Praying in Secret

"I still don't know what I'm doing for Lent this year." "I can't decide what to give up for Lent." I've heard a few such comments in the past several days from students and colleagues. Truth is, I haven't settled on my own Lenten resolutions. Of course I don't admit this; I merely nod sympathetically and mutter something about the number of days until Ash Wednesday. I wouldn't want them to suspect I don't have a game plan for my prayer, fasting and almsgiving this year. It might compromise my reputation for being someone who "gets" Lent...

"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father... When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them... But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." (Mt. 6)

Maybe I don't get it. Jesus' words this Ash Wednesday seek to order my Lenten observance rightly. To whom do I pray? For whose sake do I fast and give alms? When asked what I am doing for Lent, I've never responded: "I'm keeping it a secret," or "it's just between me and God." Maybe if I seek to remove the crutch of others' expectations and the lure of the community's esteem, I will find myself more fully in relationship with God, who asks that I return to him with my whole heart. "Perhaps he will again relent, and leave behind him a blessing."

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 am
Wednesdays 9 am
Thursdays 9 am
Monday-Friday 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesdays, Fridays 11:30-Noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday - Thursday 5:30pm-9pm
Alumni Hall Chapel

Sunday Readings and Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Respnsorial Psalm: 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Reading II: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Matthew 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 Music Therapy program.

Service Program of the Week: Music Therapy
is committed to the professional development of its members as well as providing musical experiences for various populations in the greater Dayton community.
Campus Ministry Calendar

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Busy Persons Retreat
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Lighthouse Retreat

Miryam Award Presentation and Reception
Thursday, March 24, 4:30pm
Join us for the Miryam Award prayer service to honor Dr. Judith Martin, Claire Hampel and Annie Buscemi and the many others who were nominated this year, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, followed by an award presentation and reception in Chaminade Hall Room 102. To RSVP for the reception, call Sue Terbay at 937-229-2524.

SOA Lobby Days
April 9-11
If interested in traveling to Washington DC to attend grassroots lobby training and other helpful workshops on the School of the Americas, along with meeting and lobbying Congress, please go to the Center for Social Concern website www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc to register. Questions? Contact Rosie Eyerman at eyermanrl@notes.udayton.edu

Life Issues Plunge
Saturday, March 19, 9am-4pm
Participants will explore issues of abortion, capital punishment, and end-of-life issues by hearing from people in the Dayton area who are working on these issues, and explore ways in which they can help. Cost: $10. Sign up on line at www.udayton.edu/ministry/csc or in the Center for Social Concern office, Liberty Hall Room 107. Questions? Contact Nick at 229-2576 or ncardilino1@notes.udayton.edu

Why Did Jesus Have to Die?
Wednesday, March 23, 7:30pm, Torch Lounge
Join us for the next Hungry Hearts session to listen to and discuss with our speaker Father Jim Fitz, SM. There will be free coffee and desserts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Discussion on the Spirituality of L'Arche and Jean Vanier
Tuesday, March 15, 3:30-5pm, Torch Lounge
Come join our guests from the Cleveland and Erie L'Arche communities for an open discussion on the Spirituality of L'Arche communities, as established and guided by Jean Vanier. There will be reading resources and sharing of stories. Any questions, please contact Mary Niebler at mary.niebler@notes.udayton.edu.

Busy Persons Retreat
March 14-18
Looking for a great way to start off the season of Lent by deepening your spiritual life at times that fit your schedule? Then the Busy Persons Retreat is for you. Join others for a prayer at the beginning and end of the week and meet one-on-one with a spiritual guide each day! Cost: FREE! Contact Sr. Linda Lee for an application at ljacksonl@notes.udayton.edu

Lighthouse Retreat
March 25-27
Lighthouse retreat registration is going on right now! Sign up for a powerful weekend away from campus at Glen Helen, in Yellow Springs. Cost is $45 if you register by March 11, $55 if you register after March 11. Questions? Contact Allison at leighalp@notes.udayton.edu

Finding Your W.A.Y.
March 18-20, 2011
Join UDIM for our spring retreat as we share in the theme “Finding Your W.A.Y.” See how purpose, destiny, change, identity and passion all meet on your discovery of answers to the question, “Who Are You?” Your $30 registration fee covers all meals, lodging and transportation. Scholarships are available on a limited basis, so register today at http://www.udayton.edu/ministry/UDIM.php

That’s Life! A Journey through Buddhism to a Catholic University
Perspectives on Faith and Life Series
Monday, March 21, 6-8pm
Director of Student Learning Services, Beth Harrison, will speak about her journey as a Buddhist and what it means to her working at a Catholic university at the next Perspectives on Faith and Life Series event. Free catered meal and presentation are followed by table discussion. Join students, staff and faculty to discuss important issues and enjoy dinner on us in Barrett dining room. RSVP to pfls@notes.udayton.edu by March 15.

Lenten Prayers for Peace and Justice
Friday Mornings During Lent
Please join Pax Christi every Friday morning at 8:30am during Lent beginning March 11 for prayers for peace and justice at 418 Kiefaber Street. All are welcome, faculty and staff included. Questions? Contact Patrick Cashio at patrick.cashio@gmail.com

Community for All
Table of Plenty
Tuesday, March 15, noon-1:15pm
Please join the Center for Social Concern and our guests from the Erie and Cleveland L’Arche communities for a homemade lunch and wonderful discussion in Liberty Hall room 08. We will discuss welcoming peoples of all abilities and what an inclusive community can be. Please RSVP to Sue Terbay at susan.terbay@notes.udayton.edu by Friday, March 11.