

**I AM
THE
SERVANT
OF THE
LORD**



WYD 2019

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,
This past week, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims descended upon Panama City, Panama for World Youth Day 2019. This massive

gathering of youth from around the world every several years began with a simple invitation by John Paul II in 1984. He wanted an international jubilee of youth to be carried throughout the world as a symbol of the love of Christ for humanity. He imagined a powerful moment in which the young people of the world could meet Christ and could learn from Him how to be bearers of the Gospel to other young people.

Since that time, Pope Benedict XVI continued the tradition, carrying on the hope of John Paul II for the youth of the world, inviting them and commissioning them as Christ's disciples to be faithful living witnesses. And now, Pope Francis continues to carry this flame of faith for our youth.

The theme of this year's World Youth Day is: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Pilgrims enjoy three days of catechesis, in various languages and preached by many of the attending bishops. Then there are four days of events with the pope including the welcoming ceremony, a Way of the Cross, a vigil on Saturday, and the closing Mass on Sunday. Please join me in continuing to pray for our youth so that they can come to know Christ in their lives and serve Him with generous hearts.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

Monday, January 28

5:15pm

Donald Sutton

By: Community

Tuesday, January 29

8:00am

John Coleman

By: John & Kathy
McQuillan

Wednesday, January 30

5:15pm

Helen Giannini

By: Viv Szyndrowski

Thursday, January 31

8:00am

Roni Jensen

By: Phil Jensen

Friday, February 1

12:30pm

**First Friday Memorial
Mass**

Saturday, February 2

4:00pm

John Coleman

By: John & Kathy
McQuillan

Sunday, February 3

8:00am

Josephine Giannini

By: Moran Family

11:00am

Michael O'Connor

By: O'Connor Family

4:00 pm—Note Mass

Time

St. Teresa of Avila

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 January 19, 2019

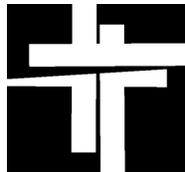
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$6,686
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$2,733
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$9,419
Weekly Status (+/-)	(\$581)
Fiscal Year to Date Status (+/-)	\$19,231

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 our college students' **Polar Plunge/Dance Marathon events**.

God's Hands in Action

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/community connection

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

Campus Ministry



With the third week of classes rolling in, students are on fire for Christ!

Bible studies begin this week and some students have even started a daily rosary group that meets late in the evenings!

Christ is truly working in the #ValpoCatholic community!

Chaplains' Scholarship 2019 Applications



Applications for **The Chaplains' Scholarship**, which annually awards four \$1,000 scholarships to individual students, are now available at www.saintt.com.

Scholarships are awarded to one graduating high school senior and three Valparaiso University students. These scholarships are given for the upcoming academic year and will be deposited directly to the Financial Aid Office at the university. All eligible applicants are invited to apply throughout the month of February.

Applications can be found on our website at www.saintt.com.

Students who are awarded scholarships will be notified before the end of the spring 2019 semester.

Liturgy and Worship

Women of St. Teresa of Avila

Do you feel like you need a spiritual renewal??

Take a break and sign up for the Christ Renews His Parish Women's Retreat!



Take a step back from the pressures of daily life with a weekend of Spiritual Renewal.

Save the Date:

March 16-17, 2019 here at St. T's!!

Register at www.saintt.com

RCIA

The RCIA team's own Simone Byvoets will take the presenter's chair this Thursday evening as we break open the topic of Saints. As we study those whose lives have been a light shining in the darkness, let's all pray that this year's group of catechumens and candidates will seek to emulate their example and be a beacon for our Church. God bless!

"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." John 17:17-18

What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?



Mass Intentions

An individual may offer a Mass Intention for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of

the soul of someone who has died.

If you are interested in offering a Mass Intention here at St. Teresa of Avila you must complete a **Mass Intention Request Form**.

This form can be found on our website (saintt.com) on the Spirituality & Worship page which is found under the GROW tab.

You can also stop by the office to complete the form. If you need help with the form, please feel free to stop by or call the office for assistance.

The Mass Intention stipend is \$10.00.

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 17, 2019

Meals Served 246

Guest Donations \$8.00

Meal Turkey Patties, Mexican Casserole, Mashed Potatoes and Corn

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"

1 Peter 4:10

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!

No experience or partner needed!

Avila Hall 7:00 - 7:45

Tuesday evening:
January 29

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Youth Ministry

High School Students:
Are you enthusiastic?
Loyal?
Adventurous?
Focused?



High School youth group is meeting next weekend, **Sunday, January 27, in the Antioch room, from 12:30 - 2pm.** We are going to have a guest leader, and find out what our strengths are! Are you enthusiastic? Loyal? Adventurous? Focused? Come take the test and find out! We'll be talking about our test results the next time we meet, on Feb. 10th!

Middle School Students:

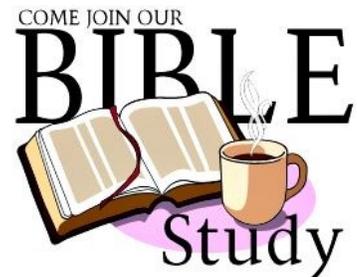


Agape?
Pragma?
It's all Greek to me!

Middle Schoolers!

Come learn about all the ways to love! Our next meeting is on Sunday, Feb 3rd, from 12:30pm-2pm in the Antioch room.

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.

Sponsor of the Week: O'Connor Builders

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Grab Your Dancin' Shoes for the first ever St. Teresa of Avila Dinner & Dance Party!

Saturday, February 9th in Avila Hall!

Dinner is at 5:30pm

Beginner dance lesson at 6:45pm

Dance party starts at 7:30pm

Cost is \$30 per person



To register and pay please visit www.sainttt.com and click on the banner.

- Dinner will be delicious, but light so you don't get too weighed down for your dancing.
- For the dancing, we will be learning the very basics of 4 dances: Rumba, Foxtrot, Merengue and Waltz.
- The dance party after the lesson will have a mix of popular and classic songs that have the right beat for the dances you just learned! Plus a few crowd favorites you'll recognize from weddings and other events.



Danielle Biederback will be our professional instructor for the night. Danielle has about a decade of experience teaching all things Ballroom Dance. She brings humor and fun to her lessons, and starts with the very basics, the building blocks of dancing so that anyone that can walk, can dance.

You don't need a partner,
just a great attitude!

All proceeds go towards summer service trips or conferences as well as National Catholic Youth Conference in November. Thank you for your generosity!

Need a sitter for the kids? Bring them too!

Childcare is available with our most qualified and enthusiastic teens from the Middle and High School youth groups. They will be available to watch the kids in the Antioch Room where we will have music, games, puzzles, food, movies and friends!



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
YOUTH MINISTRY





Dear St. Teresa of Avila,

Thank you for joining Mental Health America of Porter County in bringing the spirit of giving to those in need this holiday season for Gift Lift. Your ongoing support of our mission to fulfill the needs of our community members living with mental illness and poverty makes such a difference!

Thank you again!

Ann Macker

Executive Director



Dear Community of St. Teresa,

Thank you for honoring my mom by all your acts of kindness. The plant, prayers, cards and Mass Remembrance are tangible signs of community—our community of St. Teresa.



The Thorstad Family

St. Teresa of Avila Student Center,

Thank you for letting the Valparaiso Lion's Club put an eyeglass collection box at your church. In 2018, we collected 4168 pairs of glasses throughout Valparaiso collection sites. These glasses are washed and prepped at the Westville Correction Center. From there they are sent to Lion's Mexico Eyeglass Mission.

Again, thank you for helping us.

Robert Morgan

Valparaiso Lions Club



Fr. Chris and St. T's Family,

Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas gifts! St. Teresa of Avila holds a very special place in my heart.

Many special blessings to all this holiday season.

Angel Tree Gift Recipient

Dear Fr. Chris and St. T's Community,

We cannot begin to thank you enough for everything you've done for us. Because of your generosity, our kids have had a wonderful Christmas from Santa.

God Bless you all!

Angel Tree Recipient Family



Dear St. T's Community,

Thank you so very much for the gift cards and candy. You are so kind and generous and I am so grateful.

Thank you!

Angel Tree Gift Recipient

St. Teresa of Avila Family:

Karen and I were deeply touched by your cards, goodies, and prayers over this Christmas season. Please know that we appreciate your kindness and are privileged to have such a warm and compassionate extended family here at St. Teresa of Avila. And thought the Immaculate Mother of Mercy, guide us all on our earthly journey so as to never stray from the narrow pathway that leads to Christ Jesus.

Blessings,

Deacon Bob and Karen

