

THE JOURNEY

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

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Feasts and Saints:

3/17- St. Patrick

3/18- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

3/19- St. Joseph

3/23- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop



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 the promise that God will remember your sins no more. How does this assurance of God's forgiveness and love impact your approach to confession and repentance?

Are there areas in your life where you need to more fully accept God's mercy?



Stewardship:

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

January Weekly:



Parish Life

St. Patrick Feast Day March 17th:

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints known as the Apostle of Ireland.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. He reunited with his family in Britain.

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country.

After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.



St. Joseph Feast Day March 19th:

Always held on March 19th, the feast honors Joseph, husband to the Virgin Mary and earthly father to Jesus. The feast of St. Joseph has the rank of a solemnity in the Catholic Church.

It is also the day in which Italy celebrates Father's Day and if your name is Joseph or Josephine, you will also be celebrating your "onomastico."

Saint Joseph was said to be a carpenter, and a highly-skilled artisan and tradesman.

He married the Virgin Mary and became the stepfather of Jesus Christ. Together, the three are known as the Holy Family.

In 1870, Pope Pius IX named Saint Joseph as the protector of the Catholic Church. He is also the patron saint of unborn children, fathers, immigrants, and workers.

St. Joseph's Day Celebrations

During a period of famine in Sicily, where crops weren't prospering, Italians prayed to St. Joseph for successful harvests. These prayers were answered, and with enough yields, the famine ended for the poor people.

To give thanks, Italians began giving annual offerings of food for the saint, these were placed on altars known as Saint Joseph's Tables. These celebrations have continued to this day.

Saint Joseph's Day is celebrated with altars filled with food such as pasta, fish, bread, cakes, pastries, and fava beans. The food must be meatless, as March 19 happens during lent. These altars are blessed by a priest and hold a statue of St. Joseph.



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.

This the last Lenten Soup Night

Tuesday March 19th- Cream Soup/Tomato

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

This is the final Sunday before Holy Week, which begins next Sunday with Passion or Palm Sunday. Today we focus our attention on the nearness and coming of the hour of Jesus' glorification. The glorification of Jesus refers to his suffering, death and resurrection, for the life of the world.

Jesus had already told his followers that he would lay down his life for them, like a good shepherd willing to die for his flock.

Previously called "Passion Sunday," this Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Station with San Pietro in Vaticano (St. Peter in the Vatican):

In the 1962 Roman Missal, this would be Passion Sunday. All Station Churches for Sundays in Lent were held at basilicas of Rome, but the major basilicas particularly for the first, fifth and sixth Sundays of Lent. The original church was erected on the site of the Roman Circus built by the Emperor Caligula around the year A.D. 40. and where St. Peter was crucified and placed upside down at his request and later buried here.



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:

Dear Father in heaven, grant that we may come to you in the Spirit. Through your Spirit gather us and many others on earth around our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Savior of humankind. May our hearts become truly free because you deliver us from all bondage to our own natures and to the world around us. As free people may we be led safely through distress, fear, and want, through need and death. May we become happy children whom Jesus Christ has called to life, children who are not discouraged by the struggle but who fight joyfully for your kingdom until it can be revealed to all 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 - Josephine Weir (D) and Dolores Gannon (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 3/24 10am- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 3/24 12pm- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 3/24 6pm- Fr. Udovic

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Happy
St Patrick's
Day!

Sunday Funday: March 17th:

Today is- St. Patricks Day and Green Beer Day

1762- The first parade Saint Patrick (the patron saint of Ireland) was held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army in New York City.

1885- The medical report of the deformities of Joseph Carey Merrick – The ‘Elephant Man’ – was presented to the Pathological Society of London by Dr. Frederick Treves.

Most ice cream is eaten between 9:00 and 11:00 PM.

If you're debating whether or not you should go to someone's wake/funeral, the answer is yes.



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



St. Patrick's Day Fun:



When does a leprechaun cross the street?

When it turns green

What would you get if you crossed Christmas with St. Patrick's Day?

St. O' Claus

What's a leprechaun's favorite cereal?

Lucky Charms

Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?

It was too far to walk



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 10th at 7 PM



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



Contact Mark Neubengen at mneubengen@teresa.church with questions



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
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Parish Contacts

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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

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.