



ST. TERESA OF AVILA  
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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:00 pm ~ Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am  
Sunday 9:00 pm when Valparaiso University is in session

Weekday: Monday & Wednesday: 5:15 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am

Friday: 12:30pm

Reconciliation:

Wednesday 6:00pm-6:30pm, Saturday 2:30pm-3:30pm  
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## Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

For the past several months you have been hearing about a retreat opportunity called Christ Renews His Parish. Every year, our community hosts a retreat for men in

October and for women in March. As we quickly approach October, I want to let the men of our parish know about this exciting opportunity. Many of you have already heard the testimonies and seen the advertisements, but I want to offer my own encouragement as well.

Christ Renews His Parish is an amazing opportunity for our parish to grow spiritually and as a community. It is a personal and parish spiritual renewal process. As Catholics, we are called to witness to one another about the amazing things God has done for us. The CRHP process allows us to do just that - take a break from our busy lives, share our faith with others, and get to know God through His works.

Since 1969, CRHP has impacted over 1400 parishes throughout the United States. I can't even begin to tell you how many stories I have heard about men and women alike who used to just go through the actions of Catholicism and then went on this retreat only to return on fire for love of their faith. If you are on the fence about whether to attend this retreat or not, I really want to encourage you to take the leap and give it a chance. Our Lord has big things in store for you. Check out the website and bulletin for more information, and for how to sign up. Please know of my prayers as we approach this retreat.

To Jesus through Mary,  
Fr. Chris

## Worship Schedule

Monday, September 18  
5:15pm

**John Lyons**  
By: Community

Tuesday, September 19  
8:00am

**Michael Sperry**  
By: Carol & George Sperry

Wednesday, September 20  
5:15pm

**Kathleen Mueller**  
By: Community

Thursday, September 21  
8:00am

**Leo Glotzbach**  
By: Trish & Dennis Miller

Friday, September 22  
12:30pm

**Patrick Clifford**  
By: Mike O'Connor

Saturday, September 23  
4:00pm

**Annen/McGillicuddy Family**  
By: Margaret Annen

Sunday, September 24  
8:00am

**John J. David, III**  
By: Jean David

11:00am

**William Wozniak**  
By: Wife & Family

9:00pm

**St. Teresa of Avila**  
By: Community

## Reconciliation Schedule

**Wednesday** 6:00-6:30pm

**Saturday** 2:30-3:30pm

## Adoration


In an effort to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, We are offering Adoration at the following times:

**Monday & Wednesday** 6:00pm-7:00pm

**Tuesday & Thursday** 9:00am-10:00am

**Friday (No Inspire 9-22-17)** 7:00pm-8:00pm

## Stewardship Report

 <b>Weekly Stewardship Report: September 10, 2017</b>	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$9,662.00
◆ Children's Offering (Monthly)	
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$4,636.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection Received</b>	<b>\$14,298.00</b>
Weekly Status (+/-)	+\$4,298.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	-\$7,467.00
Hurricane Relief- 10% Donation	\$1,430.00
Direct Checks	<u>\$395.00</u>
	<b>\$1,825.00</b>

## 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 we will donation to **Meals on Wheels**.

## Liturgy and Worship

- ◇ Do you wonder why Catholics do what they do?
- ◇ Do you wish you had a deeper understanding of what Catholics believe?
- ◇ Do you feel that God may be calling you to the Catholic Church?

Let's talk about it! RCIA is the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes in new members. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who are willing to assist you in discerning if this is where God is calling you, and if so, to help you on your personal journey with Jesus Christ. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 19th, at 7pm, in the Antioch Room.**

For more information, contact Mark at [219-688-4756](tel:219-688-4756), or by email at [saintt.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:saintt.rcia@gmail.com).

We look forward to meeting you. God bless.

## What's Up With the Students?



**Thank You** to all the community members that sponsored a student and/or donated for the upcoming Fall Retreat.!

The Fall Retreat will be from **September 22-24th** at **Cedar Lake Ministries** (logo depicted above).

With your generous donations, we will be able to provide students the opportunity to strength their relationship with God, others, and their faith.

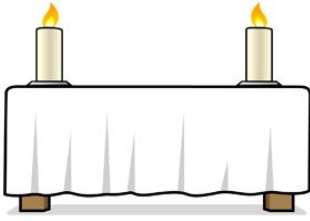
Pictured below are the students that attended the Fall Retreat in 2016.

We will be praying for you throughout the week and dedicating the Saturday, September 23, 2017 mass to you, your health, and your intentions.



To have courage for whatever comes in life  
~ everything lies in that.  
*Saint Teresa of Avila*

## Altar Server Training



If you have a child who is interested in becoming an altar server, there are two opportunities to join this ministry. You need attend only one training.

Parents, please plan to attend the first 20 minutes (but you are welcome to stay the whole time).

Training sessions will be held on **Tuesday, Sep. 19th** at 6 PM and on **Sunday, Sep 24th** at noon (or immediately following the 11am mass).

For more information, please contact Kearney Szevery (531-8922, [KearneySzevery@gmail.com](mailto:KearneySzevery@gmail.com)).

**St. Teresa of Avila Office Hours**  
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## Altar Server Meeting

Current altar servers - Please plan to join us at one of the convenient times below for a short meeting (approximately 20 minutes). We will be going over a couple changes to the mass procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact Kearney Szevery (531-8922, [KearneySzevery@gmail.com](mailto:KearneySzevery@gmail.com)).

**Saturday, Sep 23 @ 5:15 PM** in the church (Following the 4pm mass)

**Sunday, Sep 24 @ 9:30 AM** in the church or

**Tuesday, Sep 26 @ 6:30 PM** in Avila Hall

## Social Justice



**September 7, 2017**

Number of Meals Served: 328

Weekly guest's donations: \$24.00

Meal: Pork Casserole, & Green Beans

**Food for the body and soul.**

**Thursdays serving from 4:30-6:30pm.**

## Hold On To Your Unwanted Shoes

Once again our Social Justice Commission is asking the St. T's Community to start collecting old or new, unwanted shoes, no matter what condition!!!

**Collection starts October 1 and runs until October 31.**  
**AND NOT A DAY EARLIER!!!**  
(due to space limitations here at St. T's)

This has become a Sojourner Truth House fundraiser that cost nothing, yet raises funds to help homeless and at-risk mothers with children. This a simple act we can all do that makes a great impact on people in need.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Consider taking the time to donate blood at our next Blood Drive which is set for:

September 25, 2017  
1:00pm-7:00pm in Avila Hall

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call  
1-800-RED-CROSS.

**Faith Formation**

***The Wild Goose***

*The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all those participating. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father.*

***Come Holy Spirit***

The format for the Wild Goose series will be weekly video presentations and discussions. The video will be presented at three different times during the week. You may attend any of the times. All the sessions will be held in the Antioch Room except when indicated otherwise by \*\*. Discussion will allow participants to delve deeper into how the Holy Spirit is working in and through them.

The First Sessions are:	Sunday (between masses) 9:30 am - 10:45 am	Tuesday 9:00 am - 10:15 am	Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
God's Love Poured Out	September 24th	September 26th	September 27th

**For Your Information**

**Marriage Date Night October 13, 2017**  
 Don Quijote Restaurant Reflection on Marriage  
 by Bishop Hying  
 Catholic Marriage Couples  
 For more information:  
[www.dcgary.org/datenight](http://www.dcgary.org/datenight)

Bishop Donald J. Hying's post-synodal pastoral response is now available for reading or downloading at [dcgary.org](http://dcgary.org) or [nwickatholic.com](http://nwickatholic.com).



This week, Dennis Dykstra, a representative from our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, will be seeking new and renewing present parish bulletin ads. If you are interested in advertising please call the parish office for contact information. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community. Advertising in the bulletin allows this publication to be printed each week at no cost to the parish.

Important for all the faithful of the Diocese of Gary, the bishop's response includes the key initiatives and strategies that were identified as priorities at the June synod process, as well as next steps for implementation as we move into growing the future of our diocese, parishes and organizations. The complete text of the bishop's response will also be published in the Northwest Indiana Catholic on September 24.

**TIPS is an acronym for Thunderhouse Independent Patronage Society** which has been in existence since the 1970's and supports the Catholic Student Center.

There are 100 numbers available at a cost of \$100 each per year. Half of the proceeds goes towards the Student Center to help support the many programs that are in place. The balance is given away in monthly drawings, as well as a 'Thank You Dinner' for supporters.

**TIPS Winners—  
September 2017**

- #20 Liz Engel
- #100 Larry Omo
- #44 Greg & Judy Hagan
- #86 Jack & Anita Beaudoin
- #32 Sandra Enzwiler

**Sponsor of the Week:  
Kovenz Memorial**

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.