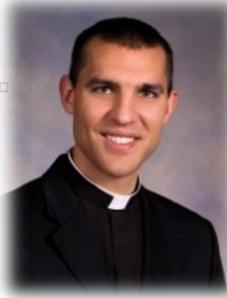




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Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

As we begin our journey through Advent, it is important for us to look towards the horizon of hope. This is the horizon that makes a good journey because it keeps us looking

ahead at the amazing things God has in store for us.

The time of Advent that we begin today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. This is a hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is always faithful!

The time of Advent that the Church celebrates in preparation for Christmas is a new journey of the people of God with Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, who guides us in history towards the completion of the Kingdom of God. Let us rediscover the beauty of being together along the way: the Church, with her vocation and mission, and the whole of humanity, the people, the civilizations, the cultures, all together on the paths of time. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the cultural season, let us sit in the school of Bethlehem where we learn to quiet ourselves and meditate on the beautiful face of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

To Jesus through Mary,
Fr. Chris

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	7:00pm-8:00pm

Worship Schedule

Monday, December 4
5:15pm

Paul Aleman
By: Community

Tuesday, December 5
8:00am

Eleanor Gentile
By: Joanne Gentile

Wednesday, December 6
5:15pm

Angie Mae Gifford
By: Nancy Gifford

Thursday, December 7
8:00am

Michael Mikovich
By: Carolyn Mikovich

Holy Day Vigil
7:00pm

Dorothy Stephens
By: John Dietzen

The Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8
12:30pm

John Kopil
By: Mary Ann Kopil
Kris Lavedas
By: Tess Mangold

7:00pm

Saturday, December 9
4:00pm

Annen/McGillicddy Families
By: Margaret Annen

Sunday, December 10
8:00am

Dolores Yogan
By: Tom & Lissa Yogan
Mary Scott
By: Family
St. Teresa of Avila
By: Community

11:00am

5:00pm—
Student Advent Dinner

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday	6:00-6:30pm
Saturday	2:30-3:30pm

Stewardship Report

 Weekly Stewardship Report: November 19, 2017	
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$10,000.00
Sunday Collection Received	
◆ Sunday Offering	\$9,727.00
◆ Children's Offering (Monthly)	
◆ This Week's On-line Giving	\$727.00
Total Sunday Collection Received	\$10,454.00
Weekly Status (+/-)	\$454.00
Year to Date Status (+/-)	-\$10,756.00
Thank you for your generous donations.	

Weekly Stewardship Report: November 26, 2017

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Stewardship Commission



First and foremost, we want to thank you for your generous donations through the myEoffering website. It is because of your support and generosity that we are able to offer a life-changing encounter with Christ to our students and local families as we connect, grow, and serve.

As many of you may already know, if you are using myEoffering for your contributions then you must reactivate your donations periodically through your online account. The company does not send out a reminder and will simply stop your contributions once the designated number of donations has been withdrawn. They have also encouraged us to remind users that they can include the transaction fees in their donation in order to help the parish: each ACH contribution is \$.30, and each credit card is an additional 2.75%.

Thank you again for being a partner in the mission of St. Teresa of Avila. Please know of our prayers for you and your family.

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 our tithing will be donated to the **World Youth Day 2019**.

What's Up With the Students?

Annual Student Advent Dinner!

Volunteers Needed

Sunday evening,
December 10, 2017

The Student Advent Dinner is one of the most well attended events that we host for our students.

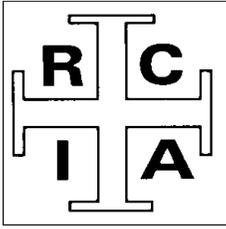


The evening starts with a special 5:00pm candle-light Mass especially for our students. It is followed by an amazing meal, photo booth, and raffles for our students!!

This is where we need your help!

- Volunteers needed to:
 - Serve the meal
 - Clean up
 - Manage Trash and Recycle
 - Wash dishes
 - Distribute Christmas Books
- You can volunteer on-line at www.saintt.com
- We will let you know what you will be doing by December 7, 2017
- Questions? Contact Tammie Meade at docmeade23@comcast.net

Liturgy and Worship



Deborah Tatum, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Gary, will visit with our RCIA

group this Monday evening to help us break open the topic of Christian History. As we draw closer to the halfway point of our RCIA year, please lend your prayers in support of our inquirers, asking God to light their way forward through His son Jesus Christ. God bless

"Growth is the only evidence of life."

Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman.

Help Support the World Youth Day Team by purchasing a 2018 Bible Diary for only \$20.00

Features include:

- Liturgical and Sanctoral Catholic calendar
- Prayers for the protection of the family and all Human life
- Family prayers for husband, wife, children, and family issues
- Guide to the Sacrament of Penance
- Introduction and Explanation of Liturgical Season
- Invitation for the reader to Lectio Divina of Sundays using the four simple steps of READ, REFLECT, PRAY, ACT.
- Weekday reflections
- Sales begin December 2 in the Community Room.



Funeral Luncheon Update

Are you looking for a Ministry to fill your heart?

This may just be what you are looking for...the **Funeral Luncheon Ministry.**

As many of you may know, we have an amazing group of people who prepare, cook and serve our Funeral Luncheons. We are always in need of more help.

If this is something you are interested in, please add your contact information to the sheet in the Community Room.

They want to update their volunteer records too.

If you currently are volunteering to provide a dessert, set up or cook, please update your contact information.

Use the sheet in the Community Room to provide your current information.

If you have questions, please contact Oleta at 464-1115.

Upcoming Mass Times

Immaculate Conception	Thursday, December 7 Friday, December 8	7:00pm 12:30pm & 7:00pm
4th Sunday of Advent	Saturday, December 23 Sunday, December 24	4:00pm & 6:00pm 9:30am
Christmas Eve	Sunday, December 24	4:00pm & 10:00pm
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25	9:30am
Nativity of the Lord	Monday, January 1	9:00am

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin.



Masses will be celebrated:

Thursday, December 7
Mass of Anticipation at 7:00pm

Friday, December 8 at 12:30pm & 7:00pm

Did you know that there is a Prayer Chain Ministry active here at St. T's?

When you would like the Prayer Chain to actively pray for a need of your friends, family or yourself, just contact Vivian (see contact info below).

The Prayer Chain Ministry at St. T's is now looking for additional members. This ministry takes little time and can be done entirely from your home. You will receive the requests by telephone or by email - your choice. If you are a telephone member of the chain, you will call one other person each time a request comes through. All email Prayer Chain members receive the email at one time, with no need to contact another person.

Please contact Vivian Szyndrowski at [219-395-9956](tel:219-395-9956) or via email at szyngin@earthlink.net.

Social Justice

Haiti Update

Deacon Bob Marben and Dan Ruggaber have just returned from a trip to the Fort- Liberte' Diocese in Haiti.

They traveled with Bishop Hying and a team of 10 others seeking ways to expand our relationship a sister diocese and to explore developing sister-parish relationships.

No sister-parish commitment will be made for St. Teresa of Avila until after much prayer, discussion and discernment, first with the parish council, then with the community members and finally with our proposed sister-parish in Haiti.

Anyone with past experience with a Haitian parish or an interest in working on a Haitian ministry team may contact Dan Ruggaber at [219-548-2970](tel:219-548-2970).

We would openly welcome someone who writes and reads Creole or French.



Angel Tree Opportunities

ALL items should be returned unwrapped to the Community Room no later than Sunday, December 3, 2017

We are also accepting donations of wrapping paper and gift bags.

Please call Chris O'Connor at 405-9519 or email at coconnor@buchertech.com.

For Your Information

Beautiful Hand-Made Greeting Cards

Greeting Cards for All Occasions
Created by Jackie Whetstone

Cards are \$1.00 each and all proceeds go to St. Teresa's Youth Ministry/summer Catholic Heart Workcamp mission trip.

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