

THE JOURNEY

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023



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

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: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Feasts and Saints:

11/21- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11/22- St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

11/23- St. Clement I, Pope, St. Columban, Abbot

11/24- St. Andrew Dung-Lac Priest

11/25- St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr



Financials: October 2023

	FY24	FY23
Basket/Mail In:	8,917	21,536
Give Central:	38,753	34,775
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$47,670	\$56,311
	\$(8,641)	

Reflections for Today:

The Parable of the Talents focuses on the concept of stewardship. How do you apply this idea to your own life? Are there areas where you feel you could be a better steward?

The third servant in the parable is held back by fear. Can you relate to this? How does fear limit your actions?

Reflection

Daily Prayer for Today:

Lord our God, we come to you poor and yet rich, weak and yet strong, with the prayer that your promise may be fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our dear Lord and Savior. Let the time come when the heavens open and a new light shines over the earth, a time when people will praise and thank you and receive everlasting peace and happiness with you. Remember the many people who come into need these days. Remember our nation and all who work for the good of our country. Bless them and help them. And help the dying, O Lord our God; grant that they come to you, for they are yours. Your help will bring life out of death, joy out of grief and need. May your name be honored, dear Father in heaven, may your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Stewardship:

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

From The Finance Council:



Second Collection:

There will be a second collection today November 19, 2023 for The Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thank you.

Friday Communion Service:

There will be No 8am Communion Service on Friday November 24th, 2023.

Donations:

We have St. Teresa's Parishioners that are part of the New Neighbor program and work with incoming refugee families every week. At times, we assist these families in furnishing their apartments. We currently have two different refugee families in need of a dresser. The dimensions should not be longer than 5 feet and no higher than 38". Ideally if you can assist with the delivery to the family that would be most helpful. Both families are located near Rogers Park. Thank you for your consideration. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Inquiries can be sent to kristen@rlcanning.com

Give the Gift of Love for the Holidays:

To your Spouse, Child, Parent, Friend or Neighbor.

Anyone who is Home or Hospital bound.

Schedule a visit by Fr. Frank Latzko or Kenneth Jaszczor (MOC) to bring the Eucharist to their Home this Holiday Season.

To schedule an appointment call St. Teresa of Avila Parish office at 773-528-6650 or email cgioia@stteresaparish.org





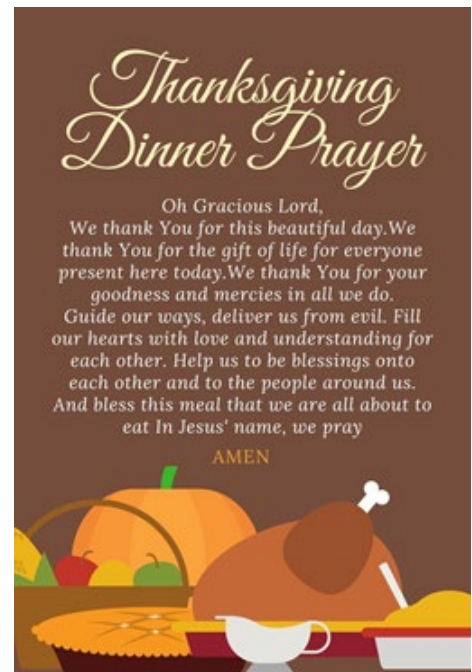
THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2023
9AM

Children's Liturgy of the Word is Back:

Beginning this Sunday, November 5, we will offer Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10AM Mass. Young children will be invited to come forward before the First Reading to receive a blessing and be escorted to the Faith Formation Center.

The children will hear the Gospel reading, participate in a reflection on the Gospel, and respond through artwork or another activity. This program will be focused on children from 1-2 years old through 1st grade. Parents are welcome to accompany their children, if needed. Children in this age group who are coming from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be dismissed directly from CGS into Children's Liturgy of the Word. All the children in CLOW (from CGS and from Mass) will join their families at Mass following the Homily. We will bring them to you!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about the program or the logistics, please contact Barb McHugh at bmchugh@stteresaparish.org.



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!



Happy Thanksgiving:

St. Teresa of Avila Parish wishes you and yours a very Blessed Thanksgiving.

The parish office will be closed Friday November 24th, 2023.



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.



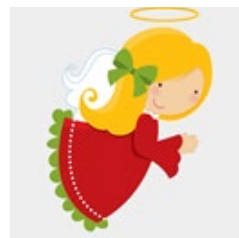
Little Sisters of The Poor Angel Tree:

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

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



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 - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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 11/26 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 11/26 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 11/26 6pm- Fr. Bianchini

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.



Thanksgiving Day Fun and Facts:

The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.

Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each November and December.

The Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions play every year on Thanksgiving.

Though Americans often say “gobble, gobble” on Thanksgiving, only male turkeys, called toms, gobble. Females, called hens, make a cackling sound.



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



Missioned to Unity

An At-Home *Advent* Retreat for Adults (ages 18 - 40ish)

This 6-week **Advent/Christmas Retreat** has the aim of deepening participant's experience of God-With-Us, including all neighbors. How? After an opening session on the First Sunday of Advent, participants will commit to daily prayer and a weekly 1/2 hour Zoom meeting with a designated spiritual companion (either a Sister or Associate of the Congregation of St. Joseph). These commitments are the only cost :-)

Prayer is on one's own schedule and aids are provided: Scripture, music, art, and gems of CSJ tradition. Together at retreat's end, we will close the Christmas season appreciating God's gifts to empower our mission of unity. **We hope you will join us!**

[Click here to register online by November 27](#)

RETREAT OPENING

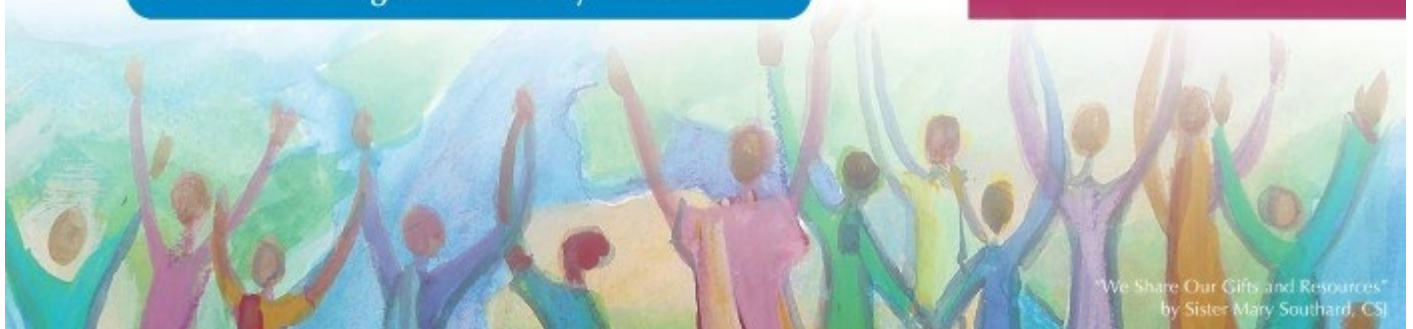
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 3, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 pm Eastern
6:30 - 7:30 pm Central
4:30 - 5:30 pm Pacific

RETREAT CLOSING

Feast of the Epiphany
Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:30 - 8:30 pm Eastern
6:30 - 7:30 pm Central
4:30 - 5:30 pm Pacific



"We Share Our Gifts and Resources"
by Sister Mary Southard, CSJ

Parish Contacts

Staff

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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

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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.