



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
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Heaven and Nature Sing



*And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace
to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14*

Fr. Chris' Corner



Dear friends in the Lord,

Merry Christmas! It is my deepest hope and prayer that all of you have a very merry and blessed Christmas celebration with all your family and friends.

Today, Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation!

Even in the midst of all the chaos of the Christmas season, let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ Himself. Just as He pierced into human history over two thousand years ago, may He once again pierce into our lives and into our hearts. Jesus is the radiant day which has dawned on the horizon of our lives and we celebrate Christmas all the way until the Epiphany of our Lord two weeks later.



One of the fun traditions that the Church has during this Christmas season is the Blessing of Wine on the Feast of St. John. According to legend, St. John was served

poisoned wine, but survived because he blessed the wine before he put it to his lips; the poison rose from the cup in the shape of a serpent and he was saved. In his happy memory, the tradition is to bring bottles of wine to church on the weekend closest to his feast day on December 27 and the priest blesses it. The tradition is called "The Love of St. John" and it acts as a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled St. John's heart with loyalty, courage and enthusiasm for the Lord. He alone of all the apostles was not afraid to stay close to Jesus during the Passion and Crucifixion, and he was the only apostle not martyred.

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Worship Schedule

Monday, December 25 9:30am	For Whom the Christmas Flowers were Donated
Tuesday, December 26 8:00am	Veronica Jensen By: Conrad Family
Wednesday, December 27 5:15pm	Jan Dietzen By: John Dietzen
Thursday, December 28 8:00am	Keegan Whaling By: Conrad Family
Friday, December 29 12:30pm	Pat Jacobs By: Community
Saturday, December 30 4:00pm	Becky Hartman By: Joan Smith & Amy Francis
Sunday, December 31 8:00am	Leo R. Glotzbach By: Tom & Rosemary Mroz
11:00am	St. Teresa of Avila By: Community

Adoration

The Adoration will resume on
January 10, 2018.

Reconciliation Schedule

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



Fr. Chris' Corner Continued

So next weekend we are going to have a special wine blessing at all the Masses. We will have some tables set up behind the altar where we will do the blessing. Then you can use the wine at your own dinner table, give it to a friend as a gift or leave a bottle for your priest or staff member (wink, wink).



Below is a traditional recipe to make spiced wine called **St. John's Love**.

1 bottle of red wine
 3 whole cloves
 1/16 teaspoon ground cardamom
 2 two-inch cinnamon sticks
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/2 cup sugar

Put everything into a large saucepan. Boil for 5 minutes. Serve hot in a mug. Enjoy!

To Jesus through Mary,
 Fr. Chris

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 our tithing will be donated to **Mercy Fund through the Diocese of Gary**.

2018 Donation Envelopes

Please note donation envelopes will be sent to all registered members of St. Teresa's via USPS quarterly.

If your address has recently changed, please contact the office with those changes ASAP. Thank you for your generosity!

Stewardship Report

Weekly Stewardship Report:

December 17, 2017

Not Available at time of printing.



Year-end Contribution Suggestions!

Here are some suggestions on how to help St. Teresa's for years to come.

- * Sponsor a peer minister for \$1000
- * Sponsor a college student's mission trip for \$300
- * Sponsor a high school student's mission trip for \$300
- * Sponsor a Café Manna meal for \$300
- * Sponsor a college student's retreat for \$150
- * Sponsor a Sunday night college dinner for \$150
- * Make a gift to support our FOCUS Missionaries
- * Make a gift to help with capital improvements around St. Teresa's
- * Make a gift for the World Youth Day Pilgrims

I hope these suggestions help as you discern Year-End Gifts. Since all your donations are tax deductible, if you would like your Contribution

Statement for the year, please contact Chris Blane in the office, or place a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket and we will send it out to you.

I want to thank you for your generosity as you help to support our mission. Because of your help, we are able to offer a life-changing encounter with Christ for all those who walk through our doors. Please know that you remain in my prayers and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

To Jesus through Mary,
 Fr. Chris

—END OF YEAR—
GIVING
 STATEMENTS

Liturgy and Worship



Mass Intentions

We are now taking Mass intentions for 2018.

If you are interested in offering a Mass for someone, please refer to these guidelines:

1. Name of person for whom the Mass is intended.
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2. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.
3. If you have a specific date and Mass time please include that as well as a second choice.

Christmas Mass Times

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

Help Support the
World Youth Day Team by purchasing a
2018 Bible Diary
for only \$20.00!!
Available in the Community Room.

Social Justice

Give Blood. Help Save Lives.
Monday, January 15, 2018 1:00pm-7:00pm
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or go to redcrossblood.org
to schedule your blood donation appointment.



ST. TERESA OF AVILA
CAFE MANNA

December 14, 2017

Number of Meals Served: 275

Weekly guest's donations: \$3.11

Meal: Goulash and Corn

Food for the body and soul.
Thursdays serving from 4:30-6:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE



Calling All Cursillistas:

Mass of Remembrance
at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Sunday, January 21, 2018 at
2:00 p.m.
in Winfield(Crown Point)

<http://holy-spiritchurch.org/>

Bishop Donald Hying Presiding

¡De Colores!

Faith Formation



ARE YOU BEING "FORMED"?

LOG ON TODAY USING
PARISH CODE **9GGCPY**
PREPARE YOURSELF THIS
ADVENT
FOR THE COMING OF THE
LORD!
GO TO WWW.FORMED.ORG

To have courage for whatever
comes in life
everything lies in that.

Saint Teresa of Avila

For Your Information



Dear St. Teresa of Avila,
Thank you for sending the beautiful planter in remembrance of my beloved mom, and for your prayers. We miss her dearly, but trust she is now with our Lord in glory.

Sincerely,
Carol Niepokoj and Family

Carol's mother, Helen Plesha, passed away last month. If you would like to send a note or card of support to Carol and her family, you can do so to the address listed below:

The Niepokoj Family
565 N. Third Street
Porter, Indiana 46304

Dear St. Teresa of Avila,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Christmas for the Elderly Program. Through your generous support of this program, you are sharing the greatest blessing of all with those who have fallen on hard times—the knowledge that others truly care.

Maria Galka
Director of Development &
Community Relations—VNA

TIPS

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 a 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.

At this point there are a few numbers available. If you are interested in participating in TIPS for 2018, please contact Chris Blane at chris.blane@valpo.edu.

December TIPS Winners

December \$500 Winner -
\$500.00—Ted & Marlene
Hrabota

Other December Winners
Bob & Karen Marben-\$150.00
Paul Amberson-\$25.00
Mary Persyn-\$25.00
Joe & Dora Clifford-\$25.00
Joan Smith-\$25.00

From the Staff

St. Teresa of Avila Holiday Office Hour

The office will close on
December 22, 2017 at noon & will reopen on January 3, 2018

christine.harsh@valpo.edu

1511 LaPorte Ave. Valparaiso, IN 46383
219-464-4042 www.saintt.com

**Sponsor of the Week:
Dykes Funeral Home**

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.



Wishing you all a blessed
Christmas and
joyous New Year!
As we celebrate God coming to
live among us, take time to
share His presence with
everyone you encounter this
season and beyond.

The Staff of
St. Teresa of Avila



**During this Christmas Season,
we remember to honor and memorialize the
loved ones of the families of our St. Teresa Community**

Sabatini Calzacorto
Joseph Garbison
Marie Calzacorto
Greg Garbison
Raymond Calzacorto
Louis & Jeanne Roumain
Andrew Skruber
Daniel Roumain
Clara Skruber
Reiss Jakel
John Pfeifer Family
Adrian Lessard
Tom Silich Family
Rae Lessard
Chas. Diederich Family
Edmond Lessard
John Prusiecki
Philamine Lessard
Robert & Marian Fogelsong
Ann Esandrio

John & Nancy Hastings
Earline Racich
Lidia Ricci
Jack Quade
Mickey Carbone
Doris Faeth
Dee Hartford
Bob McDermott
Mr. & Mrs. George F. Beach
Ed Perz
Margaret Ann Mangel
Armand Phillips, Sr.
Mike Sperry
Clemens/Samuelson Families
Ronald Schuttrow
McCoy/Bukovac Families
Steve Hilton
Persyn/Sumption Families

Jim Hilton
Robert & Dorothy Benke
Boyd & Florence Samplawski
Pat Kimmel & Rich Kimmel
Sandy Samplawski
Barbara Spanyers
Vincent Gerard Portelli
Margaret Meier
Alyssa Benson
Carl & Dorothy Scibetta
Michael Gifford
Donna Jean & George Gaskin
Bill McRitchie
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Gall
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Zellers
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Peifer
Mr. & Mrs. John Zellers
Mr. & Mrs. Vince Kelley
Rocky Stiak
Joe Markovich
Michelina Maggio
Guiseppe Maggio
Lou Coccaro
John M. Scott
Andrew Mata
Ralph Mata
Mary Mata
Marcos Guerrero
Esteban Garza
Gregory Malnar
Giannini/Rovai Families
Chester Zabinski
Patrick Lannon
Allen Zabinski

Frances Wolf
Jim Moran
James & Josephine Giannini
James & Elizabeth Moran
Members of the Moran Family
Alvin & Leona Gorski
Keegan Whaling
Kammer Family
Liedtky Family
Joe & Ethel Gruenloh
John Ruley
Angelo Vanni
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Puente, Sr.
Ben & Stasia Klimczak
Homer & Dorothy Orange
Tina Bauer
Sandra Finney
The Doyle/Hurley Family
Nicolas Arreguin
Ruth & Albert Wasemann
Armand Phillips
Klaub & Mroz Family
John & Hazel Baitup
Richard & Sue Wienhorst
Robert J. Stark
Charles J. Stark
Walter & Muriel Parks
Jankowicz Family
Whyle Family
Gifford & Znavor Families

Margaret Lannon