



## Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

Now that the University is back in session, I just want to make you aware of some of the opportunities we have in front of us. First of all, I want to make sure that all of you know that we will be celebrating our annual Mass on the Grass on Sunday, September 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm. This is a great outreach to our college students and so I want to invite you to join us for this wonderful celebration. Mass will begin at 5:00 pm right under the tree near the Green House. After Mass, there will be food available for everyone to enjoy. We are also going to have a sno-cone machine and a popcorn maker while our very own DJ (Izzy) plays music outside.

I also want to make you aware that adoration began this past week. More or less adoration begins shortly after the daily Mass and lasts for an hour. You do not have to stay for the whole time. It would be great just to stop in for a couple minutes. I also want to mention that our first INSPIRE begins this upcoming Friday, September 1 at 7:00 pm. There will be praise and worship music, a short meditation/talk, and I will also be available for Reconciliation. Since this is the first Friday of the month, the entire community is also welcome to join the students for a game night afterward in the student lounge. We are really excited to offer these connection points this year.

Lastly, I want to mention that we will have a special Mass on Labor Day (Monday, September 4, 2017). Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Many of you will have the day off from work and I just want to encourage you to join us as we thank God for the many gifts He has given us. Please know of my continued prayers for you and please continue to pray for me.

To Jesus through Mary,  
Fr. Chris

## Worship Schedule

Monday, August 28  
5:15pm

**Jerry Keller**  
By: Community

Tuesday, August 28  
8:00am

**Terry Malmquist**  
By: Kathy Malmquist

Wednesday, August 30  
5:15pm

**Terry Malmquist**  
By: Kathy Malmquist

Thursday, August 31  
8:00am

**Emily Judd**  
By: Community

Friday, September 1  
12:30pm

**First Friday Memorial Mass**

Saturday, September 2  
4:00pm

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

Sunday, September 3  
8:00am

**St. Teresa of Avila**  
By: Community  
**Carl J. Scibetta**  
By: Conrad Family

11:00am

5:00pm—  
Note Mass Time

**Priest Intention**

## Reconciliation Schedule

**Wednesday**

6:00-6:30pm

**Saturday**

2:30-3:30pm

## Adoration

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

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

**Friday** 7:00pm-8:00pm

## Stewardship Report



### Weekly Stewardship Report: August 20, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$7,199.00
◆ Children's Offering	\$0.00
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$816.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$8,737.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	-\$1,263.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	-\$9,151.00



## God's Hands in Action St. Teresa of Avila Weekly Tithing

St. Teresa's 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

About five years ago we changed our tithing amount to \$450 weekly and we will continue to donate that amount to each organization.

If there is an organization that is close to your heart and that meets the guidelines or are interested in serving on the committee, please contact the committee at [saintt.Godshands@gmail.com](mailto:saintt.Godshands@gmail.com).

## 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 **Guest House**.

The mission of Guest House is to provide the information, education, treatment and care needed to assure that Catholic clergy, men and women religious, and seminarians suffering from alcoholism, addictions and other behavioral health conditions have the best opportunity for quality recovery and overall health and wellness. Guest House has been serving the Catholic Church for over 60

## Spirituality

### Women's Bible Study

The Scripture Sisters will begin the fall session on Sept. 7 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, continuing our study of the gospel of John.

All women of the parish are welcome. A background in Scripture is not required - we welcome all who would like to deepen their understanding of the scriptures and share their faith and life experiences with other faith-filled women.

Books are available in the office, or after Masses Aug. 26-27. Books are \$5.00, payable by cash or check made out to St. Teresa of Avila and in the memo section write WBS.. For more information, contact Ann Ruggaber (548-2970).

## 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, We are offering Adoration at the following times:**

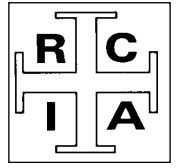
Monday & Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm  
 Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00-10:00am  
 Friday from 7:00-8:00pm

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 will instruct you in the way you should walk, give you counsel and watch over you.



Psalms 32:8

God has promised to lead us on our journey if we let Him.

- ◆ Do you feel that God is leading you toward the Catholic Church?
- ◆ If so, St. Teresa's RCIA team stands ready to assist you as you seek answers to your questions and discern God's will for you.
- ◆ Our first inquiry meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, September 5th, at 7pm, in the Antioch Room.
- ◆ Come and check us out. No commitment, no pressure, just a committed group of volunteers eager to meet you and willing to help in any way we can.
- ◆ For more information you can contact Mark at [219-688-4756](tel:219-688-4756), or at [saintt.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:saintt.rcia@gmail.com).
- ◆ We look forward to meeting you. God bless!

In green pastures you let me graze; to safe waters you lead me; you restore my strength.

Psalm 23:2-3

### Social Justice



**August 17, 2017**

Number of Meals Served: 337

Weekly guest's donations: \$2.00

Meal: Pork & Veggie Casserole

**Food for the body and soul.**

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

### Youth Ministry



The pilgrims travelling to the National Catholic Youth Conference this November would like to thank everyone who purchased Krispy Kreme Doughnuts last weekend.

The profits will go toward their trip to Indianapolis in November.

Thank you for your support!!!

## Faith Formation



As part of the Diocese of Gary's commitment for creating a safe environment for all parishes and schools, a new background check process has been implemented through a new vendor, Selection.com.

All staff and volunteers, ages 18 and over, whom are in contact with minors (those under 18), and have a VIRTUS account, must submit a new background check application by visiting [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

Here at St. Teresa's, this would include:

- ◇ staff
- ◇ chaperones
- ◇ catechists (GIFT/CLOW), catechist aides, babysitters,
- ◇ Café Manna heads
- ◇ youth ministers
- ◇ altar server trainers
- ◇ VBS/GIFT Hall Monitors.

If a new staff member or volunteer has not been VIRTUS trained, please visit [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) to pre-register for an upcoming VIRTUS class. After pre-registering, you will be able to submit a background check application through Selection.com. (Locally, there is an upcoming session scheduled for 9/27/17 from 6:30pm-9:30pm at St. Patrick's in Chesterton.)

If you have any questions, please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator, Amy Gniadek at 464-4042 or [saintt.virtus@gmail.com](mailto:saintt.virtus@gmail.com).

## Growing In Faith Together



"A Family of Faith" is 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](mailto:saintt.faithformation@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Thank YOU!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! There are so many ways to say thank you, but they all mean the same thing—my absolute gratefulness for what you do to help the poor.

You have demonstrate this kind of Christ-like love. And God has used you to help answer the desperate prayers of some in need. Thank you for your compassion and your loving generosity.

A servant of the poor,

Robin Mahfood  
Food for the Poor

## 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.

**Bishop Hying will be celebrating Mass with us!!!**



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

Consider offering your service in set up, food, games, entertainment and/or cleanup. Join a committee by emailing [saintt.parishlife@gmail.com](mailto:saintt.parishlife@gmail.com).

### Sponsor of the Week: Jimmy John's

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