

# THE JOURNEY

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

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2024



## 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

## 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](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: 1 Samuel 3:3b–10,19

The Lord calls Samuel.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a,17–20

Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: John 1:35–42

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

## Feasts and Saints:

1/17- St. Anthony, Abbot

1/20- St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr and

St. Sebastian, Martyr



## Financials: November 2023

	FY24	FY23
Basket/Mail In:	7,420	9,212
Give Central:	39,588	37,583
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$47,008	\$46,795
	\$213	

## Reflections for Today:

How does encountering Jesus personally impact the disciples in the Gospel passage?

What role does curiosity play in the disciples' decision to follow Jesus?

How can we approach Jesus, spend time with Him, and share His presence joyfully?



## Daily Prayer for Today:

Lord our God, we come into your presence and kneel before your throne, asking you with all our hearts for your Spirit, so that our lives may be guided and ruled by you, the one God and Creator of all life. Let your Word come into our hearts. Give your blessing on all we experience in life and on all we ask of you as we stand before you. We are weak and poor. We can achieve nothing, and our hearts are weary. But you can strengthen us. You can make everything come right to reveal your kingdom throughout the world. Then all the people of our time may come to know that your will for the earth is not distress and suffering, but your goodness, your life, and your eternity. Amen.

## Stewardship:

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

## From Fr. Frank:

I'm writing this early on January 1st, 2024. Happy New Year to you all as we celebrate the beginning of yet another year with Mary, the Mother of God, who gave birth to the Savior of the world. Just got back from a quiet retreat with the Trappists of Spencer, MA, a beautiful community of monks I have been praying with for 25 years.

On this Feast of Mary, our spiritual Mother, I want you to know that you have been at the heart of my prayer. In the gospel, Mary has given birth to Christ and she is quietly reflecting on what has just happened in the stable and Who she gave birth to.

I am reflecting in my heart on all the gifts this parish, YOU, bring to the world. So much of what happens at St. Teresa's happens quietly, with little notice, behind the scenes.

People cooking hot meals for them hungry...

People bagging groceries for the hungry...

People visiting the sick...

People gathering items for refugees....

People helping inmates transition into freedom...

People praying in groups of prayer....

People studying the Bible....

People praying at Adoration....

People forming our children in the faith...

People reaching out to the unchurched...

People helping migrants fleeing painful realities...

People praying the Eucharist, the foundation of our community of faith.

I reflect, with Mary, on the countless ways YOU are serving her Son. And in doing so, you give Him birth, bringing peace to the world and glory to God in the highest.

As I make my way to Rome, I am open to receiving emails, texts or calls. Let me know if there is anything or anyone you would like me to pray for.

Thank you for all you do for St. Teresa's, a beacon of light that radiates God's love to ALL people, without limit.

If you would like to write to me while I'm away you can email me at :

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North American College  
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SPRED Christmas Party:



## Refugee Ministry:

A Huge Thank You for all of you who purchased Items or Gift Cards as part of our Amazon Drive for our Refugees during the holiday season. It was a huge success, and our team is getting ready to welcome a New Family in the Coming Weeks. We will be looking to do a similar drive during the Lenten Season as well. More details will be coming soon. Thank you Again.

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## Baptism:

Lucy Katherine Hunstad

January 14th, 2024



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and often referred to shorthand as MLK Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. Born in 1929, King's actual birthday is January 15.

Martin Luther King Jr. was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later on January 20, 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

The Parish office will closed on Monday January 15th, 2024 in observance of the holiday.



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## Bible Education: Returns January 7th, 2024

“A Biblical Walk Through The Mass” 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. Sign Up or Questions? Email Debbie at [dbichimer@gmail.com](mailto:dbichimer@gmail.com)

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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/uwfqUZN>

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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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## 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!

Call the Parish Office to arrange drop off- 773-528-6650

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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@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org) Thank you!

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## Save the Date:

Cuisine du coeur 2024

Sunday March 10th





# 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 - Patricia Nelson (D)

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 1/21 10am- Fr. Udovic  
Sunday 1/21 12pm- Fr. Udovic  
Sunday 1/21 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.

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.



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## Sunday Funday: January 14th:

Today is- National Dress Up Your Pet Day and Organize Your Home Day

1954- NY Yankee Joe DiMaggio married actress Marilyn Monroe.

1973- The Miami Dolphins complete the first undefeated season by winning Superbowl VII.

1990- The Simpsons premiered on Fox.



Hello St Teresa,

A few quick updates on our weekly Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

We have received wonderful support from some of our local businesses and wanted to call them out and encourage you to utilize them and thank them for their support of our ministry. We are also seeing an uptick in our weekly guests which now include some of the local immigrants. More guests means more opportunities for additional volunteers to join in our weekly service. When we feed those in need we are answering one of God's most fundamental asks.

For our Nov. 24 Thanksgiving meal, the Jewel at 2940 N. Ashland donated 5 complete turkey dinners with mashed potatoes, and wild rice stuffing. We served 80 guests.

On Dec 15 we served a wonderful meal courtesy of our neighbor and long time St T friend Dee's Mandarin and Sushi Restaurant. Owner Dee Kang has donated many meals for our Loaves and Fishes guests over the years. Please give Dee's a try if you are looking for a delicious meal and be sure to say thanks for their support of our Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

Our Dec. 22 Loaves and Fishes meal fed 100 guests! Mark and Jessica Mieczkowski and friends prepared a delicious lasagna meal with home baked cookies for dessert. The 100 guests we served is a record for our post covid L&F meal service! We had over 60 guests dine indoors and we were also able to provide lots of warm coats, gloves and socks for our guests. Thanks to Barb McHugh and all who donated coats!

Our Dec. 29 meal included tasty hams and sides donated by Honey Baked Hams at 2815 N. Ashland. Carol, Maryann and team added sides and an awesome home made dessert. We served dinner to 82 guests. The ham was quite tasty so be sure to keep Honeybaked Hams on your radar for that next group meal or family gathering.

Our Loaves and Fishes ministry is continuing to grow and feed even more guests. Here's a few ideas on how can you help:

- \* Ask your favorite local restaurant if they would be willing to sponsor a Friday meal for 100 guests
- \* Volunteer to assist as a cooking team helper or a server on an upcoming Loaves and Fishes meal
  - Cooking helpers: join a Friday cooking team chopping, mixing, plating, washing and kibitzing (10-2 or 2-6 shifts)
  - Server helpers: join a Friday server team from 3:30-6 pm and help to serve meals and visit with our guests
- \* Donate a new or gently used coat for our guests

Questions or potential interest in helping our ministry, reach out to Steve Sibon: sjsibon@aol.com, 630.881.3348





# Parish Contacts

## Staff

**Fr. Frank Latzko**

Pastor

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**Charisse Gioia**

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
Bulletin

[cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)

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

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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.