

THE JOURNEY

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 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.

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.

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.

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: Ezekiel 2:2-5

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

Feasts and Saints:

7/9- St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Martyr

7/11- St. Benedict, Abbot

7/13- St. Henry, BVM



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 can you trust in God's strength when you feel weak?

How does faith influence the miracles in your life?

What can you do to strengthen your faith in Jesus?

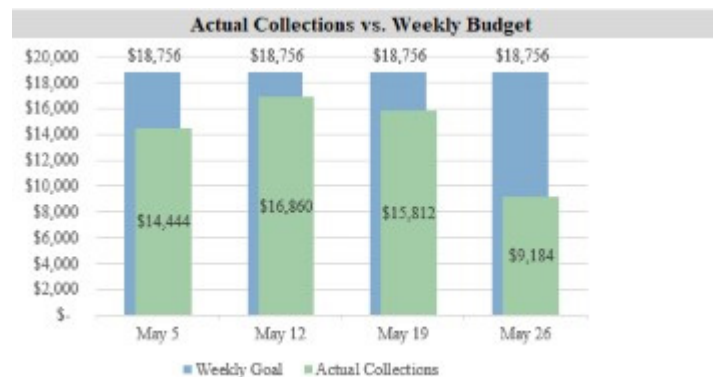
Reflection

Stewardship:

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’”Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

May Weekly:



From Father Frank:

PRAYER

The disciples asked Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray,” and His response was to give the gift of the

OUR FATHER. This prayer comes from the mouth of our Lord and Savior, and it truly is a treasure that unites ALL Christians. This beautiful prayer gives praise to the God we call Father, a title that can be difficult given what first comes to mind when we hear the word “father”: being male and our biological fathers. This title that Jesus used to address GOD in His prayer throughout the gospels has nothing to do with any gender or biology. God can NEVER be limited by gender, or any other category.

Unfortunately, countless people, including most of us clergy, have implicitly, or worse, explicitly convey God in male or masculine images and ideology. This is not only horrible theology, it borders on heresy because it teaches error. Why Jesus chose to call God His Father is way beyond simple rational explanation because the word expresses “relationship” and one who “gives” or “initiates”. These two terms can easily be applied to “mothers,” but in Jesus’ ministry prayer, He chose the title “father” to express a deep RELATIONSHIP of love and generation. The title “creator” just doesn’t express a direct intimate relationship.

I’m writing this to share my own thoughts about the foundations of Prayer that begins with the Prayer of Christ. But prayer encompasses much more, since the foundation of our prayer as Christians moves beyond simply reciting the Our Father. God as Our father AND mother desires and yearns for us to love the greatest Presence and Treasure of our lives: our relationship with a God who is absolute LOVE.

God IS Love!!!! Love is the greatest title for God in the Scriptures.

More on PRAYER later.

One plea to those reading this: please make it a habit of coming to ADORATION each Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Just a few minutes before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Monstrance can bring such peace. Slowly praying the Our Father might be a start. St. Teresa of Avila spent hours in prayer, just on the phrase “OurFather!”

*The word “monstrance” means to “show” or make visible. We can visible SEE and adore Christ’s Presence exposed in the monstrance.



Together In Joy 2024:

Tickets are now available for our annual gala to celebrate and support our ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. The evening will consist of entertainment, dinner, and a live and silent auction. 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 N Ravenswood Ave, Chicago

Early Bird Ticket (Limited Quantity) | \$150

Regular Ticket | \$200

Volunteer Ticket | Free!

Buy Your Ticket Now: togetherinjoy.com

Interested in sponsoring this event? Demonstrate your support for the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Chicago by becoming a Gala Sponsor and receiving unprecedented exposure to the hundreds of families attending the parish and gala.

For questions, please contact outreach@teresa.church.



St. Benedict:

Feast Day July 11

Patron Saint of Europe, monks and religious orders, architects, dying people, cave explorers, schoolchildren, agricultural workers, civil engineers, and coppersmiths.

Benedict was born into Roman nobility in Nursia, central Italy, roughly 100 miles northeast of Rome.

He had a twin sister named Scholastica, who also became a saint. As a youth, Benedict was sent to Rome for studies. However, he quickly became disillusioned by the prevalent immorality and disorder, particularly among his classmates. At the age of twenty, to find peace in his soul and avoid the traps that had ensnared many of his peers, he moved to the countryside of the town of Affile, about forty miles from Rome. Accompanying him was his nurse who cared for him like a mother. They moved in with some virtuous men in the Church of Saint Peter. While there, his nurse accidentally broke a dish used to sift wheat and was distraught. Witnessing this, Benedict miraculously mended the dish and returned it to her. News of this miracle spread quickly, and Benedict became the talk of the town.

Benedict wasn't interested in the praise of men; he sought only holiness. Leaving his nurse behind, he moved closer to the town of Subiaco and took up residence in a cave. Nearby, he met a holy monk, Romanus, whom Benedict consulted for spiritual advice. At Romanus' encouragement, Benedict took on the monastic habit and lived in the cave for the next three years as a hermit.

Benedict prayerfully sought to root out all sin in his life.

Benedict was invited by a group of local monks to become their abbot. He reluctantly agreed, recognizing that his form of religious life contrasted sharply with theirs. After a brief time as abbot, the monks so opposed him that, according to legend, they attempted to kill him by poisoning his wine. When Benedict blessed the wine, the glass shattered, and the scheme was revealed.

Benedict left the monks and returned to his cave before emerging to found monasteries in the area over the following years. Many admired him and were attracted to his radical way of living, while others envied him and sought his life. Numerous miracles are said to have taken place through his intervention, such as raising a monk from the dead, healing a boy, foreseeing future events, multiplying food and wine, expelling demons, and walking across water.

After founding twelve small monasteries in the Subiaco area, Benedict felt it was time for a fresh start.

Upon arriving at Monte Cassino, Benedict found a temple built to the Roman god Apollo. He destroyed it, built two chapels in its place, and then constructed a monastery nearby. Instead of several smaller monasteries, he built one large monastery where numerous monks could live. He wrote a rule, later known as "The Rule of Saint Benedict," that guided his newly established monastery at Monte Cassino. Saint Benedict is often referred to as the "Father of Western Monasticism."

While Benedict set up his community at Monte Cassino, his sister, Scholastica, helped found a monastery for women.

Benedict and Scholastica remained close until her death, which he prophesied. Upon her death, Benedict had a vision of Scholastica being taken to Heaven. He brought her body back to Monte Cassino, where she was buried in his future grave, and which they still share. After fewer than ten years at Monte Cassino, Benedict died.

Hearken continually within thine heart, O son, giving attentive ear to the precepts of thy master. Understand with willing mind and effectually fulfill thy holy father's admonition; that thou mayest return, by the labor of obedience, to Him from Whom, by the idleness of disobedience, thou hadst withdrawn. To this end I now address a word of exhortation to thee, whosoever thou art, who, renouncing thine own will and taking up the bright and all-conquering weapons of obedience, dost enter upon the service of thy true king, Christ the Lord.

~From the Prologue of the Rule of Saint Benedict

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/uwfaqUZN>

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 - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

6 PM - Fr, Seamus Jones (D) and Sheila and Danny Drew

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 7/14 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/14 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 7/14 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer for today

Dear Father in heaven, open our hearts to the wonder of being able to call you Father, the wonder of being united with you. You are the source of all life and strength. In you is redemption, and we need to be redeemed before we can live rightly. Take from us the pressures forced on us by the flood of events. Make us completely free as people led by your hand, people who may be joyful because everything will be overcome through the power you grant us in Jesus Christ. Protect us from fear and from all evil. Show more and more clearly your good and wonderful goal for all people on earth, so that in expectation they may find happiness even in all the stress of today. Amen.

Sunday Funday: July 7th:

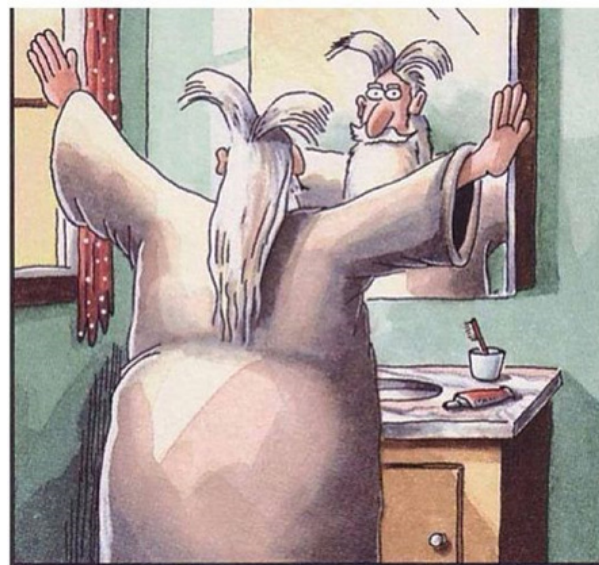
Today is- National Strawberry Sundae Day, Tell the Truth Day and World Chocolate Day

1456- A retrial verdict acquitted Joan of Arc of heresy, authorized by Pope Callixtus III, 25 years after her death.

1928- Sliced bread was sold for the first time, by the Chillicothe Baking Company of Chillicothe, Missouri.

1946- Mother Francesca S. Cabrini became the first American canonized by the Catholic Church.

“The best way to predict your future is to create it” – Abraham Lincoln



Moses parting his hair

Happy July:

Smile, it's July!

July was named after the famous Roman general Julius Caesar; it was selected by the Roman senate, being the month he was born in.

Early July, historically is called the dog days of summer because it's the beginning of the hot summer days.

Birthstone: Ruby

Flower: Larkspur and Water Lily

Astrology Zodiac Signs: Cancer and Leo

Cancer - June 22nd - July 22nd

Leo - July 23rd - August 22nd

“Just for Fun” Days

National Bikini Day - July 5th

Pina Colada Day - July 10th

Free Slurpee Day - July 11th

Shark Awareness Day - July 14th

National Hot Dog Day- July 17th

“Folklore for the Season”

Ne'er trust a July sky.

If ant hills are high in July, the coming winter will be hard.

As July, so next January.

No tempest, good July,

Lest the corn look ruely.

Whatever July and August do not boil,



July TO DO LIST:

(C) WWW.EVELYNHENSEN.COM



RIDE A BIKE FOR FUN



SHOW OFF YOUR STRIPES



EAT SNOW CONES WITH A FRIEND



CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH



COOK A LOBSTER



SLEEP UNTIL NOON

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.

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

<https://forms.gle/SD9CBqa1BibtWtmUA>

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



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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.

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.