

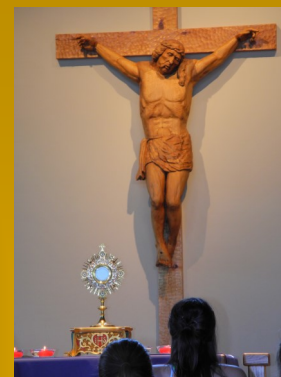
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You're Invited to Catholic Campus Ministry's Christmas Concert Featuring Keltic Knot

When: December 3rd at 7:00 pm

Where: Catholic Campus Ministry

Price: Donation Only



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

October 30:

Family Weekend
Mass at 11:00 am with
a luncheon following.
Everyone is invited!

December 3: Christmas Concert

December 16: Graduation Mass

The Mustard Seed

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The New Faces of CCM

Travis Washeck: Programs Facilitator



Fictional Interviewer:
Hey Travis thanks for
taking the time out of
your busy schedule to
chat with me.

Travis Washeck: Of
course, it's always a
pleasure to sit down and
talk with myself, I mean
you.

FI: For those of our
readers that might not know much about you, can you
tell us a little about yourself?

TW: Certainly, I am a 2009 graduate of Missouri State
University. I majored in Religious Studies with a
minor in Computer Science. I worked for two years as
a Computer Programmer for a bank software
developer before moving to St. Louis to pursue an
Associates of Applied Science in Sign Language
Interpreting. After moving back to Springfield the
beginning of 2016, I accepted the position of Student
Programs Facilitator at Catholic Campus Ministry as
their Student Programs Facilitator and also interpret a
few times a week around Springfield.

FI: You've had a few big career moves in there.

TW: I like to think that I have a variety of life
experiences. And through those experiences I can
relate to students who might still be discovering what
direction they want their life to take. And for those
that do have things figured out I can encourage them
to follow their passions.

FI: What exactly does a Programs Facilitator do?

TW: That's just a fancy term for campus minister. I
work with our students, student council, and staff to
help plan, organize, and run activities in Springfield
for our students at Missouri State, Drury, and OTC.

Javier Reyes, CMF: Pastoral Associate



My name is Francisco
Javier Reyes, middle child of
five children. I was raised in
Valparaiso, a small town in
the north central Mexican
state of Zacatecas. I started
my vocational journey in a
Diocesan Seminary when I
was fifteen and after
completing my M.Div. in
Theology, I moved to the
United States and joined the
Claretian Missionaries. After receiving my MA in 2012, I
began a pastoral year working in Campus Ministry at
Dominican University, River Forest Illinois. My role there
was as coordinator of a leadership development and faith
formation program for undergraduate students interested in
experiencing faith-based service in the Latin community in
Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. It was truly a blessing
seeing the students grow as leaders for the Church and with
an open heart for all those that live in the margins of our
society.

I professed my perpetual vows with the community on
August 15 and I was assigned as a Pastoral Associate for CCM,
with the hope that I will be ordained as a Deacon in November
5th. If you have asked me five years ago if I saw myself doing
this ministry, the answer is no. But I have always believed
that God has a plan. Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Evangelii
Gaudium*, has invited us all to practice the "art of
accompaniment" which teaches us to remove our sandals
before the sacred ground of the other (169). I came to CCM
with an open heart and willingness to accompany the
students in their journey of faith, wherever and whoever they
are. I believe there should be a place for all at the Table. At
the same time, I want to allow myself to be accompanied by
the students and staff; trusting in God's work. As I embark in
this new adventure, I ask for your prayers and support that I
may continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit
and faithful to God's call. Know in advance that you are in my
prayers and I am very grateful for you.

New Year, New CCM

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You must come and visit CCM and see the changes we've made to the ministry!! This summer was busy with preparations for the return of the students. The fireplace room now has new furniture encouraging more opportunities for students to interact and chill. As they enter the ministry a monitor greets them with videos, pics and news of the recent past events or forthcoming ones. If a student (or yourself) wants a fresh cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or tea, and a biscuit to munch on, there is a coffee bar under a large array of recent photos. The chapel pews got a fresh coat of varnish and more flowers and plants decorate the outside meditation garden and flower pots.

You'll have to visit and experience these many changes and hear the students tell you what these changes meant to them. On another note, when I first came to the ministry in 2008 I noted the wide diversity among our students and, thankfully, this fall I'm seeing a slow but definite return to some of that diversity. On the weekend of September 16 – 18 we had our annual Awakening Retreat and, once again, we had a good turnout! The following Saturday, 37 of us went on a hike to Busiek State Forest and we were joined by Javier Reyes CMF who came to the ministry as a Pastoral Associate a few weeks ago and will be ordained a deacon on November 5. So much is happening!! And so much to be grateful for.

Fr. Tom

Back to School Week



CCM STUDENT COUNCIL:

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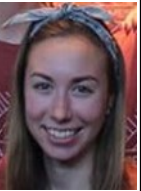
Awakening #66 “Beautiful Mess”

Awakening 66 was a hit! It ran from September 16-18 with the theme of “Beautiful Mess.” Everyone thinks they are a mess sometimes but in reality, “We are God’s masterpiece”- Ephesians 2:10. Here’s what some new awakeners thought about the experience.

“It AWAKENED me!” “I met so many AMAZING people!” “I realized how much God loves this BEAUTIFUL mess!” - Olivia Dove



Awakening was such an amazing opportunity to around people who helped me grow deeper in my love for Christ and awaken the Holy Spirit in my soul to bring God's love to everyone I encounter in day to day life. - Theresa Strake



It was simply breath-taking to see so many "beautiful messes" glorifying God together and allowing Him to transform our souls into beautiful masterpieces this weekend. - Rachel Essmyer



“Awakening for me was unbelievable, there was such an outpouring of love between brothers and sisters in Christ and I could see Jesus pouring into them as well and everyone giving it all right back to Him! Just amazing!” - Riley Hirshey



"I was nervous to begin the next chapter of life and felt alone as well. I was invited to attend the Awakening retreat at CCM by a friend and am I glad I did! Throughout a fun and eventful weekend, I made new friends and now feel less nervous about the path ahead. I invite all those seeking faith, friendship, and fun, to attend the next Awakening retreat!" - Nicolas Leyva



“Before the retreat I did not have any friends and college seemed like it would be rough. But in the weekend I gained many friends and great memories. That weekend I was awakened and found my home away from home. #BeautifulMess” - Casey Stangl



“I came into Awakening not really sure what I was getting into. It turned out being an absolute blast filled with new friends, great memories and, a whole lot of Jesus. I can know say I feel like a part of the community at CCM!” - Jacob Beck



Awakening was an overwhelming experience in lots of ways! It was an incredible time with lots of healing and love from even strangers. I saw Jesus in people that I hadn't seen before. It was quite extraordinary awesome! - Lexi Gaono

