

# THE JOURNEY

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

The Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 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

**Friday** - 8:00AM Communion Service

## Baptism, Reconciliation, Anointing

Please call the office to arrange or email  
[cgioia@stteraparish.org](mailto: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: Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

## Feasts and Saints:

2/21- St. George or Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church



## Financials: January 2024

	FY24	FY23
Basket/Mail In:	25,275	19,653
Give Central:	45,943	38,166
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$71,218	\$57,819
	\$13,399	

## Reflections for Today:

Reflect on a moment in your life when your faith was tested. How did you respond? Can you see any parallels between your experience and Abraham's willingness to trust God, even when asked to make a significant sacrifice?

# Reflection

## Stewardship:

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

## January Weekly:



# Parish Life

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## From Fr. Frank:

Baptism.....baptism.....baptism!!! Lent is the season to “let the rivers flow!” (echoes of a verse from a Carly Simon song). All the acts of penance and self denial, absolutely essential to the season of Lent, are meant for us examine individually and communally how our baptismal lives are going. Noah and a handful of human beings and a boat load of animals and creatures entered the ark to save creation as the flood of water filled the earth. Death to all but a tiny remnant.

But Noah TRUSTED in the Lord in the midst of the drowning, turbulent waters. God’s Covenant with us began not with Abraham but Noah. Baptism is prefigured in Noah and the great Flood and is lived and celebrated by followers of Jesus as the gateway into His Way, His Truth and His Life. In the sacrament of baptism we are buried in the waters of Jesus’ only to rise forth into a new life. From the font of baptism we are called to a new life, rooted in a change of heart and a sorrow for sin. The Sacrament of Baptism begins at the font and ends when we breath our last breath. A long, long time for most of us.

How is your life going? How are you living and breathing your life of baptism? The gospel is simple and terse: Jesus was baptized by John and was thrust into the desert to be challenged and tempted. Mark never says a word about those temptations, as does Matthew and Luke, only that the angels ministered to Him.

We all must face a desert unique to our lives and vocation. What is YOUR desert, the place of challenge and struggle? Loneliness? Emptiness? Addiction? Anxiety? Apathy? In PRAYER acknowledge the desert, let the Spirit in, even a few angels will envelop you as you surrender. Be nourished by the Eucharist weekly, if not daily. Confess your sins in the Sacrament of Mercy. Slowly, the rivers of the Spirit will flow within the ARK of your heart. A unity with yourself, others and Christ will slowly take root once again.

God’s RAINBOW of color will coalesce within as your inner EYE sees the beauty of Creation renewed by the transforming power of Christ’s Passion, His Death, Resurrection and Ascension... the Paschal Mystery!!! I wish all of you a beautiful Lent, a joyful Lent as you keep the eyes of your heart on the destination: EASTER!!



## Lenten Refugee Project:

Lent is a time of reflection. We remember the suffering that Jesus endured, and we think of others in this world that are suffering, specifically refugees. These refugees are fleeing from their homes because of persecution and violence, and hoping to build a new home in the United States where they can keep their family safe and offer them many opportunities. Here at St. Teresa's, we work with an organization called Exodus that helps to welcome these refugees in Chicago. Just as our Lenten season ends with celebrating new life and hope at Easter, we want to help to support these refugees in discovering their "Easter," and welcome them to a new life in Chicago filled with hope and opportunities.

We are collecting New Items to be used to set up apartments for new refugees that are arriving. There is a cross at the front of church with nails and a tag on each nail with basic items that a family needs when moving into a new apartment.

We encourage each family to grab a nail and tag to take home and display during the season of Lent. We ask that you purchase the items on the tag and return them to the church in bins located at the front of church. Items must be new. All donations are due by March 24th. Keep the nail as to remind yourself of Jesus's suffering as well as the suffering of so many in this world.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you are interested in helping a family move in, or work with a new family on a weekly basis, contact [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com).

If you prefer, below is a QR code linked to an Amazon Wish List with items that will be shipped directly to the rectory for the refugee families.



## Lenten Tuesday Evenings:

Please join us each Tuesday evening during Lent from 6:00-7:30pm for Adoration, Confession and Soup in the Parish Center.

### Tuesday February 27th- Chowder

If you would like to make soup to share there are sign up sheets in the back of the church.



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## Friday Morning Communion Service:

Please join on Friday morning's at 8am.

If you would LOVE to receive the body of Christ not just once or twice but three times a week for Lent, then you have the start of making a very Spiritual , Holy Lent.

Remember you are what you eat, so fill up with Christ.

P.S. Bring a Friend

## Second Sunday of Lent:

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration.

We are given the hopeful image of Jesus being transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John. They witness a small glimpse of His eternal glory and radiance as the Son of God and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. They are stunned, in awe, amazed and filled with the greatest joy. Jesus' face shines like the sun and His clothing is so white, so pure, so radiant that they shine as the brightest and most pure light imaginable.

Why did this happen? Why did Jesus do this and why did He permit these three Apostles to see this glorious event? And why do we reflect upon this scene in the beginning of Lent?

Lent is a time to examine our lives and to see our sins most clearly. It's a time we are given each year to pause from the confusion of life and to reexamine the road we are on. Looking at our sins can be hard.

Reflect, today, upon your sin. But do so as you also reflect upon the transfigured and glorious nature of our divine Lord. He came to bestow this gift of holiness on each one of us. This is our calling.

My transfigured Lord, You shone in radiance before the eyes of Your Apostles so that they could testify to the beauty of the life to which we are all called. During this Lent, help me to face my sin with courage and confidence in You and in Your power to not only forgive but to also transform. My I die to sin more deeply than ever before so as to share more fully in the glory of Your divine life. Jesus, I trust in You.

## St. Gregory of Narek:

Feast Day February 27th

Born 951, Narek, Armenia (now in Turkey)—died 1003

Gregory was born in the Armenian kingdom of Vaspurakan in what is now Turkey. His father, Bishop Khosrov, authored a commentary on the Divine Liturgy, and Gregory was raised in a devout home.

Upon the death of their mother, he and two of his brothers entered monastic life at a young age, and Gregory was ordained a priest around age 25.

Commissioned by a prince, one of his first major works was Commentary on the Song of Songs, which has been celebrated for its clarity and theology.

His masterpiece, a collection of 95 prayers which he described as "encyclopedia of prayer for all nations," is his Book of Lamentations, or Prayer Book.

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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!

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 helpers) to prepare a warm dinner for the elderly and homeless in our area, served each Friday afternoon. For a 3-6 hour commitment, 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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## 2023 Contribution Statement:

To request a copy please email:

[cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto: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 - Patrick Reidy (D)

## 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 3/3 10am- Fr. Udovic  
Sunday 3/3 12pm- Fr. Udovic  
Sunday 3/3 6pm- Fr. Udovic



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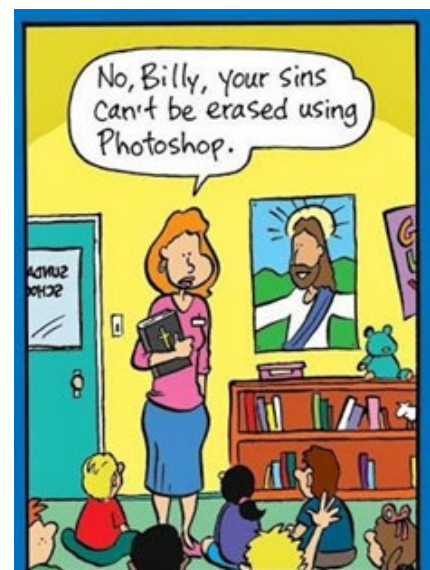
## Sunday Funday: February 25th:

Today is- National Chocolate Peanuts Day and National Chili Day

2004- The Passion of the Christ, Mel Gibson's film about the last 44 hours of Jesus of Nazareth's life, opened in theaters, eventually earning over \$370,700,000.

2006- The world's population reached an estimated 6.5 billion people

'Poppin' Fresh' is the name of the Pillsbury Doughboy.



## Holy Week Mass Schedule:

**Palm Sunday March 24th**  
10am, 12pm, and 6pm Mass

**Holy Thursday March 28th**  
7:00pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday March 29th**  
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm  
Passion of the Lord 7:00pm Mass

**Holy Saturday March 30th**  
7:00pm Mass  
Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday March 31st**  
10am and 12pm Mass



## From Charisse:

Well here we are, half way into Fr. Frank's sabbatical!

It is hard to believe that almost two months have passed since he left for Rome.

The parish has been so busy, especially since the start of Lent.

Please take one of the Lent at St. Teresa of Avila flyers around the church to learn of the many ways to get involved this Lenten Season.

I'm looking forward to Cuisine du Coeur and I hope to see many of you there!

In early March I will serve as a Confirmation sponsor to my niece Madelyn and I am so honored and excited to do so.

Spring break is right around the corner and anyone that knows me, knows I can't wait for all the kids to come home for the week.

I wish each of you a prayerful Lent and joyous Easter Season.

I look forward to Fr. Frank's return in early April as he is missed by so many, especially me.

Charisse

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**REGISTER NOW!**  
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Scan the QR code!

**TRAVINIA**  
TRIVIA WITH A TWIST!

Saturday March 2, 2024  
5-8 pm | St. Mary's Home

\$30 early bird,  
\$50 at the door

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 16th at 7 PM



**Annual Women's Retreat**  
*The Legacy of a Vincentian Woman*



Join us for an afternoon filled with prayer, spiritual reflection, and discussion.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish's very own Kathleen Stenson will be our guest speaker for the afternoon. Other activities include a celebration of Mass with Fr. Joe Williams C.M., learning to pray the Rosary, a Prayer Maze, private prayer, and a featured presentation video by Matthew Kelly.



St. Louise de Marillac

Saturday, March 9 | 9:00am - 1:30pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish | 1010 West Webster Ave

See suggested donation. For more information, please email [vincentianwomenstdep@gmail.com](mailto:vincentianwomenstdep@gmail.com)



**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](http://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

### Fr. Frank Latzko

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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  
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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## 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.