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St. Teresa of Avila

Congratulations
Graduates!

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

This weekend hundreds of students are graduating from Valparaiso University. Over the years many of these students have walked through our doors or have been touched in one way or another by the

community here at St. Teresa's. In a nutshell, this is why we exist. We are a vibrant, welcoming community that exists in order to serve our college students. It is our hope that these students can connect with us, that they can grow in their faith and with one another, and that they can serve others in a variety of ways.

I am quickly approaching one year here and I cannot even begin to tell you how often I have witnessed the deep connections between parishioners and students. It is amazing to see the growth occur on both ends and how we serve together side-by-side. In many ways, what starts here changes the world. These graduating seniors will go back to their home areas and carry with them what they have learned here. No matter where they are, they will help to shape the future of our world.

With that said, I want to encourage you to pray for these men and women who are graduating. Pray that they may enter into the lives of others and allow others to touch their lives. Pray that they may continue to connect, grow, and serve so that they may be the best versions of themselves. Most importantly, pray that they remain steadfast in the faith – that they will remember that God is always within them.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Chris



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Worship Schedule

Monday, May 22
5:15pm

Gail Hilmer
By: The Brichta Family

Tuesday, May 23
8:00am

Becky Hartman
By: Barb Hanson

Wednesday, May 24
5:15pm

Larry & Keith Keller
By: Doris Ring

Thursday, May 25
8:00am

Bernice Vendl
By: Community

Friday, May 26
12:30pm

Patricia Dzik
By: Fr. Rich Kozak

Saturday, May 27
4:00pm

Annen/McGillicuddy Fm.
By: Margaret Annen

Sunday, May 28
8:00am

St. Teresa of Avila
By: Community

11:00am

Margaret Ann Mangel
By: Mangel Family

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Synod Closing Mass

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All are invited to the closing Mass for the Synod, which starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 at the Genesis Center in Gary. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend. We are planning on providing transportation via a school bus. We would leave here at 12:30pm and return about 6:00pm. If you are interested call Christine.



Stewardship Report



Weekly Stewardship Report: May 14, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
♦ Sunday Offering	\$7,320.00
♦ Children's Offering	\$1.00
♦ This Week's On-line Giving	\$919.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$8,240.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	-\$1,760.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	+\$15,421.00

Stewardship Commission

God's Hands in Action—St. Teresa's Tithing

As individuals we are called to be good and generous stewards with God's manifold gifts.

Tithing is the means whereby we have the opportunity to give thanks to God; with that in mind, the community of St. Teresa of Avila tithes weekly. The donation this week will go to the **Diocese of Gary's Haiti Collection**.

God's Hands in Action St. Teresa of Avila Weekly Tithing

St. Teresa's is a generous community and as such, the Stewardship Commission has formed a **God's Hands in Action: Weekly Tithing Committee**.

To be more intentional in our giving, this group will select organizations that meet the following criteria:

- ♦ Follow the teaching of the Catholic Church
- ♦ Have a local connection

About five years ago we changed our tithing amount to \$450 weekly and we will continue to donate that amount to each organization.

If you have an organization that is close to your heart and that meets the guidelines or are interested in serving on the committee, please contact the committee at saintt.Godshands@gmail.com

Spirituality

Meditation Group

Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

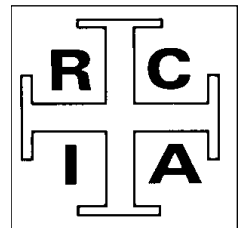
The session will be an hour of silence consisting of two 20 minute Meditation sittings, a 10 minute walking Meditation and a 10 minute spiritual reading. These sessions are for anyone over the age of 18.

We will be sitting on chairs or on the floor if that is your preference. Please bring a chair cushion or Meditation cushion, whatever is your choice, and a light sweater. Please wear or bring a pair of socks as we will remove our shoes prior to entering the prayer space.

Arrive at least 10 minutes early as we will process into the prayer space as a group. If you have questions I will be there a half hour prior.

Please RSVP at dunedrifter@comcast.net or call 219-762-2078 to indicate which date you plan on attending. This is a new experience for us at St. Teresa's. We will grow and learn together. Blessings, Jean David

We near the end of one journey and the beginning of another. As our neophytes prepare to spread their wings and leave the nest, we will spend one last Tuesday night reflecting on their accomplishments, contemplating any remaining questions, and offering encouragement and advice. Please keep our newest Catholics in your prayers and offer them the welcome that St. T's is famous for. God bless!

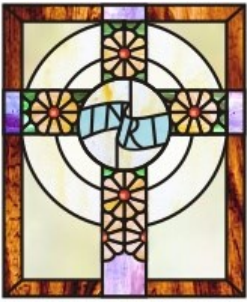


They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
they will soar as with eagles wings; They will run and
not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

Isaiah 40:31

In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly
through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37



Prayers Please

Please keep Dawn and Jim McCulloch in your prayers this week. Dawn's mother, Phyllis McHargue, recently passed away.

Also, please keep Ron and Linda Vendl in your prayers. Ron's mother, Bernice Vendl, recently passed away. Bernice was long time community member here at

St. Teresa's until a few years ago when she went to live in a retirement community in Culver, Indiana.

If you would like to send a card of support to the families you can do so to the addresses listed below:

The McCulloch's
6 Sheffield Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

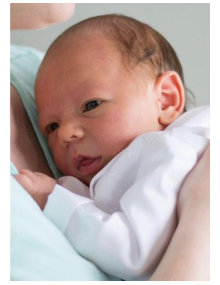
The Vendl's
2963 South County Road 210
Knox, IN 46534

Sunday, June 10 –Confirmation Mass 4:00pm

Please pray for our high school students who are preparing for Confirmation. As you enter church from LaPorte Avenue please note the large poster with the pictures of those preparing for Confirmation. We tend to have a very full church at Confirmation, so, even though you are welcome to attend, you may want to consider another Mass that weekend.

Baptism

Please join us this weekend as we welcome into our community of faith through the sacrament of baptism:



Clark Jackson
Son of
Ryan & Juliette Kubal

In the celebration of the sacrament, the child meets Jesus in the pouring of the water, and we, as a community, are renewed in our own baptismal promises. Come celebrate and rejoice, for God has been so good to us!

Welcome Clark!!

To have courage for whatever
comes in life

~ everything lies in that.
Saint Teresa of Avila

Social Justice

2017 CRS Rice Bowl Offerings

Operation Rice Bowl helps Catholics of all ages observe Lent in a way that helps poor people around the world through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 75% of the donations to Operation Rice Bowl helps Catholic Relief Services (CRS) fund development programs in the world's poorest countries. 25% of the donations go to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in your own community.

This year, the St. Teresa community generated \$3,480 from their Rice Bowl collection, which has been paid to the Diocese for Catholic Relief Services (+\$290 from last year's total of \$3190). The cardboard rice bowls were returned as well as donations in envelopes, checks, etc. May God bless all of you for learning to walk with others, encountering our neighbors in need, and living His call to serve our human family.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is set for May 22, 2017 from 1:00pm-7:00pm in Avila Hall. Sign up at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS



Café Manna Update

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of our meal on Thursday. **We served 333 meals last week.**

All Café Manna dishes are available for pick up in the Storage Room located off the kitchen area.

In an effort to reduce the number of unclaimed dishes please bring your donation of salad/dessert in a ziplock bag or on a paper plate if possible or when you drop off your dish, transfer it to one of our dishes and then take your dish home with you. We are so grateful for your donations!



Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School 2017 Marvelous Mystery- Bring Mass Alive for the Children!

Sign-ups online at www.saintt.com.

Payments can be made: (Memo section of check should read: VBS)

1. At VBS info tables after Masses
2. In a clearly labeled envelop (VBS) in the donation baskets
3. At the office.
 - By May 31st Early Sign-up/fee payment (\$15)
 - June 1st - June 9th ABSOLUTE DEADLINE (\$20)
 - Children must be 5yrs old by June 19th through students entering 5th grade



Thank YOU!

Dear St. Teresa of Avila,
 St. Jude House is truly blessed to have so much support from caring people —like you—in our community. You make the difference! Thank you for your generous donation. We are currently developing a financial empowerment curriculum for our STEP (Starting Toward Empowering Pathways) support group. We will launch this program later in 2017. Your donation will help! Thank you for supporting the families of St. Jude House. For a short time and with your help, St. Jude House is their home.
 Val Lay
 Director of Development



Job Posting

St. Teresa of Avila is looking for a responsible part time **custodian** to maintain our facilities. In addition to maintaining the restrooms and church areas, the custodian will be responsible for maintaining Avila Hall. Knowledge of electrical, plumbing, tile work and general "handyman" abilities a plus!
 Please contact Christine for more details.



For Your Information



Society of St. Vincent De Paul— 150 Plus Two 5 K Race

All proceeds from race help invest in the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

5K Run/Walk – Pre-registration fee is \$23.00. Pre-registration must be received by June 16, 2017.

After June 16, 2017 and Race day fee is \$25.00 (Shirts will be limited and not guaranteed on race day.) You are guaranteed a shirt if registered by June 16, 2017. Deduct \$5.00 if you wish to forgo a t-shirt.

COURSE:

5K Run/Walk will be chip timed. Race course will be flat and fast. There will be no hills, and a few long stretches through the Wanatah Community. Splits will be given at each mile. Water stations will be available. Restrooms are available inside school. Fruits and snacks provided after the race.

For more details visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Wanatah/WanatahSesquicentennial5KRun>

St. Teresa of Avila Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30am-3:30pm

Friday: 8:30-12:00pm

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