

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

October 12, 2025

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

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Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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Chicago, Illinois 60614

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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

www.teresa.church

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: Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel: Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

Feasts and Saints:

10/13- Columbus Day

10/14- St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

10/15- St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

10/16- St. Hedwig, Religious

10/17- St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

10/18- St. Luke, Evangelist



Cecelia Joy Boucher

Gospel Meditation: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver. Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us. Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks." Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed. - Fr. John Muir

Financials: June 2025

	FY25	FY24
Basket/Mail In:	8,500	11,225
Give Central:	37,053	36,560
Total:	THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
	\$45,553	\$ 47,785
		\$(2,232)



From Fr. Frank:

Together In Joy is just around the corner, our main fundraiser on November 8. I am grateful to the committee, with David Cordaro leading the way, for their hard work and dedication. They have been meeting since last March, putting together the various elements that make this event so successful. Thank you all!!

Please purchase your tickets as soon as you can. If you cannot attend, I would greatly appreciate it if you could make a donation that fits your budget. We need this fundraiser to be a success, as it has been for the last 17 years. The generosity of our parishioners is amazing!!!

As you all know I will be retiring in June after 42 years of ministry as priest. I will be 70 years old in October of 2026. The diocese has a process to gather feedback from parishioners on what qualities you would like in your new pastor. Forms will be available in church and on website for anyone who is interested to send in your feedback. The staff and members of Parish Council and Finance Council will meet with members of the Priest Placement Board. The forms given to them for this meeting will be essentially the same forms offered to all parishioners. Whoever is chosen as pastor will be a wonderful person bringing new life and new gifts to the parish.

I will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving sometime in late Spring. Where I will be living in retirement is the question that I am trying to work through: retirement communities or some rectory. I prefer to not live in a rectory but would like to be in a larger community of people. But the expense is very high. Please pray I find a life-giving place to live, within my budget.

Transitions are a part of life, but they certainly have their challenges. Retirement is a reminder that life is moving quickly and time is so precious. No matter how many years you live, this life is short. What awaits beyond the gateway of death is the life with no end. It's all so beautiful but sobering at the same time. This will be the most significant move for me in nearly 20 years. I'm in the process of letting go of hundreds of books, lots of cloths and many holiday decorations to make room for very little storage, if any. Letting go of all these "things" accumulated over the years is freeing, but a bit sad.

Welcome Deacon Brian!

Last Sunday, we welcomed Brian Junkes, SVD to our parish. Brian, who will be ordained a deacon on October 12th, will be serving at St. Teresa for the next year.

He will be involved with leading small groups with Mark, helping with our catechesis of the Good Shepherd program with Barb and learning how to be a priest with Fr. Frank. You will also see him on Sundays preaching at our liturgies.

If you see him around the parish make sure you say hi!



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ST. TERESA AVILA
A Together In Joy Event

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PARISH CONSULTATION AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

Upon the retirement of Father Frank Latzko in July of 2026, Cardinal Cupich will be appointing a new pastor to St. Teresa of Avila Parish. The process of selecting that priest involves a great deal of prayer, research, discernment and discussion. One of the important groups in this process is the Priest Placement Board. The Priest Placement Board (PPB) is composed of nine priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago who serve full-time as pastors or associate pastors. The work of the Priests Placement Board is directed by Fr. Michael Knotek, the Vicar for the Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests who is full-time. This group advises Cardinal Cupich on candidates for pastor based on the talents and skills of the priest-candidates in light of the strengths and challenges of the parishes.

In order to get as much information about how the Holy Spirit is enlightening the staff and parish leaders about the future of the parish, the PPB will be conducting a Parish Consultation at St. Teresa of Avila on October 20, 2025. Two members of the PPB will facilitate two meetings, one with the staff and the other with the lay leaders of the parish. These discussions are very important to give the Priests Placement Board reliable information about your parish and what capabilities are needed in your next pastor.

The wisdom from the parishioners is also extremely important in the process. To gather that wisdom, a form will be made available to parishioners to answer the following questions which the staff and lay leadership will also address in their discussions:

- A. What are the strengths of your parish? What is working very well presently?**
- B. What are the specific challenges your parish is currently facing? This is important so that the PPB can recommend a priest who has the talents and skills needed to address those challenges with the parish.**
- C. What current ministries and programs in your parish are vitally important and must continue in order for the parish to remain vibrant and grow?**
- D. What programs for parish renewal and evangelization are currently in place at your parish?**
- E. What are the specific and unique skills, talents and capabilities needed in your next pastor?**

The discernment process leads up to a meeting in early March of 2026 whereby Cardinal Cupich gathers all of the input from the Parish Consultations and meets with the Vicar General, all the Auxiliary Bishops, the Priests Placement Board members, and other key personnel at the Archdiocese to make his decision about who he will appoint to be the next pastor of St. Teresa of Avila as well as pastors for the other parishes in the pastor pool this year. Please pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to help identify the next pastoral leader of St. Teresa of Avila Parish.

Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Your Faith Has Saved You

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is – and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply believing. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith – so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith – so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?"

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says "I believe" or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

Stewardship Reflections:

The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics – especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel – a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.



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

The Parish Office Will Be Closed October 13th:



Mass Intentions

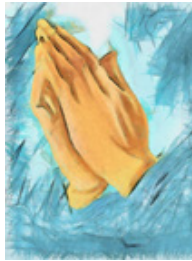
10AM - John and Katie Pawl (D)

12 PM - Ken Jaszczor (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 10/19 10am- Fr. Frank

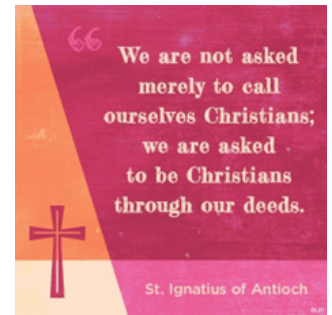
Sunday 10/19 12pm- Fr. Frank

Sunday 10/19 6pm- Fr. Udovic

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,

Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future. Amen.



Sunday Funday October 12th:

Today is Farmer's Day and Gumbo Day

1810- Oktoberfest begins: In Germany, the Bavarian royal family invited the citizens of Munich to join the celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

1964- The USSR launched Voskhod 1 into Earth orbit as the first spacecraft with a multi-person crew; it was the first flight without spacesuits.

"People think I'm disciplined. It is not discipline. It is devotion. There is a great difference." – Luciano Pavarotti

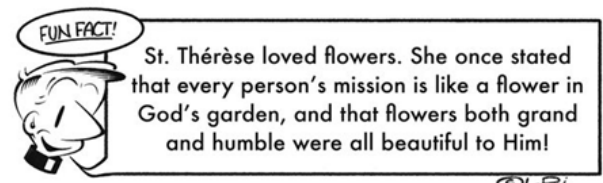
The show was called Full House because Danny Tanner had to deal with 3 of a kind and a pair.

If someone offers you something, take it. You're doing them a favor by allowing them to do a good deed.

"Where does St. Thérèse tuck her roses at night?"



"Into a flower bed."





Please join us!

Catholic Charities Fall Mass & Mission

Sunday, October 19, 2025

St. Teresa of Ávila

1950 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago

Please join us for Mass and a reception with our program leaders. Hear more about the vital work Catholic Charities is doing in Chicago and renew our shared commitment to serving those most in need.

10:00 a.m.—Mass with reflection by Sally Blount

11:00 a.m.—Reception with program leaders

12:00 p.m.—Second Mass

Reception will begin at 11:00 a.m., please join us for Mass either before or after, as your schedule permits.

For more information contact our Donor Relations team:

donor.relations@catholiccharities.net | (312) 655-7290

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Around the Parish

St. Teresa of Ávila | Feast Day October 15

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.



DONATE BLOOD

**St. Teresa of Avila Church
Blood Drive**

1950 N. KENMORE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60614
@ PARISH CENTER

Sunday
**October
26**
7:30AM – 2:00PM

To make an appointment, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, scan the QR code below or go to the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/mexvmb7c>

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.
1-800-7TO-GIVE

Donate blood and be someone's hero. One pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.



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Refugee Ministry

Interested in working with a Refugee Family?

St. Teresa's partners with Exodus, a volunteer based organization who works to support and befriend refugees. Last year, more than 650 families resettled in Chicago through Exodus. St. Teresa, along with other parishes, becomes an extension to Exodus and helps to support refugee families and befriend them as well.

While we will continue to give needed supplies to the families, one of the most needed things a family can use is friendship. On Wednesday, October 22nd, come gather at St. Teresa's to learn about becoming a New Neighbor. As a New Neighbor, you will be paired with a refugee family, and visit with the family on a regular basis.

We will meet in the kitchen area of St. Teresa's from 6-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd and hear stories of current New Neighbors and the refugee families they support. Dinner will be provided.

For more information, contact Kristen at kristen@rlcanning.com.

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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
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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.

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Parish Council

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The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor and represents a cross section of the parish. Together with the Pastor, the PPC helps to craft and carry out the Mission of the Parish.

Finance Council

Don Eldred- Chair

The St. Teresa Finance Council reviews the financial documents and position of the parish and advises the pastor and business manager on financial matters, including the preparation of the annual parish budget.

Stewardship Committee

Dan Summins- Chair

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.