



ST. TERESA OF AVILA  
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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December  
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2019

Our Mission

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center is a vibrant, welcoming, Catholic community serving the students of Valparaiso University and our local families.

We strive to provide a life-changing encounter with Christ as we CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE.

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## Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

I pray that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas. It has been my prayer all month that JOY may reign in our lives and overflow wherever we may find

ourselves. This weekend amidst the Christmas season we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast invites us to reflect on the experience lived by Mary, Joseph and Jesus as they grow together as a family in mutual love and in trust in God.

By presenting Jesus in the temple, Mary and Joseph are emphasizing that God alone is the Lord of all; everything comes to us from Him. Each family is called to acknowledge this primacy by protecting and educating children to open themselves to God who is the very source of life. One way that we can do this is by promoting holy and healthy vocations in the family. The family is the very seedbed of vocations in which that calling is nurtured and receives growth. This weekend I have been back and forth with a Vocation Discernment Retreat run by our seminarians for high school and college-age guys. Please pray for these young men so that they can grow in their relationship with the Lord and receive clarity in where the Lord is calling them.

I would also like to ask for your prayers for our college students from VU and from around the nation who are gathering this next week for a conference called SLS 2020. Adam and I will be leaving on Monday with about 20 college students from here in order to join probably 10,000 others. Each day will feature opportunities for prayer, time for fellowship, inspirational speakers and targeted sessions to encourage and equip these students for missionary discipleship, no matter where they find themselves. If you would like to follow along virtually checkout [focus.org](http://focus.org) or [sls20.org](http://sls20.org). These conferences are so powerful! Please know we are all praying for you.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Chris

## Worship Schedule

Monday, December 30  
5:15 pm

**Marina McGinnis**  
Dan McGinnis

Tuesday, December 31  
8:00 am

**Laverne Rydecki**  
Friend

### Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, January 1  
9:30am

**Blessings for 2020**

Thursday, January 2  
8:00am

**For Our Loved Ones**

Friday, January 3  
12:30 pm

**First Friday Memorial Mass**

Saturday, January 4  
4:00pm

**St. Teresa of Avila**  
Community

Sunday, January 5  
8:00am

**Debbi Reynolds**  
Mary Beth Schultz

11:00am

**Joan Perron**  
Jon & Julie Perron

5:00 pm

**No Services**

## Reconciliation Schedule

**Wednesday**

6:00pm-6:30pm

**Saturday**

2:30pm-3:30pm

## Adoration

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

**While our VU students are on Christmas Break, (now until January 8, 2020) Adoration is available in the Adoration Chapel.**

**Stewardship Report**

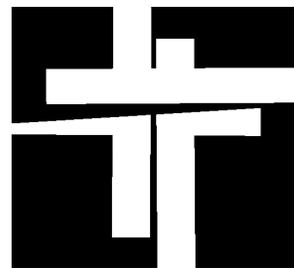


**Thank You for Supporting Our Mission:  
December 15, 2019**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Budgeted Weekly Collection</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| • Sunday Offering                 | \$7,326         |
| • On-line Giving                  | \$1,803         |
| • Holy Day: Immaculate Conception | \$1,887         |
| <b>Total Sunday Collection</b>    | <b>\$11,016</b> |
| <b>Weekly Status</b>              | <b>\$1,016</b>  |
| <b>Fiscal Year to Date Status</b> | <b>\$6,527</b>  |

**December 22, 2019  
Not Available at Time of Printing**

**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 **St. Mary's College Dance Marathon.**



Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon, a small school with a big heart, raises funds and awareness FOR THE KIDS of Riley Hospital for Children by: Engaging their campus and community. Supporting their

Riley families. Celebrating life's victories and new hope.

**Year-End Gifts**



All end of the year donations for 2019 need to be received by January 6, 2020 in order to be recorded on the 2019 calendar.

Since all your donations are tax deductible, if you would like a Contribution Statement for the year, please place a self-addressed

stamped envelope in the collection basket and your contribution statement will be sent it out to you beginning January 24, 2020.



Here are some suggestions on how to help St. Teresa's for years to come.

- \* 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

Thank you for supporting our mission here at St. Teresa of Avila.

**Liturgy & Worship**

**Upcoming Mass Time**

**The Solemnity of Mary:**  
Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
Mass at 9:30am



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

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.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue our holiday break this week as we ring in the new year, a year filled with hope and joy for those seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. As we push forward toward Easter, please pray for God's peace and understanding for our RCIA seekers, and all who are looking for God, and divine inspiration for all who are not. God bless!

I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you. Ezekiel 36:26



## Memorial Contributions

We would like to thank the many families that, over the years, have recommended memorial contributions be made to St. Teresa of Avila when a family member has passed on. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Have you done your estate planning? Have you considered leaving a bequest to St. Teresa's? Please consider remembering St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center and its ministries in your estate planning.

After our worldly cares are over, what a wonderful legacy to our faith.

## TIPS Winners!



## What is TIPS?

TIPS is an acronym for **Thunderhouse Independent Patronage Society** which has been in existence since the 1970s and supports the Catholic

Student Center.

Winners are drawn monthly. There are a few available numbers for 2020. The cost per number is \$100.

If you are interested in participating in TIPS please contact Chris Blane at [saintt.bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:saintt.bookkeeper@gmail.com)

## December 2019 Winners

Liz Engle

Theresa Dougherty

Sue Jasek

Joan Smith

Tim & Nancy Crowley

## December \$500 Winner:

Drew Pequet

## For Your Information



Join Fr. Chris Stanish on Pilgrimage to Mexico to see Our Lady of Guadalupe.

When: October 10-16, 2020

Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico City), Puebla, Teotihuacan (Aztec pyramids), Xochimilco (floating gardens) and more.

Price includes: Round-trip flight, 4-star hotel, two meals a day, full-time tour guide, transportation, etc.

Early Registration ends December 31, 2019 in order to save \$100.

Contact Fr. Chris at [frstanish@gmail.com](mailto:frstanish@gmail.com) for more information, or check out the itinerary at [www.ctscentral.net/stanish-mx/](http://www.ctscentral.net/stanish-mx/)

Are you in the loop?  
Have you updated your information lately?



- Do you receive our weekly St. Teresa of Avila email?
- Have you recently changed your email address?
- Do you have a new phone number?
- Have you moved?
- Have you discontinued using your home phone?

### St. Teresa of Avila Holiday Office Hours

The office will reopen on January 2, 2020

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Please email Amy at [amy.gniadek@valpo.edu](mailto:amy.gniadek@valpo.edu) with any updates.

### Sponsor of the Week: Restaurant Don Quijote

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.

### Fruitful Lives in God Meditation

The Fruit of silence is prayer.  
The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love.  
The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.

Mother Teresa

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