The Faithful Flyer, 12-13-2009

University of Dayton. Campus Ministry
So often during the days before Christmas people find themselves inundated by the commercialism of the holiday. It becomes a stressful time for many. The emphasis of gift buying seems to take away from time for prayer and family traditions. The lighting of the advent candle and sharing of the day with each other is often postponed for the sales at the mall. Making decorations is substituted with buying expensive ornaments. Making gifts together is replaced by the hustle and bustle of shopping. And quiet time...What quiet time?!

Are we truly preparing for the celebration of Jesus' incarnation? Is this really a time of joy and peace?

Maybe it's time to Unplug the Christmas Machine. "Unplug the Christmas Machine" is the name of a program that has made the rounds of church groups because it has some interesting helps for simplifying family celebrations while making them more meaningful.

The program includes participants getting in touch with all that people try to do to have a merry Christmas, but it also provides ways to address what we really value about the holiday and invites us to reflect on possible ways to incorporate those values.

If you are interested in a 90 minute Unplug the Christmas Machine program, please contact Sister Mary Louise Foley, FMI at 229-2093 to schedule a date.

**Sunday Reading and Reflections**

- **Reading I:** Zephaniah 3:14-18
- **Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
- **Reading II:** Philippians 4:4-7
- **Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near, Phil.4:4

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:**

**Students for Life**

work to promote the sanctity of life from conception until death and specifically fight abortion on demand. Activities include the March for Life in D.C., babysitting, Respect Life Week, and working with Dayton Right to Life.

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**Sunday Worship Times**

- **Immaculate Conception Chapel**
  - 10 a.m. Mass
  - 12 p.m. Mass
  - 6 p.m. Mass
  - 8 p.m. Mass
- **McGinnis Center**
  - 9 p.m. Mass
- **Marianist Hall Chapel**
  - 6 p.m. Interdenominational Worship Service

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

- **Stuart**
  - 9 p.m. Marianist
  - 9 p.m. Marycrest
  - 12:05 p.m. Immaculate Conception Chapel

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- **Immaculate Conception Chapel**
  - Tuesdays, Fridays 11:30-Noon

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

- Mondays-Thursdays 5:30-9 p.m.
- Alumni Hall Chapel
- Fridays 7:30-12 p.m.
- Alumni Hall Chapel

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"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." — Charles Dickens
Campus Ministry Calendar

**ADVENT 2009**

**Vespers**
December 14
Marianist Martyrs Chapel
9pm

**Worship Schedule**

**Sundays**
December 13
December 20
Immaculate Conception Chapel
December 27
Immaculate Conception Chapel

**Special Celebrations**

December 18
Baccalaureate Mass
Immaculate Conception Chapel
4:30pm

December 24, Christmas Eve
Immaculate Conception Chapel
5pm Vespers
10pm Carols
10:30pm Mass
NO MASS
NO MASS

December 25 Christmas Day
New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day
McGinnis Center
10am, 8pm ONLY
9pm

**GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE AND JUSTICE**

**Domestic Spring BreakOuts**
Offered by the Center for Social Concern.

Looking for a great way to spend your time over spring break? BreakOut trips offer an opportunity to work with organizations and people working for change in the United States. Groups travel to Chicago, East St Louis, New Orleans, Trenton, Sylversville, Bloomington, and a Civil Rights Tour of the South. Each BreakOut, though different, focuses on issues of poverty, racism, and social injustice. Groups will learn about the issues and have an opportunity to work in solidarity for change through service and learning.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis from January 11-15.

For more information, go to campus.udayton.edu/~csc.

**Prayer and Silence During Finals**
Monday-Thursday, December 14-17, 9pm-9:20pm

Do finals stress you out? Do you need a break from studying? Then come take some time for silence and prayer in the midst of the craziness! Come to the McGinnis Center Lounge every night during finals week for 20 minutes of silence and prayer. Give your brain a mini-vacation!

Questions? Contact Colleen O’Grady at ogradycd@notes.udayton.edu

**OpenPORCH**
Wednesday, 7pm

Join us for OpenPORCH on Wednesdays at 7pm in McGinnis Lounge to continue the More to Life, Lighthouse and Metanoia retreat experiences. It’s a chance to talk about retreat topics and spend time with your families from retreat! Contact Jenna at connorfj@notes.udayton.edu

**Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive**

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and prayed for the success of this year’s University of Dayton Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. We raised over $7,000 and were able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to over 400 families in the Dayton Area. Without the incredible community of love and support that we have at UD this would not have been possible. There is still great need in Dayton and we can still do more to help. If you would like to do more contact Patrick Cashio at patrick.cashio@gmail.com. Thanks again everyone!

**Thinking about Volunteering after Graduation?**

**Beyond UD Day of Discernment**
Saturday, January 9

For further details, contact Patrick Cashio at 229-3973 or Patrick.Cashio@notes.udayton.edu

**Beyond UD Panel Supper**
Tuesday, January 12, 5:30-7:00pm

You’re invited to join us for a simple supper with a panel of people who have recently done a year or two of voluntary service. Panelists with a wide variety of experiences—faith-based programs, government programs, U.S. and international placements—will discuss their service placements, community living situations, etc., and will spend most of the evening answering your questions! RSVP to Nick at njc@udayton.edu or 229-2576 by Friday, January 8.

**Can There Be Peace Between Israel and Palestine?**
Tuesday, January 26, Noon, Table of Plenty,

This particular discussion is sponsored by the club Campaign Solaam-Shalom along with their advisor, Dr. Ellen Fleischmann. Table of Plenty is a chance for open dialogue with other students, faculty, and staff on current social justice issues. Lunch made and provided by the CSC staff in Liberty Hall, Room 08. RSVP to Sue Terbay at terbaysc@notes.udayton.edu