

# ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

CATHOLIC PARISH ✚ EST 1889

June 28, 2026

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

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*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple — amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." Matthew 10:42

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## Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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1037 W. Armitage Ave.  
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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](http://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](http://teresa.church/rcia)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, or helping those through that process as a companion.

### Lectors

[teresa.church/lectors](http://teresa.church/lectors)

Email [eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com](mailto:eric.fredericks+lm@gmail.com) for more information.

## Eucharistic Ministers

[teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers](http://teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers)

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## Pastoral Council

[teresa.church/pastoral-council](http://teresa.church/pastoral-council)

Represent the parish and help advise the pastor in our mission and vision for our community.

## Finance Council

[teresa.church/finance-council](http://teresa.church/finance-council)

Reviews financial documents and position of the parish and advise pastor and business manager on financial decisions.



Are you interested in making St. Teresa’s your spiritual home? Or just want to learn more about our community? Fill out the below form and drop it in the collection basket or join online at [teresa.church/join](http://teresa.church/join).

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# 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/>.

### Loaves and Fishes Dinner

[teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes](https://teresa.church/loaves-and-fishes)

Weekly soup kitchen feeding and sitting with people in need of a meal.

### La Posada Border Ministry

[teresa.church/border-ministry](https://teresa.church/border-ministry)

Travel to the border to help and understand those seeking asylum.

### Food Pantry

[teresa.church/food-pantry](https://teresa.church/food-pantry)

Our parish food pantry is a welcoming, dependable source of nutritious food, respect and social contact to the needy of our community.



## Spiritual Ministries

There are many ministries at St. Teresa’s that celebrate our faith via small christian communities, serving in our liturgies, and learning more.

### Women’s Spirituality

[teresa.church/womens-spirituality](https://teresa.church/womens-spirituality)

Meets the Last Tuesday of the month to provide a supportive space for prayer and reflection.

### Men’s Spirituality

[teresa.church/mens-spirituality](https://teresa.church/mens-spirituality)

Meets virtually every Tuesdays at 7am to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple. Email [cdeanhockey@gmail.com](mailto:cdeanhockey@gmail.com) to get the link and join.

## Bible Studies/Discussion Groups

Throughout the year there are bible studies you can join or maybe a book study.

Schedules change throughout the year, so stay tuned!

## Religious Education

[teresa.church/religious-education](https://teresa.church/religious-education)

Whether it’s our Montessori based Catechesis of the Good Shephard for children, EDGE Middle School ministry, QUEST High School Ministry, or SPRED Ministry for those with special needs, St. Teresa’s has a wide array for programs to meet the needs of our children.

## Communauté Catholique Francophone de Chicago

[teresa.church/french-community](https://teresa.church/french-community)

St. Teresa’s is home to a wonderful and vibrant French community.

This Sunday's Readings:

**First Reading:** When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

**Second Reading:** We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

**Gospel:** Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

Feasts and Saints:

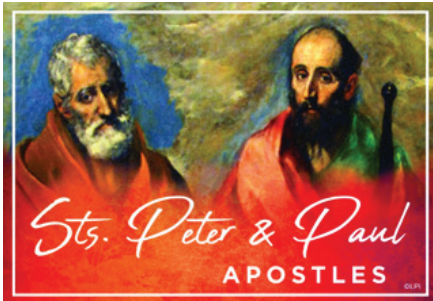
6/29- Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

6/30- The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7/1- St. Junipero Serra, Priest

7/3- St. Thomas, Apostle

7/4- Independence Day



Gospel Meditation: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

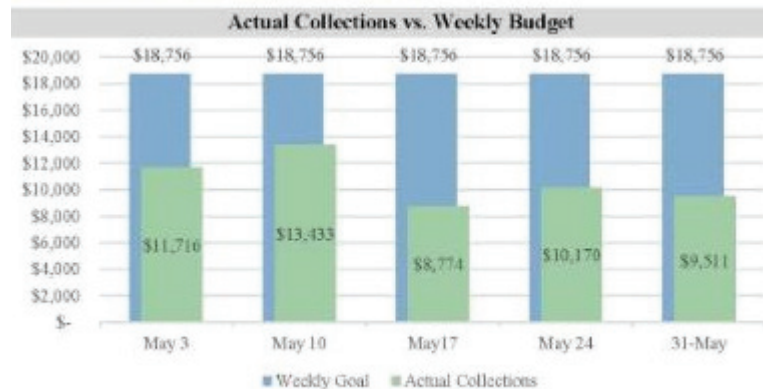
That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— Father John Muir

Financials: May 2026

	FY26	FY25
Basket/Mail In:	13,323	20,290
Give Central:	34,150	34,942
<b>Total:</b>	<b>THIS YEAR</b>	<b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b>
	\$47,473	\$55,232
		\$ (7,759)



From Fr. Frank:

Summer is truly upon us as children are out of school and many families are planning vacations and ways to enjoy the rather brief beautiful weather in Chicago. This is a time to get out and about, enjoying the beauty of our city and its many expressions of culture and architecture.

I have finally moved in the Little Sisters, and what a change it is. Moving after 18 years has proved both daunting and freeing. Getting used to new spaces and people takes time and a lot of letting go. But the move has been so freeing in giving me the opportunity of giving away so many things I have accumulated over the years. I'm getting to know the people at the Goodwill on Clybourn. When they see me drive up, they say, "More stuff?"

But it's all good. Life is about change and to change is to grow and develop one's character, which never stops happening, unless you let it. I plan on living each day as it comes and I will see how I like living in my new home. If it is not for me, there is always a new place to call home. If I do move again, it's going to be much easier, given that I have lightened the load...a lot!!

For those interested, my new address is:

2300 N Racine Ave. Apt 505

Chicago, Illinois. 60614

I'll be helping out a bit at St. Alphonsus as they transition to a new pastor with two parishes. I also hope to volunteer at the jail as a chaplain.

St. Teresa's will always have a special place in my heart, given all the wonderful people and beautiful memories.

*May looking back  
over your ministry  
bring satisfaction  
for a job well done.*

*May looking forward  
to a life of retirement  
bring excitement  
for what lies ahead.*

*God Bless Your Tomorrow!*

## Gospel Reflections:

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Receiving

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to receive it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

## Stewardship Reflections:

### God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.



Farewell

Fr. Frank

**Congratulations on your Retirement!**

**Thank You for being our Pastor!**

**You will be missed!**

**May God Bless you Always!**

**With Love,  
Everyone at St. Teresa of Avila**

## 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 please sign up on the board in the Parish Center.

## 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. Please email Steve Sibon - [sjsibon@aol.com](mailto:sjsibon@aol.com)

## Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking!

Calling All Those Who Enjoy Cooking! Hearing the call to serve those less fortunate? Always wanted to (learn to) cook for a crowd? Our Loaves and Fishes Ministry is seeking cooks (and helpers) to prepare a warm dinner for the elderly and homeless in our area, served each Friday afternoon. For a 3-6 hour commitment, you'll meet a wonderful group of people to work with, share kitchen tips and feel good about helping those in need. For more info, please contact Charisse Gioia

[cgioia@stteresaparish.org](mailto:cgioia@stteresaparish.org)

Thank you



## 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).



## Mass Intentions

- 10AM- Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 12 PM - Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Living and Deceased
- 6PM- 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 7/5 10am- Fr. Radley Alcantara
- Sunday 7/5 12pm- Fr. Radley Alcantara
- Sunday 7/5 6pm- Fr. Radley Alcantara



## Sunday Funday July 5th:

Today is Bikini Day and National Apple Turnover Day

1937- Hormel Foods Corporation introduced SPAM

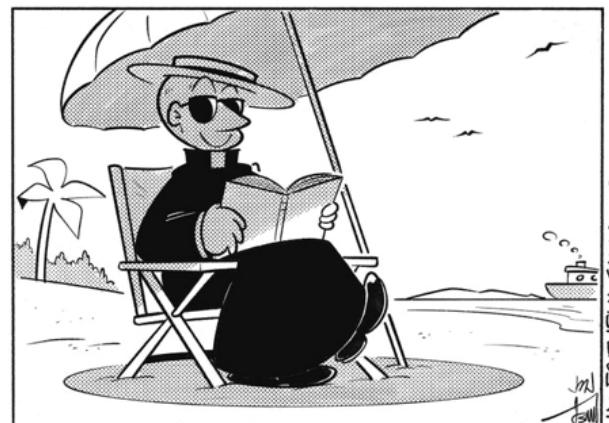
1946- French designer Louis Réard introduced the bikini at a poolside fashion show at the Piscine Molitor in Paris.

1971- President Nixon formally certified the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, which had been ratified by the required number of states on July 1, lowering the federal voting age from 21 to 18.

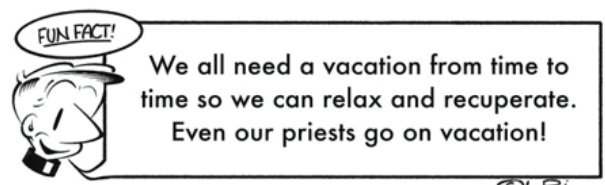
“The noblest art is that of making others happy.”

— P.T. Barnum

“What do you call it when a priest spends the weekend at the beach?”



“Sancti-Vacation!”



### St. Thomas the Apostle | July 3

Saint Thomas the Apostle receives few mentions in the Gospels until near the end of Jesus' life and ministry. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke list him among the Apostles, while John's Gospel refers to him as "Didymus," meaning, "Twin."

The first detailed mention of Saint Thomas comes just prior to the seventh and final "sign" performed by Jesus in John's Gospel. When Jesus learned that his friend Lazarus had died, he told his disciples that he was going to raise Lazarus back to life. The disciples warned Jesus that he might further anger members of the Sanhedrin (John 11:8). Thomas then courageously said to the other disciples, "Let us also go to die with him" (John 11:16).

At the beginning of Jesus' Last Supper discourse in John's Gospel, Jesus told the Apostles that he would return to the Father and prepare a place for them, after which he would return to take them with him. Thomas objects, saying, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus responds, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:5-6).

The final, and most well-known, time Thomas is mentioned in John's Gospel is when he is absent from the other Apostles after Jesus' Resurrection, and Jesus appears to the ten. Hearing about it later, he strongly voices his doubts. A week later, his doubt is transformed into belief when he cries out, "My Lord and my God!" Traditionally, the faithful repeat Thomas' statement during Mass after the words of consecration as a way of expressing faith in Jesus' True Presence.

The Acts of the Apostles mentions Thomas among the Apostles who gathered in the upper room after Jesus' ascension. Various ancient traditions widely believe that Thomas took Jesus' final words seriously when Jesus said to the disciples, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The Parish Office will Closed on Friday July 3rd:



Devotions , Explained!

Pilgrimage, Explained

When the time came for the Transfiguration of Christ, Jesus took three of his disciples to “a high mountain by themselves,” indicating that the sacred mysteriousness of this moment was something best experienced apart from the routine of ordinary life. This is the principle behind the act of pilgrimage: a journey to a place of spiritual significance, undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Christian pilgrimages really began in the fourth century, when churches in the Holy Land were constructed in locations associated with the life of Christ. Throughout the centuries, pilgrims have likewise flocked to sites of Marian apparitions, miracles, and to places connected with the lives of saints. Some of the most iconic pilgrimage destinations include Fatima, Lourdes, and the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Catholic Trivia:

Question: What is the “Holy See”?

Answer: The Pope, the Diocese of Rome, and sometimes the papal government.

Catholic Q & A:

Works of Mercy

Question:

I’ve heard of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are they, and what’s the difference?

Answer:

As God has shown us mercy, so too are we called to show mercy to those we encounter. We see mercy throughout the Gospels, but the parable in Matthew 25 forms the foundation for the first set of Works of Mercy. This parable of the last judgment shows each person being asked how well they cared for those around them, and being reminded that this care for those in need is care for God Himself. Each person is asked if they have fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the stranger, cared for the sick, and visited the imprisoned. These — along with burying the dead — are the Corporal Works of Mercy, as they primarily concern the physical life of a person.

The list of the Spiritual Works of Mercy developed later. These actions of love primarily concern the inner life of a person. They are instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, comforting the afflicted, and praying for both the living and the dead. All of these actions are concrete ways of bringing the love of God into the world.



## Staff

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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.

## Barbara McHugh

Religious Education

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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

Anna Althoff- President

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

## Finance Council

Don Eldred- Chair

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

## Stewardship Committee

Dan Summins- Chair

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The Stewardship Committee's goal is to foster a sense of gratefulness and response of increased sharing of gifts in the parish and communities we seek to support. We do this by creating, encouraging and communicating ideas and programs that help parishioners recognize and share their gifts.

## Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at: [www.teresa.church/bulletins](http://www.teresa.church/bulletins)

## How to Report Sexual Abuse

To report an allegation of sexual abuse and/or neglect of minors, contact the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Hotline at 800.25.ABUSE (800.252.2873) and/or contact your local police department.

You can also contact the Office of Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY) at 312.534.5254.