

weekly collection

Our weekly collection will be given to the Campus Ministry International and Domestic Service Immersion Trips. Each week, we will highlight one of the six trips that will be offered this fall, spring and summer. All proceeds will be distributed among participants, each of whom are responsible for their own fund-raising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

Trips:

Spring Break: Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge

Summer: Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, St. Lucia

Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming

Carmen Pampa Fund, La Paz, Bolivia

Cardinal Kelvin Felix Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre Gros Islet, St. Lucia

Just after the end of the semester, we will travel to the Caribbean to work at Gros Islet's multipurpose Pastoral Centre, working alongside its St. Lucian staff, and Sr. Frances Nosbisch, OSF. At the Pastoral Centre, we will work on whatever projects staff finds most pressing at the time - this may be anything from painting and varnishing, to cleaning, yard work, and paperwork. We will also have the opportunity experience the community in St. Lucia, visiting various Diocesan ministries including a nursing home, and an after-school program for students.

Our donation website is up and running! If you would like to further support the 30 students participating in Service Immersion trips this spring and summer, visit:

www.neumann.edu/knightfunder

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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this week in campus ministry

December 4, 2016

When I think about the season of Advent, I automatically think about Christmas; nevertheless, I know that Advent is about more than just Christmas. It is about waiting for the arrival of Jesus, and reflecting on what that means for us. In today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear that as brothers and sisters we need to come together to maintain and encourage each other to share in God's wisdom and treat one another with the respect that Jesus modeled for us.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This line resonated with me be-

cause at Neumann University, especially in Campus Ministry, we are brothers and sisters who are trying to change the world by spreading our message of faith on campus and traveling during throughout the year on service trips to give example to God's love and what Jesus taught us. During my trip to Wyoming this past summer, we learned from one another by working together and having discussions about our own understandings of who God was to us.

During this time of year, we seem to lose sight of what the season of Advent is because we are so consumed with finals, work, or personal things. So, during this season of Advent, guided by this reading, we need to listen to God and change our attitude by taking time out of whatever is consuming us and come together as one to spread his endurance, encouragement, harmony, and truth.

Reflection by Gabriela Pena '19

Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email campusministry@neumann.edu

what you may have missed...



Gratitude on Tap

Fr. Thorne, Laura Strubeck and Stasha Whitfield shared their stories of gratitude while attendees enjoyed Pizza and drinks! Our next "On Tap" will be in February.



Service at Anna's Place

Our service opportunities for this semester are wrapping up! Keep an eye out for next semester's monthly trips to Anna's Place, Assisi House, House of Joseph and Operation Hunger!



...what you CAN'T miss

Monday, December 5

Operation Hunger—1:00PM in Campus Ministry (BMB 137)

Sign up online for our first service experience of the semester! Come make a PB&J for the families of Catholic Social Services in Chester.

Christmas Tree Lighting—Join us for caroling and the lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of the Bruder Life Center. Get a picture with Santa and Sir Francis!

Volunteer Opportunity: Sacred Heart Church Toy Store Help— December 4 to December 15, Sacred Heart Church in Camden.

Sacred Heart Church runs a toy store for the community where families can pick out gifts for their children. Email Joanne McCracken at maypoint@gmail.com to volunteer.

Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas Day— 10:-00AM-2:00PM

Stop by the lobby of Bachmann for a holiday treat!

Wednesday, December 7

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass—5:00PM in Sacred Heart Chapel

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception Mass—12:00PM in Sacred Heart Chapel

Sunday, December 11

Mass—7:00PM in Sacred Heart Chapel

Join us for the last Mass of the semester—spend some time in prayer before your finals!

Giving Tree!

Take an ornament from the Christmas tree right outside of the Sacred Heart Chapel, and purchase the gift requested on the ornament. We are requesting hats, gloves, blankets, and \$5 gift cards to Wawa and McDonald's. These gifts will then be distributed throughout the winter by NU students to the homeless in our community. Gift cards can be dropped off in Patrick's office (BMB 135) or in Maria's office (BMB131), hats, gloves and scarves can be left, unwrapped in the box beside the tree.

