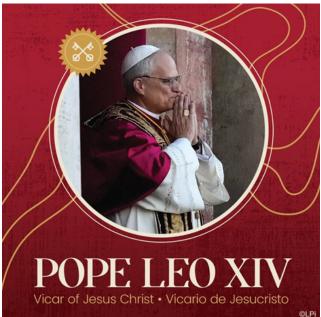


THE SUBJECT STRESS OF AVIA

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 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

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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 learing 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

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Eucharistic Ministers

Email eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com for more information.

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 opportunites 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: And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

Gospel: I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

IN-PEW W	EEKEND
campaign In-Pew Event. Our parish (at St. Teresa of Avila and across Co- completing a pledge card during Mas	invited to participate in the Generation to Generation community is preparing for the next generation of Catholics ok and Lake Counties. Please consider joining our effort by is. Recognizing all we have and all we are is a ailed to return gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity
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Gospel Meditation: Fifth Sunday of Easter

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir



Financials: March 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	24,624	21,283
Give Central:	35,251	36,399
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$59,875	\$ 57,682

\$2,193

From Mark:

This Sunday's 2nd reading is taken from the very end of the Bible in the book of Revelation.

God makes a statement in the text that may be shocking to some. God tells John, the main point of view for Revelation, and subsequently tells us that "Behold, I make all things new!"

This is a great invitation to all of us. How is God making all things new in our own life?

God can be making something new in your own personal life. A relationship that you thought was unrepairable might start to see hints of reconciliation. A challenging job situation may give way to a new and exciting opportunity. A bad habit might be able to turn into an opportunity for growth.

God is also making something new in the Church. I think alot about how the Church suffers from a sort of sclerosis. Our structures can feel stiff and unbending.

Parishes and communities can get stuck in the mentality of "this is how we always did it." We might get stuck in our own identities.

We are so proud to be "this kind of community" or "this kind of parish" that we become unable to welcome people of different theologies, cultures, backgrounds and spiritual experiences.

I think there is a great invitation for us to become less stiff and more energized by the Spirit. A willingness to go out in the world and be disciples in the world.

So how does God make all things new?

God is not a magician who will suddenly make all our relationships whole, our jobs perfect, and the world in unity. More often or not, God works with us and so we need to let God enter our work.

Take 10 minutes a day to root yourself deeper in God's love and see how that love changes your life.

Take that time, connect with God, and see what God can make new in your own life.





June 8

7:30am-1:30pr

St. Teresa of Avila Blood Drive

1950 N Kenmore, Chicago, IL 60614 @ The Parish Center

To schedule an appointment, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, scan the QR code below or go to the following link https://tinyurl.com/STA88D

Donate and receive a limited edition crew socks, while supplies last.







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St. Christopher Magallanes and Compainions | May 21

The twenty-five saints we honor today died at the hands of the Mexican government during a time of anti-Catholic turmoil. One died in 1915, and the remaining twentyfour died between 1926–1928. Of the three laymen and the twenty-two diocesan priests, two were hanged in the public square, and the rest were shot to death, most by firing squad without a trial. Each priest's only crime was secretly ministering to the people's needs. The three laymen were members of a Catholic action group that opposed oppression of the Church and encouraged fellow Catholics to remain strong in their faith. After Spanish Franciscans brought the faith to Mexico in the 1500s, the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe aided efforts to share the Gospel.

Today's memorial mentions one martyr by name: Saint Christopher Magallanes. Cristobal Magallanes Jara was born in Totatiche, Jalisco, Mexico to devout parents who were farmers. As a child, Christopher worked the land and tended the sheep. In 1888, at the age of nineteen, Christopher entered seminary and was ordained a priest eleven years later. He began his ministry as a teacher in Guadalajara but soon became a parish priest in his hometown, serving for more than twenty years.

Father Magallanes served his parishioners' spiritual needs and evangelized the indigenous people. He also founded schools and opened a carpentry shop to employ the locals and build the town's infrastructure. In 1915, after the government closed the seminary in Guadalajara, Father Christopher operated a secret seminary in his own home for seventeen seminarians. Though Father Magallanes did not support armed rebellion, he was arrested for supporting the Christeros, peasants who opposed the government's anti-Catholic oppression. Four days after his arrest, on May 21, 1927, he was shot to death without receiving a trial. His last words are recorded as, "I am innocent and die innocent. I absolve with all my heart those who seek my death and ask God that my blood bring peace to a divided Mexico." Father Agustín Caloca Cortés, Father Magallanes' assistant, was arrested on the same day as Father Magallanes and imprisoned with him. Since Father Cortés was only twenty-nine years old, the officers offered to set him free. He refused unless Father Magallanes was set free, which the guards refused to do. Father Cortés' last words were, "For God we lived and for Him we die."

St. Rita of Cascia| May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.



Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

Stewardship Reflections:

Loving as New Creations

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.



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.

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



Prayer

Mass Intentions

- 10AM Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 12 PM Joyce Jaszczor (D) and John Fredericks (D)
- 6 PM Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased

Let Us Pray For: The Sick, The Deceased and Peace in Our World:

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

We pray for those who have passed away. We pray for peace in our city and around the world. We pray for the intentions on our prayer cards. We pray for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse.



Mass Schedule

Sunday 5/25 10am- Fr. Frank Sunday 5/25 12pm- Fr. Alphonse Sunday 5/25 6pm- Fr. Alphonse

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.



Fun Facts About Pope Leo XIV:

Pope Leo is the first American pope and he is also the first Peruvian pope.

Pope Leo's favorite sport? Tennis!

Pope Leo XIV's birthday is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14th.

Pope Leo is the youngest of 3 boys.

Pope Leo is a Chicago White Sox fan!

Pope Leo's parents: his dad was a Navy Lieutenant, his mom ran the parish and worked in the library.

Young Robert Prevost was the smartest boy in his class.

Pope Leo watched "Conclave" right before his very own Conclave!

"What state produces the most saints?"



"The state of grace!"



Being in a state of grace means that we are free from mortal sin and in communion with God. By going to confession, we are able to have our souls restored to communion with our Lord, should we ever fall into serious sin.

Devotions, Explained!

Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus" — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.



Catholic Trivia- Just for Fun:

Question: What is another name for a priest's sermon? Answer: Homily

Catholic Q&A:

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealously, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

Save the Date:

Save the date! Our annual fundraising gala, Together in Joy, celebrates and supports our ministries serving the Lincoln Park community. The evening will consist of entertainment, dinner, and a live and silent auction.

The Together in Joy Gala is integral to our continued support of our many outreach programs in our community including the weekly food pantry, Loaves and Fishes meal, and our refugee and prison ministries.

Event Details:

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Venue West, 221 N Paulina St, Chicago

Learn More: togetherinjoy.com

Interested in sponsoring this event? Demonstrate your support for the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Chicago by becoming a Gala Sponsor and receiving unprecedented exposure to the hundreds of families attending the parish and gala. Get Involved! We are currently seeking:

Auction Items

Vacation Rentals

Event Tickets (sports, theater, concerts, etc.)

Designer Handbags & Jewelry

Gift Cards (restaurants, retailers, experiences)

Services (coaching, counseling, massage, yoga, art, etc.)

Volunteers

Silent Auction Coordination

Event Games

Event Experience

Decor

Industry Connections

If you or someone you know works in any of the following areas, we'd love to connect:

Wine, Beer, or Liquor Distribution

Floral Design

Restaurant Owners

For questions or to get in touch, please contact outreach@ teresa.church



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Charisse is repsonsible 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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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.