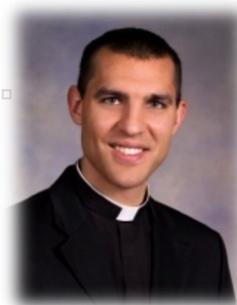




St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

At the beginning of Lent, we started a preaching series entitled "Teach us to pray." First, we defined prayer as "responding to the God who is already there and receiving what He wants to bestow upon us." Then we looked at prayer as a covenant

relationship and we went over the five forms of prayer (Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving, and Praise) as well as the three expressions of prayer (vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation). We learned Matthew Kelly's Prayer Process: Gratitude, Awareness, Significant moments, Peace, Freedom, Others, and an Our Father, in order to give some structure to our prayer. Then, we explored our spiritual senses and how we can use them in imaginative prayer. Last week we focused on three principles of discernment in prayer: Is it consistent? What is the direction of my life? And What are its fruits?

This week as we finish our series we are taking a look at what to do when we find ourselves with dryness in prayer or distraction in prayer. At the end of the day it is important to realize that both dryness and distractions are very normal experiences in prayer and the most important thing is to persevere in them and remain faithful to your prayer.

In order to guide you throughout this week, below is a list of Scripture passages to pray with each day. There are some reflection questions to help you discover what the Lord is saying to you and then 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.
- ◇ Let Jesus speak to you and touch your heart... What is he saying to you in this passage?

Day 1: Luke 15:11-24

Day 2: Luke 7:36-50

Day 3: Ezekiel 36:23-29

Day 4: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Day 5: Psalm 118

Day 6: John 21:15-19

Day 7: Reread your journal from prayer and thank God for all the graces.

Worship Schedule

Monday, April 10
5:15pm

Kris Lavedas

By: Tess Mangold

Tuesday, April 11
8:00am

Isabel O'Connell

By: Sue O'Connell

Wednesday, April 12
5:15pm

Anita Bennett

By: Community

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 13
8:00am

Ray Suelzer

By: Anne Suelzer

Good Friday
Friday, April 14
3:00pm
7:00pm

Tenebrae Service
St. Teresa of Avila

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 15
7:30pm

For Our Elect & Candidates

By: Community

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 16
8:00am

Easter Flowers
Memorials

William Woodke

By: Jack & Liz Huber

No Service

11:00am

9:00pm

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00-6:30pm

Saturday, April 15

No Reconciliation

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



Campus Ministry



Self-led Social Justice Stations of the Cross

There will be self-led Social Justice Stations of the Cross hosted by our VU students.

On **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 6-8pm in Avila Hall** you are invited to spend time with family, friends or even just yourself during this Lenten Season to reflect.

Social Justice issues that are currently happening in our world will be acknowledged during this journey.

Come and offer these pressing issues to God in meditation and prayer as you walk and experience this powerful voyage with Jesus.



St. T's Annual Amazing Race!

What is amazing race? It's a race around Valpo where competing teams of college students complete fun challenges. The winning team ultimately wins a cash prize and serious bragging rights.

We are looking for drivers and homes to host challenges. This is an event that many college students look forward to every year, largely because of the fun they have with YOU, the community.

The race takes place on Saturday, April 22nd, from 6-9pm. This is a great way to meet college students, get involved, and have a blast at the same time! Please email Scott Chuchla if you are interested in helping by driving or hosting a challenge at your home. saintt.campusministry@gmail.com

St. T's Coffee Blends!

Join us following Masses this weekend and next to purchase the St. T's Special Easter blend coffees!



Easter Delight—*A blend combining the best of South American Espresso, a Central American and Asian coffee.*

Hallelujah Blend—*Delicious blend of rum, pecans and cinnamon*

The Empty Tomb Blend—*Decaf Blend*

Coffee available in ground or bean and sells for \$10.

Special Invitation



My dear friends,

By the grace of God, later this month I will celebrate the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

During the nearly two years of my retirement, you, your faith, friendship and love, have been a wonderful part of my ministry.

And so, I invite you to share with me a liturgy of praise and thanksgiving on Sunday, April 30, at 11 AM. A reception and luncheon will follow the Mass.

If you plan to come to the meal, please email the parish secretary at saintt.office@gmail.com with the number of guests that will be attending.

I look forward to seeing you then so that together we may praise God from whom all blessings flow!! God bless you,

Fr. Rich Kozak

Stewardship Report



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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 **Dayspring Women's Center**. A Day Center for women who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. Works collaboratively with the Open Arms Overnight Shelter. Their goal is to provide a safe and welcoming place during the day where the basic needs can be met. Participants will also be involved in case management, counseling, and group classes.



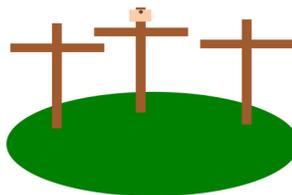
Spirituality

Easter Events

Holy Thursday Mass, April 13 —7:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 14—3:00pm

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness". It is a religious service celebrated on Good Friday. Tenebrae is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited. The Tenebrae Service commemorates the sufferings and death of Christ. It is a moving way to experience the events of Good Friday.

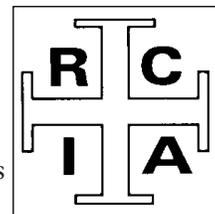


Good Friday Services, April 14— 7:00pm

Easter Vigil, April 15—7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16—8:00am & 11:00am

We close out the Purification & Enlightenment phase of the RCIA process this Tuesday evening as Deacon Jim



Caristi will break open the Paschal Mystery for us. Our RCIA group will spend this Sunday on retreat. Please keep us in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit spend the day with us and complete our preparations with love and grace as we head into Holy Week. Thank you for all your prayers and support, and may God bless you all!

For if their rejection is the
reconciliation of the world, what
will their acceptance be but life from
the dead?
Romans 11:15

Social Justice



Step Up

'Step Up' and help out our friends at Sojourner Truth House!!!

STH is having their 18th Annual Walk (1.6 mile) for STH on June 10, 2017 in Gary. There is NO registration fee to join the team and you do NOT have to donate to be on a team. However, you can do some fundraising

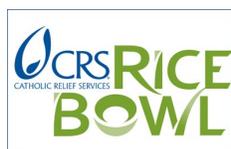
by getting sponsors.

“St. Teresa of Avila – Stepping Up.” www.sojournertruthhouse.org
My philosophy – “The answer is always NO until you ask.” So, don't be afraid to ask anyone and everyone, including businesses, to join the team, give a donation, or just come out and enjoy the festivities!!!! Come out, have fun, meet new people, and help out those in need.

If you have ANY questions, please feel free to e-mail Amy Francis at: hopesmom2006@yahoo.com.

ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit csrcricebowl.org for more. Rice Bowls will be collected on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter.



Café Manna Update

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of our meal on Thursday. **We served 314 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 you 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



Senior Seminar

Mental Health Issues for Seniors will be the topic of the next Senior Seminar on Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 in Avila Hall.

Mary Bedel, state president of the Indiana chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will be the speaker. Come to explore this important issue that affects the quality of life for many seniors, who often deal with diminished faculties, depression, and anxiety among other things. Suicide among the older population is happening more frequently than previously thought.

If you are a senior or you care for a senior, we encourage your attendance. A light lunch will follow the presentation.

The next GIFT session is Sunday, May 7 at 9:15am at VU. (Note this is the FIRST Sunday in May).



Our topic is “The Communion of Saints and Mary and the Church”. Donna Battista, a wife, mother, grandmother, and long-time kindergarten teacher in the Valpo school system will be the parent presenter. Come hear her stories about the impact that a communion of saints, and especially Our Lady, plays in our lives!!

THANK YOU!

To all the members of our Faith Community who helped make Bishop Hying's Presentation last month a success....we Thank YOU!

FROM THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Parish Life

Can you take Blood Pressures?

The Health Ministry is looking for volunteers who can spend 20 minutes after any of the Masses the first week-end of every month.

All equipment supplied. If you can volunteer, please call/text Mary Conlisk at [219-405-7907](tel:219-405-7907) or email saintt.wellness@gmail.com.



Thank YOU!

Dear Fr. Stanish,
Thank you so much for your gift on behalf of the involvement of current Jesuit Volunteers Megan Harsh and Hopy Fink to JVC Northwest. With your support, our volunteers continue to plant seeds of positive change in vulnerable communities throughout the Northwest. Thank you for taking this step with us. Your gift strengthens these communities, creating space for valuable self-reflection as our volunteers work toward a more socially and ecologically just world.

Anne Douglas
Director of Advancement, JVC, Northwest

St. Teresa of Avila Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm Friday: 8:30-12:00pm
Office Closed: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday

For Your Information



Travel with Fr. Chris to the Holy Land

November 6-16, 2017

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* Via Crucis * Last Supper *

*Gethsemane * *Dormition *

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