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In high school, I was a swimmer, and I often swam the distance races—200m or 500m. It wasn’t that I was particularly good at distance swimming; I was just willing to do what no one else wanted. I found swimming to be a very solitary sport. Under the water you can’t hear anyone, so it was just my mind and me. The first half of the race was often filled with negative thoughts: “You can’t do this!” “It’s so far!” However, when I made the turn from the first half of the race to the second—lap 4, or lap 10 depending on the race—my thoughts shifted: “Almost there.” “Just a little longer.” “You can do it!”

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called Laetare Sunday. This comes from the Latin entrance chant of the day, “Laetare, Jerusalem” or “Rejoice, Jerusalem.” Thursday of the Third week of Lent marks the halfway point in our Lenten fast, and this Sunday has historically been slightly more celebratory to commemorate. In years of more rigid liturgical rules, on this Sunday the organ was un-silenced, flowers were permitted in the sanctuary, and the priest wore rose-colored vestments. Churchgoers would permit themselves a bit of reprieve from their strict Lenten fast. Laetare Sunday is the church’s way of shifting thoughts in the “race”; we have passed the halfway point, and now we look in anticipation towards the end—our Easter.

Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God.
—Ven. Pope John Paul II

Sunday Worship Times
Immaculate Conception Chapel
10 am Mass
Noon Mass
6 pm Mass
8 pm Mass
McGinnis Center
9 pm Mass
Marianist Hall Chapel
6 pm Interdenominational Worship Service

Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesdays 9 pm
Wednesdays 9 pm
Thursdays 9 pm
Monday-Friday 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesdays, Fridays 11:30-Noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday - Thursday
5:30pm-9pm
Alumni Hall Chapel
Campus Ministry Calendar

March
22  Romero Stations of the Cross
23-25  More to Life Retreat
24  Immigration/Refugee Plunge
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31  Miryam Award

CSC SERVICE Saturdays
Volunteer with other UD students to engage with our Dayton community. Join the Center for Social Concern for service projects on the following Saturdays: April 21. Transportation is provided. Visit www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc for more details and stop by Liberty Hall 107 to register! Questions? Contact Kelly Bohrer at kbohrer1@udayton.edu

Table of Plenty
Tuesday, March 27, 12:00pm Liberty Hall Room 08
Please join us for this month’s discussion on the climate for LBGTQ students at UD and other Catholic campuses. Lunch will be provided by the CSC staff. We hope you will consider joining us! RSVP by March 23 to Sue Terbay at 937-229-2524.

Romero: A Way of the Cross
Thursday, March 22, 12:00pm
Please join CSC and Pax Christi for Archbishop Oscar Romero’s Stations of the Cross for Peace and Justice. We will meet in the courtyard between Liberty Hall and the Chapel and process around campus reciting the words of Romero and the suffering of Jesus as we pray for those who suffer injustices in today’s world.

Miryam Award Ceremony
Monday, March 26, 4:30pm
To honor this year’s winners; Elizabeth Reeves, Alisa Bartel and Alex Kreidenweis and the many others who were nominated for the Miryam Award this year, please join us in the Immaculate Conception Chapel for prayer service at 4:30pm. The reception and award presentation will immediately follow in Chaminade Hall. To RSVP for the reception, call Sue Terbay at 937-229-2524.

Becoming Catholic
Tuesday, March 20, 5:30pm
If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please come to our first organizational RCIA meeting in Liberty Hall. The meeting will give an overview of the process and why we begin in March. Questions? Contact Fr. Jerry Chinchar at 229-2725 or at chinchar@udayton.edu

Education Under Fire; Documentary/Conversation
Monday, March 19, 8pm Sears Recital Hall
Please join us for a screening of this documentary about Iran’s three decade-long policy of denying the members of its Baha’i community the right to attend any institution of high education.

Holy Week Choir
Sing with us in the chapel during the Triduum. It’s not necessary to commit to all four celebrations. Our only rehearsal will be on Sunday, April 1 at 1pm in the chapel. Questions? Contact Jim Pera at 229-2052 or jpera1@udayton.edu

More to Life Retreat
March 23-25
Come spend the weekend away from campus at Glen Helen exploring relationships with God, others, and yourself during the retreat. The cost is $55 and scholarships are available. Register today on the UD Campus Ministry website. Questions? Contact Katrina Hamilton at hamiltonk3@udayton.edu

M-Fest 2012
Saturday, March 31
Come to ArtStreet for M-Fest, a music and art festival to raise mental health awareness. There will be student vendors, crafts, raffles, art, stories of mental health, and performances by Lauren Eylise, Amy Love, Music Therapy Club, the UD Dance Team, Good English, and Customer Service. Sponsored by Active Minds.

Gathering to Pray During Lent
Friday mornings, 8:30-9am, Liberty Hall Rm. 114
Please join us as we set aside a few moments out of our busy day for prayer and reflection this holy season of Lent. Coffee and tea provided. Questions? Contact Lauren Farrell at farrelll1@udayton.edu

Lenten Collection Will Benefit Marianist Programs Abroad
Another recipient of money collected for Marianist’s abroad this Lent will be MIRACLE in Koronga, Malawi. MIRACLE is the “Marianist Institute of Rural Artisans for Christian Life Education.” It is a job skills training program for unemployable orphans who have lost their parents to the AIDS pandemic sweeping sub-Saharan Africa. Integral to MIRACLE is religious and value education. Upon the completion of two years of training, these young men and women are placed in apprenticeships for six months and then assisted in securing jobs or in starting their own small businesses. With employable skills, small loans, and gifts of work tools, miracles happen. Despair is replaced by hope. Please look for ways around campus to donate to this cause during Lent.