl Marinacci.

### **6 Day/7 Night Trip for 4 in Siesta Key, FL with \$1,000 for Airfare**

Immerse yourself in paradise with a luxurious 6-day, 7-night getaway for four to the breathtaking Siesta Key, Florida. This package not only includes accommodations, but also a \$1,000 flight voucher.

Minimum bid: \$3,000

Generously donated by Dave and Lori Carlson.

### **Dinner for 10 at Honey Butter Fried Chicken**

Indulge in a mouthwatering experience at Honey Butter Fried Chicken! Get your crew together and savor the succulent flavors of their famous fried chicken that is sure to be an unforgettable feast for you and your guests.

Minimum bid: \$850



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## Bible Education

### 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

## Bible Study



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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/uwffqUZN>

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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.

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

Amy Long Email: 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@sttereseparish.org](mailto:cgioia@sttereseparish.org) Thank you!



# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

10AM - Dorothy Kadzielawski (D)  
12 PM - Anna Ruiz Feliciano (D) and Martha Montes (D)  
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 10/8  
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- October 1

Today is-International Coffee Day, Hair Day and Homemade Cookies Day  
1891-Stanford University opened.  
1957-First appearance of In God We Trust on U.S. paper currency, on one-dollar bills.  
“Rain in October means wind in December.”  
– Farmer saying





**Sunday  
October  
29**

**7:45AM- 1:30PM**

**Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.**



**St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Blood Drive**

1950 N. Kenmore, Chicago, IL, 60614  
10/29 @ Parish Center  
7:45 AM - 1:30 PM

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED; Walk-Ins Welcomed!**  
Please make your appointment Online at  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8ns5fk>  
or scan the QR code here ----->



**Donate and receive these spooktacular Versiti  
Halloween socks, while supplies last.**



St. James Lutheran students delivering bag lunches for Loaves & Fishes  
September 8, 2023

THANK YOU!!!



# Parish Contacts

## Staff

### Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor

[frfrankjohn56@gmail.com](mailto:frfrankjohn56@gmail.com)

### 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

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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.