

# 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 fundraising to cover travel, accommodations, meals and a donation to the service site.

Trips:

**Fall Break:** St. Vincent DePaul Center, Philadelphia, PA

**Spring Break:** Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge I & II (Locations TBD)

**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

May 17-May 24, 2017

Application due October 7

This May, we will travel to the Caribbean to work at Gros Islet's multipurpose Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, working alongside its St. Lucian staff, and Sr. Frances Nosbich, 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.

*Sign up!*

**St. Vincent DePaul Center Fall Break Trip**

Friday, October 7- Tuesday, October 11

**RISES First Year Retreat**

Friday, October 21-Sunday October 23

**Search Retreat (for Upperclassmen)**

Friday, November 11-Sunday, November 13

**Fall Break Trip Apps due Sept. 30, Spring and Summer Trip Apps due Oct. 7**

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# this week in campus ministry

September 18, 2016

It was hours before I was due to be at the airport and my luggage still wasn't packed. Clothes were half folded all over the floor with every other miscellaneous item I felt I couldn't live without for four months. I was going to study abroad and I needed to make sure that I had everything from my favorite pair of socks to basically my entire bedroom. I tried to fit everything inside my suitcase so it would close with ease, but by the third failed attempt I knew that I needed to leave some things behind. Little did I know that my panic was all for nothing - my adventure ahead would hold more than my entire suitcase ever could.

My biggest lesson I learned while studying abroad was simplicity. I learned that it's the people you interact with, the experiences you have, and the stories you have to tell that are what make you wealthier than any material belonging ever could. While in Ireland, I visited Galway, a city that is so full of culture and life. While I was there I didn't feel the need to visit the cliché tourist spots or buy souvenirs. Instead I just wanted to soak in the sights and sounds of the surrounding pubs and rainy Ireland air. I

wanted to listen to the sounds of each person's familiar yet different accent. There was nothing more I wanted than to just feel present in the moment of being in Ireland. No tangible item even comes close in comparison to what I experienced.

After reading this week's Gospel, I reflected on how I have the tendency to get caught up in material things and that they tend to cloud my view of how I need to live as a steward for God. In the Parable of the Dishonest Steward we hear about a steward who wasn't true to his master and the consequences he had to face. Before reflecting I wasn't completely sure what a steward was, which is a shameful since one of our RISES values is Stewardship. In any case, I learned that a steward is someone chosen to take care of another's goods and to have stewardship is to be responsible with those goods. This made me come to the realization that we are called to be good stewards. We were created and chosen by God to live lives devoted to taking care of God's "belongings". Now, God's belongings aren't ones that you can pack up in a suitcase per se, but are the people with whom you interact every day.

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Reflection by Lena Farrell '18

Interested in writing a reflection for this weekly newsletter? Talk to Maria or Patrick or email [campusministry@neumann.edu](mailto:campusministry@neumann.edu)

what you may have missed...

...what you CAN'T miss

# Operation Hunger



Every other Monday at 1:00, we gather to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches which are then delivered to Catholic Social Services in Chester. This event is one of the simplest you can sign up for, yet it is so appreciated by the families of Chester, and a great way to build community on campus with your peers! Our next Operation Hunger will be taking place on Monday, September 26. Sign up online, or just show up!

## Monday, September 19

**House of Joseph** - 5:00PM - 6:30PM, meet in Campus Ministry (BMB 137)  
Come spend an hour visiting the residents of House of Joseph, a shelter in Wilmington for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Sign up online!

## Wednesday, September 14

**Confession** - 11:30AM, Sacred Heart Chapel  
Fr. Thorne will be available to hear confessions before noon Mass.

**Adoration** - 12:30PM-4:30PM, Sacred Heart Chapel  
Sign up for a 20 minute slot to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, or just stop by for a few minutes between classes!

## Thursday, September 22

**Anna's Place** - 11:00AM-1:00PM, meet in Campus Ministry  
Come serve lunch to families in Chester. Sign up online!

**Service Trip Info Sessions** - 10:30AM -1:30PM Bruder Dining Hall  
Interested in applying for one of our service trips, but don't have quite enough information about them yet? Stop by Bruder during the day on Thursday to ask us any questions you may have and to pick up an application!

## Friday, September 23

**Volunteer Opportunity: Fair Acres "Senior Prom"** Fair Acres is a retirement center run by Delaware County. One of the biggest events of the year is the annual Senior Prom. Residents "dress to the nines" and enjoy an evening out with food, live music, and excitement. Email Megan Camp (campm@neumann.edu) to sign up or for more detail!

## Sunday, September 25

Mass - 7:00PM, Sacred Heart Chapel

*(Reading Reflection Continued...)*

Just as we are called to be stewards, we are also God's most valuable things. Therefore, if we are not trusting in what belongs to God, how are we worthy to enter the Kingdom of Heaven? Luke is telling us that we cannot serve two masters without imbalance. So who are you willing to serve and what are you willing to do to be a steward for God?