

# THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29, 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

**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](http://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](http://teresa.church/lectors)

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

### Eucharistic Ministers

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

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### Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://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](http://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](http://teresa.church/join).

Name

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Email

Phone

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Address

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Ministries of Interest

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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.

## 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.

### 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.

## 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 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](https://teresa.church/french-community)

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

## This Sunday's Readings:

**First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

**Second Reading: James 5:1-6**

James chastises the rich.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

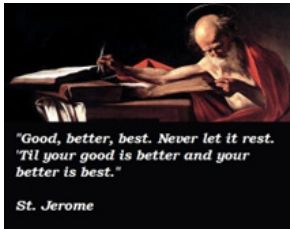
## Feasts and Saints:

9/30- St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

10/1- St. Therese of the Child of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

10/2- The Holy Guardian Angels

10/4- St. Francis of Assisi



## Financials: August 2024

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	5,895	11,994
Give Central:	37,093	42,676
<b>Total:</b>	<b>THIS YEAR</b>	<b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b>
	\$42,988	\$54,670
		(\$11,682)

## Reflections for Today:

How can we be more open to seeing God's spirit in unexpected places?

In what ways can we use our wealth to help others?

How can we avoid the dangers of greed?

# Reflection

## Stewardship:

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

## August Weekly:



From Fr. Frank:

The last two weekends at St. Teresa's have been amazing in seeing all the people returning from Summer. Attendance has been fantastic!!! Thank you all for coming back, renewing our Mission of proclaiming the Gospel of peace and justice, always being rooted in the Eucharist and prayer. Mary and Teresa of Avila continue to guide us in the journey. Our parish continues to welcome new parishioners, just as existing parishioners are moving to new towns, cities, and neighborhoods. We are a transient parish, always on the move and in transition. To further embrace our new parishioners, we will be having a dinner to formally welcome them on Wednesday October 9th. The dinner will be prepared by our own wonderful chef Jose. This evening will give us an opportunity of not only welcoming them, introducing them to various ministries of involvement and service. New life leads to renewed creativity, allowing ministries not to grow stagnant.

### MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday October 6th we will have our Ministry Fair highlighting our many programs of outreach to the poor, the various liturgical ministries, prayer groups, Bible Study, the Parish and Finance Councils and our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation for children and their families. Please see how you can step up and volunteer your time and energy into ways of serving the community and growing in your personal relationship with Christ.

### BLESSING OF THE PETS

On Sunday October 6, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, I will bless any pet you bring to church, except alligators, you can bless them yourselves. If you bring a pet to church, be conscious that many people have a difficult time being around pets due to allergies or just being leery of animals.

### THE CAMINO

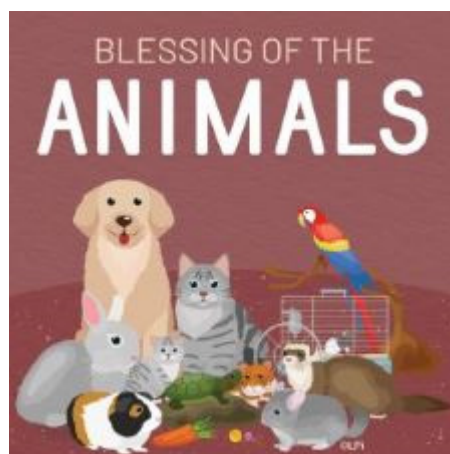
My Camino is fast approaching. I'll be leaving Sunday October 20th after the 10:00 am Mass for a flight to Paris and then to the small village of St. John Pied de Port, just before climbing the Pyrenees and down into Roncesvalles, Spain, the very first village in Spain on the Camino. And then... I just keep walking 500 miles until I reach Santiago, to pray before the bones of St. James. I will be walking to raise funds for all our outreach ministries. You can donate by going on Give Central, look for "frfrankscamino" and make a donation. ALL money raised will go to one of our Outreach Ministries. We are in need of funds and I hope to raise \$20,000 so we can continue to help the poor, the refugees, the immigrant, the hungry and the prisoner. Please support me on this journey by checking in at my own website: frfrankscamino. All one word. I just got my new I Phone to help me send messages, photos, maybe short videos. The phone will also help me not get lost or call SOS if things get a bit rocky.

I plan on praying the Mass daily for you. Send me a particular intention on the Way and I will celebrate a Mass for that special need.

### TOGETHER IN JOY

Most importantly, on Saturday, October 19, we will have our annual fundraiser, Together in Joy. The Committee has been working so hard, giving countless hours of their time in making this successful. What an amazing group of people. Thanks to them all, especially Dave Cordaro, who just celebrated his marriage to Jack. Let's pray for them and their witness of love and commitment.

Dave helped plan Together in Joy as he was planning a marriage!!!!



**ST. TERESA OF AVILA  
MINISTRY FAIR  
SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 6TH, 2024  
AFTER MASS  
PARISH CENTER**

**Parish Council  
Men's Group, Women's Group  
Together in Joy, Liturgical Ministries  
Finance Council, Refugee Ministry  
Food Pantry Loaves and Fishes  
Social Justice Committee  
French Community  
Bible Study Groups, Alpha  
Koinonia Small Groups**



St. Therese of the Child Jesus:

## Feast Day October 1

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was a French Carmelite sister whose autobiography is a masterpiece of spiritual writing. She died at 24 from tuberculosis and is currently the youngest person to be named a Doctor of the Church.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) was born in France, the youngest of nine children. Her mother died when she was four. Thérèse was described as being sensitive and precocious as a child.

Thérèse experienced a transformative conversion early on when she saw a vision of Mary, Mother of God. She had fallen ill, and the doctors of her time were unable to diagnose or treat her. She experienced fevers, convulsions, and fearful visions. This lasted until, turning her face to the statue of the Blessed Mother near her bedside, she asked Mary to take pity on her. According to her writings, Thérèse said that she experienced a beautiful vision of Mary. In this

vision, when Mary smiled upon her, all her pain and illness disappeared. This experience, The Healing of Our Lady of the Smile, contributed to setting Thérèse's heart on pursuing religious life.

When Thérèse was 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, France. She took the name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face and began a life of prayer with God. Despite her struggles with depression, she always put her best foot forward. She tragically died of tuberculosis at age 24 but, before her death, she said "My mission — to make God loved — will begin after my death. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Now, she is fondly known as Thérèse the Little Flower of Jesus and roses have become a symbol of her intercession.

During her life, Thérèse wrote several essays cataloguing her pursuit of holiness that were later published under the title "Story of a Soul." These writings earned her the privilege of being the youngest person to ever be designated a Doctor of the Church and continue to be treasured by Catholics world-wide!

St. Thérèse, pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi

## Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the mens Order of Friars Minor, the womens Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals.

Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

## 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>

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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.



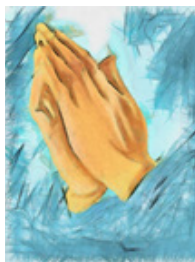
# Prayer

## Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Edward Sullivan (D)
- 12 PM - John Fredericks (D)
- 6 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa o Avila Living and Deceased

## Let Us Pray For: The Sick, The Deceased and Peace in Our World:

- We pray for those 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 10/6 10am- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 10/6 12pm- Fr. Alphonse
- Sunday 10/6 6pm- Fr. Udovic

## Prayer for today



## Sunday Funday: September 29th:

- Today is Biscotti Day and Coffe Day
- 1829- Scotland Yard went on patrol for the first time.
- 1966- The Chevrolet Camaro was introduced.
- 1979- Gold hit \$400/ounce for the first time.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the physical seat for a bishop in a cathedral church?

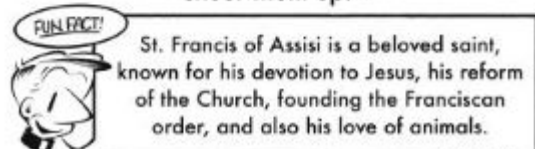
Answer: Cathedra.



“Why did St. Francis of Assisi tell jokes to a flock of birds?”



“They were **blue** birds and he wanted to cheer them up.”



YOU'RE INVITED



**OKTOBERFEST  
BINGO**

TUESDAY, OCT. 1, 2024

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PARISH CENTER | 6:30 - 8 PM | \$20/CARD

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BEER | SMALL BITES | FUN

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THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE TOGETHER IN JOY COMMITTEE. GET YOUR TOGETHER IN JOY TICKET HERE: [TOGETHERINJOY.COM](http://TOGETHERINJOY.COM)




**BLOOD DRIVE**



GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD THIS FALL

# Fall Into Giving

**Sunday  
October  
27**

7:30am - 2:30pm

**St. Teresa of Avila  
Blood drive**

1950 N Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614  
Located in the Parish Center

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 786-4483

**EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.  
Photo ID is required.



**versiti**  
Blood Center of Illinois



YOU'RE INVITED

# 10.19.2024 Together in Joy

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

**10.19.2024**

**HAPPY!**  
Scan for your  
discount on Oct 19, 2024

Join us for our annual gala to celebrate and support St. Teresa of Avila's ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. This event sustains our many outreach programs in our community including the weekly food pantry, Loves 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](http://togetherinjoy.com)



# GROWING Gospel

WITH THE **Gospel** CYCLE B

## PUZZLE

Match each shape to the right shadow.

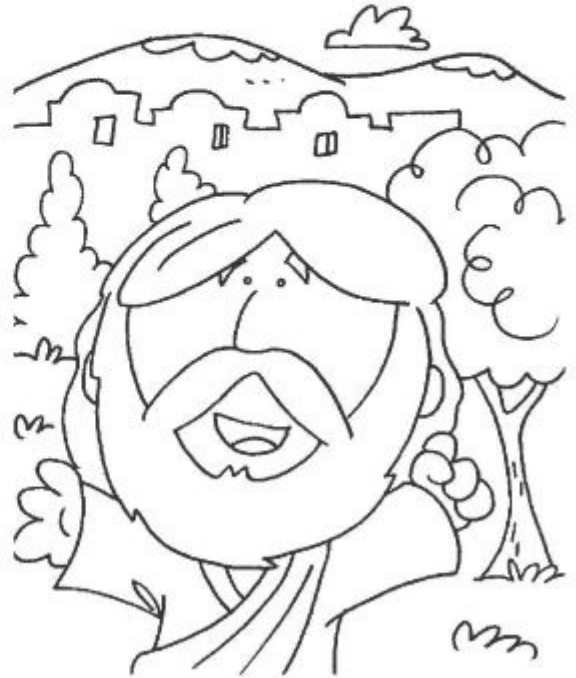


## MISSION

I will invite a friend to come to church with me and my family.

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



# 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**

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## Staff

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**Sergio Mora**

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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**

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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](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.