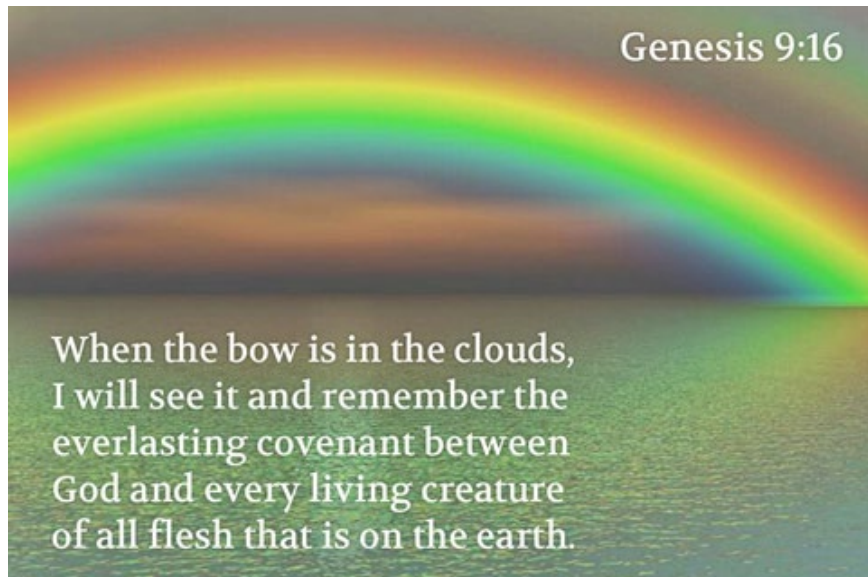


THE JOURNEY

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

The First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 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

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: Genesis 9:8-15

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

Feasts and Saints:

2/21- St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2/22- The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

2/23- St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr



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:

Reflect on a time you faced temptation and consider the sources of strength that helped you overcome it.

How can the example of Jesus' resistance to temptation in the wilderness inform your approach to challenges in your own spiritual life?



Stewardship:

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

December Weekly



Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

One of my Lenten practices this year will be praying through the Imitation of Christ, a beautiful, short book attributed to Thomas A Kempis. It is the second most widely read book in the world, after the Bible.

This little spiritual gem was written well over five centuries ago and it's message is as relevant as ever: as disciples of Christ we are called and challenged to imitate the manner in which He lived His life. We do not by imitating His cultural expressions, how He looked, what He ate, but the way he loved and embraced in love ALL God's people.

In the gospel on this Sunday before Ash Wednesday, Jesus refuses to shun a man with leprosy, a practice common at that time. A leper was considered cut off from community, shunned, so that this person lived in isolation. Jesus turned this attitude upside down and inside out. The leper IS our neighbor, a part of the community.

We shun lots of people for different reasons, mostly having to do with ideologies of political or theological in nature. We shun people we believe to be hateful, uneducated, ignorant or beneath our standards. We shun people with whom we have serious disagreements about morality and ethics.

When we shun, we cut people off, separate ourselves from them and label them in derogatory terms. No one is out of the reach of God's love... no one. Jesus had many people, like some of the religious leaders of the day, who were very rigid and difficult in their beliefs. And they hated Jesus because so many of His teachings and practices were subversive to established customs. But Jesus never shunned them by refusing to engage them. He certainly didn't like many of these deceitful detractors, but He still loved them, "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do."

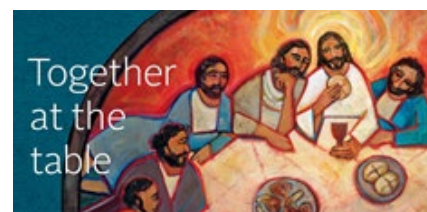
Imitating Christ is a demanding way of living because it challenges our selfishness, our judgmental attitudes, our envy, jealousy and lust. Imitating Christ means daily examining one's conscience to acknowledge the ways we do not imitate Christ so that we can grow to gradually conform ourselves to His Cross. Imitating Christ means choosing the narrow road of His way that expands our vistas and horizons to love when it doesn't feel good to do so.

Shunning a difficult person is easy; finding a common human thread beneath the layers of alienation is much more difficult.

Annual Catholic Appeal:

We make this Lenten journey together, as indeed, our whole life's journey in the company of one another. We support each other in our needs- with our prayer, compassion and resources.

Last Sunday, we began the Annual Catholic Appeal that helps those in need, individuals and communities. If you did not have a chance to make a commitment then, you can do so today.



Lenten Project:

During Lent, many of us think of things to give up, or discover different ways that one can give back and donate their time, talent, or gifts. This Lenten Season, we encourage you to especially remember those that have less than us, and in some cases, nothing. As you are aware, we have an influx of refugee's trying to get resettled in Chicago; in fact there is expected to be 3 time more refugees this year than in past years. We currently partner with an organization called Exodus and we have committed to welcoming a handful of new families into their homes this year.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, we will have a cross displayed in the front of church. The cross will have nails on it, and attached to each nail, are items that a family would need when moving into a new apartment.

We encourage each family to grab 1 nail to take home and display during the season of Lent, to remember not only the Lord's suffering, but those who have suffered persecution in their own country and have fled to the US to build a new life. We ask that you buy the items listed on the nail, and return the items by March 17th to the parish. The items must be new, and you can return them unwrapped and drop them off in Bins in church.

This is a wonderful activity to do as a Family during Lent, and you can involve your kids and encourage them to assist in picking out items to purchase.

If you prefer to do this online, or when we run out of nails, we have a QR Code listed that is tied to an Amazon Wish List for the refugees (provided below). You can scan and purchase items that will be shipped directly to the rectory.

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.



Operation Rice Bowl:

Bring Lent to Life at Home

Enrich your family's Lenten experience with stories, prayers, meatless recipes and more.

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Presidents Day:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday February 19th in observance of the holiday.



First Sunday of Lent:

The scene of the temptation, which opens the public life of Jesus, declares in the Gospels in a very forceful manner the great change in our lives that He introduces into the world by His work of redemption. Where Adam fell, Christ, the new Head of humanity, triumphs over the power of Satan: at the time of His passion “the prince of this world” will be cast out. The Gospel of the temptation heralds Christ’s victory.

By appointing this Gospel for the beginning of Lent the Church proclaims that this victory should be ours also. In us, as all around us, it is Christ’s temptation, Christ’s struggle, Christ’s victory which is prolonged; our effort is His and so is our strength; His will be our victory at Easter.

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle:

Feast Day February 22nd

The Chair of Saint Peter (Latin: Cathedra Petri), also known as the Throne of Saint Peter, is a relic conserved in St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City, the sovereign enclave of the Pope inside Rome, Italy.

The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims belonged to the Apostle Saint Peter, the leader of the Early Christians in Rome and first Pope, and which he used as Bishop of Rome.

In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as “a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ’s flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity.”

Celebrating the “Chair” of Peter, means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it and recognizing it as a privileged sign of the love of God, the eternal Good Shepherd, who wanted to gather his whole Church and lead her on the path of salvation.



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!

2023 Contribution Statement:

To request a copy please email:

cgioia@stteresaparish.org



Mass Intentions

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D)

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 2/25 10am- Fr. Myers

Sunday 2/25 12pm- Fr. Myers

Sunday 2/25 6pm- Fr. Myers

Friday Morning Communion Service:

Friday February 16th, 2024 the Friday morning Communion Service returns at 8:00AM.

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

Sunday Funday: February 18th:

Today is- National Drink Wine Day and Thumb Appreciation Day

1908- The first US postage stamps in coils were available for the first time in vending machines.

1930- A cow named Ollie was milked over St. Louis, MO. Her milk was cartoned and parachuted down.

1978- The first Ironman Triathlon competition took place on the island of Oahu and was won by Gordon Haller.

A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.

- Yoko Ono



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Lenten Tuesday's:

Please join each Lenten Tuesday Evening

6:00- 7:30PM

Adoration and Confession

Soup will be served in the Parish Center

Tuesday February 20th- Chicken Noodle Soup

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



Shout Out to Jennivee's Bakery:

One of our volunteers at Loaves and Fishes (Rob) celebrated his birthday recently. His lovely wife, Laura (also a volunteer) ordered 3 very special cupcakes for him from Jennivee's Bakery on 3301 North Sheffield Ave to mark the occasion. Mistakenly, Jennivee baked 3 dozen cupcakes for Rob. What to do??? Jennivee insisted Laura take all 3 dozen at no charge and was very sorry for her mistake. So, in the true spirit of Loaves and Fishes, Laura and Rob brought them to share with our guests. And, in keeping with the Loaves and Fishes spirit, these massive beauties (see below for a sampling of the 4" high cupcakes) were divided and all guests were offered a delicious and beautiful dessert. Please remember Jennivee's on Sheffield when you need a special treat or to remember that a little blunder on a busy day can prompt numerous smiles...





REGISTER NOW!
SPACE IS LIMITED!

Scan the QR code!

TRIVINIA
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.



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




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.

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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.

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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

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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

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.