

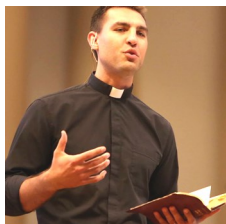
BAPTISM of the LORD

“I, the LORD, have called you for
justice, I have grasped
you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as
a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.”



Isaiah 42:6-7

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

Once again I want to wish everyone a happy new year. There is so much for us to be thankful for from this past year and I have no doubt that the

Lord is going to continue to bless us in all sorts of ways. I want to publicly thank everyone for their generosity towards the parish, as well as for the Christmas gifts I received. I am always so humbled to experience the love of God's people. I also want to take the time to thank everyone for making St. Teresa's such a dynamic, welcoming environment.

In addition, I want to thank our staff and volunteers for all the wonderful work they do in order to make things run so smoothly here. You have heard me say it before that I wish I could take credit for things, but it is really the staff and all our volunteers who are so awesome. It is absolutely amazing to see how willing people are to step up and help in times of need. Every week, we have amazing people who cook for and serve over 300 guests at Café Manna. We had an entire team of nearly 30 people who cooked for and served around 150 students for our Student Advent Dinner. All the Arts and Environment decorations that you see are all coordinated by volunteers. Our music ministry is composed of countless talented people who help to inspire our worship through their gifts. Not to mention the army of volunteers who serve as lectors, hospitality, ushers, sacristans, lectors, and servers.

Furthermore, our FOCUS missionaries and peer ministers are such a blessing to us. We currently have 15 small group Bible studies with over 90 students who have attended at least once. They will be adding several additional groups in this upcoming semester. Campus Ministry was able to rally almost 30 people for our Fall Retreat. There were also almost 40 people who attended the Student Conference "Seek" in Indianapolis this past week. Amazing things are happening and it is all because more and more people are saying "yes" to our Lord. Please continue to pray for our community that we may continue to provide a life-changing encounter with Christ to all who walk through our doors as we connect, grow, and serve.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

Monday, January 14
5:15pm

Doug Jeffrey
By: Community

Tuesday, January 15
8:00am

Michael Stasak
By: Barb Thomas

Wednesday, January 16
5:15pm

Earline Rachch
By: Daughter, Ann

Thursday, January 17
8:00am

Pauline Wapplehorst
By: Kris Conrad

Friday, January 18
12:30pm

Bill Rueth
By: Carol & George Sperry

Saturday, January 19
4:00pm

Brian Billington
By: Ray & Marilyn Ritz

Sunday, January 20
8:00am

St. Teresa of Avila
By: Community

11:00am

Peg Lowery

9:00 pm

By: Tina & Dick Bowers
For All Who Suffer
By: Community

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Adoration

In an effort to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, we are offering Adoration.

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

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

Friday 11:15-12:15pm

Stewardship Report



Weekly Stewardship Report December 23, 2018

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
Sunday Collection Received	
♦ Sunday Offering	\$13,837
♦ This Week's On-line Giving	\$2,599
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$16,436
Weekly Status (+/-)	\$6,436
Fiscal Year to Date Status (+/-)	\$16,725

Thank you for your generous donations.

Weekly Stewardship Report December 30, 2018

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
Sunday Collection Received	
♦ Sunday Offering	\$9,433
♦ This Week's On-line Giving	\$3,028
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$12,462
Weekly Status (+/-)	\$2,462
Fiscal Year to Date Status (+/-)	\$19,187

Thank you for your generous donations.

Christmas Collection 2018

Budgeted Christmas Collection	\$20,000
Christmas Offering	\$15,029
Christmas On-line Giving	\$6,741
Total Christmas Collection Received	\$21,770

Weekly Stewardship Report January 6, 2019

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
Sunday Collection Received	
♦ Sunday Offering	\$6,347
♦ This Week's On-line Giving	\$3,900
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$10,247
Weekly Status (+/-)	\$247
Fiscal Year to Date Status (+/-)	\$20,831

Thank you for your generous donations.

Stewardship

Tithing

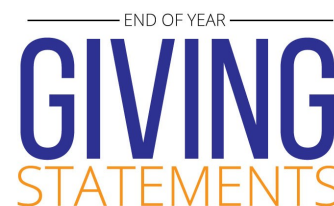
As individuals we are called to be good and generous stewards with God's manifold gifts.



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 **Café Manna**.

All your donations are tax deductible, if you would like your Contribution Statement for 2018 please place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket and your contribution statement will be sent out to you beginning January 25, 2019.



We 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.

Peace & Social Justice

Food for the Body and Soul

Café Manna:
Thursdays serving from 4:30-6:30pm

To volunteer:
Visit Café Manna under the SERVE tab on our website, saintt.com, to sign up to volunteer!!

January 3, 2019

Meals Served	240
Guest Donations	\$25
Meal	Goulash & Green Beans w/ Bacon

Welcome Leo Lorenzo!



We are thrilled to announce the arrival of *Leo Lorenzo!*

Sophie (our Director of Youth and Young Adults) and her husband Mike welcomed their first child on December 21, 2018. Leo was born at 7:23am and weighed in at 8.8lbs and 21 inches long. Sophie & Mike are doing well and adjusting nicely to having a newborn in the house! If you would like to send a note or card the address is:
2669 W 127th Lane
Crown Point, IN 46307

Liturgy and Worship



RCIA

Janet Gorman will shepherd the discussion of Faith & Creed this Thursday evening as the RCIA group continues to explore the Catholic faith and build a foundation on which our newest Catholics can anchor their spiritual structures. Your prayers for the group are much appreciated God bless!

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the
ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

Prayers Please

It saddens us to inform you that Dolores (Dee) VanBebber, mother of Lissa Yogan, passed away on January 5, 2019.

Please keep Lissa and her family in your prayers.

Cards of condolence may be sent to:

2902 Coachman Trail
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Also, it saddens us to inform you that Jack Quade, son of Marie Quade, recently passed away.

Please keep Marie and her family in your prayers.

Cards of condolence may be sent to:

551 Golfview Blvd. Apt. D
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Education & Formation

The next GIFT session meets on January 13, 2019

Our guest speaker will be Debbie Tatum, who regaled us with her humor and storytelling last year, all while delivering a thought provoking message. Debbie will be talking with us about the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. Looking forward to kicking off 2019!



Confirmation Preparation



Confirmation preparation begins January 23. Classes meet for 12 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in Avila Hall, using Dynamic Catholic's engaging "Decision Point" curriculum. Confirmation at St. Teresa is typically for 9th graders who regularly attend GIFT and Mass.

Questions? Contact Kris at kristin.conrad@valpo.edu.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Put on Your Dancing Shoes!

Join the St. T's Youth for a **night of dinner and dancing!**

A light but delicious dinner will be followed by a dance lesson by award winning professional ballroom dance instructor, Danielle Bilderbeck, then open dancing for all!

You don't need a partner, just a great attitude. More information to come, but for right now, please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 9th!

Parish Life

Swing into the New Year!

"Learn to dance,
so when you get to heaven the angels
know what to do with you."

St. Augustine

Join in the fun!
Beginner Single Step Swing Dance
lessons will begin soon!!! No
experience or partner needed!
Avila Hall 7:00 - 7:45

Tuesday evenings:
January 15,
January 22, and January 29



Sponsor of the Week:

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Youth Ministry

What Do We Need?

Middle School students!!
Join us for youth group next
weekend on January 20th from
12:30-2:00pm in the Antioch
Room.

We will be figuring out *What
Do We Need?*

High School meets the
following week on January 27th
12:30-2:00pm in the Antioch
Room.

We will be discussing our
talents and strengths, and just
how awesome we are, overall.

Young Adult Ministry

Join a small group for Lent led
by young adults, Becca and
Brian Kadowaki. We'll be
following materials from The
Evangelical Catholic, *Believe
study for 6 weeks. Contact
them directly with questions
and to sign up at
rejethom@iu.edu.*

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