



Worship Schedule

Sunday Mass Times:

11:00 am

7:30 pm

10:15 pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: 6:00 pm

Monday - Friday:

12:00 pm

Thursday: 9:15 pm

Confession Times:

Thurs 7:00-9:00 pm

or by appointment

Upcoming Events

February 28:

Spring Retreat

March 8-14:

St. Lucia Mission Trip

May 7:

Spring Dance

May 15:

Graduation

The Mustard Seed

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From Mother Bev to Grandmother Bev



I am entering my 35th year at Catholic Campus Ministry with one of my favorite names, Mother Bev. Every year there are new faces, names, friends, clothing styles but so much of the same: same enthusiasm, excitement, fears, concerns, expectations, dreams, and desire to learn more about their Catholic faith. It is as though history repeats itself!

During the summer I began to receive phone calls from CCM Alumni that their son or daughter would be attending MSU, Drury or OTC. They would always ask, "Does CCM still have 10:15 Mass, or Awakening? Do you still do the fundraisers, Spring Ring and Jack Frost? I want that for my son or daughter!" I was thrilled!!

So many of those alumni whom I had seen grow deeper in their faith as college students, now had children of their own. I had seen them experience Awakening, develop life-long relationships, and meet their future wives or husbands.

The most important part though was seeing them embrace their Catholic Faith and live it apart from their parents. Now *they* were passing down this very important part of their college life, CCM. It is like that precious family heirloom that we value so much and want to keep in the family.



By: Bev Franklin

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Excuses. Excuses. By Rachael Essmyer '18

"Everyone parties in college."

"I'll go to church when I'm home."

"I've just been too busy to pray."

I've either used or heard all of these statements regarding one's behavior. That youth group girl who used to go to Mass every Sunday is now a huge partyer. Hey, that's to be expected, right?

Wrong.

Not everyone drinks in college. Not everyone goes to church either. That became clear to me when I told my roommate I was going to Mass and she asked, "Ooo la la! Who's Matt?" Sometimes it's hard being Catholic, especially at a public college. Going to Mass by myself is something I'm still getting used to. Sometimes it's hard living out my faith, especially when it seems as if no one else is. Saying no when my friends invite me to a party is something that takes courage. Sometimes it's even hard going to Mass. There's always something else going on: *why walk across campus when I can take a nap or hang with my friends?* And sometimes it's really hard to love God when so many other things get in the way.

Managing your time is hard enough in college without having to remember to set aside time for God. I can speak for myself when I say sometimes I am a hypocrite when it comes to my faith. I always claim that God is my top priority, but I struggle with putting Him first and making time for Him. Some weeks I am really good about praying and other weeks I make up excuses for why I did not spend more time with God.

An important thing to remember is that you are now in an environment with many diverse people. Find time for your faith, but don't shut out others who don't share the common interest of Christ. It is possible to have friends with beliefs unlike yours and still maintain your faith. However, it is very important to find friends who will support you and lead you closer to Christ. Looking into the Catholic centers around campus is a good place to start.

I had no idea how to get involved in a group on campus, and I'll admit I was extremely nervous. One night at Sunday Mass, they announced that Catholic campus ministry was having an event that Wednesday night. So, I just showed up! A friendly girl introduced herself to me and showed me around the place. I've been going ever since. I think when it comes to our faith lives, we just have to dive in. Whether you're trying to get involved with a group on campus or simply trying to better your prayer life, you just have to jump in and see what comes of it.

Just remember, you are not alone! Even when it feels like everyone is out at that party having a good time, not everyone is. I guarantee there are other people just like you who choose to opt out of drinking and partying. (I'm one of them!) As followers of Jesus Christ we have a call to action. You will find people who are also aiming to answer God's call. Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Don't worry, you've got this.

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SEEK2015: 150 Attend from the Diocese



In early January, Curtis Martin, the founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) implored nearly 10,000 young adults to put Christ first in their lives so they can help change the world.

Focus has more than 400 missionaries serving on 100 campuses nationwide in a campaign to invite college students to build a relationship with Christ and the Catholic faith. The FOCUS model begins first with establishing genuine friendships and helping students, through small group Bible study and one-on-one mentorship, to develop the tools needed to maintain their faith while in school. Students also are sent to share their faith with others. FOCUS missionaries are part of CCM and help our students know the love of Christ and develop a true relationship with him. We've had four missionaries at CCM since August 2008. Presently, we have 25 Bible Studies and 54 Student Leaders.



Awakening 64: A Wild Success! By Rachel Hennessey '15

This past fall, students worked together to put on a Catholic Campus Ministry tradition, the annual Awakening Retreat. This year the theme was "Anchored." The theme was inspired by the verse, "We have this hope as an anchor of the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19). By choosing this verse, the CCM community was inviting fellow students to become "Anchored" in their relationship with Christ and his Church. The retreat was a wild success; 39 students attended the retreat for the first time and experienced the love that comes with an encounter with Christ and being around fellow students fired up about their faith. The retreat was a community effort; 55 students served as staff members to help plan, organize, and work the retreat. High-



lights of the retreat included a phenomenal group of students sharing their experiences through heartfelt speeches, time for Adoration and contemplation, and small group time to help facilitate friendship and fellowship among students. There was also an unbelievable dance party Saturday night.



Students hanging out in the Student Lounge



CCM was voted "Best Place to Worship" by MSU Students



Graduation Mass



Greek Mass



Father Tom and 1st place winner Kevin Abernathy.



MSU Basketball with the Bishop



Finish line at the 26th Annual Jack Frost Run



Ugly Christmas Sweater Party



Coffee House Night



Winter Formal