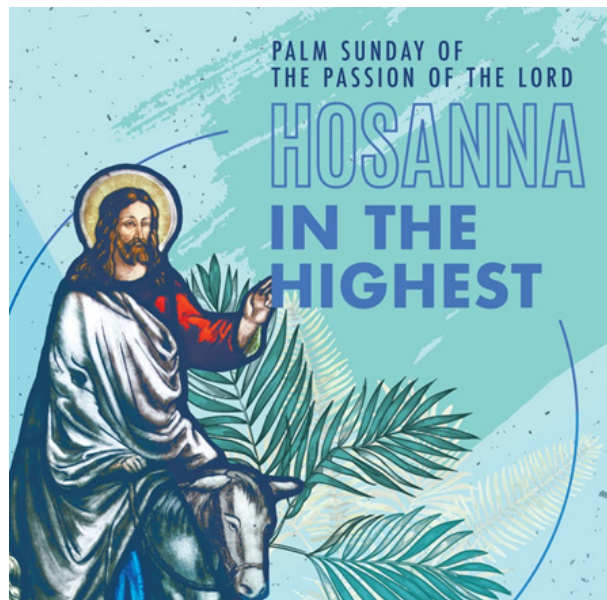


THE JOURNEY

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

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord
April 13, 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

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

Welcome

“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

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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

Welcome

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.

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.

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.

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 for 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: The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” (Lk 22:19)

Feasts and Saints:



Gospel Meditation: Palm Sunday

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter? Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later. The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

Financials: February 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	8,324	20,205
Give Central:	34,686	36,328
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$43,010	\$ 56,533
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From Fr. Frank:

One of the most beautiful moments in the story of Creation is the moment God created the world of animals. Can you imagine our lives without the presence of animals. Of all the animals in creation, the one most closely associated with Jesus is the **DONKEY**. What a beautiful and poignant touch of gospel irony, that the animal many consider to be not very intelligent, is the one that carried Christ into the Holy City.

The meek, gentle **DONKEY** slowly made its way through the throngs of people shouting in adulation as they waved palms and covered the pathway with the palm branches. Jesus could have ridden on a sleek stallion, evoking power and strength. The gentle **DONKEY** is the animal Jesus specifically chooses. How appropriate to the message He was conveying on the last, fateful week of His life, what we call **HOLY WEEK**.

The journey that began with Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem would end with another procession, so different in mood from the first procession on the gentle and meek **DONKEY**. Christ would not be carried but would have to walk through a crowd of people shouting and mocking Him, as He fell with the crossbeam pushing His shoulders down, as He met Mary, a mother weeping as she embraced her Son, as he fell again, as Veronica patted His bloodied face with her veil, as He met the sorrowful women beating their breasts, as He fell again and again

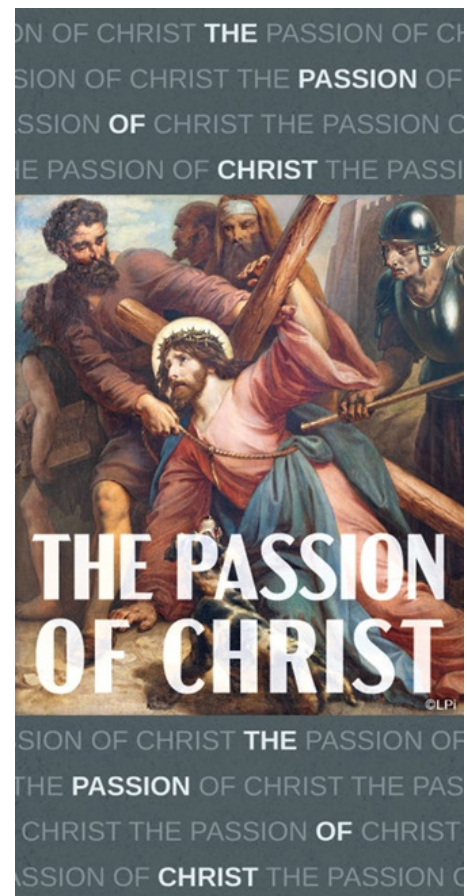
Jesus ended the journey that began with a **DONKEY** as He surrendered His body to the Cross, naked, nails pummeled into the hands, His body lifted on the scaffold and His legs bent to allow the nail to pierce His feet. The savior of the world hanging completely naked, gazing, not Up, but **INTO** the eyes of the people. Most likely He was crucified in such a way that the feet were almost at ground level.



The arms of the crucified Christ continue to embrace a broken and wounded world. The moment of crucifixion is **NOT** fixed in time, in the past. No!!!! That moment **EMBRACES** past, present and future. It is happening **NOW** as Jesus embraces not just the whole world as a mass of people but each and every individual life: **YOU**. Yes, Christ is hugging you on the Cross, absorbing your pain, your loneliness, your sin.

Let Christ lift you up into a new life of resurrection.

In the distance, behind the Cross, and in the darkness stood the **DONKEY**, with a tear falling from its eye.



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Stones Will Cry Out

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really want to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must proclaim him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

Stewardship Reflections:

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

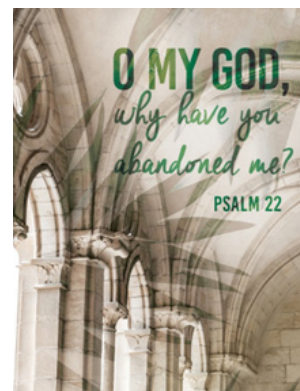
"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely not abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep going when the strength and the will has disappeared.



Holy Week & Easter Triduum Mass Times



Palm Sunday , April 13, 2025

- 10:00 am, 12:00pm & 6:00pm Mass

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 7:00 pm Mass

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

- 3:00 pm Passion of the Lord
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

- 10:00am Mass
- 12:00 pm Mass

Spring Clean Up

The Landscape Committee will be working on May 3 from 9-11 doing our spring clean up, planting summer flowers and some new bushes.

We also hope to upgrade the south parkway on Kenmore. If you can spare 2 hours of time and want to get your hands dirty, put this time on your calendar. More info to come.



ANSWER THE CALL TO SPIRITUALLY RENEW OUR PARISHES

The third component of the Generation to Generation campaign is raising \$60 million to spiritually renew our parishes. A relationship with Jesus Christ is the most relevant relationship we have in finding meaning to life. These days, however, a majority of our younger generations did not grow up with active faith practices. We can no longer wait for them to come to us. We must seek them out.

Our renewal efforts will focus on walking with people across a path of Christian discipleship and will develop in two ways: Renewal support and formation for parishes and outreach for people exploring faith. Key areas of parish focus include building up parish leaders, offering Christ-centered entry points, building capacity for individual faith accompaniment, establishing small faith communities within the parish, fostering opportunities for spiritual encounter, and enabling faith witness. Additionally, the archdiocese will create tailored online workshops and curated content, hosted on a digital platform, that will invite those that are spiritually hungry.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA'S CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Parish Goal: \$890,000	99% of Goal	# of Gifts: 62
Raised: \$881,500		Average Gift: \$14,218

OUR PRIORITIES

- Evangelization
- Social Outreach Ministry
- Capital Improvements

GENERATION
TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL

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: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.

Mass Intentions

10AM - Joyce Jaszczor (D) 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.

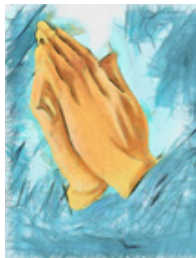
Cecelia Dowdall
Cynthia Rojas

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.



Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

Sunday 4/20 10am- Fr. Frank
Sunday 4/20 12pm- Fr. Udovic



Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,

I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope.

Amen.



Sunday Funday April 13th:

Today is Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day and Look-Alike Day

1841- The Murders in the Rue Morgue, by Edgar Allen Poe, was published in Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine. It is considered the first detective story.

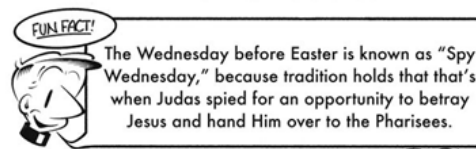
Every year, on the 20th of April (International Volunteer Day), the world comes together to honor all volunteers. They are a varied group of people who dedicate themselves to causes and helping others in their lives around the globe.



"Where did Judas shop for groceries?"



"At Traitor Joe's."





Any questions call (800)
7TO-GIVE

Catholic Trivia Just for Fun

Question: True or False: St. Peter's Basilica stands taller than the Statue of Liberty.

Answer: True

Catholic Q&A

Triduum

Question:

I haven't attended Triduum services before. What happens that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

Answer:

The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

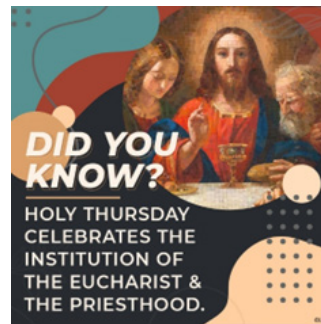
The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

Devotions, Explained!

Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Explained

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion. The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme. Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar.



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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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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.