



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

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

In an effort to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, St. Teresa's will be offering Adoration at the following times, beginning August 12, 2017:

Monday & Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00-10:00am
Friday from 7:00-8:00pm

Monday through Thursday will be silent adoration. Friday night will be a special Holy Hour called **Inspire**.

Inspire will include Praise & Worship, a short meditation, and Reconciliation will be available. There will also be a social for the students afterward, and we would like to invite you and your family to join us for the social on the first Friday of each month. That First Friday Social will be a game night and feel free to bring snacks and other goodies to share.

Please join us on Friday, September 1, 2017 for **Inspire** and our First Friday Social.

I can't even begin to tell you how excited I am for us to connect and grow with one another through Eucharistic Adoration. I have no doubt that the Lord is going to draw so many hearts into His own. I look forward to seeing you there,

Fr. Chris

Worship Schedule

Monday, August 14
7:00pm

Note Mass Time

George Beach

By: Marion Philips & Family

Holy Day

Tuesday, August 15
8:00am

7:00pm

Isabel O'Connell

By: Sue O'Connell

Joe & Roberta Kusiak
45th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, August 16
5:15pm

Michelle Giannini

By: Viv Szyndrowski

Thursday, August 17
8:00am

Joseph E. Wolfe

By: Family

Friday, August 18
12:30pm

Gail Hilmer

By: The Brichta Family

Saturday, August 19
4:00pm

Marilyn & Ray Ritzi

Anniversary Blessings

Sunday, August 20
8:00am

Edwin Martinex

By: Carlos & Maria Diaz

St. Teresa of Avila

By: Community

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday

6:00-6:30pm

Saturday

2:30-3:30pm

Adoration

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

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Friday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Stewardship Report

	Weekly Stewardship Report: August 6, 2017	
	Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received		
◆ Sunday Offering	\$7,606.00	
◆ Children's Offering	\$0.00	
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$2,682.00	
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$10,288.00	
Weekly Status (+/-)	+\$288.00	
Year to Date Status (+/-)	-\$6,441.00	

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.

The donation this week will go to the **Lutheran Deaconess Association**.

Campus Ministry

	Volunteers Needed 9:00pm Meal Ministry
	<p>We are looking for people interested in participating in the college student meal ministry. We have a rotating schedule so you would only need to participate once a month.</p>

Denny and Sharon Kenning and Carolyn Mikovich will continue to coordinate the meal planning/prep and will be present Sunday evenings on a regular basis.

We usually start cooking around 7:00 pm and attend mass at 9:00 pm with the students. The goal is to be done with clean up by 11:00 pm. If interested, please contact the office or Carolyn Mikovich at cmikovic@comcast.net



Attention St. Teresa Community Members
If you have been wondering how you can help welcome our new students, here are some ways!

Drink Donations

Our drink cache reserved for the students is in need of replenishing!

It is used at the Mass on the Grass, the socials following 9:00 PM Mass, other community-based events, and just to have for students visiting the student center. If you would like to make a donation, please bring them to the kitchen and we will take care of it from there!

Preferably beverages like Sierra Mist, 7 UP, or even juices like Apple, Cranberry, Grape, etc.

Thank you in advance; your support is greatly appreciated!

Adopt a Student

For any of you who remember moving away from home for the first time or being in an environment unfamiliar to you, you remember that it can be an intimidating and even frightening experience!

With this thought in mind, St. Teresa is currently looking for parents/families who are willing to participate in our 'Adopt-a-Student' program.

This program's goal is to connect a St. Teresa VU student with a St. Teresa family in order to provide a sense of community, support, and relationship! It is a program geared toward making St. Teresa a 'home away from home,' and allowing community members of St. Teresa to participate in the mission of being the face of Christ to the college students.

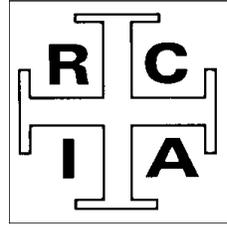
Like the saying goes, "It's not what you know, but who you know." Similarly, in regards to the Church, it's not solely about what you know but community and the question of who you know makes a difference!

If you are interested, please email Dottie at wittledot@comcast.net



Spirituality

Martin Luther King Jr. said,
**"Faith is taking the first step, even when
 you don't see the whole staircase."**



God doesn't send us an email when He calls us. His call comes through people, communities, situations, or sometimes through a longing deep within ourselves. If you are feeling drawn to the Catholic Church, even if you are unsure if this is where you are being led, our RCIA team stands ready to assist you in discerning if you are on God's path. We will pray with you, talk with you, and help you seek answers to your questions. No pressure, no commitment until you are ready, just friends dedicated to assist you in your quest. For more information, contact Mark at [219-688-4756](tel:219-688-4756), or email at saintt.rcia@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you. God bless!

All you who are thirsty, come to the water.
 Come to me heedfully, listen,
 that you may have life.
 Isaiah 55:1,3

"Clothed with power from on high"
 Luke 24:49



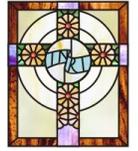
**Northwest Indiana
 Catholic Men's Conference
 Saturday, August 26, 2017**

This conference is a "don't miss" opportunity to deepen your faith. It's one day packed with a great slate of Catholic speakers, Mass, Confession, music, and more! Lunch and free parking are included. We promise a rewarding day that you will not regret! Join us on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist. The cost is \$30 dollars for adults and \$20 dollars for college and high school students.

Young men, encourage your dads to go with you and attend this event! The Conference promises to be a challenging, soul-searching, and uplifting day that will help both of you find peace, order, and direction that is so often missing in our lives. □

For tickets or more information contact your parish captain Wayne Harmen at 219-462-4849 or visit the Conference web site at www.nwicatholicmen.com.

Prayers Please



Please keep Kathleen Mueller in your prayers this week. Kathleen recently passed away.

Also, please keep Susie and Joe Zaweski in your prayers. Joe's father, Edward Zaweski passed away last week.

If you would like to send a card of support to the families you can do so to the addresses listed below:

Bill Mueller
 6235 Wisconsin Street
 Hobart, IN 46342

Susie & Joe Zaweski
 1653 Cobblestone Drive
 Valparaiso, IN 46385

Brian Hickey Update

**Share in
 Brian Hickey's
 Holy Land
 Experience**



**Sunday, August 13, 2017
 9:30am in Avila Hall**

Brian Hickey, a Valparaiso University 2016 grad, will be joining us to tell us where Christ has led him over the past year. He has been teaching at an Arab Christian school in Bethlehem. He'll share the joy and the struggles that he experienced living the Christian life as a minority in the Holy Land. Brian will also share where the Lord is leading him next.

Social Justice



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CAFE MANNA

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of our meal on Thursday. **We served 287 meals last week.**

All Café Manna dishes are available for pick up in the Storage Room located off of 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 or when you drop off your dish, transfer it to one of our dishes and then take your dish home with you.

We are so grateful for your donations!

Faith Formation



Growing In Faith Together

"A Family of Faith" that's what we are here at St. Teresa, and that is the name of the curriculum we will be using for GIFT this year as well!

Be sure to take a moment to register your family on the St. T website.

Our first class will take place on September 10.

Feel free to contact Kris Conrad at saintt.faithformation@gmail.com with any questions.

August 2017 TIPS Winners

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.

August 2017 winners are listed below:

- #78 Adam Peuquet (150)
- #39 John & Phyllis Lyons (25)
- #64 Tony & Kathleen Hahn (25)
- #86 Jack & Anita Beaudoin (25)
- #88 Greg Hanchar/Mike Peuquet (25)

Parish Life

St. Teresa's Family Picnic



This year our picnic will be on Sunday, September 17, 2017 with Mass starting at 11:00AM at the YMCA Pavilion.

Volunteers Needed!
WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

Consider offering your service in set up, food, games, entertainment and/or cleanup.

Email to join a committee saintt.parishlife@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

CAN YOU HELP US RAISE SOME DOUGH?



The pilgrims travelling to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November will be selling dozens of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for \$10 in the community room next weekend after all of the Masses to help raise money for their trip. Thank you for your support and help!!!

Sponsor of the Week: Gary Camera

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.

Meet the Staff..

Our Pastoral Associate

Kris Conrad and her family have been members at St. Teresa since July of 2007.

Kris has been active with Children's Liturgy and GIFT, and chaired the Spirituality Commission for three years. She graduated from the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Program in 2011, and spent the last six years in the role of Administrator at Chesterton Montessori School. Kris is thrilled to be blessed with this opportunity to serve as your Pastoral Associate.



Our Director of Music Ministry



Cara Benjamin started her college career in vocal performance and has been singing at church since grade school.

Although her schooling ended with a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy and then later a certification in education, she never stopped singing.

Her most formative years in music ministry were those at Saint John the Evangelist where she cantored for over ten years. It was there that she went through formation meetings and truly began to understand what it means to lead people in worship.

Cara is excited to continue her work with Saint Teresa's music ministry. She thanks everyone for being such a welcoming and patient community and looks forward to further serving you and the Lord.

Our Praise & Worship Coordinator

My name is Jake Kerwin. I've been a member of the St. T's community since 2013 and married to my wife, Jennie, for almost 2 years. For the past 13 years, I've been involved with music ministry throughout the Diocese of Gary in a variety of ways; including, the annual youth retreats TAPT, CYX, Grasta De, and Ignite the Fire. I am now excited to continue sharing my ministry in an expanded role with St. T's as the Praise and Worship Coordinator. My goal is to gather a group of musicians and vocalists, comprised of college students and high school upperclassmen, that seek to utilize their talents to bring praise and worship music to the community and thus, grow in our journey together with Christ. I look forward to working with many of you and ask that you keep me in your prayers during this time.



Our Bookkeeper

Greetings! My name is Chris Blane. My husband, Mark and I have been members of St. Teresa's for the past 20 years.

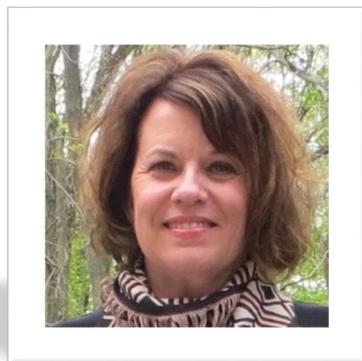
We have been married for 36 years. Our niece, Cecilia, lives with us and also is a member of St. T's. We have 3 adult children. Travis and my daughter-in-law, Eliza and my grandson, Jude live in San Francisco, California. Mark, Jr. and Carly live in Brooklyn, New York.

Both my husband Mark and I have been involved in RCIA, Christ Renews His Parish, Hospitality Ministers, and Donut Sunday.

I am excited to be a part of the staff at St. T's and I look forward to serving St. T's as the Bookkeeper.



Our Administrative Assistant



I was born in a small Catholic community in western Kentucky consisting of about 100 families. I graduated from Murray State University with both B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biochemistry and Environmental Engineering Technology. Before having my children, Ethan (20) and Mollie (17), I worked at a Uranium Enrichment plant as a Health Physics Tech and Environmental Trainer. I met my husband, Ed through a coworker who lived next door. (Ed was the only Catholic that I had ever dated so my parents

were thrilled)!

After our children were born, I became a stay at home mom and was actively involved as a school and community volunteer and with church activities (catechist, choir, Café Manna) in our residences in Bardwell, Kentucky; Reading, Pennsylvania, and here in Valparaiso. I also worked several part-time jobs including substitute teaching and being a personal care assistant. I recently completed a six year term on the Executive Board for the Gary/Merrillville/Winfield chapter of Tri Kappa, a women's philanthropic organization.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the faith community of St. Teresa and look forward to this new venture!