



Love

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

This weekend we are starting a new preaching series entitled "Teach us to pray." Throughout the Sundays of Lent, I am going to preach about what prayer is, some various methods of prayer, discernment in prayer,

dealing with distractions, and what to do when dryness sets in. I pray that the Mass journal will be a wonderful companion for you throughout this series and as you practice these methods of prayer. It is in those pages that you will write down what you hear from the Lord.

This week, we are focusing on "What is Prayer?" If we had to define prayer, a simple definition is conversation with God. If we wanted to expand that definition, prayer is a matter of responding to the God who is already there and receiving what He wants to bestow upon us. Before we pray, we want to find the right time. We also want to be intentional about what we are going to use for prayer, whether it be Scripture, a spiritual book, or just our ordinary lives. We also need to pay attention to our desires and consider what stays on your heart.

In order to guide you throughout these weeks, each week's bulletin will give you a Scripture passage to pray with for each day of the week. This will be accompanied by some journaling questions to help you discover what the Lord is saying to you each day and you can write it down in your journal.

Read the passage once to become familiar with the text.

Slowly read the passage a second time.

Very, very slowly read the passage a third time and pay attention to which word, words, or phrases captures your attention or tugs at your heart.

Talk to God about what is on your heart... and listen with the ear of your heart.

Day 1: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Day 2: John 15:1-17

Day 3: Psalm 139:1-18

Day 4: Romans 8:22-27

Day 5: Romans 8:31-39

Day 6: Psalm 63

Day 7: Return to one of the above passages that spoke to you the most this week

Continued

Worship Schedule

Monday, March 6
5:15pm

Dolores Keller
By: Doris Ring

Tuesday, March 7
8:00am

**Prayers Answered by
St. Anthony**
By: Betty Coleman

Wednesday, March 8
5:15pm

Dorothy Hayduk
By: Son, John

Thursday, March 9
8:00am

**In Thanksgiving for
Fr. Kevin McCarthy**
By: Betty Coleman

Friday, March 10
12:30pm

Michael Mikovich
By: Carolyn Mikovich

Saturday, March 11
4:00pm

Emily Budnyk
By: Family

Sunday, March 12
8:00am

Emily Judd
By: Amy & Hope Francis
St. Teresa of Avila
By: Community
No Services

11:00am

9:00pm

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Fr. Chris' Corner Continued

After your prayer, write down in your journal the "strongest" thought or feeling that occurred in your prayer. Then, write down the one thing that you sensed the Lord was trying to tell you. Finally, write down what you ended your prayer wanting.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Chris

Stewardship Report



Weekly Stewardship Report: February 26, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$8,300.00
◆ Children's Offering	\$1.00
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$1,390.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$9,690.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	-\$310.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	+\$11,337.00

Stewardship Commission

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 **Collection for Eastern Europe**.



Campus Ministry

As you read this, 25 students and community members are on their way to serve the rural community of Altamont, TN in the Appalachian Mountains!

We are very excited for this week of service and we greatly appreciate your support at Trivia Night and your generosity in baking us yummy snacks for the road.

Please pray for us this week as we offer our time and talents to those who are most in need. God Bless you and your family!



2016 College Mission Trip Team

Save the DATE!

Amazing Race 2017

Saturday evening, April 22, 2017

Spirituality

Women's Christ Renews His Parish

- A 36-hour spiritual retreat
- Sponsored by fellow community members
- Designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community
- Includes various witness talks, discussions, and other foundations of our faith.

Women's Weekend: March 11-12, 2017

Sign up at www.saintt.com

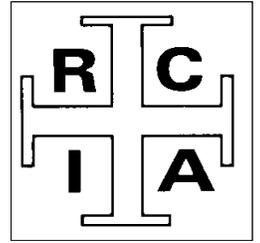
- Come with an open mind, a hungry belly, and a desire to meet the Lord.
- This is a wonderful way to continue your Lenten journey.
- There is no cost. Everything will be provided for you.
- All you need to do is sign up, show up, and the Spirit will take care of the rest.
- It is an excellent opportunity for Catholics to renew their understanding of the basic beliefs and traditions of their faith.

LENTEN FAITH SHARING DISCUSSION GROUPS FORMING NOW!



Get to know some of your fellow Saint T's members by joining one of the small faith sharing groups for Lent. Each group will meet once a week during Lent to share thoughts on six stories of Jesus' teachings and miracles. There are 10 groups to choose from - each meeting on different days of the weeks at different times. Joining a group is easy - go to <http://signup.com/go/gXHzFN> select a group that meets at a time that is convenient for you, and sign up!

We will delve into the subject of Matrimony this Tuesday evening as Rick & Kearney Szevery join us to offer their insights into this Sacrament at the Service of Communion. We have entered the season of Lent, and the RCIA Purification & Enlightenment phase. As we begin our final preparations for Easter, your support & prayers are most important. God bless!



One should believe in marriage as in the immortality of the soul.
Honore de Balzac



MINISTRY OF CARE

The Ministry of Care at St. T's needs your assistance in identifying homebound community members who may like to receive visits from a St. T's member who will bring the Eucharist to them and visit with them. People who already receive such visits say it helps them to feel God's love and the support of our community.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this caring ministry or if you would like to know more about becoming a member of this ministry, please call Mary Gingrich of the Spirituality Commission at 219-508-9922 or email saintt.spirituality@gmail.com.

Social Justice

Café Manna Update

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of our meal on Thursday. We served 292 meals.

****NEW****

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.

We are so grateful for your donations!

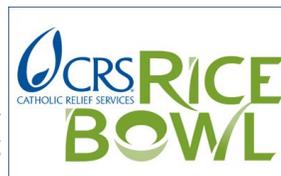
American Red Cross Blood Drive



The next Blood Drive is set for March 20, 2017 from 1:00pm-7:00pm in Avila Hall.
redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Rice Bowls will be collected on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter.

Parish Life



Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry will be doing free blood pressure screenings after the Masses

today in the Community Room. These screenings are offered the first weekend of every month.

Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics



Thanks to the 22 members of "Fr. Chris' Comrades Team" and more than 100 donors for raising over \$5,000.00 for the Indiana Special Olympics.

Many of our team members braved the cold water and took the Polar Bear Plunge on Feb. 25th at Valparaiso University.

Special thanks to Holly Taylor for organizing the event.

For Your Information

Will YOU be the voice for a child in need?



You can make a difference to children in Porter County!

Porter County CASA needs your help! CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate, and the national program is designed to recruit, train, and support volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes.

The CASA mission is to help children find their way to a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA volunteers help determine the needs of these children and speak for them in court.

Last year there were approximately 45 CASA volunteers working with children throughout Porter County, but those volunteers served over 370 children in 2016, some of whom had to be put on a waiting list to receive a CASA representative. If you are interested in learning more about the program and finding out how you can become a volunteer or contribute in other ways, please call the CASA office at 219-464-9585, or email sfink@fysb.org.

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR AN INTERVIEW TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ROUND TO TRAINING.

Faith Formation

The next GIFT Sunday, March 12 at 9:15am

Our topic is "The Forgiveness of Sins and Life Everlasting: Judgment, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory".

Deacon Dan Lowery of St. Mary's in Crown Point and President of Calumet College will be the parent presenter.

Bring all of your questions about what happens after we die.



St. Teresa of Avila announces its 2017 Senior Seminar



The Senior Seminar is an information/discussion series on topics of interest to senior citizens. Dates and topics for the 2017 Seminar are:
 March 22 – *Grieving Loss*, presented by Michelle Murphy Wise of Pines Village Retirement village

April 5 – *Caretaking and Caring for the Caretaker* Speaker: TBA

April 19 – *Senior Mental Health*, presented by Mary Bedel, President of the Indiana chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

May 3 – **Seniors' Resource Fair: What services, resources, programs, and facilities are available for seniors?** - Multiple presenters

All sessions are from 10:00 a.m. – noon, ending with a light lunch.

No registration is necessary.

Sessions are held in Avila Hall,

The program is presented with the assistance of Dr. Cheryl Slack, professor of nursing at Valparaiso University.

Sponsor of the Week:

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St. Teresa of Avila Lenten Opportunities

Please join us in the church on the following Fridays:

3/10/2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross For & Led by Children

Elementary age children are invited to participate in the reenactment of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 10th in the church of St. Teresa's. Practice will begin promptly at 6:00pm with their reenactment immediately following at 6:30pm. All are invited to come and pray with the children. Contact: Trish Miller 477-8024

3/17/2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

3/24/2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

3/31/2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

4/07/2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross –Bilingual

4/14/2016 – 3:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service

Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

**Join us on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00pm in
the church.**

Our service will include songs, Liturgy of the Word, a short Homily, an examination of conscience, Act of Contrition and time for individual reconciliation with one of the visiting priests that will be celebrating with us.

