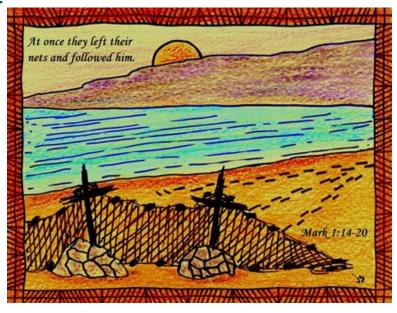
# THE JOURNEY

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

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024



#### **Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

#### **Address**

1037 W. Armitage Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60614

773-528-6650

#### 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

# Welcome

"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 learing 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

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

#### **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**.

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Email Phone
Address

**Ministries of Interest** 

# Welcome

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 opportunites 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 for 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.

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# This Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

#### **Feasts and Saints:**

1/23- St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

1/24- St. Frances De Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1/25- The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

1/26- STS. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

1/27- St. Angela Merici, Virgin

### **Reflections for Today:**

How can I balance my engagement with the world and my spiritual life, in light of the transience of earthly matters, and what worldly attachments might I need to reassess or let go of?

In what areas of my life is God calling me to conversion and repentance, and how can I be more open to change?



## Stewarship:

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

#### Financials: December 2023

FY24 FY23

Basket/Mail In: 19,539 22,696

Give Central: 37,281 32,569

Total: THIS YEAR PREVIOUS YEAR \$56,820 \$55,265

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# **December Weekly**



# **Parish Life**

#### St. Frances De Sales Feast Day January 24:

Patron Saint of of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education.

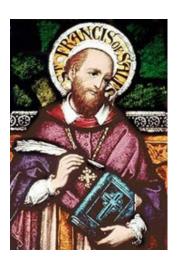
St. Francis de Sales was born in France in 1567.

St. Francis de Sales wanted to enter the priesthood knowing that it was truly the will of God and not him forcing his own wishes upon God. A very clear sign from God came to St. Francis de Sales one day while riding his horse. He fell off three times, and each time he fell off, his sword and scabbard would fall to the ground in the shape of a cross.

Referred to as the "Gentleman Saint" because of his meek and humble demeanor, St. Francis de Sales became bishop of Geneva at the age of 35. During his life, he wrote and published books and pamphlets that taught God's love and how to live the Christian life. His two most famous books were Treatise on the Love of God and The Introduction to the Devout Life. The latter taught that all are called into the service of God, as well as to be saints.

St. Francis de Sales was committed to not only leading those in the religious life (priests, monks, nuns) to grow in sanctity, but was also attentive to the spiritual needs of the laity.

St. Francis died of a stroke on December 28, 1622 after giving a nun his last word of advice: "Humility." He was canonized April 8, 1665 by Pope Alexander VII.



#### St. Angela Merici Feast Day January 27:

Patron Saint of patron saint of sickness, disabled and physically challenged people, and those grieving the loss of parents.

St. Angela Merici, (born March 21, 1474, Desenzano, Republic of Venice [Italy]—died January 27, 1540, Brescia; canonized May 24, 1807, founder of the Ursuline order, the oldest religious order of women in the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to the education of girls.

Orphaned young, she went to Salo to live in the home of an uncle. Later she joined the Third Order of St. Francis. At the age of 20 she returned to Desenzano, where she gathered about her a group of girls who taught the catechism to the children of the village. In 1506, while praying in the fields of Brudazzo, Angela had a vision in which she was told that she would found a society of virgins at Brescia. The citizens of Brescia came to regard her as a prophet and a saint.

On November 25, 1535, at Brescia, Angela and 28 companions consecrated themselves to God by a vow of virginity, and the Company of St. Ursula was born. Angela drew up her rule in 1536, which provided for the Christian education of girls in order to restore the family and, through the family, the whole of Christian society. She was unanimously elected superior of the company in 1537. Before her death she dictated her spiritual testament and her counsels to her nuns; they insist on interest in the individual, gentleness, and the efficacy of persuasion over force.



#### **Refugee Ministry Update:**

Huge THANK YOU for all of those who bought items and/ or gift cards over the Advent Season to help our refugee families.

St. Teresa's currently has 4 refugee families that our parishioners visit on a weekly basis. In addition, we just welcomed a family of 8 from Afghanistan last week. The items you purchased help us set up as add basic living supplies to the family who just moved here. A special THANK You to those parishioners who came on the day of the move, and assisted loading the items in the car, and then moving all of the items into the apartment and helping to set up and organize the apartment. We were able to meet a few of the family members as they first walked into their new home after waiting for 9 years to come to the United States. Despite how tired they were from the journey, they greeted us with huge smiles and words of gratitude.

We will be gathering more supplies again during the Lenten season so that we can welcome another family in the coming months. Please watch the bulletin for updates. If you are interested in working with a refugee family on a weekly basis, reach out to Kristen@rlcanning.com for more information.







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#### **2024 Contributions Statements:**

To request a copy please email:

cgioia@stteresaparish.org



#### **Daily Prayer for Today:**

Dear Father in heaven, we rejoice that you are our Father. We rejoice that you rule and guide each of us so that our path in life leads to what is good and genuine and we do not get stuck in this or that concern.

Lead us, renew us, and again and again free us to go forward, finding new courage and joy for ourselves and for our fellowmen. Then we can praise you, your strength and power can be revealed to us, your heaven come down to earth, and your will be done on earth. Here on earth your help shall come to the poor, the weak, the lowly, the sick, and the suffering. May your name be praised! We rejoice in your name. Amen.

# **Dinners for Migrant Families**

St. Clement Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities to reopen the Madonna House in Rogers Park for migrant women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse (https://www.clement.org/resources/catholiccharities-madonna-house). We are partnering with ICSJ and St. Josaphat's to provide Wednesday dinners to these families, beginning January 31st. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to make meals at home and drop them off at the St. Joseph Parish Center (1107 N Orleans) on Wednesdays before noon. This is a great opportunity to cook with your family or your friends to help those in need. Initially, we will prepare dinner for 20 people (15 adults and 5 children). Looking ahead, the number of residents at Madonna House will likely increase. Meals should include a main dish and side and be in foil or other containers that can be reheated. You can sign up via Meal Train

here: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/qkdyzr/.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you can cook but need help delivering the meals, please contact Barb McHugh (bmchugh@stteresaparish.org).

Thank you so much for your support!!!

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# **Parish Life**

#### 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

#### 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

#### **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!



#### **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

#### 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 Thank you!

#### Save the Date:

Cuisine du coeur 2024 Sunday March 10th



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# Prayer

#### **Mass Intentions**

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D), Ray Romero (D), and Josephine Weir

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 1/28 10am- Fr. Chris Myers Sunday 1/28 12pm- Fr. Chris Myers Sunday 1/28 6pm- Fr. Chris Myers

## Let Us Pray For: The Sick, The **Deceased and Peace in Our World:**

We pray for everyone who suffers from illness of mind or

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: January 21st:**

Today is- New England Clam Chowder Day and National **Hugging Day** 

1911- The first Monte Carlo Rally took place, with 23 cars.

1981- Production of the iconic DeLorean sports car began.

Focus on remedies, not faults.

- Jack Nicklaus



"I think I've had enough winter for today.'

# Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Together at the table

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

Please return your response as soon as possible.

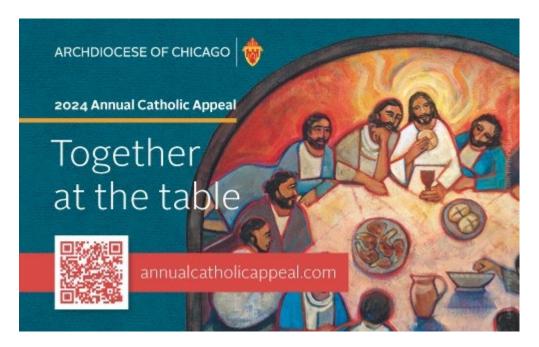
The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table."

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude.

Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude.

Please give what you can to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.











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#### **Charisse Gioia**

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/ Bulletin

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Charisse is repsonsible 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.