

# THE JOURNEY

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

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024



## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

## Address

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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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](mailto: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](https://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](https://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](https://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](https://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](https://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## 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](https://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](mailto:smatejka@hpschicago.com).

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://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](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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](https://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 3:13-15,17-19

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

## 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:

Jesus' physical resurrection is a central truth of our faith.

How does this reality impact the way I live my daily life and interact with others?

# Reflection

## Stewardship:

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

## January Weekly:



# Parish Life

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## Third Sunday of Easter:

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection.

Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you."

Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift, forgiveness.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and they mistake Jesus for a ghost. The figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Even though the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins in their hearts, and their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them.

By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. Our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As witnesses to the Resurrection, we are called to share the message of forgiveness and hope with the world.

Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.




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## Daily Prayer:

Dear Father in heaven, to you we entrust everything, for you have given us life and will call us to resurrection. You will help your children, your people, to reach what you have called them to. Protect your church on earth. Let her soon see your glory. Let her see Jesus Christ intervening in people's lives and destinies until, shaken and trembling, they have to recognize that they should love and honor Jesus alone, to your honor, O Father in heaven. We thank you for all you have given us in your Word, which enables us to become your children and to find your way for us on earth. Bless us and give us the Holy Spirit. Protect us this night. Protect us so that nothing evil can harm us. Amen.



## Lenten Refugee Project Success:

A Huge Thank You to all Parishioners who donated items during our Lenten Drive. We partner with Exodus who will assign us newly arriving families. We get a team of volunteers who gather the items that were so graciously donated and assist with newly arriving families. With all of the items that were donated, we will be able to set up an apartment for 3 new arriving families, as well as assist with our current refugee families.

We wrapped up the drive on Palm Sunday, and two days later we received a call to welcome our first family on Wednesday, March 27th. This family was Rohingya family of 6. In less than 24 hours we put together a small team to load the items and meet the family in their new apartment. Thank you to the Evanoff Family and Mike Eddingfield for assisting with welcoming the new Family. We expect to welcome two more families in the coming months.

If you are interested in working with refugee families and want to find out more details, please contact Kristen Castelloni [kristen@rlcanning.com](mailto:kristen@rlcanning.com)



**Back to School Backpack Project**

**To prepare the 2300 school age children in Chicago's shelters for the coming school year**

**The Timeline**  
We will be collecting donations the weekend of May 4th through the weekend of July 28th. Simply place any of the below items (new or gently used) in the boxes to the right of the altar before/after Mass.

**Needed Items**

backpacks	colored pencils
rulers	washable markers
protractors	ballpoint pens
loose leaf paper	highlighters
plastic folders	crayons
three-ring binders	#2 pencils
calculators	blunt-tipped scissors
glue/glue sticks	combination locks
index cards	
post-its	
erasers	
pencil cases	
notebooks	

**Questions?**  
Contact Charisse Gioia  
[cgioia@stheresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stheresaparish.org)

**Backpack Assembly**  
We will assemble the backpacks on August 10th at the IC Parish Hall (1431 N North Park Ave) in order for them to be distributed by school's start!

## Come Join Us to Celebrate

**A SPRED Mass at St. Teresa of Avila-**  
Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 10 a.m.



Bring the Whole Family and Friends

**Everyone is Welcome**

SPRED will host the Hospitality time in the Parish Center immediately following Mass.

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## 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>

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## 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!



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## 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

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## 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](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org) Thank you

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## 2023 Contribution Statement:

To request a copy please email:

[cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)



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## 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 - 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 4/21 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 4/21 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 4/21 6pm- Fr. Frank

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 Contemplativity rooted in your own questions and questions.

Join us on February 10th at 7 PM

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## Sunday Funday: April 14th:

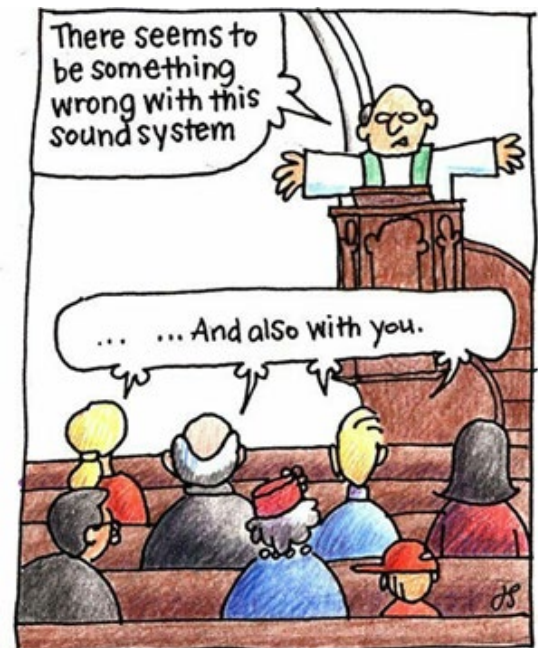
Today is- Dolphin Day and Pecan Day

1865- John Wilkes Booth fatally shot President Abraham Lincoln at a play (Our American Cousin) at Ford's Theater in Washington, DC.

1912- RMS Titanic hit an iceberg, killing 1514 people that evening, and into the next day.

1960- Broadway Show – Bye Bye Birdie Musical opened on April 14, 1960

“In the long run, you make your own luck – good, bad, or indifferent.”  
Loretta Lynn



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Staff

### Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor

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### Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
Bulletin

[cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)

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  
Parish Mission

[mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org](mailto:mneuhengen@stteresaparish.org)

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.

### Barbara McHugh

Religious Education

[bmchugh@stteresaparish.org](mailto:bmchugh@stteresaparish.org)

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.

### Carol Spalla-Malone

Part-Time Business Manager

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### Jason Krumwiede

Director of Music

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## Staff

Housekeeping

**Irma Saavedra**

**Sergio Mora**

Building & Facilities Manager

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## Parish Council

Anna Althoff- President

[annamarialthoff@hotmail.com](mailto:annamarialthoff@hotmail.com)

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](http://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.