



# ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Images from 2020 Spring Break Mission Trip



Thirteen students ventured to Winnebago, Nebraska with Hope of the Poor to serve the Winnebago tribe. This mission trip was focused on serving the people of Winnebago with time for prayer and reflection. The students are grateful for your support in all of their missions and appreciate the prayers and donations made for this mission trip to be possible!



# March 15 2020

## 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,

We are just about halfway through Lent. As you know, we have been exploring God's merciful love for us through our Lenten Spiritual Challenge: 33 Days to

Merciful Love by Fr. Michael Gaitley. If things haven't been going well we thank God that He give us the ability to start new wherever we might find ourselves. Just pick up wherever you left off and let this season be a time to allow the Lord to restore your heart.

I also want to take this opportunity to ask you to consider attending Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6 PM. The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church that dates back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Praying the Stations allow us to place our trust in God as we put ourselves into the story. They remind us that Jesus suffers with us and they compel us to action. It is easy to get caught up in life, but when we pray the stations of the cross, we grow in the certainty of God's love for us as He guides us from the Cross to the Resurrection.

For the next three weeks, Stations of the Cross will be led by our students in Campus Ministry. Each week will have a different theme.

- ◇ **Friday, March 20** will use special meditations written by St. John Paul II.
- ◇ **Friday, March 27** will focus on Social Justice with reflections by the students.
- ◇ **Friday, April 3** will be a joint effort between St. Teresa and VU.

◇ Please know of my prayers for you as we continue through this season of Lent.

Faithfully yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Chris

## Worship Schedule

Monday, March 16  
5:15 pm

Rosemary Sinkiewicz  
Judy Hagan

Tuesday, March 17  
8:00 am

In Thanksgiving for  
**Megan Harsh**  
Christine Harsh

Wednesday, March 18  
5:15pm

**Debbie Stambolija**  
Community

Thursday, March 19  
8:00am

**For All Carpenters**  
Community

Friday, March 20  
12:30 pm

**For the Prayer  
Request Listed in Our  
Book of Intentions**

Saturday, March 21  
4:00pm

Rosemary Sinkiewicz  
Linda Higdon

Sunday, March 22  
8:00am

**Vicki Barthold**  
Lea Miller

11:00am

**Richard Rokosz, Jr.**  
Tony Rokosz

5:00 pm

**St. Teresa of Avila**  
Community

## Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00pm-6:30pm

Saturday

2:30pm-3:30pm

## Adoration

Daily Adoration is offered in the chapel on the upper level near the Student Center.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent  
6:00 pm  
Church



## Stewardship Report



Thank You for  
Supporting Our  
Mission  
March

March 8, 2020

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Budgeted Weekly Collection</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |
| • Sunday Offering                 | \$6,417         |
| • On-line Giving                  | \$4,311         |
| Total Sunday Collection           | \$10,728        |
| <b>Weekly Status</b>              | <b>\$728</b>    |
| <b>Fiscal Year to Date Status</b> | <b>\$31,926</b> |

## 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**.

### God's Hands in Action

St. Teresa of Avila is a generous community and as such, the Stewardship Commission has formed a **God's Hands in Action: Weekly Tithing Committee**.



To be more intentional in our giving, this group will select organizations that meet the following criteria:

- ◇ Follow the teaching of the Catholic Church
- ◇ Have a local/community connection

If there is an organization that is close to your heart and meets the guidelines or you are interested in serving on the committee, please email [Christine.harsh@valpo.edu](mailto:Christine.harsh@valpo.edu) with details.

## Liturgy and Worship

### RCIA

It will be a busy week! This Sunday at 8am, the first Scrutiny for Tatum and Hunter. Next, we will celebrate the Penitential Rite with our candidates on Wednesday at the 5:15 Mass, followed by a discussion of Medical Ethics with Beth Sewell. On Sunday, we will have an afternoon matinee meeting on The Lord's Prayer led by Janet Gorman, followed by the second Scrutiny at the 5pm Mass. Less than a month to go until Easter, so please lift our candidates and elect in prayer. God bless!

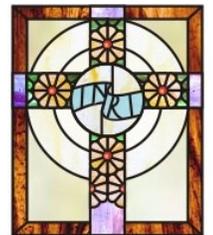
Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live. Ezekiel 47:9

### Prayers Please

It saddens us to inform you of the passing of Debbie Stambolija, daughter of Cecelia Stambolija, on February 25, 2020.

Cards of condolence may be sent to:

2913 Winchester Drive Apt. A, Valparaiso, IN 46383.



### Evenings of Reflection

One of the gifts of Lent is the disposition to ponder, reflect and slow down a bit. Consider giving yourself these gifts by joining Pastoral Associate, Kris Conrad, for three evenings of reflection this Lenten season, using Henri Nouwen's insightful book, "Return of the Prodigal Son".

The book can be purchased on Amazon. Sessions on the Older Son and the Father will meet on **March 18 and April 1 at 7:00pm in the Living Room**.

Feel free to contact Kris at [kristin.conrad@valpo.edu](mailto:kristin.conrad@valpo.edu) with questions.

## Peace & Social Justice

### Prayer for Those Addicted

Most loving God, we ask your blessing upon all who suffer from addiction. Strengthen them to reach out for help. Enable them to take the first step to recovery. Bless them with the persistence to persevere in the fight to be free. Give courage and hope to their families, drawing them close together in the power of your love, which alone can transform our living.

Amen

### Building A House of Hope:

In conjunction with Peace & Social Justice, we have decided to partner with a local organization in Valparaiso this year called **Respite House** for our Lenten Project: **Building a House of Hope**. Together as a community, we are going to pray, fast, and give alms in order to make a difference in the lives of those recovering from chemical addiction. Each week of Lent we will have a Second Collection after Communion. Thank you for your generosity.



### Building A House of Hope

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| <b>Week 2 Collection</b> | <b>\$2,352.53</b> |
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| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$4,602.53</b> |
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### 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](http://saintt.com), to sign up to volunteer!!

### CAFÉ MANNA MEAL MARCH 5, 2020

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| Meals Served    | 198                          |  |
| Guest Donations | \$49.73                      |  |
| Meal            | Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Beans |  |

"I have nothing to offer but **blood**, toil, tears and sweat"

- Winston Churchill

### Blood Drive



Monday,  
March 16, 2020  
1:00pm to 7:00pm  
Avila Hall

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment.

## Faith Formation

### Lenten Event: The Byzantine Gospel

The Byzantine Catholic parishes in the area are having a special Lenten event at St. Elizabeth Seton on Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 1:00pm until 5:00pm.

The day includes lunch, a presentation by Fr. Tom Loya, two presentations by Mike Aquilia, and Vespers in the Byzantine Tradition.

The cost is only \$10 which includes your lunch.

Please register by March 22 at [www.stmarywhiting.rog/lentenretreat](http://www.stmarywhiting.rog/lentenretreat)

### Save the Date!!

### Rocky Railroads are coming your way!!!

This summer Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 15-19, 2020.

More details to come!

## Just what is CLOW?

**WHO:** Children ages 3-9 who have not yet made their First Communion

**WHAT:** CLOW stands for Children's Liturgy of the Word.

**WHEN:** During most 11:00am Masses

**WHERE:** Children are led from Mass to Avila Hall then divided into classes by age.

**WHY:** Age appropriate activities engage kids in the Gospel message in a way they can understand.

**HOW:** VIRTUS trained adults volunteer to teach once a month utilizing provided instructional materials as well as their own creative ideas!

**We are currently in need of two additional teachers.  
If you are interested in helping out or have questions please  
contact Nancy at 219-743-4329.**



## Parish Life

### Want to learn how to "Do the Hustle"?

Join us in Avila Hall on Tuesdays in March (except March 31) from **6:00 pm until 7:00pm (Note: New Time)** for dance lessons from our very own Doreen Rokosz!

Couples, singles, young and old, everyone is welcome. This will be beginner dance lessons on how to dance The Hustle!

All classes free. Come on out and have some fun.

## For Your Information

### Northwest Indiana Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, March 28, 2020 beginning at 8:00am.

Men, is life too hectic?  
Could you use a day to regain perspective and balance?

Experience a new spiritual experience with our Lord. A line-up of dynamic speakers will share insights into living out masculinity and heroic virtue, drawing from their own faith journeys. Mass, confession, great talks and private time will give you the opportunity to reflect on what is going on in your life and the importance of a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. The event will take place at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chesterton.

Cost is \$30 for adults; \$20 for college and high school students. To register visit the Conference website at [www.nwicatholicmen.com](http://www.nwicatholicmen.com).

### Euchre Night is back!!!



Join us on Friday, March 20 at 6:30pm (for practice) or 7:00pm Euchre!! \$5 to play, proceeds go towards Campus Ministry!

#### Sponsor of the Week:

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