

# THE JOURNEY

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 9, 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](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.



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: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8**

Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11**

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

## Feasts and Saints:

2/10- St. Scholastica, Virgin

2/11- Our Lady of Lourdes

2/14-Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

St. Valentine's Day



## Gospel Meditation: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

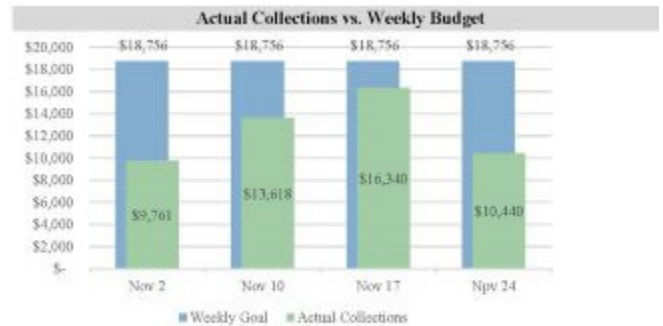
This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— Father John Muir

## Financials: November 2024

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



## Gospel Reflections:

### THE CATCH

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

#### The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

## Stewardship Reflections:

### The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.



## Italian Cooking Masterclass| February 1, 2025

We fully utilized the kitchen, setting up 15 workstations for the attendees, with two sous-chefs assisting. For more than four hours, we worked non-stop, covering:

Kitchen safety and workflow basics

Food handling and preparation techniques

Preparing a four-course dinner from scratch:

Focaccia

Arugula-Fennel Salad

Bolognese Tagliatelle

Cantucci dessert

Some dishes were packaged for the chefs to take home, allowing them to continue cold-proofing in their refrigerators and bake them on Sunday.

Once the hard work was done, the crew enjoyed the fruits of their labor, paired with carefully selected wines. During and after dinner, the group debriefed their experience, sharing insights and highlights.

The evening was filled with engaging questions, laughter, and plenty of Italian music. Aside from one minor knife cut, everything went smoothly. And somehow, we managed to find the bottoms of 13 bottles of wine—though not while cooking!

It was a lot of work but I think everyone enjoyed the day and evening. I did!!

Ciao!

Mark Matejka





## Join Us For Hospitality:

After the 10am and 6pm Mass

This is a wonderful way to catch up and visit with fellow parishioners as well as meeting new ones and getting to know each other! If you would be interested in hosting a Sunday after the 10am Mass here is the link to sign up-

<https://signup.com/go/uwfqUZN>

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## Food Pantry:

### Food Pantry Needs

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with The Greater Chicago Food Depository to increase the choices food pantries are able to receive each month. As a result, a variety of canned goods, nuts and dried/frozen fruit have been added to our deliveries. However, we continue to be in need of

### INDIVIDUAL ROLLS OF WRAPPED TOILET PAPER.

It can be donated at Mass each week during the Presentation of the Gifts. Thank You for your generosity!

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## 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: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>.

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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.

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## 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.



# Prayer

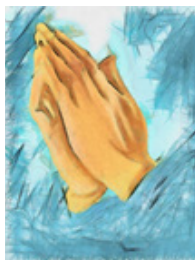
## Mass Intentions

10AM - Celine 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.

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

Sunday 2/16 10am- Fr. Frank  
 Sunday 2/16 12pm- Fr. Frank  
 Sunday 2/16 6pm- Fr. Frank

## Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,

When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me.

When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength.

Help me to leave everything and follow you.

Amen.

## Sunday Funday February 9th Superbowl Sunday:

The New England Patriots have the most Super Bowl appearances.



The very first Super Bowl ticket in 1967 cost \$12.

Alicia Keys sang the longest National Anthem.

The Super Bowl's Lombardi Trophy is the size of an actual football.

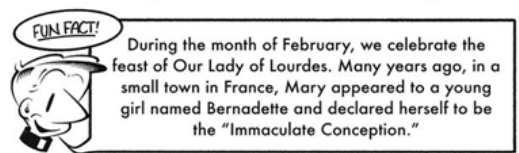
In 1970, Carol Channing became the first singer to perform at a Super Bowl Halftime Show.

On Super Bowl Sunday, Americans will spend \$1.3 billion, on beer.

"What do you get when your cross Sherlock Holmes and a Marian apparition?"



"The mysteries of the Rosary!"



### Devotions, Explained!

#### St. Patrick's Breastplate

**St. Patrick's Breastplate, Explained** St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the Liber Hymnorum, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be "with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me." The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity.



#### Sts. Cyril & Methodius| February 14th:

These brothers by birth became brothers in mission. Cyril and Methodius were born to a Greek diplomat in the 800s. The two brothers served in local governmental posts before each withdrew to a monastery. Their lives changed when the political leadership in Eastern Europe – what is now Ukraine – requested priests who spoke the native Slavic languages. Cyril and Methodius had proven themselves as able administrators and holy men, so they were sent as missionaries. First, Cyril invented an alphabet. This became the foundation for what is now used today and is still called the Cyrillic alphabet! Next, the brothers translated the Gospels, the Psalms, and other liturgical books into the native language of the people. Their work spread across Eastern Europe. God indeed raises up saints for their times!

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#### St. Valentine| February 14th:



## Around the Parish

### Catholic Trivia Just for Fun

**Question: Where did three children witness six apparitions of Mary, Mother of God in 1917?**

**Answer: Fátima, Portugal.**

### Catholic Q&A

#### Why Marry in a Church?

#### Question:

**Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?**

#### Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons – which vary from diocese to diocese – the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



*Save the Date  
Sunday March 9th 2025  
11am to 3 pm*

*Cuisine du Coeur invites you to a  
Luncheon with a Cathedral view!"*



### The Relevance of the Church

Join the Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC) for one of three Zoom discussions on the relevance of the Church.

**Our goal is to hear the voices of 200 or more women.** Discussion will address the following:

- How relevant is the Church in the lives of women today?
- What are three essential things a parish must have in order to be relevant (or more relevant) in women's lives?
- How has the practice of your faith changed since the pandemic? In what ways has your parish continued to or failed to nurture you in your new practices?

Advance registration is necessary in order to receive the Zoom link for participation. To register, please scan the QR code or click on your desired session below.

- Wednesday, February 19 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | [bit.ly/AWCVOW0219](https://bit.ly/AWCVOW0219)
- Tuesday, February 25 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | [bit.ly/AWCVOW0225](https://bit.ly/AWCVOW0225)
- Monday, March 3 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | [bit.ly/AWCVOW0303](https://bit.ly/AWCVOW0303)



The Archdiocese Women's Committee is an adjunct committee of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. It serves as an advisory committee that works directly with Cardinal Cupich.



## Staff

**Fr. Frank Latzko**

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**Charisse Gioia**

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/  
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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**

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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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**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.