

THE JOURNEY

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 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: Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Feasts and Saints:

10/22- St. John Paul II, Pope

10/23- St. John of Capistrano, Priest

10/24- St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop



Gospel Meditation:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John, and his brother James, demonstrate a kind of wildly competitive obsession when they dare to say to Jesus: "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory" (Mark 10:37). Their audacity arouses an indignant reaction from the other apostles, who are clearly raw that these two are out to win the highest spots.

How does Jesus respond to us in our desires for greatness? The same way he does to James and John. He does not criticize them for their desire for glory. But he does highlight their ignorance ("you do not know what you are asking."). Then he invites them to be champions of true greatness: by drinking not the cup of worldly victory, but his cup of self-giving suffering love, to be the "slave of all." The true winners are slaves of love. This week, dare to tell Jesus what your ambitions truly are. Hear him call you to an even greater victory.

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)

August Weekly:



Stewardship Reflections:

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

Reflections for Today:

Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness. Don't be afraid to serve.

From Frank:

I am writing this on our Feast Day, October 15, St. Teresa of Avila. She was born in 1515 and became a Carmelite nun. She lived a life of relative ease during the early days of her life in the convent, until she had an experience of a deep longing to surrender to Christ's love. During prayer, Teresa had such a moment in which God's presence overshadowed her, gently taking hold of her, filling her heart with what she so desired, to be one with Christ, not in mind but in heart.

After this experience, Teresa was on "fire," seeking to renounce her worldly desires and a life of relative ease, freeing her to spend the rest of her life reforming her beloved community. She was rejected by many of her nuns for this reform, and they wanted no part of it. The larger church began to question the teachings on prayer that emerged from her writings, which involved even the Inquisition. At heart, Teresa. believed and taught that ALL people are called to a deep, contemplative life of prayer, not just the ordained or those in religious communities. Even women living in religious communities were called to a life of vocal prayer, or what is commonly referred to as "meditation." Women, even nuns, were taught to simply engage in meditative prayer, not contemplative prayer.

Teresa believed and taught through her own Autobiography and other writings on prayer, that all God's people can experience prayer of the heart, or contemplative prayer, which is wordless and imageless. We simply rest in the presence of God. Teresa deeply believed and taught that we must enter this prayer, actually all prayer, through the sacred humanity of Christ. The living face of Christ in his suffering love becomes the gateway into a relationship with his abiding presence.

Teresa loved praying before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, His abiding presence in the tabernacle or monstrance lures us into the gaze of his love. Our prayer truly becomes a "prayer of the heart," not simply prayer in words or images that we come up with. We gradually move from meditative prayer that focuses on what we do to a way of praying that surrenders to God's initiative.

I wish all of you a happy and blessed Feast Day!! Let Teresa lead you into deeper prayer and adoration.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR FRANK:

We would like to wish Fr. Frank a very Happy Birthday, though he will be walking the camino on his special day October 23rd , we want him to know we are sending him good wishes and prayers on his journey and for the year to come.



Welcome Committee



Welcoming Committee Members Needed

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.

Fr. Frank's Camino de Santiago

I will be walking to raise funds for all our outreach ministries.

I hope to raise \$20,000 so we can continue to help the poor, the refugees, the immigrant, the hungry and the prisoner.

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.

Scan QR to Donate



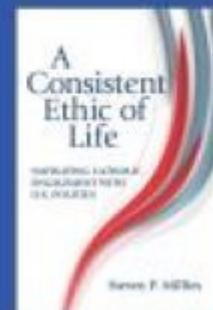
A Consistent Ethic of Life

Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S Politics



Join us for a conversation with Steven P. Millies (Catholic Theological Union) on his new book on finding a healthier political engagement for Catholics

Register



St. Teresa of Avila (1950 N. Kenmore)
October 23 at 7 PM

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:

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 - Mary J. Gruszka Jaszczor (D) Jimmy Butler (D) Betty Taylor (D) Tom Kinsella (D) and Alma Comacho (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:

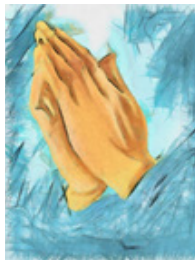
We pray for those who suffers from illness of mind or body.

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 10/27 10am- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 10/27 12pm- Fr. Udovic

Sunday 10/27 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Prayer for Those who Serve

Oh God,

With abiding gratitude, we thank You for the men and women who offer of themselves in service to our church and our community. Bless them, their families, and their ministries with abundance!

Amen.

Sunday Funday: October 20th:

Today is Brandied Fruit Day and Sloth Day

1873- Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Rutgers universities drafted the (American) Football rules.

1951- CBS began using the “Eyeball” logo.

1968- acqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis.

“I have never met a vampire personally, but I don’t know what might happen tomorrow.”

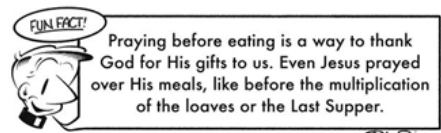
– Bela Lugosi



“What do you call an avocado blessed by the pope?”



“Holy Guacamole.”





Please join us for

HALLOWEEN

fun

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27TH

ST. TERESA OF AVILA
AFTER MASS

COSTUMES, CANDY, GAMES AND
SO MUCH MORE!

COME IF YOU DARE

CHRISTMAS GREENERY SALE

DECEMBER 7TH-8TH

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR ANNUAL GREENERY SALE WILL BE HELD AFTER EVERY MASS THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7TH AND 8TH IN THE PARISH CENTER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY FRESH GREENERY TO DECORATE YOUR HOMES, WHICH INCLUDES WREATHS, ROPINGS AND SWAGS. THERE ALSO WILL BE CENTERPIECES AVAILABLE THAT MAKE WONDERFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. TERESA'S.

TO ENSURE YOU GET SPECIFIC ITEMS, WE WILL BE TAKING PRE-ORDERS UP UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH. DURING THIS TIME, THERE ARE ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND SIZES AVAILABLE. FOR INFORMATION ON PRICING AND ITEM AVAILABILITY, PLEASE E-MAIL KRISTEN CASTELLONI AT KRISTEN@RLCANNING.COM

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SELL AND DISTRIBUTE THE GREENERY THAT WEEKEND. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, REACH OUT TO KRISTEN@RLCANNING.COM.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 20, 2024

Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9)

Let us all contribute to the missionary movement of the Catholic Church with our prayers and activities, material offerings and our personal witness. The collection taken this day provides critical support to over 1,150 dioceses and territories experiencing extreme poverty and turmoil. We accompany these local churches as they seek to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments in hope. Our offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious women and men, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages, and build churches in remote and resource-limited areas. For more information and to donate online, please visit WeAreMissionary.org/wms.

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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

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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

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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.