

THE JOURNEY

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024



Pastor

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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: 8:30 AM to 3:30 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: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

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:

In what ways does the risen Christ appear in your life?

What does the Resurrection mean to you personally?

How has the message of Easter transformed your life?

Reflection

REFLECTION

Stewardship:

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”-
COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

January Weekly:



Parish Life

Easter Sunday:

Easter Sunday marks the Resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion.

Easter is the joyful conclusion to the Lenten season of devoted prayer, fasting, and penitence.

The Easter story, as recounted in all four Gospels of the New Testament, begins with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, His burial, and culminates in His resurrection from the dead. In Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Jesus is crucified by the Roman authorities at the instigation of religious leaders. He is then buried in a tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. On the third day after His death, women visit the tomb and find it empty, with angels announcing Jesus' resurrection. They encounter Jesus alive, who then appears to His disciples, providing them with evidence of His resurrection before ascending into heaven. This miraculous event confirms Jesus' identity as the Son of God and the fulfillment of prophecies regarding the Messiah.

For many, Easter is also a time to reflect on the meaning of life and the power of love and forgiveness. Through the symbolism of Easter we are reminded that no matter how dark things may seem, there is always hope in the power of resurrection and new beginnings.



The Octave Days of Easter:

The Octave of Easter is the eight-day period, or octave, that begins on Easter Sunday and ends with Second Sunday of Easter. It marks the beginning of Eastertide. The first seven of these eight days are also collectively known as Easter Week.

As with the Octave of Christmas, the Octave or eighth day is not as liturgically important as the feast day of Easter, but it is higher in importance than the preceding six days of the Octave. The Easter Octave is concluded by the Second Sunday of Easter, which has many titles. The current designation is Sunday of Divine Mercy, designated by St. John Paul II.

The closing of the greatest week of the liturgical year does not mean an end of Easter. The Easter season continues until Pentecost, a total of 50 days!



Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord:

Station with Santa Maria Maggiore (St. Mary Major):

The Station is at St. Mary Major, the principal church of all those that are dedicated to the Mother of God in the holy city. This is to associate with the Paschal solemnity the memory of her, who, more than all other creatures, had merited its joys, not only because of the exceptional share she had had in all the sufferings of Jesus, but also because of the unshaken faith wherewith, during those long and cruel hours of his lying in the tomb, she had awaited his Resurrection.



Meditation—He is Risen!

“I rose up and am still with Thee.” After His labors and His humiliations, Christ finds rest with His Father. “I am still with Thee.” This is perfect beatitude. Through His cross He entered into the possession of eternal glory. Christ has gained the crown of victory; through Christ men also win their crowns of victory. Humanity was under a curse and subject to the wrath of God. Now that they have risen with Christ, their guilt has been destroyed. “I rose up and am still with Thee.” The liturgy places these words in the mouth of the Church that she may pray them with Christ.

“The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment.” The resurrection of Christ is the judgment and condemnation of those who have turned away from God. This judgment was prefigured by the angel who passed through the land of Egypt destroying the first-born of the Egyptians. The Israelites marked the doors of their houses with the blood of the paschal lamb. We are the new Israel, and “Christ our Pasch is sacrificed.” We mark ourselves with His blood, which we enjoy in the Holy Eucharist. We have been pardoned, we are saved, we shall live.

“He is risen.” The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God’s assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life. “This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia.”

“Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. . . . The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father.”

—Excerpted from *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

This Week:

Fr. Frank Comes Home



FATHER FRANK

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, we turn our faces to you and plead with you to come to us earthly and often tormented people. May we find strength in the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom redemption is promised to us all. May your kingdom at last be revealed and everything change for the better even though we do not see it yet. May we always honor your name above all others, for you are our Father and we want to hold fast to your grace that lets us call you Father. In our troubled times we want to have enduring faith that you can bring a new time when good shall at last emerge from all the distress. Grant that every broken and needy person may experience your help, your grace, and your salvation, and may know that these always surround us, if only our eyes are open to see and recognize them. So we want to thank and praise you at all times, and at last know the joy of eternity, to your glory and honor. 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



Home Communion:

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

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 4/7 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 4/7 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 4/7 6pm- Fr. Frank

Is there More to Life than My Job?

An advertisement with a red background. On the left, a woman is shown from the chest up, looking at a laptop. Overlaid on the image is the text "IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN MY CAREER" in white, with a large red question mark to its right. Below the text is a small red circle with the word "Alpha" in white. To the right of the image, there is a QR code and some text.

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

Sunday Funday: March 31st:

Today is- Clams on the Half Shell Day and Oranges and Lemons Day

1889- The Eiffel Tower, 986 feet tall, in Paris, France, was inaugurated

1918- The US began daylight saving time (DST) on Easter Sunday when clocks were set ahead by one hour.

1943- Broadway Show – Oklahoma! (Musical)

* Formally called 'Away We Go' in the initial tryout runs



Easter Fun:

1. There are religious connections between Easter and pastel colors.

Pastel colors are bright and pretty, and we often connect them to springtime. Each color also has religious symbolism for Lent, Good Friday, and Easter.

2. World's largest chocolate egg was made in Italy.

The world's largest chocolate Easter egg was made in Italy in April 2011. It measured 34 feet and 1.05 inches in length, and weighed approximately 15,873 pounds.

3. Americans will consume more than 16 million jelly beans.

That's enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but three times – or to fill a plastic egg the size of a nine-story building.

4. The first White House Easter Egg Roll was in 1878.

Rutherford B. Hayes was the president at the time. But it was President Nixon who first included a bunny in the festivities with a member of his wife's staff as the lucky person who got to wear the costume.

5. It used to take more than a day to make a Peep.

Approximately 27 hours, to be precise. That was back in 1953, when each candy was handmade with a pastry tube. Today they have machines that have dramatically sped up the process to just six minutes.

6. Most Americans bite off the ears of a chocolate bunny first.

In fact, a whopping 76% say that's where they take their first mouthful, followed by 5% who eat the feet first, and 4% who eat the tail first.

7. The date of Easter changes every year.

Unlike Christmas or Halloween, Easter does not have a fixed date, due to Passover, which is influenced by the moon's cycle each year.

Easter Fun:

8. The original "Easter Hare" would judge kids to see if they were naughty or nice.

Just like Santa Claus, the first Easter bunny was created to ensure kids were well-behaved before Easter started. Treats were only given to good kids, while those who were naughty were left with empty baskets.

9. Eggs used to be colored with natural ingredients.

Leftover onion peels, tree bark, and even flower petals used to be key ingredients to dye eggs.

10. Buying a new outfit for Easter stems from a superstition.

Back in the mid-1800s in New York, people believed that buying new clothes to wear on Easter would bring them good luck for the rest of the year.





**Sunday
June**

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7:45 am - 2:00pm

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

**St. Teresa of Avila
Blood Drive**

1950 N. KENMORE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60614
@ The Parish Center

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to <https://tinyurl.com/StTeresaBD>
call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!



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.

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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.