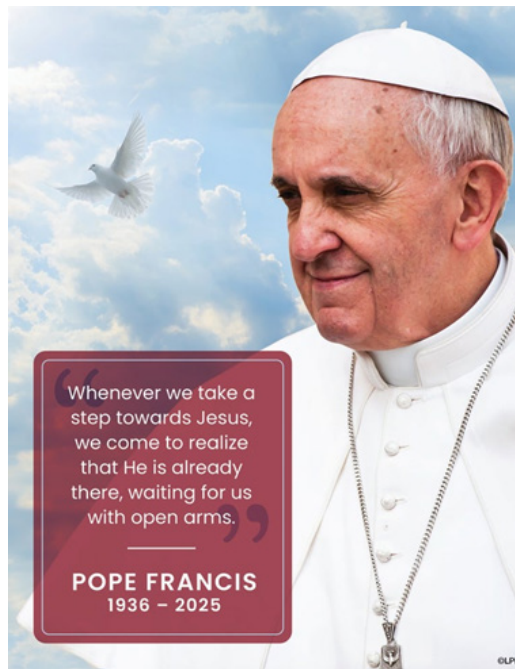


THE JOURNEY

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

Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 27, 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
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

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: Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading: When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid.” (Rv 1:17)

Gospel: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” (Jn 20:19)

Baptism: Sunday April 27th

Ruby Bux and Francesca Joy Jergovic



Gospel Meditation: 2nd Sunday of Easter

It’s common for Catholics to hear the question, “Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?” I’ve never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God’s mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus’ body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God’s eternal forgiveness.

— 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:

As I make my way to Spencer, MA for a retreat, in the middle of the night I was awakened with the news on my I Phone that Pope Francis died. Given the precarious health and medical issues he has had to deal with the past several months, his passing away is not a huge surprise. Francis has had to endure so many procedures and surgeries related to his respiratory vulnerabilities. Having difficulty trying to breath freely must be a horrible experience, one he accepted with humility.

I was in St. Peter's Square when he was elected to the papacy on March 13, 2013, a moment I will never forget. His first act was to wash the feet of a variety of people, men and women, from various religious faiths during his first Holy Thursday. Francis departed from many religious protocols, in this and other ways, forever changing the face of the ministry of the Pope, the successor to St. Peter.

His papacy has been marked with opening wide the doors of the church to the compassionate mercy of Christ. He did this through his openness to the LGBTQ community, welcoming those struggling with divorce and remarriage and bringing the migrant and immigrant into the heart of the church. Pope Francis ruffled many feathers as he addressed economic injustices caused by affluent countries, climate change and the destructive forces threatening ecological health and vitality in God's Creation and his desire to bring more lay people, particularly women, into the power structures of the church.

Pope Francis will we remembered as a Pope who brought the church to the margins of the world, an imitation of Christ who spent most of his energy being a voice for the poor and marginalized, inside and outside the church. He was a sharp critic of priests who use their ministry to "lord it over the people," making their position in parish and ecclesial responsibilities one of arrogant abuse of power. This is Clericalism at it worst and it is very much alive and well in the life of the church. It must be rooted out.

The sexual abuse of the clergy was a major reality that plagued his papacy and it continues to be a destructive force throughout the church. It's my opinion more could have been done to make bishops more transparent in their approach to rooting out this horrendous abuse of our young and vulnerable. We are fortunate that our bishops have taken a powerful lead in securing the safety of our young, as they have been vigilant in their desire make all our parishes and ministries places that respect and love our most vulnerable.

Many issues remain, which is only to be expected: a more pastoral approach in conveying the church's teachings on human sexuality, how women can welcomed into the authority structures of the church, particularly in ministry and not just administrative roles, listening to the voices of the laity, reforming the church's financial structures, and taking a hard look at how priests are formed in the seminary and their continued formation after ordination, something the Generation to Generation campaign is clearly addressing.

The laity deserve to be served by those who want to "wash feet" in countless ways....bending down in humble spirit to become a voice for the voiceless. We priests and bishops are called to lay down our lives for our people, a constant anthem of Pope Francis. He died as he lived, surrendering his hopes and dreams to Christ. It's time for another to take the mantle of the papacy and give it his own unique vision, a responsibility that is almost impossible to carry out.

The Pope is the Successor to St. Peter, a ministry and role mandated by Christ to maintain unity in the church. He is the "pontiff" which means "bridge-builder." Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Francis, that he be welcome by Christ with open arms, the Christ he so loved and imitated to the best of his ability.

Let us pray for our Church, here in Chicago and throughout the world, that this time of transition will be filled with peace, hope and vision. We will be in mourning for a period of time and then the time of the Conclave will be announced. This will be an actual conclave, devoid of Hollywood superficialities, in the Spirit with its desire to choose a faithful Successor who will bring the church forward, while being firmly rooted in our apostolic teaching and Tradition.

Pope Francis: well done, good and faithful servant.

The Easter Vigil:



St. Teresa's Parish Council

April 14, 2025

- **Attendees:** Jess, Margaret, Dean, Anna, Jamie, Father Frank
 - deancasgrande@ameritech.net
- **Next PC Meeting:** June 9th, 7PM
- **Opening Prayer:** Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be
- **Generation to Generation Campaign:** We had a slow start, but now we are now doing very well and are about 2 months ahead of the end of campaign with nearly \$1MM dollars. Partial success is contributed to "Cannoli Sunday." Need to think about where we want funds that come back to the church to go. Considering new outdoor signage, new flooring for parish center and new furniture for foyer area outside the church. Wayfair has some good, modern furniture for church lobbies. Church signage website link: <https://www.ledcraftinc.com/church-led-signs-chicago-illinois/>
- **Palm Sunday Mass:** Beautiful mass, prayerful, "their (the parishioners) spirit was there." We are planning to have a very wonderful Holy Week.
- **Teaching Mass:** People really enjoyed the teaching mass a few weeks ago – it was a great way to help with parishioner faith Formation.
- **St. Teresa Short Term Goals:** We are doing well with reaching our short-term goals.
 - **Two New Parish Council Members:** We have identified new parish council members
 - **Lent Soup Night:** Happened again on Tuesdays this year during lent
 - **St. Teresa Welcoming Committee:** Is well underway
 - **New Church Signage:** Dean from Parish Council to start digging into new signage options for the church (will review proposals in September).
- **Church Budget / Collections:** All of the money we get each week goes out the door. On a typical month, we are below our budget by about 6K. This year we were approximately 13K in the black at the end of the year thanks to our annual Time of Your Life event.
- **Soft Entry Points:** What interesting activities can we have in the neighborhood that will create interest in the parish? For example: personal finances / accounting, music / concerts, estate planning, etc.

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 - David Zeunert (D)

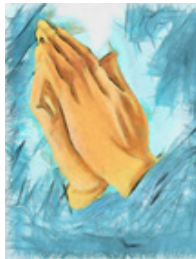
12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

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.

Cecelia Dowdall
Cynthia Rojas
Jennifer Jones



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 April 27th:

Today is- Prime Rib Day and Tell a Story Day

1887- George Thomas Morton performed the first US operation to remove an appendix, called an appendectomy.

1956- Rocky Marciano retired as world heavyweight boxing champion.

2014- Popes John XXIII and John Paul II were declared saints by the Catholic Church.

A group of Seabirds is called a Wreck.

Chicago (the musical) was based on a play based on the real cases of Beulah Annan and Belva Gaertner.



Mass Schedule

Sunday 5/4 10am- Fr. Frank

Sunday 5/4 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 5/4 6pm- Fr. Frank

Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!

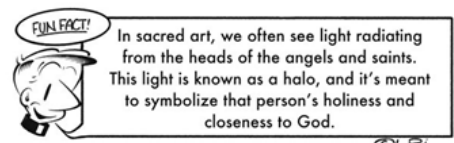
Amen.



"How do angels greet each other?"



"Halo!"



Stewardship Reflections:

The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.


When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.



WHY SHOULD I PLEDGE?

Thank you to our parish families who have participated in the Generation to Generation campaign. Due to the early support, our parish has raised \$991,920 from 92 pledges for 111% of our goal! St. Teresa will now receive eighty cents per every dollar pledged from now until June 30 to support our parish and greater Church needs.

It is only through the generosity of all of us that we can truly be successful. You can make a difference by giving what is right for your household. Just as we have been blessed from previous generations of parishioners, let us seize this opportunity to pass on the blessings we have received to strengthen the next generation of Catholics.

1. Please prayerfully consider what gift is right for you and your family
2. Make your best five-year pledge commitment to the campaign
3. Return your pledge form to the parish.

He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

OUR PRIORITIES

- Evangelization
- Maintenance and Restoration
- Social Ministry Outreach

GENERATION
TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL

Staff

Fr. Frank Latzko

Pastor

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Charisse Gioia

Office Manager/Technology Coordinator/
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cgioia@stteresaparish.org

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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Staff

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Irma Saavedra

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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

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.