

THE JOURNEY

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 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: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18

God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Feasts and Saints:

11/13- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

11/15- St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

11/16- St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Virgin

11/17- St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious



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:

What practical steps can you take to seek wisdom in your daily life?

How do you think society can better value the intellectual and emotional contributions of women?

Reflection

Daily Prayer for Today:

Lord our God, we hold to you and to your promise. Though much is hidden from us, your voice comes clearly to us proclaiming, "Watch and pray. You are to await the day of Jesus Christ your Lord, and you can rejoice now in the midst of strife, distress, fear, and need." We thank you for your powerful Word. However long the time of waiting may be, your Word remains eternally and will be fulfilled. Your name shall be honored in the proclamation of your Word, your kingdom shall come, and your will shall be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Stewardship:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

From Charisse:

The month of October went by so quickly as it was filled with many events and activities here at St. Teresa, most of which I was so fortunate to be a part of!

Spending a few Sunday's here at the parish was such a joy as I love to connect with the parishioners that I know as well as putting the "face to a name" and getting to know the people that I have not yet met.

St. Teresa is such a special place for me, not only as where I work but the people here truly make this such a special place.

Each Sunday that I'm here I'm amazed to see all the people come through the doors of the church and parish center. I especially love watching all the little ones, it reminds me of times gone by with my own family. I love catching up with everyone How's the kids? , What's new?

Many people say to me , Thank You for all you do for the parish and I say to you Thank you for letting me be a part of this BEAUTIFUL Parish!

November is underway and Thanksgiving is literally one week from this coming Thursday, hard to believe.

We will be hosting Thanksgiving at our house this year and I'm so excited! I can't wait for the kids to come home from college, I miss them so much.

I have learned from year to year that some of the things I'm grateful for change as our life changes but the constant things that I wish express gratitude for are never changing.

This Thanksgiving I will pray for health and peace for my family and friends as well as my St. Teresa of Avila family and I hope you will do the same for me.

Charisse

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Baptism:

Francis Woods Baum

November 12th, 2023



St. Albert the Great:

Feast Day November 15

Patron Saint of scientists, medical technicians, natural sciences, philosophers, schoolchildren, and theology students.

Canonized by Pope Pius XI on December 16, 1931.

St. Albert the Great resided in various locations throughout his life, primarily in Germany. He was born in Lauingen, a small town in Bavaria, and spent his early years in the vicinity. Later, he pursued his education in Padua, Italy, and eventually settled in Cologne, Germany, where he taught and held important positions within the Catholic Church.

Sometime around the year 1223 or so, Albert experienced an encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This encounter moved him so much that he chose to become a member of the Dominican Order. He thereafter studied theology.

Albert was very interested in Aristotle, and he made commentary on nearly all of Aristotle's works. He also studied the teachings of several Muslim scholars. At this time, the Islamic world led Europe in terms of scholarship, science, and medicine.

In his later years, Albert became renowned as a mediator. He mediated disputes between individuals as well as resolving a dispute between the people of Cologne and their bishop. He also founded Germany's oldest university in that city.

Before his death, he mourned the early passing of his great student, Thomas Aquinas, who would later be recognized as a saint and doctor of the Church. Aquinas died in 1274. Albert spent his last years defending the work of Aquinas which is among the most important work in the Church.

During his life, Albert wrote thirty eight volumes covering topics ranging from philosophy to geography, astronomy, law, friendship and love.

Albert became ill in 1278 and he died on November 15, 1280.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary:

Feast Day November 17

Patron Saint of bakers, beggars, brides, charities, death of children.

Birth: 1207 -Death: 1231

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, also known as St. Elizabeth of Thuringia, was born in Hungary on July 7, 1207 to the Hungarian King Andrew II and Gertrude of Merania.

As soon as her life began, she had responsibilities from being a royal pressed upon her. While Elizabeth was very young, her father arranged for her to be married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia, a German nobleman. Because of this plan, Elizabeth was sent away at the age of four for education at the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia.

Elizabeth's mother, Gertrude, was murdered in 1213, when Elizabeth was just six-years-old.

Happiness was returned to her young life in 1221 when she was formally married to Ludwig, whom she deeply loved. Together the couple had three beautiful children, two of whom became members of nobility and the third entering the religious life, becoming abbess of a German convent.

Elizabeth's life was full of love and faith. However, tragedy struck when Ludwig passed away from illness in 1227. It is said upon hearing the news, she said, "He is dead. He is dead. It is to me as if the whole world died today."

Elizabeth vowed to never remarry and to live a life similar to a nun, despite pressure from relatives.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Elizabeth, having received her dowry, founded a hospital in honor of St. Francis, where she personally attended to the ill. She ministered to the sick and provided support to the poor.

Elizabeth's life was consumed deeply by her devotion to God and her charitable labor.

She passed away at the age of 24, on November 17, 1231.

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!



Thanksgiving Day Mass:

There will be a 9am Mass on Thursday November 23rd

Greenery Sale:

We are pleased to announce that St. Teresa's is offering it's annual Greenery Sale again this year. This is a chance to buy fresh greenery to decorate your home, and also benefit St. Teresa's. The sale will be the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd after all masses.



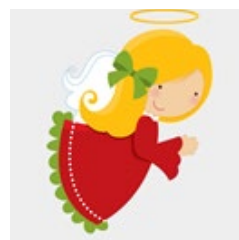
Little Sisters of The Poor Angel Tree:

We will be having our "Angel Tree" this year for the residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The tree will be up and decorated with Angel Ornaments with the name and desired gift from each resident on Thanksgiving Day.

Please chose an ornament and return the wrapped tagged gift to rectory office by Friday December 8th.

Thank you!



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

10AM - Mary Pfaff Family, Ab Stewart (D) and James Woods (D)

12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 11/19 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 11/19 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 11/19 6pm- Fr. Udovic

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 12th

Today is- National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day and National Happy Hour Day

1929- Commander Richard E. Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole.

1954- Ellis Island in New York closed after providing entrance to the US for 12 million immigrants between 1892 and 1954.

Five Card Poker Odds, nothing wild: Full House – Three of one number or “face”, two of another same pair, 1 in 700



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

theroadtoboston@rcn.com

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CCHD 2023 COLLECTION

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to...

BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR

In a society where millions lack the necessities of life, particularly in the time of a global pandemic.

BRING LIBERTY TO CAPTIVES

When so many are enslaved by poverty, addiction, ignorance, discrimination, violence or disabling conditions.

BRING NEW SIGHT TO THE BLIND

In a culture where the excessive pursuit of power or pleasure can spiritually blind us to the dignity and right of others.

SET THE DOWNTRODDEN FREE

In communities where health, economic and moral forces leave people without real hope. (cf. Lk 4:18)

Please support the second collection in your parish on November 18 – 19.

Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or how to donate, please visit CCHDchicago.org.



Instituto Volunteers!!

Call to Action

Let's stand together in solidarity with Chicago's asylum seekers facing the harsh winter ahead. **Urgent action is needed – Can we count on you to purchase just ONE coat and either drop it off or have it delivered to Instituto? Your single act of kindness can make a significant difference in someone's life this winter season. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.**

Questions? Email: y.hidalgo@idpl.org

Coat Drop Off or Delivery:

Attn: Yulye Hidalgo
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Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/
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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

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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.

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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

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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.