

THE JOURNEY

"The feeling remains that God is on the journey too." -- St. Teresa of Avila

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020



Pastor

Reverend Frank John Latzko

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 PM + 6:30 PM (En Française¹)

Sunday 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²)
12 PM, 6 PM

¹First + Second Saturdays; ²First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday–Thursday 7:30 AM

Friday Communion Service 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM
(Call to register)

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish is a diverse Catholic community of faith that embraces everyone, without exception. We see ourselves as uniquely able to engage in dialogue with people of all faiths and act as peacemakers in our city. Challenged by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the teachings of Saint Teresa of Avila, we are called to be witnesses of Christ's Love for the salvation of all people.

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

Eucharistic Ministers

teresa.church/eucharistic-ministers

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.

Interested in Joining Our Parish?

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

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.

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

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 the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the morning to come together and discuss what it means to be a disciple.

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.

Refugee Ministry

teresa.church/refugee-ministry

Support a family's transition to living in the United States with donations and time.

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 Shepherd 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 of 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.

Life Coaching

A Life Coach helps you reach a goal or make a change in your life. They observe, listen, question, challenge and motivate to help you reach your goals in the most efficient, effective and rewarding way possible.

Mike Traynor is a parishioner at Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph with 40 years of diverse business and not for profit experience. Mike is offering free decision-support Life Coaching to members of our parish community.

This coaching is appropriate for anyone facing important decision junctures, involving either an educational, job, or career direction; or about starting or growing a business or a self-employment opportunity. Through informal one on one conversation, Mike offers objective, practical,

and confidential decision input, and suggestions on ways to move forward. The objective is to facilitate well-considered decisions for future directions, with realistic implementation steps to get there.

If you would like to discuss accessing Mike's offer, please drop Mike an email at metraynor@gmail.com

Daily Prayer, Scripture, and Eucharist

A great way to start the day!

Attend morning Mass Monday through Thursday at 7:30 am. Mass is over by 7:50 am.

There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30 am for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.

Events This Week

Sunday 2/16	Monday 2/17	Tuesday 2/18	Wednesday 2/19	Thursday 2/20	Friday 2/21	Saturday 2/22
Saints and Special Observances						
					St. Peter Damian --- San Pedro Damián	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle --- Cátedra de san Pedro
Week's Activities						
10:00 am DD, Sunday Hospitality	7:00 pm OR, Finance Committee	6:00 pm Church, Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm DD, SPRED		9:00 am OR B, Mom and Tot Group 10:00 am DD, Food Pantry Delivery & Sorting	3:00 pm DD, Loaves & Fishes 7:00 pm: DD, Spanish Prayer Group	9:00 am DD, Food Pantry 6:30 pm Church, French Mass

Room Abbreviations

DD A/B- Dorothy Day Room
(Old Parish Center)

OR A/B - Oscar Romero
(Old Parishes Offices)

FFC - Faith Formation Center
SFR - St. Francis Room

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." -- 1 Peter 4:10

Please help us remain financially stable by maintaining your financial commitment to the parish. Automated giving through Give Central is an easy way to ensure our collections won't dip while attendance is low.

If you've already signed up for automated giving, please be sure your credit card information is up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the parish office at (773) 528-6650.

Communion for the Homebound

The Ministry of Care program at St. Teresa of Avila brings the Eucharist to the faithful who are unable to attend church.

If you know of someone who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Charisse in the office at (773) 528-6650 to arrange for a visit.

Ashes on Armitage Needs You!

In your first footstep on your Lenten journey, would you like to dispense Ashes at the Armitage L stop throughout Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020? If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Conor McCann at conoremccann@gmail.com.

Cuisine de Coeur!

Purchase items in the French Market, bid on French baking classes in the petite-auction, play the French guessing game, and enjoy homemade gastronomy from the southwest region of France with a selection of wine and beer.

Sign up at teresa.church/cuisine-de-coeur

St. T's is on SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow us, Post Photos capturing that special time experienced at our church.

We encourage Selfie Sundays (Smile!). Did you attend a recent event, perhaps have an "AHA" moment/learned something new or volunteer with one of our ministries serving our community?

Celebrate by sharing via the ever changing social platform of interaction.

YOU, WE Make A Difference!

Instagram: [stteresaofavilachurchchicago](https://www.instagram.com/stteresaofavilachurchchicago)

Twitter: [@StTsChurch](https://twitter.com/StTsChurch)

Facebook: [St Teresa of Avila Church](https://www.facebook.com/StTeresaofAvilaChurch)

NextDoor Neighbor: [St Teresa of Avila Parish](https://www.nextdoor.com/neighborhoods/st-teresa-of-avila-parish)

Lenten Family Workshop

St. Teresa's faith formation ministries are hosting a Family Workshop to help families brainstorm and plan ahead to make the most of Lent 2020. This workshop was specifically scheduled to serve families whose children participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 3 through 6th grade), but we invite and welcome any families to participate (probably best for Kindergarten and up). The workshop will be held Sunday, February 23rd 10:30-11:50AM (this is in lieu of regular catechesis on Feb 23/24). It includes activity for both parents and children. If you have questions, please reach out to Lina Hilko at LHilko@aol.com.

In the second reading we learn about the wisdom of God which transcends our current age. This wisdom is otherworldly, supernatural, and outside of our daily lives. Because it is outside of our daily mundanity, this wisdom revolutionizes our lives. It has the the potential to push us to the corners of our neighborhoods, to combat racism when we see it, to welcome the stranger. It also has the potential to solve the problems that face us in everyday life.

How do we tap into this wisdom that can guide our lives? I recommend that you take fifteen minutes to sit in silence and see what happens. When we remove ourselves from the fast paced world of our jobs, families, and friends for fifteen minute, you might be surprised where your mind and your heart takes you. Take some time this week and touch the wisdom and love that transcend all understanding.

Mark Neuhengen (mneuhengen@teresa.church) is the Director of Evangelization and Parish Mission at St. Teresa of Avila

A key part of spirituality is to share our own journeys of spirituality and faith. St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Parish will be publishing reflections by the staff, parishioners and the wider Chicagoland community. If you are interested in writing for the bulletin email Mark Neuhengen the Director of Evangelization and Parish Mission at mneuhengen@teresa.church.

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

Empower St. Benedict the African School!

Sign up for your State of Illinois educational tax credit by February 29, 2020 and receive a 2-for-1 match from generous donors for St. Benedict the African while funds are available.

Are you interested in supporting low income students with your tax dollars? A 75% state tax credit is available for donations toward a qualified scholarship granting organization (SGO). St. Teresa of Avila has partnered with St. Benedict the African, one of just two schools still servicing Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood, to encourage funding scholarships through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program. This program is a great way to maximize your charitable dollars. For example, a net contribution of \$1,045 (\$4180 donation with a \$3,135 tax credit) you can support a full scholarship. Until February 29, 2020 or until the matching funds are exhausted, you can provide triple the scholarship. (In the example, \$4,180 donation would yield scholarship funds for St. Benedicts for \$12,540! Your donation after tax credit is only \$1,045.)

If you want to find a way to donate, this is a no brainer! Any amount will go towards a child’s tuition in one of our most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or text Laura Moran at 312 925 8346 for more information.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Come, follow me... and heal our world Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to “Come, follow me... and heal our world.” In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish, for example the food pantry and Loaves and Fishes. Appeal funds support all of our ministries here at St.Teresa of Avila so that we can better serve those in need in our community.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Let us Pray For...

In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added. We leave the names on the list for about three months.

Alicia Anderson	Blasis	Bolivar Gonzales	Gabriel Lozada	Frank O'Toole	Elizabeth Ann True
Dorothy Barns	Maria de la Luz	Jr.,	Madeline	Christine	Sara Vega
Connie Beran	Alex DeNoma	Les Gordon	Mancini	Panozzo	Rob Vihon
Nicholas Beran	Sister Bernadette	Mrs. Grabarczyk	George Maroquin	Clayton Poe	Mary Walter
Berta Billalvazo	Dixon, OCD	George Halloran	Jose Maroquin	Carol Poyner	Drew Williams
Henry Bira	Kim Duffy	Kellar Harris	Lisa Marquez	Janette Prush	Jack Williams
Michelle Brandt	Isabelle Eiffert	Peg Hausen	Monica McNally	Hector J. Rivera	Valerie Williams
Elizabeth Brown	Helen Fasano	David Ivanac	Daniel Meyer	Luis Rivera	Mae Witry
Jerry Burdick	Jackson Fineske	Ronald Jakubec	Bill Mobley	Pedro Rodriguez	David Zeunert
Carol Coffey	& Family	Patricia Koesters	John Monier	Jeffrey Roscoe	For the
Susan Conway	Linda Flasch	Sister M. Agatha	Elda Myers	Denise Rosen	intentions on our
Juan Cortez	Alice Flynn	Knittig, OSB	John Paul Nelson	Jane Smith	prayer
Patricia Chuck	Eloisa Gallegos	Krista Kutz	Angel Nieves	Will Sullivan	cards; for
Elizabeth Ryan	Michael Gibbons	Betty LaCour	Juan Nigo	Mima Tome	survivors and
Dean	Angela Goldberg	Carmen D.	Msgr. Kevin	JoAnn Jahnke	perpetrators
Michael De	Kaylee Gommel	Lorenzana	O'Neill	Trainer	of sexual abuse

#PrayForPeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago last week:

Fermin Cisneros, Alberto Ponce, Isiah Wallace, Jabari Pittman, Mohammed Maali, Travis Thompson, and Issac Brown.

Pray for the Deceased

Bruce Brumfield, Judy Castelloni, Maria de Jesus Cortez, Bonnie Fuentes, Cris Haas, Nancy Hadler, Chuck Jabaley, Joyce Jaszczor, Frank Kolman, Thomas Latoski, Sage Mesen, Bernadette Rose Micinski, Tracy Mirabella, Mary Musolf, Ray Romero, Bob Semmer, Pat Stanley, Fr. Cesaire Souissa, Marianne Usiak, Alicia Villenas, and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
Sunday 9:00 AM	Graham David Crisp
Sunday 12:00 PM	Deceased Members of St. Teresa of Avila Parish
Sunday 6:00 PM	Johnathon Stewart

February Baptisms

None Scheduled Yet

Ministry Schedule

Date	Time	Celebrant	Lector/ Sacristan	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 2/22	5:00 pm	Fr. Benson	Lector: Raquel Bech Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	Leigh Hartley	Nancy Gerstad Susan Freund
Saturday 2/22	6:30 pm	French Mass			
Sunday 2/23	9:00 am	Fr. Frank	Lector: Daniel Kang Sacristan: Frank Swiderski	Jocelyn Lutkus Brian Shea Roberto Martinez	Mary Serrahn Manuel Marti Mark Van Grinsven Nancy Van Grinsven
Sunday 2/23	12:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Jayme Nicholas Sacristan: Francisco Perez	Stephanie Jaslowski Alejandro Lopez Laura Moran	Anne Seigenthaler Mary Stanton Tyler Paul Alice Morales-Villenas
Sunday 2/23	6:00 pm	Fr. Frank	Lector: Callie Sharon Lindstrom Sacristan: <i>MINISTER NEEDED</i>	<i>MINISTER NEEDED</i> Hannah Toohey Molly DePrenger	Veronique Caffrey Pete Doyle Ellen Moiani Luke Kolman

If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please see the contact information below:

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From The Pastor's Desk

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful celebration last Saturday for my 36th anniversary to the priesthood. People like Charisse and Jennifer worked behind the scenes gathering all the food made by so many parishioners and preparing some of their own dishes. It was just so good to see so many people having a good time, catching up and laughing. Special thanks to Jack for organizing the celebration and for his tireless energy and positive spirit.

This winter has certainly been easy so far; and spring is fast approaching. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. A group of dedicated parishioners will be witnessing and evangelizing by distributing ashes at the EL and on the streets. Maybe one of the news outlets will be there to show our parish in action.

I encourage all parishioners to engage in some form of penance that will give a focus to the purpose and meaning of Lent: to renew and reinvigorate our Baptism, allowing the living waters of the Spirit to flow freely within the heart.

A great Lenten penance is to give up some time by going to a daily Mass once a week or praying for a half an hour at Adoration. I encourage everyone to develop a discipline of daily prayer that will carry one throughout the year. Without personal prayer apart from the Liturgy, we can't get to know the Lord nor experience the depth His love. It takes time, each and every day, and trust that God is present, especially when we don't "feel" that presence.

Giving up food, candy, alcohol, whatever, might be good if the experience leads you to keep turning to the Lord.... if it strengthens your life as a baptized disciple of Christ. If Easter arrives and you go back to the same behavior before Lent, what is the point? The purpose of Lent is conversion, a change of focus that lasts well beyond Easter.

We have daily Mass at 7:30am Monday thru Thursday and a Communion service on Friday at 7:30am. Adoration is each Tuesday from 6:00pm until 7:30pm.

I am inviting all to a presentation by a man named Joshua who spent a number of years incarcerated. His experience proved to be one of conversion to a new way of seeing God, faith and life. This evening will be an opportunity to hear his story and engage in conversation. Come after the 6:00 pm mass on Sunday, March 15th.

In the meantime, it's Mardi Gras!!! Enjoy.

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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

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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

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

Contributing to the Bulletin

Past bulletins and guidelines for submitting to the bulletin are available on our website at:

www.teresa.church/bulletins

How to Report Sexual Abuse

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

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