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I Wish Spring Would Hurry And Get Here!

This statement seems to be a common lament across our campus these days. Since we returned from Winter break, it feels that we’ve been caught in a perpetual ‘polar vortex,’ where bitter cold temperatures make the refreshing sunlight deceivingly chilly. Perhaps we are also frustrated by the unavoidable “cabin fever” that this produces as a result of the cold outside. These conditions partnered with the quickening tempo of the maturing semester can leave us hoping for a Spring filled not only with warmer temperatures, but moments of relaxation and time spent in relation with good friends as well.

Sometimes we encounter situations or experiences within our lives that seem to mirror the winter that we are currently living through. Whether it’s difficulties in our academics, struggles within a relationship, or even dryness in our prayer life, we can find ourselves experiencing our own personalized form of “cabin fever.”

It is within these contexts that it’s difficult to find and feel God’s presence in our lives. Within the midst of this loneliness however, it’s important to remember that our Loving Creator journeys with us on our pilgrimage through life. On this journey, it is hard to know the warmth of the summer without the cold of winter or the peak of the mountain without the valley. May we give thanks for God’s presence in the “winters” and “summers” throughout our lives.

Scott Paeplow, GA
Campus Ministry Marycrest Hall

UD’s Pax Christi club is part of the international Catholic peace movement that promotes social justice based on the works of Christ. They promote values of peace and justice through peace education and nonviolent activism.

This Lenten season, Campus Ministry and the Office for Mission and Rector will be collecting money to be sent to specific Marianist programs overseas. The funds will benefit a Health Clinic in Kpatchile, Togo, West Africa and Singhapur, Jharkhand, India; Our Lady of Nazareth School in Kenya, MIRACLE in Malawi, and the REDS program in India. Please look for more information & ways to give alms to these programs during the Lenten Season.

“A local charity which serves the poor in the Dayton area will receive 10% of every Sunday collection. The rest of the collection supports more than 100 Campus Ministry programs of all kinds, including our Service Program of the Week: Pax Christi

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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 Stuart
Wednesdays 9 pm Marianist
Thursdays 9 pm Marycrest
Monday-Friday 12:05 pm Immaculate Conception Chapel

Exploitation of the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel of the Marianist Martyrs in Marianist Hall
Tuesdays 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursdays 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesdays, Fridays 11 am-Noon
Wednesdays 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Chapel

Low Gluten hosts are now available for individuals who cannot tolerate gluten; see Mass Coordinator.
The Road Less Traveled
February 21-22
This retreat for first year students and led by first year students focuses on identity, journey, and discipleship in our everyday lives. The weekend will be a fun and peaceful combination of prayer, fellowship, games, and a relaxing weekend away from campus. For more information ask the campus minister in your building. Cost: $30 per person. Registration online.

EXPERIENCE: UDIM Retreat
February 21-23, Governor’s Island
Join UDIM as we build our relationship with God by digging into an “experience” of the Holy Spirit. Come with questions, prayers, desires, etc. Most importantly, come with an openness to hear what God has to share with you. For more information, contact Rev. LaKendra Hardware at lhardware1@udayton.edu

Perspectives on Faith and Life Series
The Pains of Mass Imprisonment: Rethinking Crime and Justice
Tuesday, February 25, 6:30pm-8:30pm in KU 222
Join faculty, staff and students for a free dinner, presentation and facilitated table discussion in Kennedy Union. Our presenter on this important topic is Jamie Longazel, PhD, from the Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Department. Please RSVP by Friday, February 21 at go.udayton.edu/PFLS

Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Pray for UD students Kaitlyn Francis, Michael Ising, and Allyssa Suter as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, February 23 at the 6pm Mass in the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

Ash Wednesday, March 5, is a day of fast and abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. Other Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence from meat. For information on fasting and abstinence from meat, and other Lenten prayer resources, please go to usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/lent/