

THE JOURNEY

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

Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 7, 2024



FATHER FRANK



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: 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 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Feasts and Saints:

4/8- The Annunciation of the Lord

4/11- St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr



St Stanislaus

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 do you struggle with doubt and fear in your relationship with God?

How can you bring these doubts and questions to Jesus, and allow his peace to calm your fears?



Stewardship:

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

January Weekly:



Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

Being in Assisi during Holy Week has been a blessing of many graces. The traditions, rituals and processions that I experienced this week have given me a new perspective of the week that changed the world. Seeing Jesus being taken down from the Cross, processing with His symbolic body to the basilica of St. Francis, a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Sorrows following, the return of Jesus and His Mother late on Good Friday amidst torches and candles, all electric lights turned off creating an amazing moment of many emotions. Thousands of faithful participated in the darkened night.

And here I sit, on Holy Saturday morning in the basilica of St. Francis, the tabernacle empty. For a few brief days, the dead body of Jesus lay entombed, enclosed and He descended into the foundations of human history, “the harrowing of Hell” as Christ awakened Adam, Eve, the patriarchs and prophets leading them into Paradise.

And then....

The huge rock in front of the tomb was rolled away; inside.. EMPTY, save the burial cloths. Death is defeated, Resurrection has the final word, the Risen Body of Jesus reunited with His Soul and Christ emerged from the tomb!!!! Christ is RISEN, indeed He is. The ONLY reality in which Jesus is NOT present: the tomb of death.

The Risen Christ is present everywhere, especially where death seems to have the edge: the violence and wars throughout the world, the plague of poverty emerging from unjust structures of political power, the suffering of the sick, the lonely and the addicted. We look around and see so many reminders of the reality of death wearing many faces.

The empty tabernacle I sit in front of helps me to face the many places of emptiness we must live with, when our lives seem to be going nowhere, when our youth starts to slowly fade, when we find ourselves having to let go of ways of living no longer possible.

Easter is the promise of our living God that life will always emerge from dark places of loneliness and struggle. We are slowly being recreated in the image and likeness of the Risen Christ, a process that is slow and, at times, painful. But we WILL emerge from the tombs that try to demean and discourage us to travel down new pathways in life, letting go of our clinging to established relationships and ways of living to trust that Christ will guide us to new pastures.

Death is a part of life. We will never be able to escape our own individual death, for it is a part of the journey. But it is just a part, a brief moment, a pause in the journey. Death is over in “an instant, in the twinkling of the stars, in sound of the trumpet.” Our souls and bodies are destined to come together, exactly what happened to Christ on that first Easter. We will SEE each other, we will EMBRACE each other, we will KISS each other. And we will gather around a Feast so that we can EAT and LAUGH and REMEMBER.

A beautiful and Blessed Easter to you ALL!!!

CHRIST IS RISEN

INDEED HE HAS

Cuisine du Coeur 2024:

What a fantastic edition of the Cuisine du Coeur 2024 !
We did our best ever !

Thank you for being with us ! the preparation , the decoration , the cooking , the serving , the washing , the cleaning , all was worth it BECAUSE of YOU ! We had a wonderful day with all of you !

Thank you so much for again being part of this great event and to give us the opportunity to help the outreach ministry of St Teresa and the ones who need the most help !

THANK YOU , We could not have done it without you,
MERCII !

The Cuisine du Coeur team



Thank You:

Everyone at St. Teresa of Avila would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of priest's that helped out at the parish while Fr. Frank was away on sabbatical these past few months.

We are so grateful to each of you!

We especially want to thank Fr. Udovic for all of his help to the parish during Fr. Frank's absence and for making our Lenten and Easter Season so special.

Andy Matijevic

Max Landman, SJ

Robin Ryan, CP

Joseph Williams, CM

Mark Scalese, SJ

Paul Shelton, SJ

Jerry Bleem, OFM

Ed Udovic, CM

Chris Meyer

Joshua Peters, SJ

Carl Gales, SVD

Alphonse Twizerimana

Paddy Gilger, SJ

Sunday of Divine Mercy:

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter and focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

The Divine Mercy devotion originates in a series of apparitions in the 1930s, in which St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated religious sister in Poland, recorded that Jesus appeared to her.

St. Faustina said that during the apparitions, which were later approved by the Church as worthy of belief, Jesus asked her to spread the message of his great mercy toward the world.

Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. That same day, he also instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast for the universal Church.

Prayer for Today:

Lord our God and our Father, we thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit, who binds us to you.

Give us continually afresh something of this Spirit so that we can go forward with light shining on the paths we must follow on earth.

Grant us your Spirit, grant that light may break into our whole life and we can rejoice because we experience so much of what you are doing.

For through the power of your Spirit you can help us toward your future and all that is to come, that we may live not only in time but in eternity. 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 - Ray Romero (D)
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Upcoming Mass Schedule

- Sunday 4/14 10am- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 4/14 12pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 4/14 6pm- Fr. Frank

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.



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 Coretarity rooted in your own opinions and questions.

Join us on February 10th at 7 PM

Sunday Funday: April 7th:

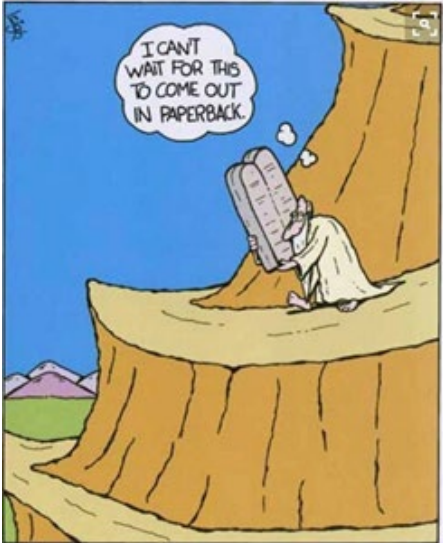
Today is- Beer Day and Burrito Day

1933- Prohibition in the United States was repealed for beer of no more than 3.2% alcohol by weight.

1967- Film critic Roger Ebert published his first film review in the Chicago Sun-Times.

1970- John Wayne won the Best Actor Oscar for his role in True Grit.

“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure” is basically how Earth sustains life.



Together in Joy Gala Updates:

Save the Date for the Together in Joy Gala, St. Teresa's annual fundraiser celebrating and supporting the ministries of the parish. The evening will consist of a cocktail hour, three-course dinner, silent and live auctions, and live music and dancing.

The Together in Joy Gala is integral to our continued support of our many outreach programs in our community including the weekly food pantry, Loaves and Fishes meal, and our refugee and prison ministries.

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Artifact Events, 4325 North Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago

Would you like to put your talents to use? The Together in Joy Gala Planning Committee is seeking volunteers. Email David Cordaro, 2024 Chair, at outreach@teresa.church to volunteer. All are welcome!

Do you have an item to donate?

If you are called to give, we are looking for the following items to make our event a success! No donation is too small, and this list is not exhaustive. All donations are welcome.

Airline miles to any airline

Hotel points at any major chain

Vacation rentals - lake house, beach home, etc.

Sporting event tickets; single game or season tickets

Luxury/designer handbags and sunglasses

Beer, wine, or spirits; for consumption at the event or the silent auction

Fitness memberships

Restaurant or home decor gift certificates

Do you or someone you know have access to any of the items above?

Email David Cordaro, 2024 Chair, at outreach@teresa.church to donate.





**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

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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

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

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.