



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

CHRISTMAS

December
22
2019



Glory
to THE
NEWBORN
King

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,

Merry Christmas! It is my deepest hope and prayer that all of you have a very merry and blessed Christmas celebration with all your family and friends this week.

Today, Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation!

Even in the midst of all the chaos of the Christmas season, let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ Himself. Just as He pierced into human history over two thousand years ago, may He once again pierce into our lives and into our hearts. Jesus is the radiant day which has dawned on the horizon of our lives and we celebrate Christmas all the way until the Epiphany of our Lord two weeks later.

As I mentioned last year, one of the fun traditions that the Church has during this Christmas season is the Blessing of Wine on the Feast of St. John. According to legend, St. John was served poisoned wine, but survived because he blessed the wine before he put it to his lips; the poison rose from the cup in the shape of a serpent and he was saved. In his happy memory, the tradition is to bring bottles of wine to church on the weekend closest to his feast day on December 27 and the priest blesses it. The tradition is called "The Love of St. John" and it acts as a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled St. John's heart with loyalty, courage and enthusiasm for the Lord.

So next weekend we are going to have a special wine blessing at all the Masses. We will have some tables set up near the altar where we will do the blessing. Then you can use the wine at your own dinner table, leave a bottle for your priest or staff ☺ (wink, wink), or give it to a friend as a gift. To the right is a traditional recipe to make spiced wine called St. John's Love.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

Monday, December 23
5:15 pm

Ethel Gruenlon
Kris Conrad

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24
4:00pm

Health & Blessings for
Robert Halfman
Marshall & Mary Jane
Willingham
Margaret Wolfe
Ken & Evelyn Ryan

10:00pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25
9:30am

Marian McGinnis
Dan McGinnis

Thursday, December 26
8:00am

Ida Trajkovich
Mary Geras Family

Friday, December 27
12:30 pm

Mazie Lex
John Dietzen

Wine Blessing

Saturday, December 28
4:00pm

St. Teresa of Avila
Community

Sunday, December 29
8:00am

Margaret Wolfe
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dudak

11:00am

Jim Kogut
Karen & Mike Malecha

5:00 pm

No Services

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00pm-6:30pm

Saturday

2:30pm-3:30pm

St. John's Love

1 bottle of red wine

3 whole cloves

1/16 teaspoon ground cardamom

2 two-inch cinnamon sticks

½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

½ cup sugar

Put everything into a large saucepan. Boil for 5 minutes. Serve hot in a mug. Enjoy!

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

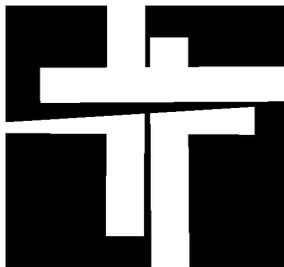


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Stewardship



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 \$450 weekly.

This week our tithing will be donated to the **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Northwest Indiana.**

Year-End Gifts

All end of the year donations for 2019 need to be received by January 6, 2020 in order to be recorded on the 2019 calendar.



Since all your donations are tax deductible, if you would like a Contribution Statement for the year, please place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket and your contribution statement will be sent it out to you beginning January 24, 2020.

Here are some suggestions on how to help St. Teresa's for years to come.

- * Sponsor a peer minister for \$1000
- * Sponsor a college student's mission trip for \$300
- * Sponsor a high school student's mission trip for \$300
- * 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 our FOCUS Missionaries
- * Make a gift to help with capital improvements around St. Teresa's

Thank you for supporting our mission here at St. Teresa of Avila.

Liturgy & Worship

Upcoming Mass Times

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



What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?

An individual may offer a Mass Intention for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

If you are interested in offering a Mass Intention here at St. Teresa of Avila you must complete a **Mass Intention Request Form**.

This form can be found on our website (saintt.com) on the Spirituality & Worship page which is found under the GROW tab.

You can also stop by the office to complete the form. If you need help with the form, please feel free to stop by or call the office for assistance.

The Mass Intention stipend is \$10.00.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA group will take this week off to celebrate the birth of our Savior with loved ones.

We pray for a safe and blessed Christmas season for all. Merry Christmas and God bless!

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:14

Peace & Social Justice

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 22, 2019

Interested in volunteering to serve/clean-up?

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



To live is to change,
and to be perfect is to have changed often.

John Henry Cardinal Newman

Café Manna Meal December 12, 2019

Meals Served	191
Guest Donations	\$41.05
Meal	Goulash, Sesame Chicken Pasta and Corn

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

St. Teresa of Avila Holiday Office Hours

The office will reopen on January 2, 2020

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Join Fr. Chris Stanish on Pilgrimage to Mexico to see Our Lady of Guadalupe.

When: October 10-16, 2020
Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico City), Puebla, Teotihuacan (Aztec pyramids), Xochimilco (floating gardens) and more.

Price includes: Round-trip flight, 4-star hotel, two meals a day, full-time tour guide, transportation, etc.

Early Registration ends December 31, 2019 in order to save \$100.

Contact Fr. Chris at frstanish@gmail.com for more information, or check out the itinerary at www.ctscentral.net/stanish-mx/



Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!

As we celebrate God coming to live among us, take time to share His presence with everyone you encounter this season and beyond.

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