

THE JOURNEY

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

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024



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

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: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job laments his sufferings and his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Paul explains the conditions under which he preaches the gospel and the reasons why he will not accept financial help from the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

Feasts and Saints:

2/5- St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2/6- St. Paul Miki and Companions Martyrs

2/8- St. Jerome Emiliani, and St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin



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
	\$1,555	

Reflections for Today:

Considering Jesus' retreat to solitude for prayer after performing healings, how can we better integrate moments of quiet reflection and prayer in our own busy lives?

In what practical ways can we follow Jesus' example of reconnecting individuals to their communities and God, especially those who feel isolated or marginalized?



Stewardship:

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

December Weekly



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal:

Dear St. Teresa of Avila Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. The Annual Catholic Appeal will launch next weekend, and I wanted to share with you the impact of your gift- no matter the size- has on this important effort. The work supported by the Appeal is more important than ever. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal directly support the necessary work of parishes, Catholic schools and vital ministries throughout the archdiocese.

The way our parish benefits from the ACA is it further helps us to continue to support all the vital outreach programs here at St. Teresa of Avila.

You can make your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal online at annualcatholicappeal.com, or you can choose to send in the response envelope from the cardinal's letter you may have received earlier in January. Thank you for supporting our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Frank

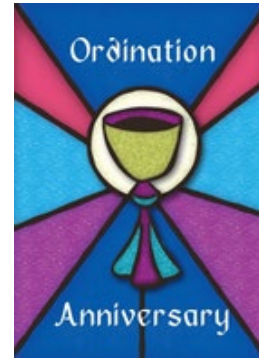


Happy 40th Anniversary Fr. Frank:

Today marks the 40th anniversary of Fr. Frank's Ordination to the Priesthood on February 4th, 1984.

We praise and thank You, most Holy God, for the gift of Father Frank!

We thank You for his years of service and ask You to bless us with many more years with our beloved priest.



St. Josephine Bakhita Feast Day February 8th:

Josephine Bakhita, born c. 1869, Olgossa, Darfur (now in Sudan)—died February 8, 1947, Schio, Italy; canonized October 1, 2000.

Sudanese-born Roman Catholic saint who survived kidnapping and enslavement.

She is the patron saint of Sudan and of victims of human trafficking.



Six Month Finance Update:

St. Teresa's net surplus for the first half of fiscal 2024 equaled \$122k (\$75k excluding

Investment results), reflecting the timing of Together in Joy. However, absent Together in

Joy, the parish operates at an average weekly deficit of ~\$3.7k. As a result, the full year

budget and our most recent estimate for fiscal 2024 (the year ended June 30, 2024) anticipates a modest loss excluding Investment results.

For purposes of further discussion, results are segregated between Net Ordinary (typically recurring activities) and Net Other (more infrequent activities) in accordance with Archdiocese of Chicago reporting guidelines.

Net Ordinary: Net Ordinary results (excluding Investment earnings) equaled \$65k, \$37k below last year and \$15k below budget. The unfavorable variances reflect higher expenses and below budget Collections, partially offset by higher net Fundraising, mainly due to Together in Joy.

The unfavorable year over year ordinary expense variance partly reflects lower than actual employment charges from the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1H22 due to payroll processing issues. These issues were known by the parish staff and Finance Council at the time and corrected by the Archdiocese during 2H22.

On an underlying basis, parish staff received salary increases during 2023, and one employee newly elected health coverage, but the number of employees remained the same during both years. In addition, the business manager and religious education roles continue to be held open to save costs.

The unfavorable budget variance for ordinary expenses results from unbudgeted health insurance costs and higher than planned maintenance costs, including the replacement of sound equipment for music and HVAC and oven repairs.

Net Other: Net Other results equaled \$11k, \$28k higher than last year and \$32k better than budget. The favorable variances largely result from the timing of capital improvements spending. Roof repairs are currently planned for the second half of the fiscal year.

Looking Ahead: As noted above, the full year budget and our most recent estimate for fiscal 2024 anticipates a modest loss (excluding Investment results). However, the parish has a long track record of full year net surpluses, which we are striving to maintain. If you have capacity, please consider increasing your weekly contribution. Also, please encourage your family and friends to attend Mass in person.

Thanks for your continued support to St. Teresa's. Your commitment through attendance at Mass, the weekly Collection, and our annual fundraising event are critical to the Parish's success.

Please reach out through the Parish office if you have questions.

1/12/2024

**St Teresa of Avila Parish
Semi-annual Report to the Parish**

	ACTUAL			BUDGET	
	Half Year			Half Year	
	FY24	FY23	Variance	FY24	Variance
Collections	331,134	317,788	13,346	348,493	(17,359)
Fundraising	189,299	146,046	43,253	156,000	33,299
Other	42,238	53,645	(11,407)	34,888	7,350
Total Revenue	562,671	517,479	45,192	539,381	23,290
Expenses	(497,985)	(416,069)	(81,916)	(459,344)	(38,641)
Net Ordinary	64,686	101,410	(36,724)	80,037	(15,351)
Other Revenue	29,985	21,861	8,124	24,002	5,983
Other Expense	(19,227)	(39,592)	20,365	(45,502)	26,275
Net Other	10,758	(17,731)	28,489	(21,500)	32,258
Subtotal	75,444	83,679	(8,235)	58,537	16,907
Investment Earnings	46,571	(56,630)	103,201	-	46,571
Total Net	122,015	27,049	94,966	58,537	63,478

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/uwfuqUZN>

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!

2023 Contribution Statement:

To request a copy please email:

cgioia@stteresaparish.org



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

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.



Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 2/11 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 2/11 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 2/11 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Burning of Palms:

We are collecting palms from last year's Palm Sunday to burn to prepare for Ash Wednesday.

Sunday Funday: February 4th:

Today is- Homemade Soup Day and Thank A Mailman Day

1932- The Winter Olympics were held in the United States at Lake Placid, NY.

1957- Smith-Corona began selling portable electric typewriters.

“I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

– Rosa Parks



“Loves and Fishes Greek Night!” On Friday, January 19, our guests enjoyed a very special meal prepared by one of our volunteers - Gia Pappas - and her grandmother (YiaYia) - Georgia Pappas. Using her remarkable cooking skills, Georgia, Gia and the team prepared Pastitsio, Greek Salad and Rice Pudding. Guests loved it and we all hope Gia and her YiaYia will come back again!

Do you have a beloved grandma, grammy, nonna, abuela, babcia who loves to cook and might like to cook with us one Friday? We'll do all the shopping, chopping, prep tasks and clean up- just let us know!

Loaves and Fishes Team





Together in Joy
Committee invites
you to

Mardi Gras Bingo Night!

FAT TUESDAY
FEBRUARY
13th

Festivities to begin at 6:30pm
St. Teresa's Parish Center

**DRINKS, FOOD
& PRIZES**

Includes beer, wine,
soda, food, & FUN!

Together in Joy |



Is there More to Life than My Job?

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN MY CAREER

Alpha

Join St. Teresa of Avila for a small group experience where you can explore the basics of Christianity rooted in your own opinions and questions

Join us on February 10th at 7 PM



Cuisine du Coeur 2024

Invites you to become a French epicure !

LA PALETTE GOURMANDE
THE GOURMET PALATE



SUNDAY, MARCH 10th
from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

ST Teresa of Avila (1950 N Kenmore ave , Chicago)

Tickets and more online at www.cuisineducoeur.net. Take out possible.
\$52 Adults (\$60 at the door), \$32 Young Adults (under 30), \$12 Children.

This luncheon is sponsored by St. Teresa of Avila Parish and the Francophone Catholic Community of Chicago. Proceeds benefit the parish and its outreach programs.

Parish Contacts

Staff

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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

Director of Evangelization and
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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.