ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Third Sunday of Advent

December
12
2021

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,

As we continue to journey through Advent and as we come to the end of our calendar year, it is a great season to give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives even in light of how crazy these past two years have been. We want to thank you for being faithful to St. Teresa's and for continuing to support the mission.

There have been a number of people who have asked about ways to make a Year-End Gift. As you know the end of the year provides a great opportunity for income tax deductions, but most importantly, in a spirit of stewardship, it is an excellent way to thank God for the blessings He has given us.

Since people have been asking about ways to do this, I want to offer some suggestions on how to help St. Teresa's for years to come.

- Make a gift towards our endowment for scholarships for VU Students
- Make a gift towards campus ministry
- Make a gift towards youth ministry
- Make a gift to support the work of our FOCUS Missionaries
- Make a gift to help with capital improvements around St. Teresa's
- IRA Distributions and Stocks can be gifted

I hope these suggestions help as you discern Year-End Gifts. Since all your donations are tax deductible, please note that gifts must be received by the end of the day December 31. If you would like your Contribution Statement for the year, please place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket and we will send it out to you after the new year.

I want to thank you for your abundant 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.

Yours in the Lord, Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

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

Monday, December 13 5:15 pm	Phyllis Fedor Mark & Pam Fedor
Tuesday, December 14 8:00 am	For the Health of Judy Carter Viv Szndrowski
Wednesday, December 15 5:15 pm	Chris Finley Sue O'Connell
Thursday, December 16 8:00 am	For the Health of Tanya Carlson Viv Szyndrowski
Friday, December 17 12:30 pm	Henry Persyn Mary Persyn
Saturday, December 18 4:00 pm	Armand Phillips, Sr. Marion Phillips
Sunday, December 19 8:30 am	Chris Finley Sue O'Connell
10:30 am	Sarah Langbehm Elizabeth Moore
5:00 pm	No Service

Adoration & Reconciliation

Individual Adoration will be available in the Our Lady Undoer of Knots Chapel daily from 8:00am to 11:00pm when VU is in session.

When VU is in session, Communal Adoration will follow Daily Mass Monday-Thursday for one hour (Thursday until 5:00pm).

The Church will also be open from 8:00am to 11:00pm when VU is in session.

When VU is NOT in session, please contact the office for hours.

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

Stewardship

Thank You for Your for Generosity!!

November 28, 2021

Budgeted Collection	$10,000
• Offering	$5,364
• On-line Giving	$3,381
• All Saint's Day	$515
Total Collection	$9,260
Weekly Status	($740)
Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) to Date	($725)

December 5, 2021

Budgeted Collection	$10,000
• Offering	$5,226
• On-line Giving	$4,964
• Immaculate Conception	$230
Total Collection	$10,420
Weekly Status	$420
Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) to Date	($280)

It's so easy to make a donation!!
Scan the QR Code with your phone/camera and click on the link to donate!
We appreciate your willingness to help us Connect, Grow and Serve our faith community.

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 **Café Manna Christmas Dinner.**

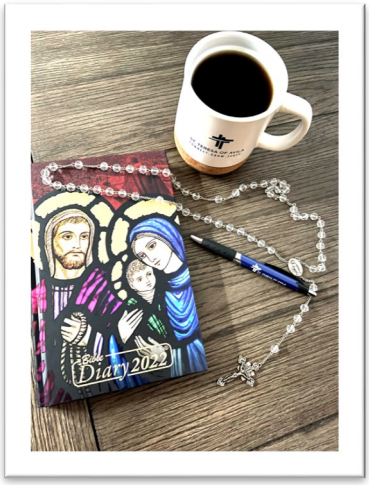
Oplatki —Christmas Wafer

Oplatki is a tradition where we can come together and share the love we have for one another.

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

Liturgy and Worship

Bible Diary 2022 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.

You can purchase a 2022 Bible Diary for only $25! Stop at the office to purchase yours or in the Community Room following Masses.

Questions? Contact Emily.sutton@valpo.edu.

Rosary Options

Daily: A Rosary is being said in church after each weekday Mass (M-F) for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. All are invited to join in the recitation.

Men's Rosary: Join the men of St. Teresa of Avila, in person or via Zoom, at 9:00pm on Thursday evenings in Avila Hall as they pray the Rosary . Zoom Meeting ID: 893 6419 7748

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

2021 Advent Penance Services

The priest of Porter county will be available for confessions four nights of Advent.

We will gather at 4 p.m. & 6 p. m. for a short period of reflection and introspection, then you can go to any of the more than 10 priests gathered around the church for confession.
After you receive your penance and absolution, you are free to go in peace.

Thursday, December 16
4 p.m. & 6 p.m.
at Saint Paul Church
1855 Harrison Boulevard
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Tuesday, December 21
4 p.m. & 6 p.m.
at Nativity of Our Savior Church
2949 Willowcreek Road
Portage, IN 46368

Join any of our services • No reservation required

Christmas Mass Times

Friday,	Christmas Eve December 24	4:00am 6:00pm
Saturday,	Christmas Day December 25	9:30am
Sunday,	Holy Family December 26	8:30am 10:30am

To have courage for whatever comes in life~
everything lies in that.

Saint Teresa of Avila

Peace & Social Justice

Hilltop Food Pantry

With the holiday season comes additional burdens for many including the stress of extra food for Christmas dinner. Your weekly food donations give these families one less thing to worry about and they can focus on other expenses.
Thank you for providing 54 bags of food this past week to Hilltop Food Pantry. More than that, thank you for giving these individuals hope and letting them know how much they are cared about!

PASTA	PASTA SAUCE
TUNA	CANNED CHICKEN
SOAP (bar)	HEARTY SOUP
SPAM	PAPER TOWELS
LAUNDRY	& DISH SOAP PODS
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PEANUT	BUTTER
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BABY	WIPES
MAC &	CHEESE
Diapers	Size 5 & 6

Winter is coming!

Hilltop Food Pantry is looking for new or gently used winter boots for adults and NEW socks in adult and children's sizes.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them in a **separate** bag by the Laporte Ave entrance.
Thank you in advance for helping our neighbors stay warm!

Christmas Day Dinner

Saturday,
December 25, 2021
1:00pm

All are welcome to join us for Christmas Dinner in Avila Hall on Christmas Day serving at 1:00pm.

This meal is open to anyone who would like to attend! Please RSVP on the **Café Manna Christmas Dinner RSVP** banner at saintt.com.

If you would and/or your family would like to volunteer at this meal, please sign up on the **Volunteer for Christmas Dinner** banner at saintt.com.

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am –3:00 pm

Friday
9:00am-noon

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