



# ST. TERESA OF AVILA

## CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Service Saturday Project for February



Saturday, February 22, 2020  
5:00pm-8:00pm

Join us for a Mardi Gras celebration in Avila Hall for Opportunity Enterprises and the community of St. Teresa of Avila.

Come and enjoy some jambalaya, red beans and rice and for our more refined palates...pizza!

Don't miss the games, crafts, photo booth, zydeco music and karaoke!!

RSVP and sign up to bring a dessert or side to share by February 19 at [saintt.com](http://saintt.com).

Follow the link on the Service Saturday banner.

Opportunity Enterprises (OE) hopes to create a fully integrated community where life for persons with developmental disabilities is valuable, purposeful and fulfilling. OE works to maximize self-sufficiency and enrich the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

February  
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### 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.

### Church Contact Information

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## Fr. Chris' Corner

Dear friends in the Lord,

This weekend I am with about 30 of our college students at Lindenwood Retreat Center in Plymouth, IN for our annual Winter Retreat. For the past several retreats we have had record numbers of students joining us and they have been coming back set on fire with love for the Lord. This retreat's theme is "Wanted." We will be exploring the fact that out of the infinite number of potential people God could have created, He created you. Each and every single person is unique and unrepeatable, and God chose you because He wants you. Even when we find ourselves unfaithful, God continues to pursue us. Please keep us in your prayers throughout the weekend and know that we pray for all of you in a special way while we are on retreat.

I also want to mention that throughout the month of February our students at Valparaiso University, as well as our graduating seniors in high school, have an opportunity to apply for The Chaplains' Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of all the priests who have served here at St. Teresa's. The endowment was set up by Fr. Kevin McCarthy and the Pastoral Council in 2014 in order to offer four \$1000 scholarships to students seeking assistance in their studies.

In many ways, these scholarships truly make a difference for our students. Many families struggle with college tuition because of the increasing cost of education. It is my prayer that these scholarships will help relieve a little bit of the anxiety that comes with paying for college. Last year, we were able to award these scholarships to Andrew Bennett who went to Purdue University, Andrew Bottom at VU, Madison Mesplay at VU, and Megan Jones at VU.

These scholarships are made possible by The Scholarship Endowment which currently holds \$90,603.40. This money is invested with the Catholic Foundation for Northwest Indiana, which made almost 20% last year. Please know of my gratitude for your generosity, your deep faith, and your example of Christian living in order to make this happen. If anyone would like to make additional gifts to help our students, please contact me or Chris Blane in the office. I am always encouraged how our community is able to give today in order to better serve tomorrow.  
Faithfully yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Chris

## Worship Schedule

Monday, February 17 5:15 pm	<b>Kori Salapatas-Deany</b> Community
Tuesday, February 18 8:00 am	<b>Community of St. Teresa of Avila</b>
Wednesday, February 19 5:15pm	<b>John &amp; Irene Znavor</b> Nancy Gifford
Thursday, February 20 8:00am	<b>Healing for Fr. Rich</b> Community
Friday, February 21 12:30 pm	<b>For Those battling with Mental Illness</b> Community
Saturday, February 22 4:00pm	<b>Lois Tritle</b> John & Madonna Tritle
Sunday, February 23 8:00am	<b>Michael Mikovich</b> Carolyn Mikovich
11:00am	<b>Elaine Hayden</b> Amy Gniadek
5:00 pm	<b>St. Teresa of Avila</b> Community

## Reconciliation Schedule

<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00pm-6:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	2:30pm-3:30pm

## Adoration

**In an effort to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, we are offering Adoration in the Church at the following times:**

<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>	6:00pm-7:00pm
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	9:00am-10:00am

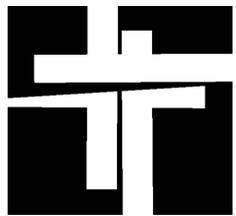
## Stewardship Report



Thank You for  
Supporting Our  
Mission  
February 9, 2020

<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
• Sunday Offering	\$6,886
• On-line Giving	\$4,558
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$11,445</b>
<b>Weekly Status</b>	<b>\$1,445</b>
<b>Fiscal Year to Date Status</b>	<b>\$30,583</b>

## 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**.

## Campus Ministry

The generosity of the St. Teresa faith community has shown itself once again in the way that many have been so supportive of our group of college students dedicating part of their Spring Break to serve on a mission trip on Native American Reservations in Nebraska.

Whether it was participating in our 'Music Through the Decades Trivia Night' or via individual donations, we are very grateful for your contributions of over \$2100! The beauty of such a gift is that it will not only change the lives of our students going on mission, but it will also impact the families with whom they will be serving - a true ripple effect of God's love and mercy. If you are unable to assist financially with the mission trip, we ask that you please support the mission spiritually through prayer. The supporters and benefactors of the mission trip are always remembered at the group's Daily Mass while on mission - so know of our prayers!

## Chaplains' Scholarship 2020 Applications



Applications for The Chaplains' Scholarship, which annually awards four \$1,000 scholarships to individual students, are now available at [www.saintt.com](http://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](http://www.saintt.com). (Students who are awarded scholarships will be notified before the end of the spring 2020 semester.)

## Time of Transition



After prayerful consideration, I have made the decision to resign as Administrative Assistant.

I am personally grateful for the relationships I have formed with the amazing

St. T's staff and for the professional and personal development opportunities that the Student Center has provided me during my employment. I have also enjoyed serving the St. Teresa's community and offer my best wishes for its continued success.

Thank you to all who have inspired and challenged me on this journey. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me in this next phase of life.

Amy Gniadek

To learn about this job description or apply, please visit [saintt.com](http://saintt.com) or contact Christine Harsh at 464-4042. Resumes should be submitted to [christine.harsh@valpo.edu](mailto:christine.harsh@valpo.edu) by noon on Friday, February 21, 2020.



I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you that the 2019-2020 school year will be my

last serving as the Director of Collegiate Outreach here at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center. It has been a privilege to journey alongside these college students as they take strides in coming to a greater awareness of who they are and, most importantly, who God is. The semester retreats, spring break mission trips, Inspire prayer evenings, trivia nights, Super Bowl parties, international FOCUS conferences, and just the day-to-day meeting with students to discuss what's happening in their lives are encounters for which I am deeply grateful! Alongside my work here at St. Teresa, I have also been pursuing a Masters degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Valparaiso University and will be graduating in May. In August I will begin working full time as a counselor in the area.

While I did not have a drastic amount of interaction with the community members at St. Teresa, I remain extremely grateful to all of you for the many ways that you support our college students and the work of campus ministry! Know of my continued prayers for this faith community, and please keep me in yours as I make this transition!

Adam Anton

## Liturgy & Worship

### RCIA

The RCIA group will double up this week to clear our schedule for spring break. On Sunday afternoon, Andrea Proulx Buinicki will share her thoughts on Prayer with us. We will then spend our regular Wednesday night session with Rick & Kearney Szevery discussing Matrimony & Holy Orders. Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as we close in on the season of Lent. God bless!

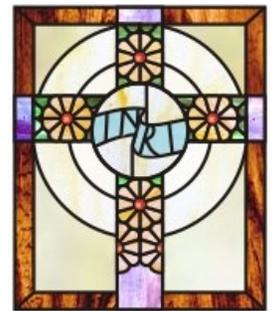
I believe I shall enjoy the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Psalms 27:13

### Prayers Please

It saddens us to inform you of the passing of Rosemary Sinkiewicz, mother of Pattie Sinkiewicz, on February 5, 2020.

Cards of condolence may be sent to: 1111 Pine Creek Rd Valparaiso, IN 46383.

May she rest in peace.



**Welcome.**  
There is More to Life

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
WOMEN'S WELCOME.  
RETREAT WEEKEND  
MARCH 14-15, 2020

For more information and to register, please visit [saintt.com](http://saintt.com) and click on the **WELCOME.** banner.

### "Rediscovering the Saints" Book Discussion

Adult Faith Formation invites you to join us between Masses for a book discussion group.

Come join us in the reception area of the offices at 9:15am for coffee and conversation. A great way to start the New Year!

Parish Life



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

RSVP & Sign up to bring a meatless soup on the Soup & Bread banner on saintt.com.



“Life is short and there will always be dirty dishes, so let’s dance.”

Join us for lessons in Avila Hall on Tuesdays in February from 7:00pm until 8:00pm for dance lessons!

Couples, singles, young and old, everyone is welcome. This will be beginner dance lessons.

All classes free. Come on out and have some fun.

Contact Us

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| Pastor                          | Fr. Christopher Stanish |
| Deacon                          | Deacon Bob Marben       |
| Director of Collegiate Outreach | Adam Antone             |
| Manager of Parish Operations    | Christine Harsh         |
| Pastoral Associate              | Kris Conrad             |
| Director of Music Ministry      | Cara Benjamin           |
| Director of Youth Ministry      | Emily Sutton            |
| Administrative Assistant        | Amy Gniadek             |
| Bookkeeper                      | Chris Blane             |
| Maintenance                     | Roy Cain                |

Peace & Social Justice

Food for the Body and Soul

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

Volunteers Needed!!

To volunteer to serve when the VU Students aren't in session visit Café Manna under the SERVE tab on our website, saintt.com, to sign up to volunteer!!

CAFÉ MANNA MEAL  
FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Meals Served	184
Guest Donations	\$1.00
Meal	Pasta, green beans, apple sauce and fruit

**Sponsor of the Week:**  
**Dykes Funeral Home**  
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.

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