



Love

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

Three weeks ago we started a preaching series entitled "Teach us to pray." First, we defined prayer as "responding to the God who is already there and receiving what He wants to bestow upon us." Then we looked at prayer as a covenant relationship and we went over

the five forms of prayer (Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving, and Praise) as well as the three expressions of prayer (vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation). Last week, we took a look at Matthew Kelly's Prayer Process: Gratitude, Awareness, Significant moments, Peace, Freedom, Others, and an Our Father.

This week we are going to explore our spiritual senses and imaginative prayer. In this type of prayer, we are able to imagine ourselves into a Scripture passage and use our interior sense to discover what it is that the Lord is trying to teach us.

In order to guide you throughout this week, below is a list of Scripture passages to pray with each day. There are some reflection questions to help you discover what the Lord is saying to you and then you can write it down in your journal.

1. Read the passage once to become familiar with the text.
2. Slowly read the passage a second time.
3. Practice the art of imaginative prayer by placing yourself into the scene.
4. Let Jesus speak to you and touch your heart... What is he saying to you?

Day 1: John 20:19-29 (Touch Jesus' wounds)

Day 2: John 3:22-30 (What is John saying to you in verse 30)

Day 3: Luke 17:11-19 (Where have you been ungrateful)

Day 4: Matthew 14:22-33 (Why do you take your eyes off Jesus)

Day 5: Matthew 19:16-26 (Why do you walk away)

Day 6: John 13:31-38 (What stirs in your heart when Jesus makes his prediction)

Day 7: John 18:15-18, 25-27 (What stirs in your heart when you deny Jesus)

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Worship Schedule

Monday, March 27
5:15pm

Priest Intention

Tuesday, March 28
8:00am

Priest Intention

Wednesday, March 29
5:15pm

Louis Vargo

By: Dennis & Patricia Miller

Thursday, March 30
8:00am

Michael D. Newhard

By: Community

Friday, March 31
12:30pm

Michael Gifford

By: Nancy Gifford

Saturday, April 1
4:00pm

Ed Stressler

By: Community

Sunday, April 2
8:00am

Paul Aleman

By: Jean David

11:00am

St. Teresa of Avila

By: Community

9:00pm

Priest Intention

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00-6:30pm

Saturday

2:30-3:30pm

Fr. Chris' Corner Continued

After your prayer, write down in your journal the "strongest" thought or feeling that occurred in your prayer. Then, write down the one thing that you sensed the Lord was trying to tell you.

Finally, write down what you ended your prayer wanting.

Faithfully Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Chris

Stewardship Report



Weekly Stewardship Report: March 19, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$9,196.00
◆ Children's Offering	\$0.00
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$876.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$10,072.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	+\$72.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	+\$12,994.00

Stewardship Commission



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 weekly.

The donation this week will go to the Grace Chapel in Valparaiso to assist with their mission to host the Men's Overnight Shelter.

Campus Ministry



St. T's is having its annual Amazing Race!

What is amazing race? It's a race around Valpo where competing teams of college students complete fun challenges. The winning team ultimately wins a cash prize and serious bragging rights.

We are looking for drivers and homes to host challenges. This is an event that many college students look forward to every year, largely because of the fun they have with YOU, the community. The race takes place on Saturday, April 22nd, from 6-9pm. This is a great way to meet college students, get involved, and have a blast at the same time!

Please email Scott Chuchla if you are interested in helping by driving or hosting a challenge at your home. saintt.campusministry@gmail.com

St. T's Very Own Coffee Blends!



Join us following Masses on April 8/9 and April 15/16 to purchase the St. T's Special Easter blend coffees!

Easter Delight—*A blend combining the best of South American Espresso, a Central American and Asian coffee.*

Hallelujah Blend—*Delicious blend of rum, pecans and cinnamon*

The Empty Tomb Blend—*Decaf Blend*

**Coffee available in ground or bean;
Each bag sells for \$10.**

Spirituality

Easter Lily Donations

To help defray the cost of our Easter flowers, we are inviting you to adopt an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one.

The cost is only \$25.

Your loved ones will then be remembered at the 8:00am Mass on Easter Sunday morning.

Flower donations are due to the office by
Monday, April 3.



Avalon Spring Mass Update

The April 5, 2017 Mass has been moved to March 30, 2017 at 10:00am.

Sorry for any inconvenience.



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

For Your Information: Lenten/Easter Events

Please join us in the church on the following Fridays at 6:30pm:

3/31/2017 – Stations of the Cross

4/07/2017 – Stations of the Cross –(Bilingual)

Holy Thursday Mass, April 13 —7:00pm

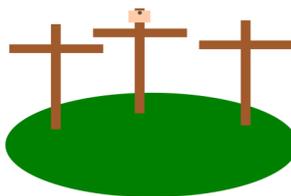
Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 14—3:00pm

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness". It is a religious service celebrated on Good Friday. Tenebrae is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited. The Tenebrae Service commemorates the sufferings and death of Christ. It is a moving way to experience the events of Good Friday.

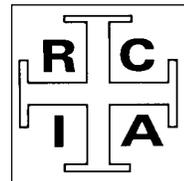
Good Friday Services, April 14— 7:00pm

Easter Vigil, April 15—7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16—8:00am & 11:00am



In the Gospel at 4pm mass this week, Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth.



Fr. Chris, acting in the person of Christ, will then preside over the second Scrutiny for our elect, Andrea, where he will pray for her spiritual healing and strengthening as her Baptism approaches.

This is a perfect lead in for Fr. Rich as he joins our RCIA group on Tuesday evening to discuss Anointing of the Sick & Holy Orders. Our candidates and elect are on the homestretch now as Easter is only a couple of weeks away. Your prayers and support are their lifeline. May God bless us all!

Is anyone among you sick?
He should summon the presbyters
of the church,
and they should pray over him and anoint
him in the name of the Lord,
and the prayer of faith will save the sick
person,
and the Lord will raise him up.

James 5:14-15

Social Justice

Drive for Sojourner Truth House: Personal Products and Easter Basket Items

Sojourner Truth House, is a not for profit organization located in Gary, Indiana, and sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC), that serves homeless and at-risk women and their children.

The Social Justice Commission is conducting a drive for personal care products and the makings for Easter baskets for Sojourner Truth House on the weekend of April 1-2.

On the weekend of March 25-26 members of the Commission will be passing out lists of items requested by the STH staff for their clients. (This is a change from past drives in that the Commission is not passing out lists attached to grocery bags, but just passing out the lists themselves).

Empty Easter baskets and candy are already being provided. The lists you will receive will contain personal products and a request for an item such as a book, small toy, small stuffed animal or other article that a child would like to receive in an Easter basket. We provide the makings for the Easter baskets to the clients of STH who use them to create Easter baskets for their children.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping the women and children (and the few male clients) of Sojourner Truth House.



ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse.

How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Rice Bowls will be collected on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter.

WALK 4 STH**Step Up**

Here is an amazing opportunity to 'Step Up' and help out our friends at Sojourner Truth House.

STH is having their 18th Annual Walk for STH on June 10, 2017 in Gary. Registration begins at 8:00am, the walking starts at 9:00am. It is only 1.6 miles, so it should take less than an hour. There is NO registration

fee to join the team and you do NOT have to donate to be on a team. Hopefully, you'll do some fundraising by getting sponsors. In 2016, our AMAZING TEAM raised over \$4,300.00. We are all so Very Blessed and Generous.

Our team name is "St. Teresa of Avila - Stepping Up." You can either go to the link at the bottom of this information or just go to the STH website:

www.sojournertruthhouse.org, **How to Help, Walk for STH.** Once you are on that page you can easily donate an outright gift or Sponsor a Participant for a flat amount, join the St. T's team, create your own team, be a sponsor or vendor, help out..... There are all kinds of opportunities.

My philosophy - "The answer is always NO until you ask." So, don't be afraid to ask anyone and everyone, including businesses, to join the team, give a donation, or just come out and enjoy the festivities!!!!

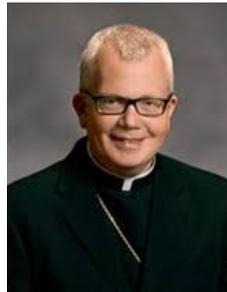
Go St. Teresa's! Let's make a difference in the lives of those who need our love and support!

Come out, have fun, meet new people, and help out those in need.

Faith Formation**Adult Faith Formation**

Join us on
Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00pm
Avila Hall

Bishop Donald Hying will present
"Forgiveness of Sin: Heaven, Hell and Purgatory"



The next GIFT session is Sunday, April 9 at 9:15am at VU.

Our topic is "One Church with Diverse Roles: Vocations for All".

Jo Anne Rosenow, owner of Salon Amara and designer of the vocation cross for St. Paul Parish, will be the parent presenter!

**St. Teresa of Avila Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm Friday: 8:30-12:00pm
Office Closed: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday

Café Manna Update

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of our meal on Thursday. We served 302 meals.

****NEW****

All Café Manna dishes are available for pick up in the Storage Room located off the kitchen area.

In an effort to reduce the number of unclaimed dishes please bring your donation of salad/dessert in a ziplock bag or on a paper plate if possible.

We are so grateful for your donations!

For Your Information**Travel with Fr. Chris to the Holy Land**

November 6-16, 2017

* Jerusalem * Bethlehem * Nazareth * Galilee *

* Via Crucis * Last Supper *

*Gethsemane * *Dormition *

*Nativity Church * Capernaum*

Cost is \$3,500.00

(Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S)

For more details, see Fr. Chris or call 1-855-842-8001

**Sponsor of the Week: Kovenz Memorial**

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