

THE JOURNEY

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

Address

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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 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Feasts and Saints:

4/23- St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

4/24- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

4/25- St. Mark, Evangelist



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 says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

How do you listen for the voice of Jesus in your life? What helps you distinguish His voice from others?

Reflection

Stewardship:

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you?

How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

January Weekly:



Parish Life

From Fr. Frank:

It is so good to be back!!! I said it at Mass and I'll say it again, I'm grateful to be back with all of you. I was able to experience for myself the beauty and gifts of this community of faith as I explored a number of communities and parishes in Rome and Venice.

We are so fortunate to have what we have here: deeply committed volunteers, lay leadership, organized outreach ministries led by people of faith, a beautiful and committed intimate church, phenomenal, and I mean phenomenal, music and liturgies that are vibrant and prayerful. On top of all this: a great and committed staff!!!

Thank you for all that you do for St. Teresa's and for your financial support. I am so grateful to Fr Ed Udivic for his wonderful Sunday Masses, gathering the parish for the two major Feasts of Christmas and Easter, celebrating Reconciliation and just bring a great person and priest. Thank you Fr. Ed.

And what a staff we have: Mark, Barb, Jason, Charisse, Carol, Sergio and Irma. A very small staff made of people with huge hearts. Im so grateful to them all for their hard work and love of what they do for St. Teresa's. I was able to have a great sabbatical because of the many people rose to the occasion. The parish did just fine without me.

This October, after our fundraiser, I will make my Camino to Santiago, all 500 miles of the pilgrimage and I will hopefully raise money for the three parishes involved in ministries to the refugee and immigrant. I will ask parishioners from St. Josaphat's, IC/SJ's and St. Teresa's to support me and the long journey as I walk with a 25 pound backpack across Spain by making donations to strengthen our ability to keep supporting our refugee families.

The pilgrimage will be a bit more challenging than my previous caminos due to the time of year: from October 20- November 24. The weather is quite variable in so many ways but I will be ready as I get in shape over the Summer. Whatever money I make I will split with the three parishes since we are working together in our refugee ministry. We really need to be working together in so many ways with the other neighboring parishes, sharing resources and volunteers.

The next several weeks will be exciting here at St. Teresa's as we celebrate Confirmation with SPRED, First Holy Communion, countless baptisms, MayFest on Armitage and end of the year celebrations of graduation. Last Saturday we had a beautiful Confirmation of 7 of our young people. They were just wonderful!!! Thank you Barb for all your creativity and hard work.

Summer is just around the corner!!!!

Congratulations!!

Seven teens celebrated their Confirmation this past weekend. They prepared for two years, participating in Sunday evening prep sessions and doing acts of service throughout the community. Congratulations to (left to right) Gunnar Gutierrez, Esme Cuisia, Rafael Lopes, Vivian Hickey, Clare Schmadeke, Quinn Flanagan, and Ryan Nelson!



Two of our teens preparing to be Confirmed next year made their First Communion on Sunday evening. Congratulations to Juan Mendiola and Brandon Juarez!



Good Shepherd Sunday:

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and often called “Good Shepherd Sunday,” because we read a portion of the Good Shepherd narrative in St. John’s Gospel on this Sunday every year.

Throughout the Easter Season, we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls us to himself. He shows us the way to the Father by walking that way both before us, in his Passion and Resurrection, and beside us, as the Good Shepherd who does not abandon his flock.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI established a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to coincide with Good Shepherd Sunday, now celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. For this reason, this day is also known in the Catholic Church as Vocations Sunday.

Prayer for today:

Dear Father in heaven, grant that we may come into your presence as your children. Give to us all that we need each day, so that we are no longer caught in the turmoil of life but can receive your peace. For you care for us as your children, and we are allowed to go confidently through all the troubles of these times because our way leads to you, the eternal Father in heaven. Keep us from going astray and from spending our efforts on what is temporal and cannot last. Let your light strengthen us in what is of heaven, in what is eternally true for our lives. Amen.



Trivia Night

Join us for a BYOB Trivia night with Pizza
April 25th at 7 PM



The poster features a red background with a string of colorful triangular bunting flags (yellow, green, blue, and red) across the top. The text 'Trivia Night' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, the event details are provided in a smaller black font. A QR code is centered at the bottom, flanked by two illustrations: on the left, four people are seated around a table with pizza; on the right, a group of people is gathered around a table, with one person pointing at a screen displaying a silhouette of a person.

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

Home Communion:

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



Mass Intentions

10AM - Miguel Alejandro Montes (D) and Estella Montes (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 4/28 10am- Fr. Frank
Sunday 4/28 12pm- Fr. Alphonse
Sunday 4/28 6pm- Fr. Alphonse

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: April 21st:

Today is- Bulldogs are Beautiful Day and Chocolate Covered Cashews Day

753 BC – Romulus and his twin brother Remus founded Rome.


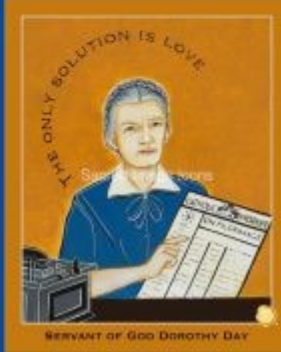
1986- Geraldo Rivera hosted a live, highly promoted two-hour syndicated special The Mystery of Al Capone's Vault. They found nothing.


2016- Legendary musician and megawatt star Prince dies at 57



St. Teresa Social Justice Group

Join us for an info session on our Social Justice group on Sunday April 21st from 5 to 6 PM





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 18th. Simply place any of the below items (new or gently used) in the boxes to the right of the altar before/after Mass.

backpacks
rulers
protractors
loose leaf paper
plastic folders
three-ring binders
calculators
glue/glue sticks

Needed Items

index cards
post-its
erasers
pencil cases
notebooks


colored pencils
washable markers
ballpoint pens
highlighters
crayons
#2 pencils
blunt-tipped scissors
combination locks

Questions?
Contact Charisse Gioia
ogioias@tereseparish.org

Backpack Assembly


We will assemble the backpacks on August 10th at the IC Parish Hall (NE 31st North Park Ave) in order for them to be distributed by school's start!

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 20th at 7 PM



WFC WILLIAM FERRIS CHORALE

Path of Miracles
May 4 / 7:30 pm
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church



Hear Joby Talbot's iconic work for singers and percussion that honors the famed *Camino de Santiago!*

Use the code **WFCPATH40** to save 40% on your tickets!

visit williamferrischorale.org for tickets and information



**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
Parish Mission

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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.

Barbara McHugh

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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.