

THE JOURNEY

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 PM French Mass

Sunday 10 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Wednesday - 8:00AM

Friday Communion Service

Friday- 8:00AM

Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing

Please call the office to arrange or email
cgioia@stteraparish.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays- 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Office Hours

Weekdays: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

“St. Teresa of Avila Parish is an engaged community rooted in the beauty of the Eucharist and our Catholic faith. We want to make a difference in the lives of the people, especially those who are searching to discover how much God loves them and is calling them to join in the Mission of Christ to live His Gospel. We do so by welcoming people of all backgrounds and cultures in our parish, respecting their desires and questions, crossing borders and learning from those we encounter. You are welcomed to join in the Mission of building bridges and sharing the Good News of Christ.”

Community Ministries

If you want to serve the St. Teresa’s community in our liturgies or our planning, there are many opportunities for you!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

teresa.church/rcia

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

Lectors

teresa.church/lectors

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

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Pastoral Council

teresa.church/pastoral-council

Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.

Finance Council

teresa.church/finance-council

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

Interested in Joining Our Parish?

Are you interested in making St. Teresa’s your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community?

Fill out the below form and drop it in the collection basket or join online at teresa.church/join.

Name

Email

Phone

Address

Ministries of Interest

In fulfilling our mission to be “Faith & Spirit. Alive.” we invite you to get involved with your family here at St. Teresa of Avila parish.

Outreach Ministries

We have a variety of opportunities you can join to get involved and help serve our community, the Lincoln Park area, and the city of Chicago.

Welcome the Stranger

Join with parishioners from St. Teresa of Avila, St. Josaphat and others in the Lincoln Park Community to support a refugee family's journey in Chicago. Please fill out this link and we will add you to our updates and emails! <https://bit.ly/welcomethestrangerLP>. Additionally, if you would like to work directly with a refugee family, you can sign up at any time for a 3 hour Engaging with

Refugees: Cross-Cultural Training <https://exodusworldservice.org/register/>.

Night Ministry

Support our partnership with The Night Ministry by providing sack suppers to the homeless. Participation is easy and safe! For more information and to sign up, please contact Susan Matejka at smatejka@hpschicago.com.

Loaves and Fishes Dinner

teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

La Posada Border Ministry

teresa.church/border-ministry

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

Food Pantry

teresa.church/food-pantry

Our parish food pantry is a welcoming, dependable source of nutritious food, respect and social contact to the needy of our community.

Care for Creation Ministry

teresa.church/care-for-creation

Our mission, an authentic social and moral commitment, is to educate and inspire our parish to accept the health of the planet and all creation as a personal and communal responsibility, thereby instilling a desire to make choices that result in actions for the stewardship of God's creation.

Spiritual Ministries

There are many ministries at St. Teresa's that celebrate our faith via small christian communities, serving in our liturgies, and learning more.

Women's Spirituality

teresa.church/womens-spirituality

Meets the Last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection.

Men's Spirituality

teresa.church/mens-spirituality

Meets virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email cdeanhockey@gmail.com to get the link and join.

Bible Studies/Discussion Groups

Throughout the year there are bible studies you can join or maybe a book study with Fr. Frank. Schedules change throughout the year, so stay tuned!

Religious Education

teresa.church/religious-education

Whether it's our Montessori based Catechesis of the Good Shephard for children, EDGE Middle School ministry, QUEST High School Ministry, or SPRED Ministry for those with special needs, St. Teresa's has a wide array of programs to meet the needs of our children.

Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

teresa.church/french-community

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b,8-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

Feasts and Saints:

11/10- St. Leo the Great Pope and Doctor of the Church

11/11- St. Martin of Tours, Bishop



Financials: September 2023

	FY23	FY22
Basket:	9,763	6,789
Give Central:	37,837	34,886
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$47,600	\$41,675
	\$5925	

Reflections for Today:

Do I practice what I preach?

Is there someone in my circle who needs to hear about God's love today?

How can I convey the message of faith through genuine, heartfelt connections?

Am I receptive to God's message in my life, allowing it to deeply affect me?



Daily Prayer for Today:

Lord God Almighty, whose eyes keep watch over the whole world, we come before you with the evil from our surroundings still clinging to us. Grant that our lives may be in your hands. Give us your strength to find the way, even through suffering and distress. For we are yours, O Lord our God, and you have chosen your people to be strong and to be freed from all evils. Help us, we beseech you. May we know that you are with us and may your Word bring us blessing, to the glory of your name forever. Amen.

Stewardship:

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

From Fr. Frank:

The month of November is a time for remembering all our loved ones who have passed through the gateway of death into a new way of living. The journey continues, for death no longer has the final word. Resurrection IS the final word.

As we celebrate the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, we keep the memory of these loved ones alive, experiencing them as leading us further on our journey in this life. Yes, indeed, they are our hope and promise, for they are alive and well. Please place a Holy card or photo on our Altar of the Dead as a way of honoring their memory.

My sabbatical is approaching, a time to pause, reflect, study and pray in thanksgiving for all the gifts and graces given to me as I celebrate my 40th anniversary as a priest. I will celebrate at each of the Sunday Advent Masses on December 3rd the gift of the priesthood that has shaped my life for 40 years, which I cherish with joy and gratitude.

During the sabbatical, our Sunday and Wednesday Masses will be celebrated primarily by Fr. Ed Udovic and several other priests. Funerals and sick calls will be handled by one of these priests. Fr. Carlos Rodríguez, pastor of St. Josaphat's, is the administrator in case any unusual situations arise.

Our Minister of Evangelization and Mission, Mark Neuhengen, will take care of the day to day operations. Lay leadership is much needed in today's church, as the recent Synod in Rome has reminded us. Many parishes throughout the world are led and administered by qualified lay leaders, with a priest assigned as pastor to care for the Sacramental needs of the parish.

Mark will be great leading our community!!!

I hope to keep in touch through emails and short videos which might be shown after Communion, if I can figure out the technological realities. I'll be spending the time studying theology and spirituality and a number of weeks I will be on retreat in prayer. I will bring a list of each registered household, whether a family, a couple, or an individual, to pray for parishioners, privately and at various Masses.

If you have a special need, please let me know and I will pray for that specific prayer; the prayer will be confidential.

Basically, the sabbatical will be from early December through early April. I plan on returning with lots of energy.

Baptism:

Emily Astrid Mack

November 5th, 2023





Fr. Frank reading a Halloween story to the children
at the 10am Mass on October 29, 2023.

Loaves and Fishes:

Hello St Teresa Parishioners,

As the weather turns colder our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is looking for any new and gently worn coats for our guests. Men's large and x large are in the highest demand and the warmer the better!



Thank You!

We want to **THANK** everyone, from those who donated blood to those who donated their time helping make this year's Annual Fall Blood Drive a Success!



Bible Education

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“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



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>

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

Food Pantry

In an attempt to reduce the use of plastic bags, the Food Pantry is always in great need of DOUBLED PAPER GROCERY BAGS WITH HANDLES. Please drop off at the parish office or at the pantry. Help our Food Pantry by donating cans of HEARTY SOUP or BOXES OF CEREAL. Please bring to Mass each week to be Presented during The Presentation of the Gifts. Note: We only ask for soup and cereal as most items needed come from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Thank You!

Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking!

Hearing the call to serve those less fortunate? Always wanted to (learn to) cook for a crowd? Our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is seeking cooks (and their helpers) to prepare a warm dinner for the elderly and homeless in our area, served each Friday afternoon. For a 3-6 hour commitment one Friday a month, you’ll meet a wonderful group of people to work with, share kitchen tips and feel good about helping those in need. For more info, please contact Charisse Gioia cgioia@sttereseparish.org Thank you!

Prayer

Mass Intentions

Upcoming Mass Schedule

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D)
12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Sunday 11/12 10am- Fr. Frank
Sunday 11/12 12pm- Fr. Frank
Sunday 11/12 6pm- Fr. Frank

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.



Sunday Funday- November 5th

Today is- National Donut Appreciation Day and National Love Your Red Hair Day

1935-Parker Brothers launched the board game of Monopoly. Marvin Gardens is actually a misspelling of 'Marven Gardens', an actual locale in Atlantic City.

2007- The Android mobile phone operating system was unveiled by Google.

In the near future, most grandparents will be way better at video games than their grandchildren due to sheer experience.



St. Teresa's 8th Annual Turkey

**Calling all walkers, joggers,
runners, canines and turkeys!**



**Please join us for our 8th, free, non-competitive,
1 to 6 mile, Turkey Trot. Runners, joggers, and walkers of all
abilities are welcome, including children and canines!**

**No racing, no timing, no awards, no entry fee*, no t-shirts,
and no \$60 bananas! Just lots of fun and smiles!**

Come dressed to trot!

Thursday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Day

**7:00am: Check-in at the Parish Center
1950 N. Kenmore Ave.**

7:30am: Trot

**Back in plenty of time to attend the 9:00am Mass!
Light Pre & Post Trot breakfast provided.**



*** In lieu of an entry fee, please donate a non-perishable
food item for the St. Teresa Food Pantry.**

Questions & RSVP by November 17th

Coach Mark

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Parish Contacts

Staff

Fr. Frank Latzko

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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

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Barb is responsible for our Children's Faith formation programs. She and her husband Ed have been parishioners at St. Teresa's for over 30 years.

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Parish Council

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

dsummins@hotmail.com

The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at: www.teresa.church/bulletins

How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.