

THE JOURNEY

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2025



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.



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: Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Feasts and Saints:

1/27- St. Angela Merici, Virgin

1/28- St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

1/31- St. John Bosco, Priest



Gospel Meditation: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby sister!” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method. The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is “fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them. Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir

Financials: November 2024

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	15,667	7,420
Give Central:	35,487	39,588
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$51,154	\$47,008
		\$4,146



From Fr. Frank

GENERATION TO GENERATION:

As mentioned and explained at the Sunday Masses, the Archdiocese is embarking on an endeavor to strengthen our call by Christ to spread His Good News, “unto the ends of the earth.” He is sending us ALL on a mission to proclaim God’s love to each and every human, no exceptions whatsoever. Each individual parish is connected within the Archdiocese to spread the Gospel, teach the Catholic faith and minister to the poor and those who suffer any form of injustice. There can be no peace without justice.

This summons by Christ demands that we fortify our resources at the local level and that we share in the responsibilities of this Mission with the larger local church: the Archdiocese of Chicago. Generation to Generation is the fitting title of this campaign, to assure that our beautiful Catholic faith and Christ’s call to go out into our world and proclaim His love to all will continue indefinitely. As pastor of this vibrant and growing parish, I want us to be a strong presence within the Archdiocese. We are a needed presence, not only within the Archdiocese, but the Universal Church.

St. Teresa’s has been asked to raise \$890,000 that will be collected over the next five years. If for example you pledge \$1,000, you can spread the payments over five years, \$200.00 per year. You can use checks, credit cards or cash and you can make the payments in the frequency and manner that meets your needs.

Fifty percent of the \$890,000 will come right back to St. Teresa’s, on a regular basis. As you gradually fulfill your pledge, the parish will gradually receive payments. Over five years, we will gradually receive nearly \$450,000, approximately \$90,000 per year.

The funds we receive for St Teresa’s will help us to take care of maintenance needs, like repairing the bell tower, attending to the floor of the Parish Center and addressing needed repairs as they arise. It has also been a dream of mine to have better signage, facing Armitage, with Mass times and upcoming events. This would need electricity to give the necessary visibility at night.

We will also be able to better our evangelization efforts, especially in reaching out to youth and teens. We need guidance and creativity in using technology and our website to better reach a wider audience. In addition, we can supplement our outreach ministries, such as Loaves & Fishes and One Parish One Prisoner.

The half of the funds that will go to the Archdiocese will be used to help the parishes that are poor and struggling financially. Some of these parishes need better staffing and they need to address certain maintenance issues. Once a priest is ordained, he needs to be continually formed in his spiritual life and to keep up with developments in theology, so that his leadership will be consistent with the reforms of Vatican II. Funds will be used to help us take classes, participate in workshops, go on a regular retreat, potentially learn a language if called for. Finally, the health and well being of every priest needs attention. We are an aging group of men with fewer men becoming priests. This means the number of priests retiring will be increasing dramatically. With age and retirement comes the difficult reality that older priests may need extra care, assisted living and nursing homes are a growing reality. The Archdiocese wants to take care of us priests who may need such assistance.

Generation To Generation will gradually unfold throughout January, February, March and April. I have chosen three parishioners to help in this process and Mark Neuhengen will coordinate the various administrative responsibilities, like sending out emails, texts, calls, and bulletin/website communications. As Pastor, I am at the heart of the entire endeavor, but I can’t do this on my own. The three parishioners, Mark and I will be personally contacting you, but we are hoping to have a larger volunteer base of parishioners who will help in the process of solicitation.

I am excited about this because I will be retiring next year and I want St. Teresa of Avila to have a bright and strong future. I’ve spent nearly 25 years at the parish, which includes my six years in the 90’s when I taught at Quigley Preparatory High School. I deeply love this parish and have a vested interest in passing on the torch, making certain St. Teresa’s will continue, “generation to generation.

Peace and Joy

Fr. Frank

Gospel Reflections:

THESE EVIL DAYS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days "Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world – violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos – are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

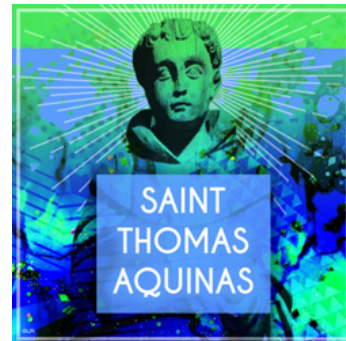
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St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



February 2nd The Feast of Presentation the Lord

I will be blessing candles at the 6:00 pm mass on February 2nd in honor of the Feast of Presentation the Lord , when Mary and Joseph went to the Temple, 40 days after the birth of Christ to “present” Him in the Temple to God and for Mary to celebrate her purification after giving birth.

Once again , the number “40” is symbolic and has much meaning in Scripture and Tradition: 40 days in desert, Jesus fasting for 40 days before His baptism , Lent is 40 days.

This Feast is also called “Candlemas” since we bless candles on this day, symbolizing Christ as the “light of the world “ , quoting Simeon the elderly prophet who accepted the baby Jesus as He was “presented.”

We will have Procession of light after I bless the candles.

I will celebrate the Blessing of the Throats after the Mass, which is usually done in February 3rd.

It will be a beautiful Mass celebrated as the world outside is enveloped in darkness.



Parish Census:

We are conducting a short parish census to make sure we have the most up-to-date information for everyone here. This includes your name, phone number, email, address, and preferred language.

By filling out this census card, you’re helping us stay connected with you and better serve you in the ways that matter most. Whether it’s reaching out in times of need, keeping you informed about parish events, or offering services in the language you prefer, your response allows us to build a stronger, more unified community.

Census cards are at the end of each pew.

Please take a moment now to fill out a card for each household. You’re welcome to fill them out with a pencil or by scanning the QR code and filling out the form online.

Thank you for being an important part of our parish family and for helping us grow closer together as we serve one another.

You can place your completed card in the collection baskets or return to the parish office.

Thank You!

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](mailto:JessicaMarx@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

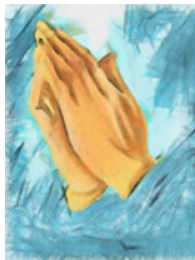
Mass Intentions

- 10AM - Josephine Weir (D) and Petronella Zeunert
- 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.

Frank O'Toole



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.

Sunday Funday January 26th:

Today is Peanut Brittle Day and Spouses' Day

1838- Tennessee became the 1st state to prohibit alcohol.

1980- NHL – The New York Islanders and Hartford Whalers played a NHL penalty-free game.

1988- Broadway Show – The Phantom of the Opera

The first song Prince taught himself to play on the piano, at 7 years old, was the Batman theme.



Upcoming Mass Schedule

- Sunday 2/2 10am- Fr. Udovic
- Sunday 2/2 12pm- Fr. Frank
- Sunday 2/2 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,

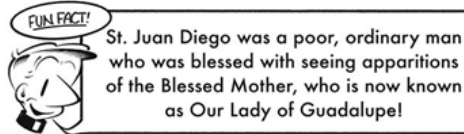
Anoint me to bring your love, light, and freedom to the places you call. From the heights to the depths: you are there, you are actively moving, and when you call, you will also provide.

Amen

“What’s St. Juan Diego’s favorite food?”



“Brrrr-itos!”



Thank You to St. James School!

The third grade class delivered 100 lunches for our Loaves and Fishes guests on Friday January 10th.



Love as a Theological Virtue

Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

Catholic Trivia Just for Fun

Question: What do we call the successors of the apostles in communion with the pope?

Answer: Bishops.

Save the Date:

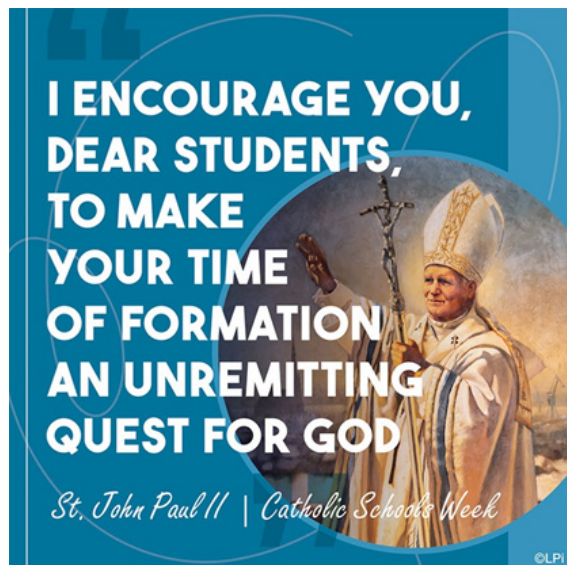
Sunday March 9th 2025 from 11am to 3 pm,

Cuisine du Coeur invites you to a luncheon with a Cathedral view ! “

Friday Morning Communion Service:

There will be no Friday Communion Service starting Friday January 17th, 2025.

It will resume the first Friday of Lent March 7th, 2025.



INCOME TAX TIME

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
FOR A 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

EMAIL
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CALL
773-528-6650

The illustration shows a person in a red shirt and black cap holding a large blue pencil. They are standing next to a large document with the word 'TAX' written on it. In the foreground, there are stacks of green and yellow coins and a small potted plant. The background is a light blue circle with a leafy branch.

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Charisse Gioia

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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.

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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.