



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

ADVENT 2019

December
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2019

Hope
Peace
Joy
Love

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. There have been a number of people who have asked about ways to make a Year-End Gift to support the mission here at St. Teresa's. 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 student mission trips (college/high school)
- ◆ Sponsor a Café Manna meal for \$300
- ◆ Sponsor a college student's retreat for \$150
- ◆ Sponsor a Sunday night college dinner for \$150
- ◆ Make a gift to support the work of our FOCUS Missionaries
- ◆ Make a gift to help with capital improvements around St. Teresa's

I hope these suggestions help as you discern Year-End Gifts. Since all your donations are tax deductible, if you would like your Contribution Statement for the year, please place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket. All requested Contribution Statements will be mailed on January 24, 2020.

I want to thank you for your 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. Please know that you remain in my prayers and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

Monday, December 16
5:15 pm

Margaret Wolfe
Community

Tuesday, December 17
8:00am

Health & Blessings for
Lois Jean Halfman
Marshall & Mary Jane
Willingham

Wednesday, December 18
5:15pm

Donna Jean Gaskin
Vince & Debbie Kostoff

Thursday, December 19
8:00am

For Bishop-Elect
Msgr. Robert McClory
Community

Friday, December 20
12:30 pm

Judith Berkoski
John & Maria Szczepanski

Saturday, December 21
4:00pm

Margaret Wolfe
Fran Van Meter

Sunday, December 22
8:00am

For Bishop-Elect
Msgr. Robert McClory
Community

11:00am

St. Teresa of Avila
Community

5:00 pm

No Services

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00pm-6:30pm

Saturday

2:30pm-3:30pm

Adoration

In an effort to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, we are offering Adoration.

While our VU students are on Christmas Break, (now until January 8, 2020) Adoration is available in the Adoration Chapel.

Stewardship Report



Thank You for
Supporting Our
Mission:

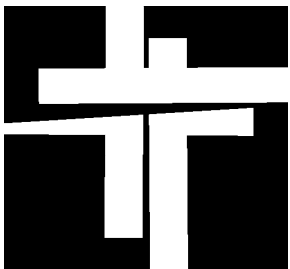
December 1, 2019

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
• Sunday Offering	\$7,128
• On-line Giving	\$3,224
• Holy Day: Immaculate Conception	\$10
Total Sunday Collection	\$10,362
Weekly Status	\$362
Fiscal Year to Date Status	\$5,781

December 8, 2019

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000
• Sunday Offering	\$6,488
• On-line Giving	\$3,242
• Holy Day: Immaculate Conception	TBD
Total Sunday Collection	\$9,730
Weekly Status	(\$270)
Fiscal Year to Date Status	\$5,511

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



Thank You!

Student Advent Dinner THANK YOU!

The Campus Ministry Team along with the students of Valparaiso University want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the community members who assisted to make the Annual Student Advent Dinner a wonderful celebration to begin finals week!

Whether it was the decorations, the food, or the generous work of those serving as waiters, it was a beautiful opportunity for students and the wider-community to come together and celebrate the anticipation of the Lord's coming in this Advent season.

May you all know of the Lord's love and peace during this time of preparation and be blessed with time spent with family and friends!

Liturgy & Worship



Prayers Please

Please keep in your prayers our Youth Minister, Emily Sutton and her family.

Emily's grandmother, Betty Woodyard passed away on December 6, 2019. Cards of condolence can be sent to Emily: 608 E. Glendale Blvd Apt 2, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

May she rest in peace.

Veteran RCIA catechist Sue O'Connell will be our presenter this Wednesday evening as we discuss the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. This will be our last session of 2019 before we head into the Christmas break, so please keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers as they disperse to spend the holidays with family and friends. God bless!

"That they may all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us." John 17:21

Area Reconciliation Services

All begin at 7:00pm unless noted.

December 16	St. Patrick
December 17	St. Paul
December 19	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (7:30pm)

Save the Dates!

Christmas Eve Mass Times:
4:00pm & 10:00pm

Christmas Day Mass Time:
9:30am

Wine Blessings:
December 28-29 at all Masses

The Solemnity of Mary:
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Mass at 9:30am

Peace & Social Justice



Ministry Opportunity and Thank YOU!

It is with much gratitude that we want to thank Tom & Joyce Nicolas for their years of service as **Café Manna Shoppers**. Over the past several years, Tom & Joyce have held this position and generously did the 'bulk' shopping for Café Manna. They shopped for items such as the green beans, corn, to go containers, etc.. Tom & Joyce have recently stepped down from this position. We greatly appreciate their commitment to Café Manna and to St. Teresa's.

Café Manna Meal December 5, 2019

Meals Served	210
Guest Donations	\$10.84
Meal	Pork patties, gravy, stuffing and green beans

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER (FREE MEAL FOR ANYONE)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Dinner served at 1:00pm

RSVP's Required by December 18, 2019

**Interested in volunteering to
serve/clean-up?**

Visit saintt.com
home page banner "Christmas Day
Dinner"



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!!

Please Note:
There will be NO Café Manna
on December 26, 2019
or
January 2, 2020

For Your Information

GIVE+Online

Help Us Grow Through eGIVING

VANCO is our electronic online giving portal. Electronic giving is a convenient, easy solution when you don't have cash or a checkbook or just want to give online.

- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation.
- Schedule and manage recurring donations.
- Pay for events and activities using your debit/credit card or banking information.

If you would like to give electronically, visit saintt.com (under the GIVE tab) or contact the office at 219-464-4042.

St. Teresa of Avila Holiday Office Hours

The office will close on
December 20, 2019 at noon & will reopen on January 2, 2020

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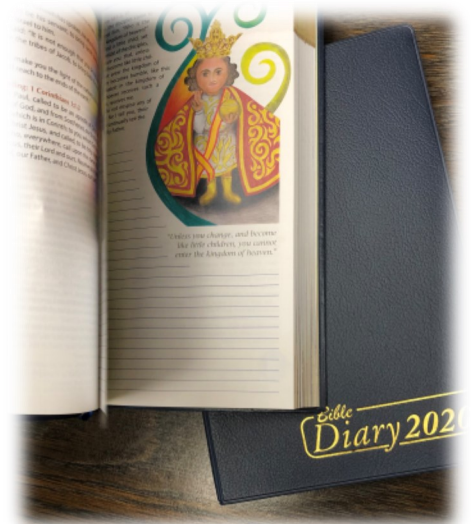
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World Youth Day

2020 Bible Diary for Sale!!!



2020 Bible Diaries will be on sale for \$20.00 each the weekend of December 14-15 in the Community Room. You may also stop by the office to purchase yours!

Proceeds to go towards those going to World Youth Day 2020 in Portugal.

Sponsor of the Week: Elegan Customwear

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