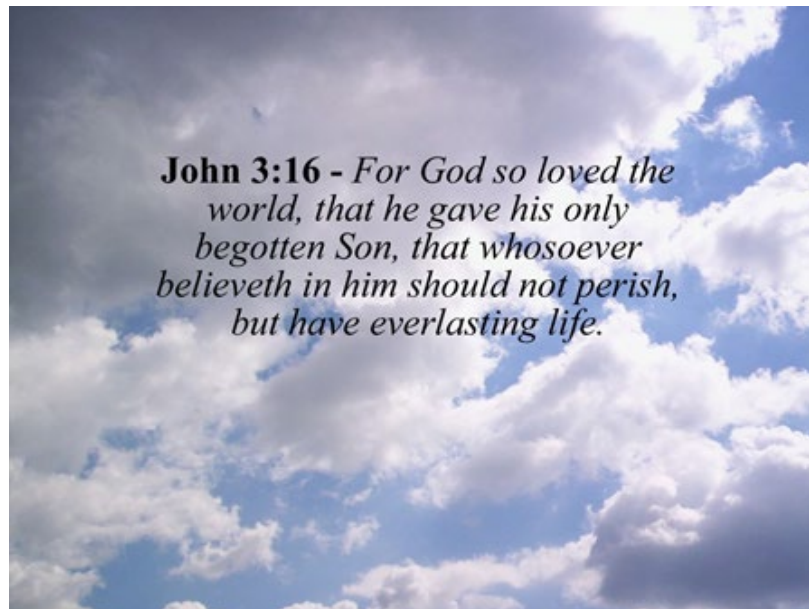


THE JOURNEY

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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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: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

Feasts and Saints:



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:

What does it mean for me to lift up the Son of Man in my life? How can I make Him more visible to others?

How do I understand the phrase "eternal life" in my own life? What does it mean to me?

Reflection

Stewardship:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."
- John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

January Weekly:



Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

Rome is a city of churches, countless churches of many styles of architecture and art, spanning over 1,500 years. I'm sitting in one magnificent church, the oldest church named for our Blessed Mother in the West, Santa Maria de Trastevere. I've been in so many churches the past two months it's hard to distinguish them, as they all seem to merge and blend. But my heart is in the church of this eclectic, artistic and diverse neighborhood of Trastevere.

As I sit immersed in this beauty, the words of Jesus in the gospel are taking prominence, "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up." The religious leaders thought He was referring to the physical Temple which had taken over 40 years to construct. Jesus had just acted in a way so contrary to His teaching and demeanor by driving out the money changers who were just doing what they were called to do: to exchange the forbidden Roman coins inscribed with the image of the emperor for their own currency reflecting the dictates of the Torah. The money changers were necessary!! Jesus was very violent in this display of anger.

But Jesus is preparing a new Temple, His very body, that will be tortured and crucified and die. This new Temple will destroy the bonds of death in the physical Resurrection of Christ's body, giving birth to a new edifice, a new Temple, made of "living stones," the people....our very lives!

The most beautiful church, or temple, is the People of God, each human life grafted onto this awesome structure through the Spirit of Baptism. We rise on the foundation of the 10 Commandments given by God to Moses, etched in stone.

But these commandments are only a foundation, for the building "rises" through the Law etched in our hearts. As we live the two commands of Love, as we challenge ourselves to live the Beatitudes, this beautiful church develops a structure that knits together the human family in all its beauty and diversity of color and character. The walls are not barriers but expressions with multiple open spaces and windows formed through the virtues; the light that shines through these windows and spaces keep telling the story of this building that perhaps will never be finished. Christ's Body, the new Temple, is a living building of Love, the most beautiful "church" ever....US!!

Jesus cleansed the Temple of His day and the Temple of the Church today needs to be continually cleansed of sexual abuse, arrogant leaders, people not expressing their identity as baptized disciples, divisive political attitudes, greedy and possessive lifestyles, racism, antisemitism and the many expressions of bigotry. Jesus wants to drive out not money changers but attitudes so contrary to His gospel. The Church is not a static entity but is always under "construction" as its beauty emerges from the cleansing of reform and mercy.

May this Lent and Eucharist give us the courage to cleanse the Church, the living building of Christ's body by starting with ourselves. Within each one of us is the temple of our hearts. In what ways do our hearts need "cleansing?"



Lenten Refugee Project:

During this Lent, we ask that you considering supporting our refugee program. St. Teresa's partners with Exodus and assists in welcoming families who are coming into the United States for the first time, and we are helping to build a Welcome Pack for a handful of families. These Welcome Packs are basic household items to help set up an apartment when they first arrive. The refugees are very limited with what they bring into this country, so we help to provide basics for the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. All items must be new.

In order to collect these items, we had a wooden cross in the front of church with nails and items tagged to those nails. If you took a nail with a tag, we kindly ask that you purchase the items and return them to church by Sunday, March 17th. There will be bins located around the cross where you can return the item too.

If you did not grab a nail and want to contribute, below is a QR code that links to an Amazon Registry. Items purchased from this link will be shipped directly to the rectory.

Our goal is to complete the drive before Palm Sunday so we can be prepared to welcome families in the Easter Season.

Any questions, please reach out to Kristen Castelloni kristen@rlcanning.com.



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 March 12th- Vegetable/ Beef Soup

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



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

Please contact the parish office to request a home visit with a minister of care to bring the Eucharist to you.

Fourth Sunday of Lent:

The fourth Sunday in Lent is commonly known as Laetare Sunday.

The word “laetare” means rejoice in Latin, and this idea is taken from the entrance-antiphon for the Mass, which starts “Rejoice, O Jerusalem...”.

Falling roughly at the half-way point in the Lenten season, this is a Sunday when traditional Lenten austerity is relaxed, and we have a reminder of the joyous resurrection to come.

The day’s liturgical colour is rose, instead of the usual purple of the Lenten season.

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Station with Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Holy Cross In Jerusalem):

This church is one of the seven pilgrim churches in Rome. St. Helen, mother of the emperor Constantine, had a church built in Rome to house the relics of the Passion of Our Lord which she had obtained during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land. St. Helen discovered the true Cross of Our Savior with its title and the instruments of His death such as the nails and the crown of thorns. She had the top layer from Mount Calvary removed and placed in barges that carried this material to Rome. She then had the builders use this soil as the ground on which she had the basilica built for the sacred relics. The true Cross and other holy items have been kept in this basilica since its consecration in the fourth century and can be visited to this day. Because of the great relic enshrined there, the basilica is called the Holy Cross and because it is built on the soil from Mount Calvary it is said to be in Jerusalem.



Liturgical Minister Training:

Have you ever considered becoming more involved in liturgy by serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at Mass?

We have opportunities available for both ministries and we would welcome your getting involved in these unique roles in the liturgical life of St. Teresa of Avila.

Service in these ministries will deepen your faith and help you grow in your love of the Lord.

To serve as a Lector, all that is required is a deep love of the Word of God and a desire to serve God’s people. Likewise, to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, all you need is a deep love of the Eucharist and a desire to serve.

We will train you and teach you all you need to know.

Please prayerfully consider serving your parish in these very important ministries.

If you are interested in serving, please email Eric Fredericks at eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com.

Eric will be organizing training sessions in April and he will coordinate with you on scheduling.

Thank you for considering participating in our liturgies in these very important ministries!

Prayer for Today:

Lord our God, light of the world and light of our human life, we thank you for sending your Word into our hearts. Your Word works within us and allows us to rejoice. Even if we often experience hard and bitter times here on earth, we can rejoice already, as the world shall rejoice when your will and your Word are fulfilled. Protect us, and keep us pure and free in spirit, that we may be your servants, that we may sometimes be allowed to say a little word in harmony with the great, powerful Word which you have sent into the world. Amen.

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!

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 Thank you

2023 Contribution Statement:

To request a copy please email:

cgioia@stteresaparish.org



Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D) and Joseph Kachnik (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.



Sunday Funday: March 10th:

Today is- Pack Your Lunch Day and Ranch Dressing Day

1906- An underground fire sparked a massive explosion that virtually destroyed a vast maze of mines in Courrieres, France, that killed over 1,000 workers.

There are Ides in every month, not just March. The Ides are basically the day marking the middle of each month.

The biggest film of 1968: Funny Girl earned ~ \$58,500,000

“Always remember that your success begins inside you: If you can’t see it first, no one else ever will.”

– Chuck Norris



“Didn’t expect to be here today, eh? Hey, life’s full of surprises. I mean, I didn’t expect to wake up this morning with an overwhelming craving for sausage and mushroom, but there you go.”

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 5:00pm
Passion of the Lord 7:00pm

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

Easter Sunday March 31st
10am and 12pm Mass



Daylight Saving Time:

Winter is almost over – at least when it comes to the clocks. On March 10, 2024, most Americans will mark the start of “Daylight Saving Time” (DST) by moving their clocks ahead one hour to 3 a.m. once the short hand strikes 2 a.m.

The time change will result in a loss of sixty minutes of precious sleep or play time on Sunday. However, it will allow for longer days during the spring and summer months.

Benjamin Franklin was the first to suggest changing the clocks to save candles in 1784. However, the American inventor was not serious. Several other individuals tried to persuade their governments to change the clocks in the ensuing years. But none succeeded.

The DST start and end dates were initially set for the last Sundays in April and October. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan moved the start date to the first Sunday in April. In 2005, President George W. Bush moved the “spring forward” date to the second Sunday in March. He also extended the “fall back” date to the first Sunday in November.



Pub Trivia at St. Teresa of Avila




Come and Join St. Teresa for a night of drinks, community, and Trivia! Alcohol is BYOB

All are Invited!

Hosted by Geeks who Drink

Come as a team or by yourself

March 21st at 7 PM

ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Contact Mark Neubengen at mneubengen@teresa.church with questions

Is there More to Life than My Job?



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




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.