

# THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2024



**Pastor**

Reverend Frank John Latzko

**Address**

1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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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](mailto: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](https://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](https://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](https://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](https://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](https://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.

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## 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](https://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](mailto:smatejka@hpschicago.com).

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://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](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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](https://teresa.church/french-community)

St. Teresa's is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday’s Readings:

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a**  
The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God’s help.

**Second Reading: James 2:14-18**  
James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one’s works.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35**  
Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Feasts and Saints:

- 9/16- Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs
- 9/17- St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 9/19- St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- 9/20- Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest
- 9/21- St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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:

- Are there areas in my life where I need to align my actions with my beliefs?
- How do I handle suffering and challenges in my faith journey?
- What does it mean to take up my cross and follow Jesus?

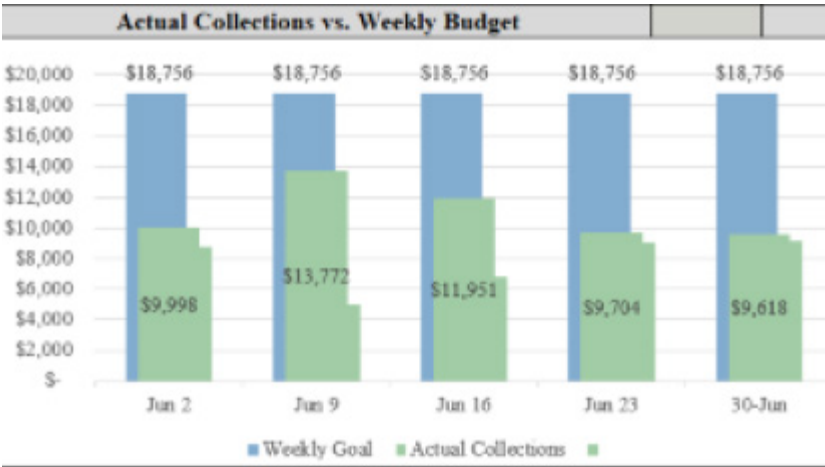


Stewardship:

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

June Weekly:



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of the Archbishop  
835 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-2030  
312.534.8230  
archchicago.org

September 22, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

All of us have benefited in so many ways from the ministry of priests who have served us in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Before their ordination, these priests prepared over a course of years to serve us. Today, seminarians, when ordained, will be serving your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Some are in the pre-seminary spiritual year at Bishop Quarter House in the city. Others are completing their college studies at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Finally, those in the last four-year phase of preparation, are being formed at Mundelein Seminary.

Supporting vocations to the priesthood is a task that belongs to all of us in the Church. I want to invite you to express that support in four ways: pray for vocations and our seminarians in preparation, encourage those seminarians serving in your parish, urge young men to give their lives in service as priests, and make a financial contribution to support our programs of priestly formation. Prayer, encouragement, recruiting and financial support—all these actions express our gratitude to God for the gift of priestly ministry. These actions also build for the future of our Church and for our children and grandchildren. I would note that given that our seminarians need to invest themselves totally in formation, they are not able to work. Thus, we need to cover the costs not only for their education but other expenses such as health insurance and other personal support.

An offering envelope is in your pew or at the back of the church for your financial gift. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or you may make a gift online at [archchicago.org/seminarianfund](https://archchicago.org/seminarianfund). If you wish to send a permanent bursar to support seminary education in memory of a family member, as others have done, do not hesitate to contact Kirsten Trybula at [ktrybula@archchicago.org](mailto:ktrybula@archchicago.org) or at 847.899.0010.

Thank you for your generous response.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

## St. Teresa of Avila Parish Financial Update:

As shown in the table on the facing page, the full year net surplus for fiscal 2024 equaled \$240k. Excluding Investment results, the full year net surplus equaled \$22k, continuing the parish's more than decade long string of positive full year results.

This long track record is only possible because of your generous support. This year's Collections, Fundraising (largely Together in Joy), and Other Revenue all exceeded the prior year and budgeted levels.

The increase in Other Revenue primarily reflected contributions from several of you in May following a capital appeal. These contributions entirely offset the costs of roof and HVAC repairs (\$41k, included in Other Expense). Thank you.

Net Ordinary Expense increased due to an employee opting to participate in the Archdiocese health insurance program and planned salary increases. Higher maintenance costs also contributed to the unfavorable Ordinary Expense variances.

As a result of the above, the \$22k full year net surplus excluding Investment results was somewhat lower than last year but \$51k better than budget.

Our plan for the year ahead forecasts a small net deficit, but we will work diligently towards a net surplus. In line with this year's results, Collections are only expected to cover about two thirds of expenses.

Your support of Together in Joy is essential to the parish's success.

Thank you again for attending Mass, volunteering at our ministries, and your generous financial support.

Please reach out through the parish office if you have questions or comments.



7/15/2024

## St Teresa of Avila Parish Semi-annual Report to the Parish

	ACTUAL			BUDGET	
	Full Year			Full Year	
	FY24	FY23	Variance	FY24	Variance
Collections	698,189	683,566	14,623	691,550	6,639
Fundraising	207,557	173,547	34,010	161,000	46,557
Various	69,149	67,031	2,118	61,481	7,668
Total Revenue	974,895	924,144	50,751	914,031	60,864
Expenses	(962,627)	(897,406)	(65,221)	(913,679)	(48,948)
<b>Net Ordinary</b>	<b>12,268</b>	<b>26,738</b>	<b>(14,470)</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>11,916</b>
Other Revenue	101,148	83,144	18,004	31,004	70,144
Other Expense	(91,749)	(83,748)	(8,001)	(61,004)	(30,745)
<b>Net Other</b>	<b>9,399</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>10,003</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>	<b>39,399</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>21,667</b>	<b>26,134</b>	<b>(4,467)</b>	<b>(29,648)</b>	<b>51,315</b>
Investment Earnings	218,382	8,986	209,396	-	218,382
<b>Total Net</b>	<b>240,049</b>	<b>35,120</b>	<b>204,929</b>	<b>(29,648)</b>	<b>269,697</b>

## 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>

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## 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>.

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## 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](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)

Thank you

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## 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 - Janel Ryan (D) and August and Jo Ignelzi (D)

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

6 PM - Gruszka, Jaszczor, Kosek, and Pawlowski Grandparents

## 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 9/22 10am- Fr. Alphonse

Sunday 9/22 12pm- Fr. Alphonse

Sunday 9/22 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Prayer for today

Lord our God, we thank you for allowing us to come to you and to stand before your face. We thank you for helping us throughout our life on earth, for strengthening our faith in you and our trust in all you do. Bless us and give us courage. May your light shine out among the peoples so that they recognize your will. May your light shine out so that your name may be praised and we can rejoice in the new time you give us. For you will be at work and you will accomplish it. Even when we do not know what will become of our time, you know what our time needs, and you will carry out your will. You will let your name be honored. You will bring your kingdom, and you will change everything for the good. Amen.

## Sunday Funday: September 15th:

Today is- Linguine Day and Make a Hat Day

1949- The Lone Ranger premiered on ABC-TV, starring Clayton Moore.

1981- Pope John Paul II published his encyclical "Laborem exercens" criticizing both Marxism and Capitalism.

1982- The first issue of USA Today, published by Gannett, hit the newsstands and newspaper vending machines.





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

**RAFFLE!**  
Enter for your  
chance to win  
\$5000!

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](https://togetherinjoy.com)





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 15<sup>th</sup> 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).*



# Parish Contacts

## Staff

**Fr. Frank Latzko**

Pastor

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**Charisse Gioia**

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
Bulletin

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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**

Religious Education

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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.

**Carol Spalla-Malone**

Part-Time Business Manager

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**Jason Krumwiede**

Director of Music

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## Staff

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**Irma Saavedra**

**Sergio Mora**

Building & Facilities Manager

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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](mailto: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](http://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.