

THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 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 Shepherd 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

Feasts and Saints:

9/3- St. Gregory the Great Pope and Doctor of the Church

9/5- St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin



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 actions can I take to show my faith?

How can I help those in need around me?

How can I focus more on my inner thoughts and actions?

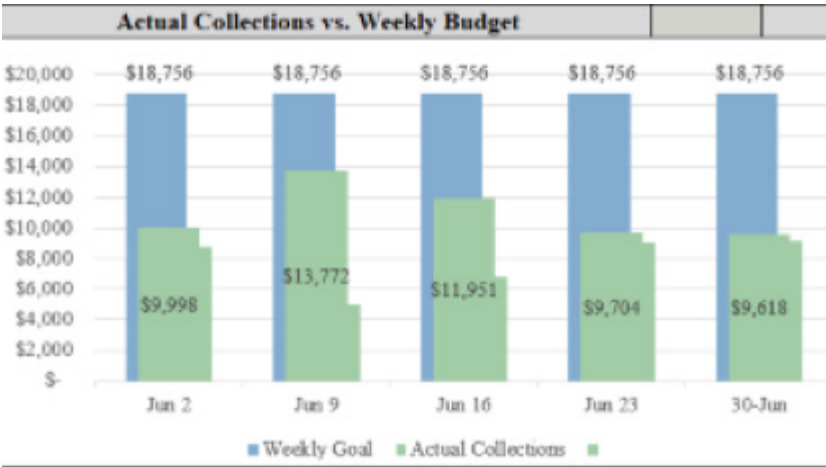
Reflection

Stewardship:

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” JAMES 1:22

It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

June Weekly:



From Fr. Frank:

I've spent several days in prayer at Gethsemani Abbey in Kentucky. I was with a number of people from many walks of life, making the experience a rich one. We are all traveling on a journey to fall more deeply in love with Christ. Being with others in prayer and at Liturgy makes the journey a shared one, transforming a group of strangers into a community of disciples....if even for so short a time.

It's not easy sitting in silent prayer, waiting to "feel" Christ's presence or "hear" God speaking to us. Solitude is never lonely when rooted in prayer. But you need trust and perseverance to commit your daily life to a discipline of prayer. Why does God seem to make it so hard for us to experience His presence, giving us consolation?

Clearly, a life of prayer is a lifelong and daily endeavor of conforming one's life to the gospel, especially the Sermon on the Mount. This is where the rubber hits the road: loving the enemy, denying the ego, forgiving those who hurt you, being honest, becoming a builder of peace, and being gentle and single hearted. None of these are easy to live out day to day. Praying with Christ means embracing the Cross, the heart and soul of following Jesus.

Jesus gives us Food for the journey; Food to help us to trust; Food to surrender to God's desire that we NOT rely on good feelings or consolations in prayer; Food to strengthen us in our daily desert of prayer, usually lasting a lifetime: think of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She endured the "Dark Night" of the spirit most of her adult life.

As the gospel teaches us, the words and teachings of Christ are hard to "stomach," pun intended. People, many people, found Jesus too much to handle after He taught them the truth about the Bread of Life. They decided to walk away from Jesus, His words too hard to accept. When He asks the disciples if they, too, want to leave Him, the response of Peter is beautiful, "Master, to whom shall we go; you have the words of eternal life; we have come to believe "

This FOOD is the very Body and Blood of Christ. Yes, the Food, the bread and wine, are transformed into Christ's actual Body and Blood. But it is the Risen Christ's Body and Blood we receive, for His presence is dynamic, not a relic from the past. The Eucharist is Food for the long, and sometimes weary, road of inner transformation.

But lest we forget: the very same Peter who spoke of never leaving Jesus, of being convinced the Jesus is the Holy One of God... would be the same Peter who would blatantly, and repeatedly, deny he even knew Christ. Sobering.



YOU'RE INVITED

10.19.2024 Together in Joy

CELEBRATE & SUPPORT ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA'S MINISTRIES
SERVING THE LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY

10.19.2024



Join us for our annual gala to celebrate and support St. Teresa of Ávila's ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. This event sustains our many outreach programs in our community including the weekly food pantry, Loaves and Fishes meal, and our refugee and prison ministries.

Dinner • Silent Auction • Live Auction • Entertainment • Open Bar



EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Artifact Events
4325 N Ravenswood Ave
Chicago, IL 60613

PURCHASE TICKETS

togetherinjoy.com





ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA
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Dear Fellow Chicagoan,

I am writing on behalf of St. Teresa of Avila in Lincoln Park, a Catholic parish of over 600 families working together to serve the poor and the forgotten while fostering a community of faith and love. We are actively recruiting donors and sponsors for our 15th annual fundraiser, Together in Joy.

This year, Together in Joy, will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 and will celebrate the work of our members over the last year and aim to fund our ministries for the year to come. St. Teresa of Avila hosts many critical outreach programs that consistently serve our community and continue to thrive:



- Weekly Food Pantry: Opportunity for low-income community members to receive free groceries, helping over 5,200 local families each year.
- Weekly Loaves and Fishes Dinner: A weekly Friday meal service that distributes warm dinners to approximately 100 nearby elderly and houseless residents.
- Refugee Ministry: Ongoing ministry providing financial aid, mentorship, and personal assistance to refugee families coming into the Chicagoland area.
- Prison Outreach Ministry, La Posada Border Ministry, and more that serve those who have experienced a downturn in their life.

As a Sponsor, you will join other local businesses and individuals committed to making a significant difference in our community. We know there are many worthy causes to donate your money and resources. We hope you will support St. Teresa of Avila's ministries as we continue to provide aid to those in need right here in our Lincoln Park community.

All donations are tax-deductible; please see the attached form for details and benefits. We are grateful for your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely,
St. Teresa of Avila Together in Joy Committee

St. Teresa of Avila is a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (EIN#: 36-2171137).

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:

Food Pantry Needs

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with The Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase the choices food pantries are able to receive each month. As a result, a variety of canned goods, nuts and dried/frozen fruit have been added to our deliveries. However, we continue to be in need of

INDIVIDUAL ROLLS OF WRAPPED TOILET PAPER.

It can be donated at Mass each week during the Presentation of the Gifts. Thank You for your generosity!

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 - Dolores Gannon (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 9/8	10am-	Fr. Frank
Sunday 9/8	12pm-	Fr. Udovic
Sunday 9/8	6pm-	Fr. Udovic

Prayer for today

Dear Father in heaven, open our hearts to see what is good in our lives. May the light in our hearts shine clearly so that we see, recognize, and live in accordance with what comes from eternity and belongs to our true nature, brought to us through Christ. Keep us from being blinded and deafened by experiences that will pass by. Help us to rise above them even in suffering and to wait patiently for what is becoming new and perfect. Praise to your name that we too can say, "The old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Amen.

Sunday Funday: September 1st:

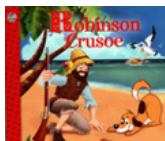
Today is- Cherry Popover Day and Gyro Day

1651- Robinson Crusoe, a fictional character, began on his first sea voyage, from Hull to London.

1799- The Bank of Manhattan Company (now Chase Manhattan) opened in New York City.

1952- The Old Man and the Sea, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Ernest Hemingway, was first published.

"Listen to advice, but follow your heart." – Conway Twitty



Bible Education: Encounter God Daily
 Begins: September 22nd - St. T of A Cafeteria
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 Sign Up or Questions? Email Debbie at dbichimer@gmail.com

Easy to Understand - Not Intimidating

MARY
A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother



Sundays: 4:40 PM - 5:40 PM
 Begins: September 22nd - St. T of A Cafeteria

9/22/2024	1	Introduction
9/29/2024	2	The Annunciation, Part 1
10/6/2024	3	The Annunciation, Part 2
10/20/2024	4	The Visitation, Part 1
11/3/2024	5	The Visitation, Part 2
11/10/2024	6	The Nativity, Part 1
12/8/2024	7	The Nativity, Part 2
12/15/2024	8	Presentation & Finding, Part 1
1/5/2025	9	Presentation & Finding, Part 2
1/12/2025	10	The Wedding at Cana, Part 1
1/26/2025	11	The Wedding at Cana, Part 2
2/4/2025	12	Mary at the Cross, Part 1
2/9/2025	13	Mary at the Cross, Part 2
2/23/2025	14	Mary Crowned with Glory, Part 1
3/2/2025	15	Mary Crowned with Glory, Part 2

Sundays Before 6 PM Mass! ALL Welcome!


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A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



Sundays: 8:50 AM - 9:50 AM
 Begins: September 22nd - St. T of A Oscar Romero Room

9/22/2024	1	Introduction
9/29/2024	2	Introductory Rites, Part 1
10/6/2024	3	Introductory Rites, Part 2
10/20/2024	4	Introductory Rites Video
11/3/2024	5	Liturgy of the Word, Part 1
11/10/2024	6	Liturgy of the Word, Part 2
12/8/2024	7	Liturgy of the Word Video
12/15/2024	8	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 1
1/5/2025	9	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 2
1/12/2025	10	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 3
1/26/2025	11	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Video 1
2/4/2025	12	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 4
2/9/2025	13	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 5
2/23/2025	14	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Part 6
3/2/2025	15	Liturgy of the Eucharist, Video 2

Sundays Before 10 AM Mass! ALL Welcome!

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Join Us!

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Sunday
September 15th, 2024**

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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.

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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.