

Hope Healing Reconciliation



We are here to help ...

If you or someone you love is experiencing problems associated with alcohol or drugs, please call (XXX) XXX-XXX ext. XXX.

All calls are confidential.

At St. XXXXX Parish, our SAM team serves as a bridge to God's grace and healing by providing understanding, acceptance, support, information, and referral to anyone seeking help. We also provide prevention education to parish and community groups.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

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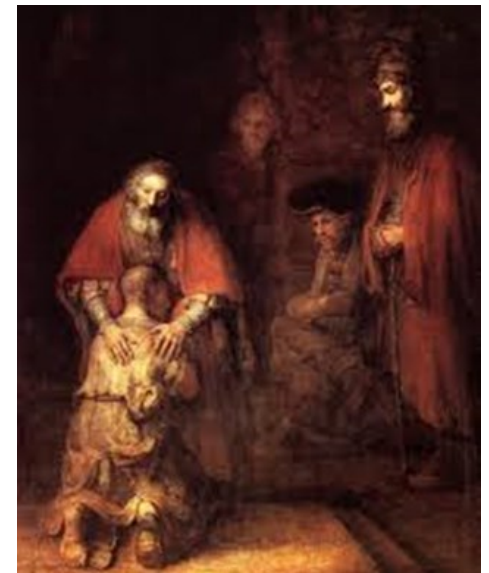


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SEE! I will never forget you—Is. 49:15

**ST. XXXXXXXX
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

HOTLINE (XXX) XXX-XXXX Ext. XXX



How Our Parish's SAM Team Serves Those in Need

Mission Statement

Substance Addiction Ministry (or "SAM") will provide education about addictive disease; increase awareness of the pain in people's lives and places where help can be found; and offer support, acceptance, understanding and healing.



- ◆ SAM teams are stewards of the parish's most valuable "treasure": its people.
- ◆ SAM teams share their "time" and "talent," offering hope, healing, and reconciliation to parishioners touched by addiction.
- ◆ SAM teams provide a safe, confidential place for parishioners to call for help and referral.
- ◆ SAM teams increase awareness of addiction through education to various ministries and parish groups and in the community.

Policy on Substance Addiction

When the life of one whom we love is at risk and when the quality of life for those close to that person is threatened, we are charged with the responsibility to respond in a direct and loving manner

Alcohol and drug addiction is epidemic in our society. The entire family is "affected," not just the "afflicted" member. Addiction is an illness that devastates the whole person, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.



Substance addiction is not a moral problem or weakness. The American Medical Association (AMA) classifies alcohol and drug dependence as a primary disease, characterized by distinct stages of development, with specific signs and symptoms. If left untreated, it can be fatal.

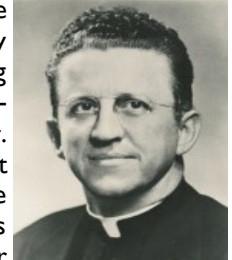
Denial is characteristic of addictive disease and is based in shame and maintained by a conspiracy of silence. The first step in addressing the problem is to begin talking about it, thus reducing shame, and opening the door to treatment and recovery of the entire family.

SAM TEAMS provide ...

1. **EDUCATION**
2. **REFERRAL**
3. **AWARENESS / RESOURCES**
4. **SUPPORT**

History of SAM in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Outreach to those affected and afflicted by addiction enjoys a long history in the Archdiocese, going back to Fr. Ralph Pfau, the first known priest to be helped by Alcoholics Anonymous and founder of what is today the National Catholic Council on Alcoholism and Related Drug Problems (NCCA).



The Archdiocese is deeply grateful for the pioneering development and support of Mr. Erik Vagenius of the Diocese of Palm Beach for authoring the SAM ministry model and to Mr. Bill Jones and Fr. Larry Voelker for their leadership and initiative in bringing SAM to the Archdiocese in 2006.

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