

THE JOURNEY

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28, 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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

Feasts and Saints:

7/29- Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7/30- St. Peter, Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7/31- St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8/1- St. Alphonsus, Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8/2- St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Financials: June 2024

	FY24	FY23
Basket/Mail In:	11,225	7,150
Give Central:	36,560	42,902
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$47,785	\$50,052
	(\$2,267)	

Reflections for Today:

What small gift can I offer to God today?

In what ways can I show humility, gentleness, and patience?

Reflection

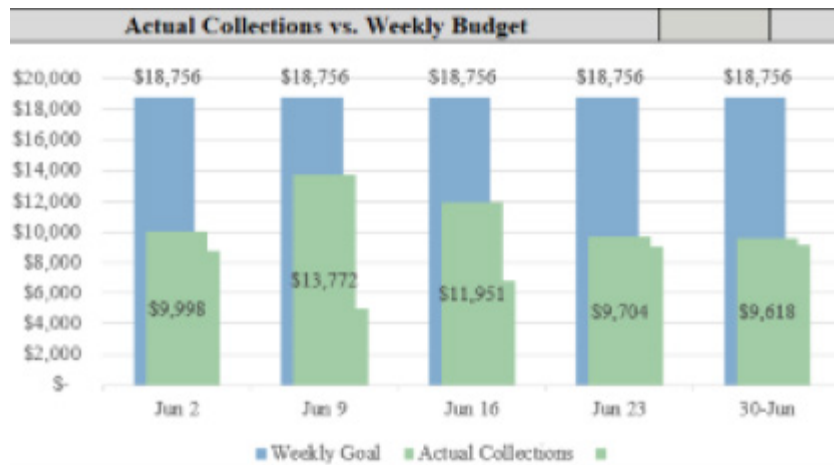
Stewardship:

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?”

JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

June Weekly:



From Fr. Frank:

What is it you are searching for? We all all in search of something or someone one. The lengths we go to for our favorite team, an entertainer, to buy more clothes we don't need, planning another excursion to "get away," finding the right second, or third home, the list is endless. When we really want something, we will expend a lot of time and energy to acquire what we think will make us happy.

The people in the gospel were searching with determination and passion, and they were searching for Jesus. He had been on the move preaching and healing and the people directed their time and energy to finding the One who would make them whole again, the One who would reconcile wounds in families, the One who would lead them to the "pearl of great price" : Jesus Christ.

Summer is a time to find rest and relaxation, a time to settle down and flow down, reflecting on what really matters in life. People with resources can plan many trips and vacations throughout the year but it doesn't take much money to simply settle down, slow down and be grateful for all that has been given, especially good healthy and friendship.

We are being summoned today out of our complacency to search for Jesus in earnest, right here in Chicago. My search led me to the Art Institute to renew my membership and soak in various expressions of art. I'm baking feverishly so that other people can enjoy a treat. Searching for Jesus is a creative endeavor that feeds the heart and soul. Be creative in finding new ways of discovering Jesus. Preparing a hot Friday meal with some friends for our Loaves and Fishes can lead you down a pathway into the heart of Christ. What a great "place" to find rest and peace.

From Charisse:

This week's gospel reading of Jesus feeding the many loaves and fishes can't help make me think of St. Teresa's loaves and fishes Friday night meal.

I'm so honored that I get to volunteer and help on some of the Friday's preparing, cooking , serving and cleaning.

These Friday's are filled with such joy, honestly from the start to finish, it is work, but it is good work!

Each and every volunteener is a pleasure to work with, I have loved getting to know them.

It is hard to put it into words the feeling that comes from helping those in need especially when it comes to feeding the hungry as food is such a basic thing for many of us.

When I leave here on those Friday's , I leave here a better person than when I walked in I would like to believe. Not because of what I have given to others but what has been given to me.

The reward is great and I consider myself the lucky one that I'm a part of such a beautiful parish.

I have always loved to cook and share my food with family and friends but this is the absolute BEST!

Friday's here at St. Teresa are amazing and seeing the volunteers give of their time and talent each week to serve others is truly awesome.

This is a special bunch for sure and we thank you for our beautiful Loaves and Fishes.

Charisse XO



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

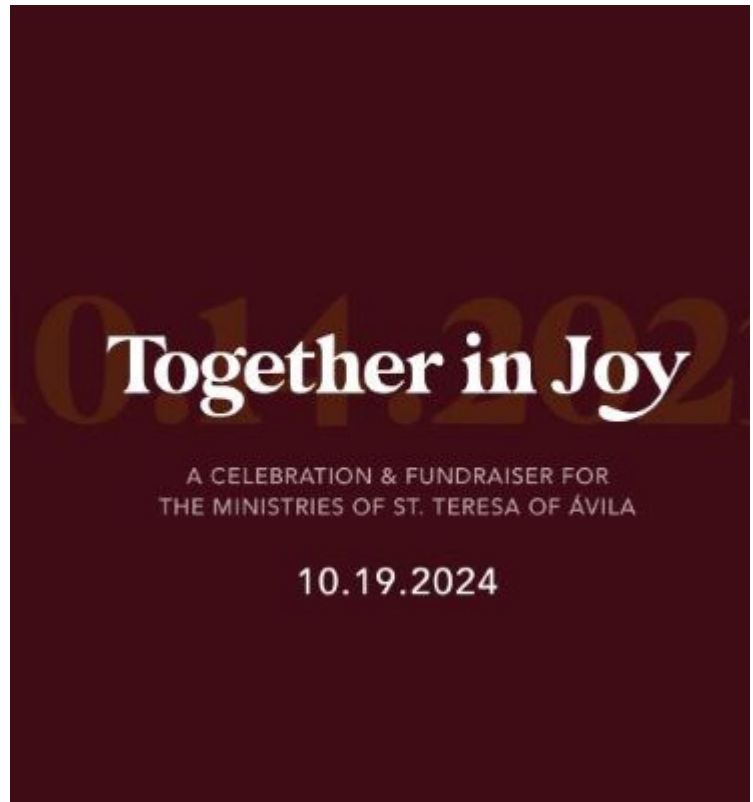
Regular Ticket | \$200

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.



Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus:

Feast Day July 29th

In the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

St. Martha

Martha was active, enterprising, careful, and given to exterior things. From her diligence, we learn not to allow ourselves to be so overcome by daily duties that we neglect love; from her profession of faith we learn that life in God makes us experience wonders that we could not believe possible.

Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done.

St. Martha Patronage: Butlers; cooks; dietitians; domestic servants; homemakers; hotel-keepers; housemaids; housewives; innkeepers; laundry workers; maids; manservants; servants; servers; single laywomen; travelers.

St. Mary of Bethany

During the visit, Mary became engrossed in all Jesus had to say. She sat at his feet, listening attentively, apparently oblivious to her sister, Martha, who scurried about with serving duties. The frustrated Martha complained to Jesus that Mary was not being helpful. Profoundly, Jesus replied that it was Mary who had made the better choice -- that spiritual matters have a much higher priority than household chores.

Later on, Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus became deathly ill. Mary and her sister sent word to Jesus to let him know of Lazarus's condition, hoping for a visit. Jesus did go to Bethany; however, he delayed the visit by two days, and by the time he arrived, Mary's brother had been dead for four days. When Mary saw Jesus, she sorrowfully spoke of her disappointment, claiming that if he had been there, Lazarus could have been saved. Jesus then stunned Mary and her sister by going to the dead body of Lazarus, praying fervently to God, and then commanding the deceased man to rise. Mary's confidence in Jesus surely soared as she witnessed her brother return to the living -- still wrapped in his burial cloths!

St. Lazarus

The account of Lazarus being raised from the dead by Jesus, led to his widespread veneration in Jerusalem and nothing more is written about him in the New Testament.

According to tradition however, the Jews of Jaffa placed Lazarus and his sisters in a leaky boat in which they somehow sailed safely to Cyprus. He said to have become a bishop on the island and died there peacefully 30 years later.

St. Lazarus Patronage: Gravediggers; city of Autun, France; diocese of Autun, France; archdiocese of Marseille, France

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 - John Fredericks (D)

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 8/4 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 8/4 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 8/4 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Prayer for today

Lord our God, we come into your presence, pleading with you to bring the world what it needs, so that people may be freed from all their pain and enabled to serve you. Let the power of Jesus Christ be revealed in our time. For he has taken on our sin that justice might arise on earth, that all might have life and might see your salvation, which you will bring when the time is fulfilled. Let your power be revealed in the world, and let your will be done, your name be kept holy, and all wrongs be righted in this turbulent and difficult age. O Lord our God, you alone can help. You alone are the Savior of all peoples. In your great mercy you can bring peace. We look to you. And when we consider your Word, we remember the mighty promises you have given, promises which are to be fulfilled in our time. Amen.

Sunday Funday: July 28th:

Today is- National Hamburger Day, National Milk Chocolate Day and National Waterpark Day

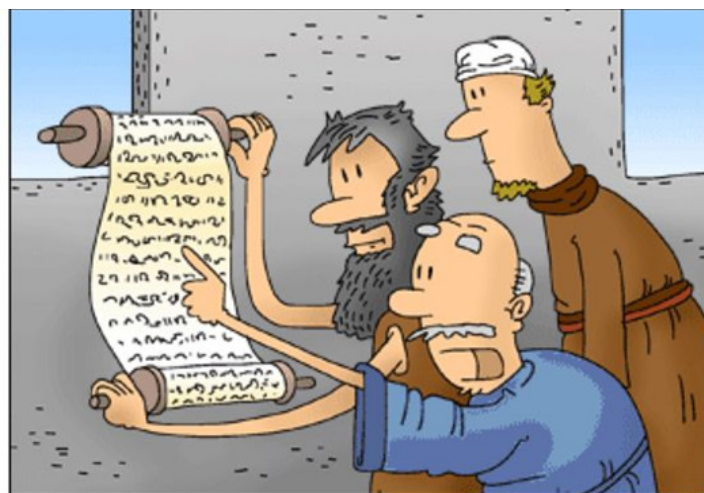


1896- The city of Miami, Florida was incorporated.

1933- The first Singing Telegram was delivered, to Rudy Vallee for his 32nd birthday.

1996- The remains of the prehistoric Kennewick Man were discovered near Kennewick, Washington.

Marie Curie's notebooks are still radioactive. Researchers hoping to view them must sign a disclaimer.



CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

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St. Teresa Food Pantry Needs Volunteers:

The Food Pantry needs volunteers for the rest of the summer months July and August.

Help with Saturday Food Pantry Distributions, including set-up, distributing to our guests, and clean up after the distribution, from 9AM to 12PM.

Children are welcome to volunteer along with a responsible adult (11yrs old or younger). If you do so, please only book spots for the adults.

Teens (12yrs old and older) may volunteer without an accompanying adult if an adult checks them in with the manager on duty that day and specifies any instructions regarding how the teen will go home afterward. This is in order to ensure safety and continued positive volunteer experiences.

Anyone can earn service hours!

Should you have any question, please reach out to foodpantrysteteresa@gmail.com

Thank you!



St. T's Men's Spirituality Group:

Annual Retreat at Bellarmine / September 6-8

The St. Teresa Men's Spirituality Group invites all men of the parish 18 and older to experience the power of a silent retreat on the weekend of September 6th – 8th. The retreat takes place on the beautiful grounds of the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat Center in Barrington, Illinois, and is designed to allow plenty of space for silence, prayer, contemplation and rest.

This is an ideal way to get to know fellow men of our parish, as well as to share the extraordinary experience of a silent retreat together. We expect 15 to 20 men from St. Ts to attend. Please note there is no requirement to be active in the Men's Spirituality Group to be eligible to attend.

Our group gathers ahead of time late Friday afternoon near the retreat house to toast the weekend together, and carpooling will be available from the city.

Learn more and register for this men's retreat at <https://jesuitretreat.org/retreats/september-6-8-2024>.

Please reach out to Craig Dean (cdean@aegpartners.com) for more information.



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/>



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
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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

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.