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Shout For Joy

Rarely is the phrase “shout for joy” the theme of anyone’s exam week. But our first reading from the Old Testament Book of Zephaniah begins in this way. Today, the third Sunday of Advent, has been known as Gaudete Sunday, which means “rejoice”. This day is meant to remind us to remember the joyful part of Advent. We are invited to rejoice in the presence of the Lord who is at hand, that is, truly in our midst. Our readings, and the celebratory rose color of our advent candle all point to this joy. At the same time we hope and yearn more deeply for the Lord who is to come. Christmas, our celebration of the Incarnation, God with us, celebrates both of these hopes - that God became a human in Jesus – and is present in our midst, and that this incarnation is an answer to our yearning for eternal salvation for the coming of God’s kingdom. Both causes for great joy.

Similarly, the 2nd reading from Philippians encourages us to have confidence that the Lord is near and that we should have no anxiety, especially when we come to God in prayer with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Shout for joy. Pray to God. Express Gratitude. These attitudes are worthy of our focus, as we enter into this period of exams, as we contemplate the needs of our lives and our world, and as we move more deeply into the season of Advent and closer to Christmas. While neither the stress of exams nor the despair brought on by the experience of increased violence in the world around us are causes for joy – the assurance of God’s promise to be with us certainly is.

We know that with Jesus is in our midst, our perspective on challenge can never be the same. We know that through Jesus, God promises that what we might expect will be turned upside down. And crazy things that seem to exist only in dreams will happen - like enemies turning away or lions and lambs being at peace. Jesus in our midst transforms us all in love. And that, certainly is cause for joy.

As a people we need Advent. We need it to remind us to place all of our hope in Christ. And to celebrate the glimpses of God we experience daily - when we see Christ in our midst.

And so, we pray. We pray to pass our exams and classes, we pray to finish our degree, we pray to find meaningful employment, we pray for an end to violence, for justice for the poor, for families, tribes, and races to be at peace, for a respect for the dignity of all. We make these prayers in joyful hope, the spirit of the season of Advent.

As you wait for this semester to be finished – may God bless you with success in your studies, safe travels home, and an encounter with the true joy of the birth of Christ – God with us.

Crystal Sullivan
Director of Campus Ministry

Worship Schedule

December 13
Third Sunday of Advent
Regular Mass schedule

December 20,
Fourth Sunday of Advent
10am, 6pm, IC Chapel

December 24
Christmas Carols and
Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord at 9pm
Immaculate Conception Chapel

December 25 & 26; 28 & 29
And January 1 & 2
NO MASS

December 27,
January 3,10
10am and 6pm, IC Chapel

December 30
12:30pm, Mass IC Chapel

January 4
Daily Mass Schedule Resumes
12:30pm, IC Chapel

January 17
10am and 6pm, IC Chapel
9pm, McGinnis Center

Interdenominational Services
December 6 and 13
6pm, Marianist Martyrs Chapel

For Mass Schedule at Holy Angels
Parish please go to their website at:
http://holyangelsdayton.com/

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.
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.

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.

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 be involved in service projects in the city, meaningful conversations and a free lunch.

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.

Please pray for our students traveling to Belize, Chicago, East St Louis, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Nazareth Farm, and New Orleans through our Winter BreakOut Program in the Center for Social Concern in Campus Ministry
Students will be engaging in cross-cultural immersion through building relationships with others in their host location. They will be serving and learning during one week of their Winter break. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they travel and spend their time in this unique opportunity.

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.

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

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.

Exam Prayer
Author Unknown
Lord, calm my fear at exam time.
Do not allow what remains undone to undermine my courage.
And help me to make the best of my knowledge.
You have a loving plan for my whole life and whatever the outcome, exams are a part of this plan.
Help me to see beyond this time and relish the opportunity to enjoy a refreshing break.
Amen.