



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
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Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

As we continue to journey through Advent and as we come to the end of our calendar year, it is a great season to give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. There have been a number of people who have asked about ways to make a Year-End Gift to support the mission here at St. Teresa's. As you know the end of the year provides a great opportunity for income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits, but most importantly, in a spirit of stewardship, it is an excellent way to thank God for the blessings He has given us.

Since people have been asking about ways to do this, I want to offer some suggestions on how to help St. Teresa's for years to come.

- * Sponsor a tuition scholarship for VU Students for \$1000
- * Sponsor a peer minister for \$1000
- * Sponsor a college student's mission trip for \$300
- * Sponsor a high school student's mission trip for \$300
- * Sponsor a Café Manna meal for \$300
- * Sponsor a college student's retreat for \$150
- * Sponsor a Sunday night college dinner for \$150
- * Make a gift to support our FOCUS Missionaries
- * Make a gift to help with capital improvements around St. Teresa's
- * Make a gift for the World Youth Day Pilgrims

I hope these suggestions help as you discern Year-End Gifts. Since all your donations are tax deductible, if you would like your Contribution Statement for the year, please contact Chris Blane in the office, or place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket and we will send it out to you.

I want to thank you for your generosity as you help to support our mission. Because of your help, we are able to offer a life-changing encounter with Christ for all those who walk through our doors. Please know that you remain in my prayers and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

Monday, December 11
5:15pm

Ken Delrose
By: Oeding Family

Tuesday, December 12
8:00am

Bill McRitchie
By: Joan Smith

Wednesday, December 13
5:15pm

John Greenboam
By: Community

Thursday, December 14
8:00am

Michelle Giannini
By: Vivian Syndrowski

Friday, December 15
12:30pm

Cecelia Gaudesus
By: Joan Dittmann

Saturday, December 16
4:00pm

Mary Nicoloff
By: Barb Thomas

Sunday, December 17
8:00am

Henry Persyn
By: Mary Persyn
St. Teresa of Avila
By: Community

11:00am

Adoration

In an effort to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, we are offering Adoration at the following times:

Monday & Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-10:00am

Friday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Please Note:

The last Adoration for 2017 will be on Thursday, December 14 and we will begin again on January 10, 2018.

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Stewardship Report



Weekly Stewardship Report: November 26, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$6,525.00
◆ Children's Offering (Monthly)	\$4.00
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$1,423.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$7,952.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	-\$2,048.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	-\$12,804.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

Weekly Stewardship Report: December 3, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$9,116.00
◆ Children's Offering (Monthly)	
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$17,515.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$26,631.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	+\$16,631.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	+3,827.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

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 \$450 weekly.

This week our tithing will be donated to the **College Mission/Spring Break Trip**.

What's Up With the Students?



On Friday, December 1st, the students headed downtown Valparaiso to partake in the Holly Days festivities.

As many of you may know, Holly Days is the kickoff to the Christmas season here in Valparaiso.

The students visited the shops, ice skated, and adored the lights around town.



Prayers Please

Please continue to keep our college students in your prayers this week as their semester comes to an end. They will be busy with finals, papers, and projects.

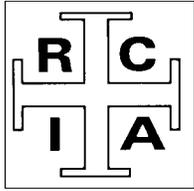
Let us lift them up in prayer for this week and for safe travels home to their families and a joyful holiday season.



To have courage for whatever comes in life
~ everything lies in that.

Saint Teresa of Avila

Liturgy and Worship



Tom Yogan and the topic of incarnation are on the docket this Monday evening

as the RCIA group draws near to the halfway point of the process. Please continue to pray for our candidates and catechumen as they continue to immerse themselves in the Catholic faith and build their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God bless!

And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Help Support the World Youth Day Team by purchasing a 2018 Bible Diary for only \$20.00

Features include:

- Liturgical and Sanctoral Catholic calendar
- Prayers for the protection of the family and all Human life
- Family prayers for husband, wife, children, and family issues
- Guide to the Sacrament of Penance
- Introduction and Explanation of Liturgical Season
- Invitation for the reader to Lectio Divina on Sundays using the four simple steps of READ, REFLECT, PRAY, ACT.
- Weekday reflections
- Sales begin December 2 in the Community Room.

Upcoming Mass Times

4th Sunday of Advent	Saturday, December 23 Sunday, December 24	4:00pm & 6:00pm 9:30am
Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24	4:00pm & 10:00pm
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25	9:30am
Nativity of the Lord	Monday, January 1	9:00am



Funeral Luncheon Update

Are you looking for a Ministry to fill your heart?

This may just be what you are looking for...the **Funeral Luncheon Ministry.**

As many of you may know, we have an amazing group of people who prepare, cook and serve our Funeral Luncheons. We are always in need of more help.

If this is something you are interested in, please add your contact information to the sheet in the Community Room.

They want to update their volunteer records too.

If you currently are volunteering to provide a dessert, set up or cook, please update your contact information.

Use the sheet in the Community Room to provide your current information.



Christmas Flower Offering

To help defray the cost of our Christmas flowers, we are inviting anyone who is interested, to adopt a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. They will be remembered at our Christmas Liturgies. The cost is \$25. This is a wonderful way to remember those who have died and gone before us and help out the church at the same time.

Thank you for your generosity.

Social Justice



Food for the body and soul.
Thursdays serving from 4:30-6:30pm.

November 30, 2017

Number of Meals Served: 348

Weekly guest's donations: \$17.00

Meal: Stuffed Cabbage, Spaghetti & Meatballs

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DAY
MEAL

(FREE MEAL FOR ANYONE)

Monday, December 25,
2017
1:00pm



St. Teresa of Avila
Catholic Student
Center
1604 Lincolnway

RSVP's Required
by December 18,
2017
219-464-4042

Café Manna Volunteer Opportunities!

Looking for a way to give back?
Here are some options:

- ⇒ Volunteers needed for the 4-7pm serving shifts at Café Manna for **December 14, December 21, December 28 and January 4.**
- ⇒ **Desserts** needed for the 4th week of each month for Café Manna.
- ⇒ Volunteers needed to help with the **Christmas Day Meal** from noon until 3:30pm. Call Bobbie Kennedy at 464-3762 to volunteer.

Call the office to volunteer for Café Manna! 464-4042.

Faith Formation



ARE YOU BEING "FORMED"?
LOG ON TODAY USING
PARISH CODE **9GGCPY**
PREPARE YOURSELF THIS ADVENT
FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!
GO TO WWW.FORMED.ORG

Sponsor of the Week:
Culver's on Laporte Avenue

To view their ad see the back of the bulletin and don't forget to patronize all of our sponsors. They make the bulletin possible.

Youth Ministry

Christmas Party!
Middle School & High School Youth

December 16 from 5:00-7:30 pm in Avila Hall

Pizza, Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, Games, & Gift Exchange

(Please bring a wrapped gift -new or used- of \$5-\$10 value;
girls' and boys' gifts will be kept separate)

Hope to see you there!