Lent
WEEK 1

At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
MARK 1:12-13

St. Teresa of Avila
Catholic Student Center
February 18, 2018
Dear friends in the Lord,

I can’t believe that we are already in the first week of Lent. It seems like we just finished celebrating Christmas and here we are beginning our journey through these 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to prepare ourselves for Jesus’ death and resurrection.

As you know, Lent is a time for us to re-examine our lives in order to see how well we are imitating Christ. We try to root things out of our life that do not reflect Jesus and we try to incorporate other things in that do help us to reflect Him. To help us do this, I want to lay out all the opportunities that we have here at St. Teresa’s this Lenten season.

First of all, last weekend I wrote about our Lenten Project: Carry the Cross. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we will be able to support orphans and vulnerable children in Meru County, Kenya. By uniting ourselves to this mission, we will help hundreds of kids receive nutritious meals and a quality Catholic education. We will do this by praying each day for these children, by fasting on Wednesdays to unite ourselves to their hunger and to spiritually support this mission, and by giving alms at a second collection on the weekends.

Another opportunity that is available this Lent is with our adult faith formation program. Our team will be continuing a study on the Holy Spirit called The Wild Goose. These classes will be conducted in small faith study groups on Tuesdays from 9-10:30 am, and on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. If you want to learn how to grow in your relationship with the Holy Spirit and with one another, this could be the thing you have been waiting for.

As you may have seen last weekend, there are some new stations hanging on the wall in the church. These Stations of the Cross were hanging in St. Mark’s Church in Gary. St. Mark’s closed a little over a year ago and various items from that church have been given to other churches throughout our diocese. It continues to strike me that this is such a beautiful way to honor the legacy of St. Mark’s as we worship with this physical reminder. Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday in the church at 6:00 pm.

Lastly, I just want to let you know that throughout Lent. Each of these things are great ways to grow in your relationship with Christ as they mold and form us into a better image of Jesus Christ. Please know of my continued prayers for you throughout this Lenten season.

Faithfully yours in the Lord,                  Fr. Chris
**Stewardship Commission**

**God’s Hands in Action—St. Teresa’s 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 **Diocesan Collection for the Churches in Eastern Europe**.

**Did You Know?**

- Giving online is simple and secure. Through, myEoffering you can make a one-time gift (credit and debit cards) or schedule an ongoing gift using your checking account, debit or credit card.
- Visit saintt.com (under the Give tab) to learn more about myEoffering

**Please Note:**
- If you are already using the myEoffering for your contributions, remember that you must reactivate your donations as needed.

**Euchre Night**

Have you been missing Euchre Night Fridays or love the game Euchre? Well, starting February 23, there will be a Euchre tournament every last Friday of the month. If you do not know how to play Euchre or want a refresher, practice starts at 6:15pm and the tournament starts at 7:00pm.

Admission is a nonperishable item for the food pantry.

**BYOB+F (Bring your own beverage and food.)**

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**Weekly Stewardship Report**

**February 11, 2018**

| Budgeted Weekly Collection | $10,000.00 |
| Sunday Collection Received |  |
| Sunday Offering | $7,998.00 |
| Children’s Offering (Monthly) |  |
| This Week’s On-line Giving | $3,995.00 |
| Total Sunday Collection Received | $11,993.00 |
| Weekly Status (+/-) | $1,993.00 |
| Year to Date Status (+/-) | $10,854.00 |

Thank you for your generous donations.

**Ephphatha: Be Opened**

Our Spring Retreat was last weekend. Along with the FOCUS missionaries, Adam, Fr. Chris, and Deacon Bob we journeyed through the snow to Lindenwood Retreat Center in Plymouth, IN. The theme of the retreat was based on Mark 9:31-35.

We listened to presentations on how to be open to God’s call, change, and grace. Three students shared their witness on being open to God’s call. From the presentations and witnesses, we shared our thoughts in small group settings. At the end of the retreat, we were able to praise Jesus through adoration and praise & Worship music. Throughout this retreat, we not only grew in their faith with God and His plan for them, but by connection with each other.
Chaplains’ Scholarship 2018 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. All eligible applicants are invited to apply throughout the month of February.

Ladies of St. Teresa of Avila
Do you feel your spiritual “battery” needs recharging?

Take a break and plug into Christ Renews His Parish!
Take a step back from the pressures of daily life with a weekend of Spiritual Renewal.

Save the Date:
March 10-11, 2018 here at St. T’s!!
Register at www.saintt.com.

Lenten Opportunities

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Café Manna: Food for the body and soul.
Thursdays serving from 4:30-6:30pm.

February 8, 2018
Number of Meals Served: 116
Weekly guest’s donations: $2.00
Meal: Pork Loin, roasted red potatoes & corn

Youth Ministry

This year Catholic HEART Workcamp takes place in Gary, IN the week of July 1-7. The Site Managers come from our parish, Andrew and Kerri Bennett! All those entering 9th grade this fall and older can register. We’re also looking for available chaperones. Come to a CHWC Information Night on Tuesday, February 20th, 6:30-8:00pm in Avila Hall for more details. Contact Sophie at 219-464-4042*27 or sophie.lorenzo@valpo.edu with questions.

Craft for a Cause is on Saturday, February 24th, 9:00am-5:00pm in Avila Hall. Join in on a fun and creative fundraiser for CHWC. Mary Joy Boby is coordinating the event and each spot is $25 by February 21st. For specific questions text 219-406-4770 or email bobmjboby@comcast.net.

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. For more details, contact Chris Blane at chris.blane@valpo.edu.

TIPS Winners—February 2018
Paul & Suzanne Clemens #18- $150
John Dietzen #55- $25
Amy (Hope & Danny) Francis #61-$25
Drew Peuquet #2-$25
Kay Koday #37-$25

2018-2019 Diocese of Gary Tuition Assistance Applications

The Diocese of Gary would like to announce that tuition assistance applications for the 2018-2019 school year will open on Monday, February 19, 2018. The applications can only be submitted online at the Diocesan website, www.dcgary.org.

Tuition assistance is only open to Catholic families who are registered members of parishes within the Diocese of Gary.

If you plan on requesting a tuition subsidy from St. Teresa of Avila for your child for the 2018-2019 school year, this Tuition Assistance Application must be submitted prior to requesting that subsidy from St. Teresa of Avila.

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