


# THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 15, 2023

**St. Teresa of Avila**  
Feast Day: **October 15**



**St Teresa, pray for us!**

As I see it,  
we shall never succeed  
in knowing ourselves  
unless we seek  
to know God:  
let us think  
of His greatness  
and then come back  
to our own baseness;  
by looking at His purity  
we shall see our foulness;  
by meditating  
upon His humility,  
we shall see how far  
we are from being humble.

-From "Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila

## 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](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.

### 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 of 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 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

## Feasts and Saints:

10/16- St. Hedwig, Religious

10/17- St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

10/18- St. Luke, Evangelist

10/20- St. Paul of the Cross, Priest



## 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)

## Reflections for Today:

What do you do to be prepared to respond to God's daily invitations?

Do you ever resent that God invites everyone, the good and the bad, to his table?



## Daily Prayer for Today:

Dear Father in heaven, we come into your presence as imperfect, sinful children, who do many foolish things and who are involved in much that is evil and corrupt. We come to you, Father, knowing that your fatherly love is with us through all eternity. Be gracious to us and free us from all the harm and injury we are bound to suffer in this earthly life. May the grace your kingdom brings on earth finally blot out the sins of all people, so that as your children they may rejoice because you have helped them. May your name be praised among all people. Amen.

## Stewardship:

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

## From Fr. Frank:

A happy Feast Day to all parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, for Sunday, October 15th is her day we celebrate her life and witness to the gospel. Our parish was founded on October 15, 1889, by German immigrants. The parish has grown and developed through several transformations over many decades. The German culture of the neighborhood gradually changed in the late 1950's and early 1960's becoming a Puerto Rican community, rich in culture and tradition. From the late 1980's until the present, the neighborhood has experienced more transformation due to gentrification. Communities and neighborhoods change over time. Who knows what Lincoln Park will look like years from now? It will certainly be different.

One consistent "presence" throughout the various neighborhood transformations over 134 years has been St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community. The one constant, the driving energy uniting diverse cultural expressions, has been our Catholic faith. The Eucharist is the lifeblood and center of gravity for our parish, gathering us to be formed and shaped by Scripture, the Body and Blood of Christ and the assembly... to be sent out to live and proclaim the gospel. From the Eucharistic celebration radiates our many ministries of formation, prayer, outreach and Catechesis.

We are filled with gratitude for our rich history of people who gave so much to keep our parish vibrant: the countless benefactors of parishioners who supported the parish financially and spiritually, the witness of the Sisters who dedicated their lives for almost 100 years to the school, the priests, deacons, lay leaders and the multitude of volunteers. Without our volunteers, the parish couldn't function.

The readings this weekend, particularly from Isaiah and the parable in the gospel, compare the Kingdom of God to a marriage feast, filled with abundant, sumptuous food and drink. In the parable, the first ones invited were from the establishment, people of means and importance; most had no time for this magnificent feast. The King "invited" those on the fringes, the lowly and unwanted, so that the wedding feast could be filled.

This is a very strange and even disturbing parable: why did those first invited refuse? Why did the King react so violently? Why did he "throw out" the one not dressed properly? The image of the feast and food is beautiful, but the message is meant to shatter our complacency and oh so busy lives. We are being invited to a feast of Salvation!!!! OUR salvation!!! But are we truly ready to accept the invitation of salvation

Yes, all are welcome but to remain within the Feast we must be prepared INTERNALLY, our hearts must be open to transformation and change so that our lives become an extension of the very Feast of God's marriage to humanity. The one not properly dressed wasn't able to actually celebrate because his heart wasn't open to the very salvation being offered. His heart wasn't "clothed" with compassion, mercy, a poverty of spirit, gentleness, humility. His BAPTISM had little effect on his life!!!!

The beauty of this parish has been its open and welcoming spirit. Yes, ALL are welcome, but attitudes of hatred, bigotry of all forms, intolerance of different viewpoints must be open to transformation. Our lives and how we live them are meant to become mirrors of the gospel and Christ's love. As we celebrate St. Teresa, the first woman declared a "doctor" of the Church, meaning a great theologian, we must remember how hard she fought for the reform of the Carmelite Order during the time of the Reformation. She challenged the Inquisition, who tried to brand her teachings on prayer heretical and she also faced horrible opposition from her own fellow nuns who resisted the reform. Teresa steadfastly resisted the naysayers and complainers, letting the fire of the Spirit guide her.

Teresa is a reminder to all of us that change is hard, and most of us don't want or like change. But when rooted in prayer that is deep and contemplative and when we are a part of a community of Eucharist, change is welcome, even if painful. What our parish will look like in the future, how it will be structured, the people who come... will unfold in ways that will certainly involve surprise and change. May the same Spirit that guided Teresa guide us as a Catholic faith community, wherever it may lead. Change is inevitable, for nothing stays the same, except a closed, hard heart. St. Teresa's has a beautiful way of softening hearts!!!! Let the Feast continue...

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023

AFTER EACH MASS

All are welcome to come and learn about all of the ministry's St. Teresa of Avila has to offer.

There will be a table with a representative from each of our ministry's to provide you with information and answer any questions.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



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Fr. Frank's Birthday is Coming October 23rd!!

Please join us in singing HAPPY BIRTHDAY after Mass



TOGETHER IN JOY

We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered and supported our annual fundraiser.

Look forward to next week's bulletin and newsletter for more details and pictures to follow.



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**Baptisms:**

Clare Therese Dirnberger and Nora Marie Stella

## Blessings In A Backpack:

On Tuesday October 10th ,84 Blue Cross Blue Shield employees packed 1,500 bags of weekend nutrition for local Chicago children in our parish center as a part of their Community Impact Day!

Blessings in a Backpack is grateful for BCBS's generosity and support as well as St. Teresa's kindness in providing a space for today event to occur.

To learn more about Blessings in a Backpack's mission and how to you can help tackle childhood hunger on the weekend, visit [blessingsinabackpack.org](http://blessingsinabackpack.org).



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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 - Thomas and Mary Tobin (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 10/22  
10:00am- Fr. Frank  
12:00pm- Fr. Frank  
6:00pm - Fr. Alphonse

### 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 15

Today is- I Love Lucy Day and Mushroom Day

1878-The Edison Electric Light Company began operations.

1951-I Love Lucy premiered on CBS. It was filmed on three cameras, a TV first.

“I have a strange combination of fearlessness and massive insecurity.”

- Penny Marshall





**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.**



# OCTOBER AT ST. TERESA'S



**Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Bring your pets to Mass for a special blessing!**

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**TOGETHER IN JOY GALA**

**Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day Celebration honoring Carmen Ubides**



**Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Parish Ministry Fair**

**Fr. Frank' Birthday October 23rd**

**Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Fall Blood Drive**

**Halloween Celebration**

# 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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## Staff

Housekeeping

Irma Saavedra

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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.