



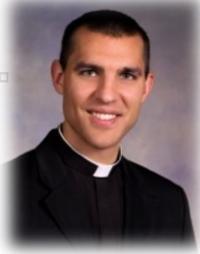
Focolare

5 Day Service Project



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
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Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

It has been such a joy to have three seminarians with us this summer. These internships are a way for them to get to know the parishes of the diocese and the wonderful people who attend them. They are able to learn about parish life and ministry while trying things out for themselves.

Next weekend is the last weekend that we will have Robert Ross, David Martinez, and Ivan Alatorre with us. Right after the weekend I will be running the seminarian retreat for the seminarians of our diocese. Once the retreat has ended, they will begin to make their way back to their respective seminaries: Bishop Simon Brute Seminary in Indianapolis for Robert and David, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Minnesota for Ivan.

In order to thank them for being here and to send them off with our regards, we will be having a reception in Avila Hall after each of the Masses. I want to encourage you to take some time to write them a note or a card. It is easy for seminarians to get discouraged so it is nice to have reminders of the love of God's people. I know they would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for continued support and generosity, and please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Gary.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Chris

On the Cover:

Images from the Focolare 5-Day Summer Service Project that took place in the Diocese of Gary from July 18th-22nd. St. T's brought 15 people to serve throughout the week.

Worship Schedule

Monday, July 30
5:15pm

Marian Olesek
By: Nancy Gifford

Tuesday, July 31
8:00am

Joey Niepokoj
By: Community

Wednesday, August 1
5:15pm

Daniel Pivarnik
By: Leah Heinz & Family

Thursday, August 2
8:00am

Romona Kippes
By: Community

Friday, August 3
12:30pm

First Friday Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 4
4:00pm

Richard Gifford
By: Nancy Gifford

Sunday, August 5

8:00am

Mary & Louis Kogut
By: Karen Malecha

11:00am

St. Teresa of Avila
By: Community

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00-6:30pm

Saturday

2:30-3:30pm

For Your Information

Office Hours

9:00am-3:30pm M-TH

Friday, 9:00am-noon

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Stewardship Report



Weekly Stewardship Report July 22, 2018

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$8,004
◆ Children's Offering (Monthly)	
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$4,596
◆ Other Donations	
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$12,600
Weekly Status (+/-)	\$2,600
Fiscal Year to Date Status (+/-)	(\$3,093)

Thank you for your generous donations.

Stewardship Commission

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 we will donate to CASA. The National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association, together with its state and local member programs, trains volunteers to advocate for abused or neglected children in the court system.

Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers represent the needs and best interests of children in juvenile court proceedings. They make recommendations regarding appropriate protective and rehabilitative services necessary to ensure a safe, nurturing, and permanent home for every child adjudicated as a child in need of services within the county.

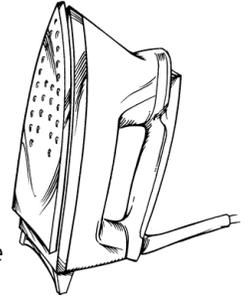
Recently, two of our St. T community members who are volunteers were honored for their exceptional work as Court Appointed Special Advocates in Porter County. John McQuillan and Lisa Stressler received accolades for "exhibiting true dedication to uncovering of facts, making connections, showing humility and willingness, and going above and beyond in their commitment to the children whom they serve".

Liturgy and Worship

Did You Know?

Altar Linen Care Ministry

With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the Altar Linen Care Ministry cares for the sacred linens on a rotating schedule.



Training is provided on how to care for these special linens that contain the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This ministry is made up of volunteers who, behind the scenes in their own homes, reverently launder and care for the purificators and corporals used on the altar at Mass.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Kris Conrad at 464-4042 or via email at Kristin.Conrad@valpo.edu.

Your commitment would be about once every six weeks.

"The sheep hear His voice, as He calls
His own sheep by name and He
leads them out."

John 10:3

Is God calling you to the Catholic Church? If you think He is, or even if you are not sure, RCIA may be for you. Let's talk about it. No pressure, no commitment until you are ready. Contact Mark for more information at 219-688-4756, or by email at saintt.rcia@gmail.com. We look forward to serving you!





August 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Theology Uncorked is a gathering of individuals, age 40 and older, interested in exploring their faith, enjoying fellowship, community, and learning from a range of speakers. A glass of wine and delicious hors d'oeuvres will be provided. (Additional glasses of wine are available for purchase.)

Speaker: Deacon Bob Marben
Topic: "The Spirituality of Pilgrimage"

Contact Lee Ann Egan (219-678-9463) to reserve a spot as reservations are required as there is limited seating.

Venue: Ciao Bella
1514 US-41

Schererville, Indiana 46375

Peace & Social Justice

Café Manna:

Food for the body and soul.

July 12, 2018

Meals Served	326
Guest Donations	\$25.00
Meal	Mostaccioli, green beans, fruit and garlic bread

Where are YOU being called to serve?

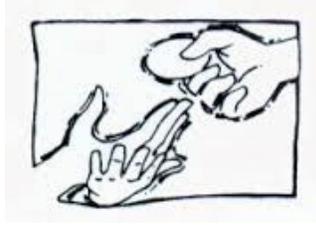


Are you called to be a Lector?

We are in need strong speaking voices to Proclaim the Word of God during weekend and special liturgies.

Are you called to be an Extraordinary Minister (EM's) of Holy Communion?

EM's assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.



Are you called to be a Hospitality Minister?

Hospitality Ministers greet those who attend Mass. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to participate together and meet people from St. T's. Do you have a willingness to help others and a friendly smile?

Are you called to be a Sacristan?

Sacristans prepare the worship space and organize materials for the celebration of Mass on weekends, Holy Days, or at special weekday services and celebrations of the sacraments.



What You Need to Know:

- ◇ Training provided for all ministries
- ◇ Commitment is one Mass per 4-6 weeks
- ◇ Open to those who have been confirmed
- ◇ Must be dependable & committed to serve
- ◇ Contact Kristin.conrad@valpo.edu by August 1 for more details

Please join us as we say Thank YOU!!

Many thanks to our seminarians Ivan, Robert, and David. Their presence and help was greatly appreciated here at St. T's.

We pray for you in the next part of your journey!



Join us next weekend, August 4-5 following all Masses for a send off reception for them!

Parish Life

Save the Date! Picnic in the Park!

We are heading to downtown Valparaiso for our Family/Student Picnic in the Park...Central Park!

More details will be coming your way, but we want you to save the date:

Sunday, September 23, 2018 with 11:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Hying.



Fun & Games GROUP

Join us for some fun and games on Thursday mornings from 10am-12pm.



Have fun meeting and socializing with other adults. Learn some new games, or teach us your favorite game. Invite a friend to join us!

Call Karen with questions: 219-464-9506.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Youth Ministry

Middle School

The seminarians are hosting a Lock-In the weekend of Friday August 3rd-Saturday, August 4th, "The Search for the Key." With special guests Bishop Hying and Fr. Chris! Invite your friends for a night of praise, worship, and fun at St. T's.



Our next youth group will be Sunday, August 19th 12:30-2pm in the Antioch Room.

High School

Tuesday, August 7th is the CHWC Reunion 6:30-7:30pm in the Antioch Room. Stay tuned for a possible update in plans location!

*Update: The last two small groups of the summer on July 31st and August 14th will be canceled in an effort to focus on the new year ahead! We apologize for the inconvenience. Plan for the next youth group on Sunday, August 19th 5:00-7:00pm in the Antioch Room.

Young Adult Ministry

Come to a young adult evening social this Wednesday, August 1st hosted by our seminarians. *Theology on Scoop* titled "Sorry not sorry...What does forgiveness really mean?" is similar to Theology on Tap, but with ice cream! We'll meet on the Laporte side lawn at 7:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.



Save-the-date! Our next Young Adult Brunch takes place on Sunday, August 12th 9:30-11:00am. More details to come!

Sign up for events all across the Diocese of Gary! Check out local opportunities like Theology on Tap and a NEW Camino Pilgrimage at garyoya.com. The Camino Pilgrimage takes place next weekend August 4-5th on the Erie Lackawanna Trail. Like the Young Adult page for St. T's on Facebook for updates.

Do you have a passion for volunteering? Getting together and hosting a group of friends? Learning more about faith and spirituality? Connect with Sophie at sophie.lorenzo@valpo.edu for opportunities to share your gifts with St. T's young adults!

Health Ministry

Yoga Classes

Join Nancy Crowley for yoga classes!!!

Wednesdays through August 29 in the Community Room. Classes run 6:15-7:00pm. All levels welcome! Exercise mat recommended.

VU Campus Prayer Walk

Join us Tuesday mornings following the 8:00am Mass for a prayer walk around campus.

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.

July 2018 TIPS Winners:

#19 Joe Vass -
#56 Dan & Ann Ruggaber -
#75 Margaret Annen -
#74 Cheryl Geras -
#90 Sandra Schuttrow -

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

Sponsor of the Week: Little U Academy

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.

RCIA Sponsor

Interested in becoming one?

Top 5 Reasons to become an RCIA Sponsor:

5. You get to pray daily for all the catechumens, other sponsors and the team.
 4. You get to attend RCIA meetings.
 3. You get to build relationships with others.
 2. You get to introduce your catechumen to the St. T's family.
- And the number 1 reason to become an RCIA Sponsor:
You get to be yourself and trust in the Lord!

Can you be a Sponsor?

- * Are you at least 16 years old?
 - * Have you been baptized?
 - * Have you received your First Eucharist?
 - * Are you Confirmed?
 - * Are you a practicing Catholic?
- If you answered "YES" to these questions, then the answer is YES!

"What does a sponsor actually do?"

This is a question often asked, even by people who have already agreed to be a sponsor. The primary role of an RCIA sponsor is to support a person as they examine their relationship with God. They also support them as they try to decide whether becoming a full member of the Catholic faith will help the relationship with God.

Join us for an Informational Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018
7:00pm
Antioch Room



For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mark at 219-688-4756, or by email at saintt.rcia@gmail.com. We look forward to working alongside you!



Dear St. Teresa Community,
Thank you very much for selecting me to receive the Chaplain's Scholarship. I am honored to have received this award and plan on pursuing my Catholic faith in my college community. If any of you are ever in Northwest Missouri State University, please stop by. My door is always open!

Yours in Christ,
Alita Caron

To the people of the Catholic Student Center,
On behalf of the Porter County Animal Shelter we would like to say thank you for your donation.
Sincerely,
PCAS



On behalf of The Catholic Communities St. Vincent de Paul, we would like to thank all of you for the generous donation. St. Teresa of Avila has always been there for those who are in need and the money will help assist families with food and services. God Bless you all!



The Health Ministry has had two very generous volunteers share their talents with the St. T's community recently. They are Nancy Crowley and Laura Wassilak. Nancy has been teaching yoga sessions this summer. Laura presented two interactive Physical Therapy sessions after all the Masses the past two weeks. Both Yoga and the Physical Therapy sessions have been very well attended!
On behalf of the St. T's community, thanks ladies!



Dear St. Teresa Family,
Thank you for the beautiful plant and the many acts of kindness our family received during my mother's passing. Because we have relocated many times due to my husband's career, we have been members of many Catholic churches all over the country throughout the years. We have never felt as welcome as we do at St. T's. Thank you for that! My mother actively lived her Catholic faith each and every day. How happy she would be to know that you all have been so kind to us during this difficult time.



God Bless!
Kathy Ricke & family



Dear Fr. Chris and St. Teresa Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation. Because of your support for the mission of The Caring Place, Inc., survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault can break the cycle of violence and complete the circle of hope. You are kind and compassionate, and I am grateful. Thank you.

Warm regards,
Mary Beth Schultz
Executive Director

The St. T's community would like to thank our very talented, gardener, Simone Byvoets. Please stop by the office and look at our beautiful display of summer flowers. Simone also recently planted shrubbery in front of the office's reception area under the large front window. Thanks, Simone for beautifying our church especially during these hot days we have had this summer!

