



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

First Sunday of Advent



Be Watchful

November
29
2020

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,

Amidst a time of great turmoil in our world's history, the Catholic Church presents the world with Advent and the message of great hope. As we begin the Advent Season, it marks the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year.

It is a time of great preparation and a time of great waiting, pointing to the coming of Christ.

New to St. Teresa's this year, I want to introduce you to the Eastern European tradition of Oplatki. This tradition began in early Christian times and uses a simple wafer designed with Christmas images on them, such as the Nativity.

The Oplatki are usually enjoyed right before the Christmas Eve meal. The family gathers around the table, and typically the eldest member of the family begins by breaking off a piece of the wafer and then passing the rest to another family member with a blessing. This blessing simply consists of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year. The purpose is to Express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for each member as it passed along.

The symbolism is that the Oplatki wafer shadows the Eucharist. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive His love, the Oplatki allows for your immediate family to come together and share the love you have for one another. The pink wafer can even be shared with your pets who represent the animals present at Jesus' birth.

We have Oplatki available in the office for \$5 for a package of 4 (three white, and one pink). There is only a limited number available. I hope you enjoy this fun tradition in the Church.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

All Masses will be Livestreamed on our main Facebook page unless otherwise noted: <https://www.facebook.com/sttvalpo>

Monday, November 30
5:15 pm

For the Prayer Requests from Our Day of Giving

Tuesday, December 1
8:00 am
(No Livestreaming)

Kathie Kraszyk
The McQuillan's

Wednesday, December 2
5:15 pm

Mike Fain
Christine Harsh

Thursday, December 3
9:30 am

George Sewell
Ken & Bobbie Mentzel

Friday, December 4
12:30 pm

First Friday Memorial Mass

Saturday, December 5
4:00 pm
(Reservations Recommended at saintt.com)

Eleanor Gentile
Joanne Gentile

Sunday, December 6
8:00 am
(Reservations Recommended at saintt.com)

Community of St. Teresa of Avila

9:30 am
(Reservations Recommended at saintt.com)

Angie Gifford
Nancy Gifford

Reconciliation, Adoration & Church

Fr. Chris will be available for Reconciliation on Saturday from 2:30-3:30pm and Wednesday 6:00pm-6:30pm or by appointment.

Until January 25, 2021:

Individual Adoration will be available in the Our Lady Undoer of Knots Chapel daily from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

The Church will also be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Stewardship Report

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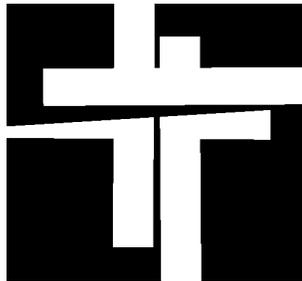
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Stewardship

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 weekly. This week we will tithe to the **Big Shoulders Fund: Northwest Indiana Initiative**.



In line with the organization's overarching mission to educate students, strengthen families, and preserve communities, Big Shoulders Fund is working to enhance the quality of education in these Catholic schools in Northwest Indiana by offering

access to technology, curricular resources, and instructional and data coaching. Furthermore, the organization seeks to improve the long-term viability of these schools by focusing on

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Oplatki –Christmas Wafer



2020 looks a little different this year for all of us, but with this tradition we can come together and share the love we have for one another. For more details on the Oplatki tradition, please read Fr. Chris' Corner on page 2 of this bulletin.

Stop by the office to purchase Oplatki for your family only \$5 a package. Cash or check only.

Liturgy and Worship

Christmas Mass Times



Reserve your seats for a Mass this weekend by visiting www.saintt.com.

As a reminder, masks are required to be worn correctly covering both the nose and mouth throughout the entirety of the Mass.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve 2:00pm

4:00pm

6:00pm

Starting this weekend,

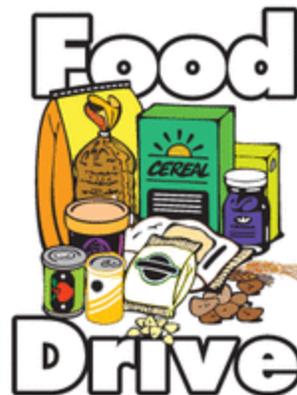
Friday, December 25

Christmas Day 9:30am

Peace & Social Justice

Hilltop Food Drive

During this Thanksgiving season, your generosity has touched the lives of many of our neighbors and they feel so blessed and grateful! Every contribution, large and small, truly makes a difference!



Angel Tree Project

The Angel Tree Project is an act of love and care by the members of our own community. Thank you all for your generous donations to the Angel Tree Project. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, November 29. If you have any questions regarding the Angel Tree, please contact

Chris

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For Your Information

Bible Dairy 2021 World Youth Day Fundraiser

World Youth Day (WYD) will be in Lisbon, Portugal in August of 2023. This event is aimed at people 16 to 39 and is an amazing once in a lifetime trip. However, it's very expensive and we are trying to think ahead and offset as many costs as possible. Anyone who wants to be part of the group from St. Teresa of Avila to go to WYD will benefit from any of our fundraisers.

If you are interested in learning more about the WYD trip please join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00pm.

It is a virtual meeting and if they would like the link to it they need to register here: <https://www.garyoyya.org/wyd/>

This website has more information and even a working itinerary for the trip!

You can purchase a 2021 Bible Dairy for only \$25!



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