

THE JOURNEY

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 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: 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: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

Feasts and Saints:

7/1- St. Junipero Serra, Priest

7/3- St. Thomas, Apostle

7/5- St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

7/6- St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr



Financials: May 2024

	FY24	FY23
Basket/Mail In:	17,563	14,355
Give Central:	40,154	46,442
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$57,717	\$60,797
		(\$3,080)

Reflections for Today:

How does the reading from Wisdom influence your view of life and death?

How does the woman's faith in the Gospel inspire you?

What does the healing of Jairus' daughter teach you about Jesus' power?

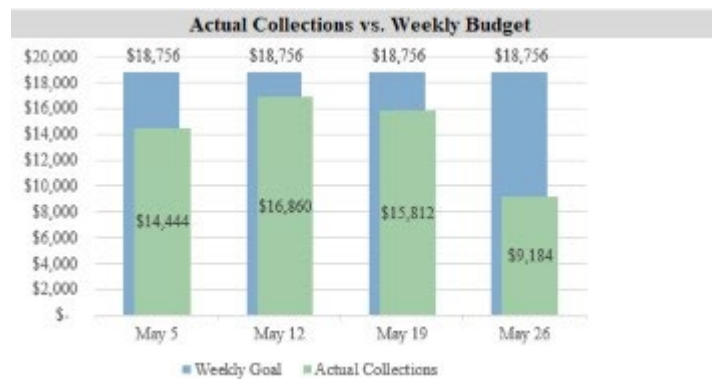


Stewardship:

“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.”²
CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the “Body of Christ.” We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

May Weekly:



From Father Frank:

The storm that engulfed the boat in the gospel, was nothing compared with the storm that was brewing within the hearts of the disciples on board that boat. They were filled with terror, with fear at the rising, gushing waves and huge burst of the winds. All the while, on that boat, Jesus was sound asleep. The disciples allowed the external storm on the sea to vanquish their inner peace and equilibrium.

We all have our “inner storms” that unsettle us and compel us to waver and lose hope. There is the inner storm of:

-depression that paralyzes and engulfs us in a persistent state feeling listless.

-fear, anxiety that causes us to become frantic with uncertainty and worry.

-illness, when our physical well being is diminishing due to sickness and age.

-aging and getting older when we slowly lose our independence.

-loneliness, whether young or old, married or single, a lack of a truly intimate relationship or friendship.

So many storms can make us so vulnerable. But God speaks to us **IN** and **THROUGH** the storm, calling the waves of insecurity to be calm. Jesus was sound asleep, probably having a nice rest and sweet dreams as the disciples were in panic mode. Jesus wakes up, responding to their pleas and calms the storm. But even more, Jesus calms the **INNER** storm of those disciples, which are much worse than the outer storm.

There are countless storms in the world, from wars to violence to many forms of injustice. We are being called to be rooted in inner stillness and peace, and from this inner calm, we move into the world’s storms responding, not reacting. When we react, we cause more turbulence to the external storm. But rooted in prayer and reflection we can respond and act.

Whether you are experiencing an inner, personal storm or you are being called to help someone in need or to face an injustice, stop... pray... trust that the Lord will guide you and then act. You have the power to speak **FROM** the storm not add to the storm’s turbulence.



St. Maria Goretti:

Feast Day July 6th

Patron Saint of chastity, rape victims, girls, youth, teenage girls, poverty, purity, and forgiveness.

July 6 marks the feast day of St. Maria Goretti, a young virgin and martyr whose life is an example of purity and mercy for all Christians.

St. Maria Goretti is best known for her commitment to purity and the courageous defence of her faith at the young age of eleven that made her willing to undergo death rather than participate in a sin against God. She is also remarkable for the forgiveness she willingly granted her attacker as she lay on her deathbed.

Maria was born in Corinaldo, Italy on October 16, 1890. Her father, a farmer, died of malaria when she was young, and her mother had to work to support their six children.

Maria took care of the younger children while her mother worked, and she prayed the Rosary every night for the repose of her father's soul.

On July 5, 1902, a neighbouring farm hand, Alessandro Serenelli, tried to rape Maria. On several prior occasions, Alessandro had harassed Maria with impure advances, all of which she has vehemently rejected. This time, he locked her in a room and tried to force himself upon her. She fought against him, shouting, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" and warning him that this was the path towards hell. When Maria declared that she would rather die than submit to this sin, Alessandro angrily grabbed her and stabbed her 14 times with a knife.

Maria was found bleeding to death and rushed to the hospital. As she lay dying, she forgave Alessandro for the crime he had committed against her, saying, "Yes, for the love of Jesus I forgive him...and I want him to be with me in Paradise."

Although the doctors tried to save her, she died two agonizing days later, only eleven years old.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He remained unrepentant until one night, eight years into his prison term, when Maria appeared to him, dressed in white, gathering lilies in a garden. She smiled, turned towards Alessandro, and offered him the flowers. Each lily he took transformed into a white flame. Then Maria disappeared.

From that moment, Alessandro converted and found peace. He repented of his crime and changed his life. He was released from prison three years early and begged forgiveness from Maria's mother, which she duly granted.

Many miracles were attributed to Maria Goretti after her death. In 1950, she was canonised by Pope Pius XII, becoming the youngest Roman Catholic saint officially recognised by name.



St. Thomas, Apostle:

Feast day July 3rd

Patron Saint of architects and builders

St. Thomas the Apostle best known for his initial unwillingness to believe the other apostles in their claim that Jesus had risen from the dead, St. Thomas can teach the faithful about believing without seeing.

As an apostle, Thomas was dedicated to following the Lord. Upon hearing that Jesus was returning to Judea, an area that would pose dangers due to the growing animosity of the authorities there, he immediately said to the other apostles, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (Jn 11: 16).

Yet despite this determination, Thomas proved not only too weak to stand beside Jesus as he faced his crucifixion, but also doubted the Lord's Resurrection when he was told about it by the other apostles. Denying their story, he told them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25).

A week later, Christ appeared and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." When Thomas did so he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

In his general audience on September 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of St. Thomas, explaining that we can learn from his doubts, which show us "that Jesus can now be recognised by his wounds rather than by his face."

"The Apostle Thomas' case is important to us for at least three reasons," said the Pope. "First, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him."



Dear St. Thomas, you were once slow in believing that Christ had gloriously risen; but later, because you had seen him, you exclaimed: "My Lord and my God!" According to an ancient story, you rendered most powerful assistance for constructing a church in a place where pagan priests opposed it. Please bless architects, builders and carpenters that through them the Lord may be honored. Amen.

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:

The Food Pantry continues to be in need of paper bags, but is requesting that the bags have handles and NOT be doubled. The single bags are holding up just fine!

If you have a collection that you would like to contribute, please drop it off at the parish office or at the pantry. Thank you.

Items the pantry could use that are not available through the Chicago Food Depository include cans of:

Peaches

Pineapple

Applesauce

Peas

Kidney Beans

Garbanzo Beans

Pinto Beans

Hearty Soups

Items may be placed in the baskets in church or left outside the food pantry.

Thank you for your always generous response to those in need.



Loaves and Fishes:

The Loaves & Fishes ministry has been inviting guests indoors to enjoy their meal on Friday evenings.

We need volunteers to greet our guests, serve them, and clean tables. Volunteers are needed on Friday evenings from 3:30 to 6:00. If you cannot arrive by 3:30, just let us know when you sign up. You can sign up here - <https://signup.com/go/rBJiFSK>.

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.

Prayer

Mass Intentions

10AM - Joseph Kachnik (D) and Nancy Crohon (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 7/7 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/7 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/7 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer for today

Lord our God, we thank you for your Word, which is light and strength to us. We thank you for all you give us. We thank you that we may be counted among the simple-hearted, among the children. We do not want to be anything great in the world. We want only to be with you as your children, helpless little children, watched over by you, the Creator and Father of all. Grant us your blessing. Help us in all that is good and right, also in our daily work, so that we can be your children and do what you have commanded. May your name be honored at all times, your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done as we forgive those who have wronged us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Funday: June 30th:

Today is- Ice Cream Soda Day, Mai Tai Day and Meteor Watch Day

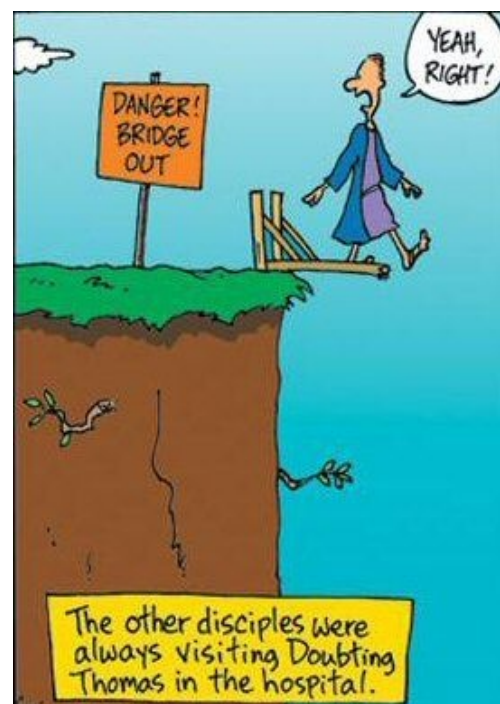
1906- The United States Congress passed the Meat Inspection Act and Pure Food and Drug Act.

1952- The Guiding Light premiered on CBS.

1953- The first Chevrolet Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan.

The largest and heaviest human internal organ is the liver.

Americans spend more money on slot machines than on movies, baseball, and theme parks combined.



Registration is Open!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, First Communion Preparation, & Confirmation Preparation 2024/2025

We have opened registration for our faith formation programs for children for next year. We offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children from 3 years old through 6th grade, and a Confirmation Preparation program for our 7th and 8th grade teens. Please contact Barb McHugh bmchugh@stteresaparish.org if you need additional information about our offerings.

To register for the 2024/2025 year, please scan the code below or click the link.

<https://forms.gle/SD9CBqa1BibtWtmUA>



To view the schedule for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, scan the code below or click the link.

<https://teresa.church/cgs-schedules/>



Fourth of July:

The Fourth of July commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by Congress in 1776. This officially declared that the 13 established colonies were now legally separate from Great Britain, one of the motivating factors of the first Pilgrims who first arrived in 1620 to pursue religious freedom.

This most American of holidays will be marked with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues across the country.

Facts About the Fourth of July:

Only Two Men Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

The first public 4th of July event at the White House occurred in 1801, Thomas Jefferson was President.

Three presidents died on July 4th: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 – this was the 50th anniversary. James Monroe died July 4, 1831.

Why do we do fireworks on the 4th of July?

Early U.S. settlers brought their love of fireworks with them to the New World and fireworks were part of the very first Independence Day – a tradition that continues every 4th of July when we celebrate as John Adams had hoped “with pomp, parade....

On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia’s Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks.

4th Of July Food:

Potato salad

Hot Dogs

Deviled Eggs

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Hamburgers

Corn on the Cob

4th Of July Fun:

Go on picnic

Parades

Swimming

Fireworks

Dress patriotically

Visit a historical landmark



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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

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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

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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

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.