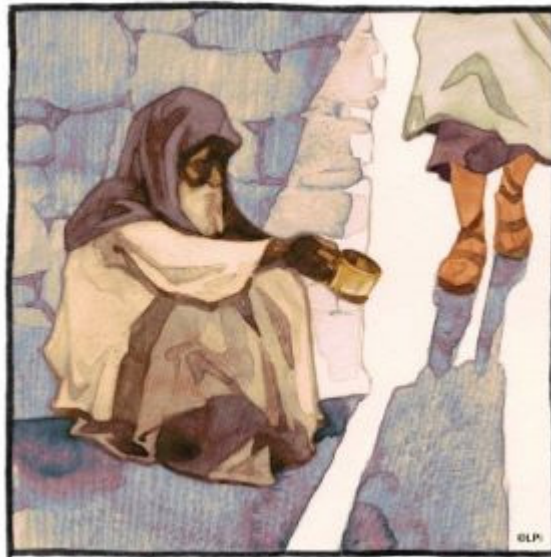


THE JOURNEY

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Feasts and Saints:

10/28- Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

11/1- All Saints Day

11/2- All Souls Day



Financials: August 2024

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

Gospel Meditation:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a school for the blind and often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "Master, let me receive my sight." Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see!

August Weekly:



Stewardship Reflections:

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

Reflections for Today:

The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him?

Halloween:

Question:

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!



What do Italian ghosts have for dinner?

Spook-hetti!

What do ghosts use to do their makeup?

Vanishing cream

Where does a ghost go on vacation?

Mali-boo.



Follow Frank on his Camino



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.

Check for updates, photos and videos along the way.

<https://frfrankscamino.com/>

St. Teresa of Avila

All Saints Day

Mass at 7pm
Friday
November 1st



Thank you to The St James Lutheran School
They provide lunches once a month for Loaves



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!

Welcome Committee:

The Parish Council is excited to announce the formation of a new Welcoming Committee here at St Teresa of Avila. We are looking for 2-3 people to help lead this initiative, and help us build a team of welcome volunteers for each mass. The task is simple, we need amazing volunteers that will greet all parishioners before mass with a friendly smile, a nice "hello", and possibly help them find a seat! You may think we already do this, but it's not consistent. Imagine walking into someone's house and not being welcomed when you walk in the door, a place of business, or a restaurant. First impressions can be lasting impressions.

Please consider joining this committee because it'll be fun and rewarding! If interested, please reach out to Jessica Marx @ chicago2381@hotmail.com.

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.

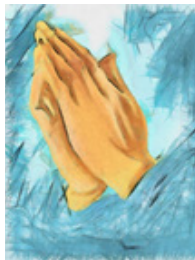
Prayer

Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Aurora Lozano (D) and Olga Castillo (D)
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6 PM - Barbara Caruso (D)

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 11/3 10am- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 11/3 12pm- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 11/3 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Prayer for Courage

“Take courage,” we hear, “Jesus is calling you!”

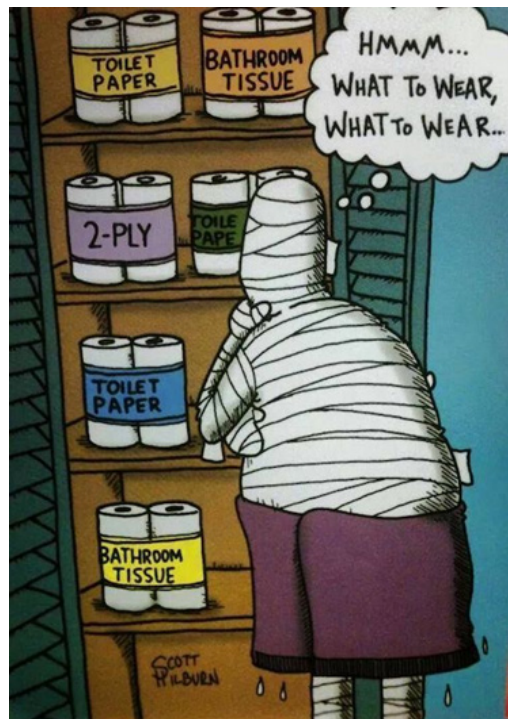
Jesus, give me the grace to respond to your call – your invitation to what I don’t understand, to the unknown, the mystery. In these spaces, your grace abounds. Be with me, give me courage!

Amen.

Sunday Funday: October 27th:

Today is American Beer Day and Potato Day

- 1682- The City of Philadelphia was founded in Pennsylvania.
- 1787- The First Federalist Papers were published in New York City.
- 1954- The “Walt Disney” program premiered on ABC. It was later called “Disneyland“, then “Walt Disney’s Wonderful World of Color“.



All Saints Day:

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, “We shouldn’t call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don’t have to imitate him.”

This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church’s history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart.

We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits ? the list goes on!

On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, “How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God.



All Souls Day:

Question:

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

Answer:

November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

St. Teresa's Greenery Sale 2024

All Pre-Orders are due no later than Sunday, November 3rd. Please send an email to kriben@rlcanning.com for any pre-orders. If you don't receive a confirmation email to ensure your order was received, please follow up by email before Nov. 3rd. Pick Up Date is the weekend of December 7th/8th after all masses.

22" Forest Elegance Wreath-\$45

Noble Fir, Blue-Berried Juniper, Green Boxwood, three sets of cones and clusters of Red Berries-a simple yet very refined look. 22". Considered a standard size wreath. Can be used **Indoor or Outdoor**



26" Cinnamon Wreath- \$55

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, and Incense Cedar. Decorated with White Pondo cones, Canella Berries and Cinnamon Sticks. Can be Used Indoor or Outdoor on a slightly larger door or space.



14" Merry Berry Mini Wreath-\$30

Noble Fir, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Green Boxwood, accented with faux red berries. Can be hung as a small wreath in windows or used flat as a Candle Wreath (Candle not included).



****If you are looking for a Larger Wreath size for an Outdoor space, we can Pre-order Balsam Wreath with Pine Cones for you.**

36 Inch: \$60.00/ 48 Inch \$80.00/ 60 Inch: \$110.00



Yuletide Door Swag-\$30

Incense Cedar, Blue Berried Juniper a spray of Red Berries and Lodgepole Cones in 26" swag to be hung length wise on door.



Be Merry Mini Centerpiece-\$20

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, Natural and White Lodgepole, Pine Cones, Faux Red Berries in a Galvanized Container. Perfect for teacher gifts. Size: 8" Outside Dimension x 9" Height



Holiday Greens Basket-\$35

Noble Fir, Western Red Cedar, Oregon Blue Berried Juniper, White Lodgepole Pine Cones, and Red Berries in a handled Basket. Size: 12" Outside Dimension, 11" in Height, 3 lb



Balsam Heavy Grade Roping/Garland (Outdoor only)

50'-\$85

All varieties of roping are thick, full and are approximately 50 feet long. Garland is created using durable wire core and only the highest quality boughs.



Mixed Douglas Fir And Western Red Cedar Roping/Garland

25' (Indoor or Outdoor)-\$55

Our highest quality roping. All varieties of roping are thick, full and are approximately 10 inches wide and 25 feet.



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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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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.