At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.

Mother Teresa

Second Semester Senior Year

It’s the most wonderful time of the year. Midnight breakfast buffets, more study breaking than actual studying, late night Bill’s runs with friends, and finals week. Take heart, finals week WILL come to an end. Before we know it, second semester will be upon us. For some of you that may not mean much, but for others, it means Second Semester Senior Year.

In the Spring of 2013, this is where I found myself. I was embarking on a semester of student teaching, and had absolutely no idea what it meant to dress professionally. (Still don’t) I also had no idea what I was going to do after graduation. I graduated and lived to tell the tale. Life took a turn, and I ended up doing a year of service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest in Juneau, Alaska. Community, Simplicity, Social and Ecological Justice, and Spirituality became the pillars of a transformative year. But critical to my arrival in Alaska, was the process of discernment.

So, if you are a soon to be Second Semester Senior, and want some set-aside time to think, pray, and talk about a year of service or post-grad life, consider registering for the Beyond UD mini course on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm. If nothing else, remember, what you choose to do next is simply one step along the way. You will take many steps on your journey. Who knows, maybe those steps will lead you to Alaska.

Meagan Crowley GA
Center for Social Concern

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: The Music Therapy Club is a service organization open to all students on campus. Music Therapy Club members provide music enrichment to various community sites and advocate for music therapy on campus and in the Dayton community. In addition, members benefit from educational opportunities and financial benefits to support attendance at professional Music Therapy Conferences.

Low Gluten hosts are now available for individuals who cannot tolerate gluten. Devices to assist with hearing are available for those who would like to use one during Mass; please see a Mass Coordinator.
Campus Ministry Calendar

December
8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
8 Christmas on Campus
10 Advent Reconciliation Service
12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
18 Baccalaureate Mass
24 Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord

Faith Fest Tickets Now Available
February 6, 2016
Tenth Avenue North is headlining this year’s PATH eligible concert. Free tickets for students are now available on OrgSync. If you know family members, friends or groups beyond UD who would like to attend, they can purchase tickets for $15 at: tickets.udayton.edu.

UDSAP 2016
If you have an open mind and heart and want to learn from the people and culture in Appalachia, pick up an informative UDSAP folder from the Center for Social Concern in Liberty Hall RM 107. Applications are due in the CSC on Tuesday, January 26 at noon.

2016 UD Miryam Award
Nominations are now being accepted through February 3. This award recognizes the efforts of people on our campus to change the atmosphere and the potential for women’s achievements at the University of Dayton. You can nominate an individual or a group of UD faculty, staff, or students. The nomination form is found on our Center for Social Concern website.

Thank you!!!
Because of the generosity of many within the UD community, we were able to once again provide Thanksgiving dinner, for over 550 families in the Dayton area. For one day out of their struggling lives, families were able to celebrate an American tradition with dignity.

Lenten Journey Groups
Campus Ministry is currently seeking students who are interested and willing to serve as leaders for these groups that will meet on a weekly basis in the upcoming Lenten Season. If you are interested in leading one of these small faith communities or have any questions please contact Mike Bennett at mbennett3@udayton.edu. Applications are on-line and are due by noon on Thursday, December 10.

Prepare for Confirmation
Baptized Catholics who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation may prepare to complete their initiation into the Catholic faith while here at UD. The schedule is simple, flexible and designed to deepen your understanding of the faith and your experience of the Holy Spirit. Questions about the Confirmation preparation process, contact Colleen Brown at 937.229.2019 or brownc21@udayton.edu

March for Life
January 21-24, 2016
Celebrate Life! Join UD Flyers for Life on the bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC. Register online at go.udayton.edu/march4life. Cost is only $30. If you want to attend the Cardinal O’Connor Conference on Life, the cost is $20 more. You must sign-up before Christmas Break.

Martin Luther King Social Justice Plunge
January 23, 2016
The MLK Plunge is an opportunity to serve in our community, dialogue about race relations in Dayton and explore how to advance justice in the spirit of Dr. King. Participants will participate in service projects in the city, meaningful conversations and a lunch that will be provided.

Fun and Faith for Females Faith Night
Monday, December 7, 7pm-10pm at 22 Woodland Ave
The women of the Women In Faith special interest house are hosting a women's faith night! All UD women, including students and faculty, are invited. We will learn about the lives of Old Testament women and about Mary in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please RSVP via email to Katherine Drumm at kdrumm1@udayton.edu.

For more details and applications on all of the above, go to www.udayton.edu/ ministry or call Campus Ministry at 937.229.3339 or the Center for Social Concern at 937.229.2524.