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August 19th. Mass of the Holy Spirit (back to school) 11:00 a.m.	September 14-16th. Awakening Retreat	September 30th a Family Weekend Mass and Luncheon 11:00 a.m.
	October 20-21st. MSU Home Coming Weekend	



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The Mustard Seed



From the Director



Fr. Francisco
Javier
Reyes,
C.M.F.

O'Reilly Catholic Student Center MSU-DRURY-OTC

"Home is where the heart is..."

As I was write this letter Will, one of our amazing students, showed up in my office wondering what I was doing. I shared with him that I was trying to find inspiration to write this letter for our alumni family, friends, and benefactors. He told me: "It is easy Father, you need to start by reminding them that home is where your heart is... this place has become a home for me and is a home for many of us. I hope it was a home for them, too." I really hope it was and is an important place for you!

On May 3rd of 2000, the grounds of the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center were blessed. The grounds of a dream and here we are eighteen years later. Thousands of students have crossed through our doors. It is inspiring to see the experiences, relationships, and the learning opportunities that our students have here.

CCM has learned that great stories are written when we love with all our hearts and keep creating a home in this place. In this newsletter you will see some of the stories and memories from the spring semester: RCIA, Hosea Retreat, Service and Justice trip, students activities and senior class, and an special update from our Alumina.

I cannot thank you enough for all your prayers and support. If you have yet to join with us in our mission, now is the time. I cannot wait to see the next generation of students leading and forming disciples with the joy of the gospel and we cannot do this without you!

May God bless you and your families always!

Spring 2018

Servant Leadership retreat

"I was reminded about how to be a servant leader, but most importantly how to have a servant heart."
Whitney Cisneros



29th Jack frost



Fr. Joseph Kelly 2007-2008



I attended MSU 2007-2008. I was involved at CCM and frequently attended Daily Mass. The people, atmosphere and various opportunities for retreats and prayer were vital supports and necessary fuel for a young college student like me striving to grow and live my Catholic faith. I deepened my love for Jesus in the Eucharist and grew in my devotion to Our Lady while at CCM. It was at CCM that I met some of my dearest friends, many of whom I still remain in frequent contact. Being involved at CCM, going on Awakening retreats and meeting other young Catholics on fire for their faith had a tremendous influence on me and provided encouragement as I sought to discern God's will in my life.

During my time at CCM, I discerned that I was being called to seminary and continued that discernment to the priesthood in fall of 2008. After 7 years of seminary studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, I was ordained a priest June 12, 2015. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be involved at CCM and the support it gave me as I sought God's will in my own life was truly a blessing.

William and Joelle (Brooks) Shockley family

William (1986-91) and Joelle (1992-96) met at CCM. William was always at CCM helping with all and any projects we had to do at the Nancy McGregor House. Joelle was very involved in Awakening Retreats and helping Mother Bev with her projects including Friday lunches. They were both regular attendees of the Friday and Sunday Masses. William was very active in the Knights of Columbus and always there with a helping hand. William and Joelle were married in 1996 and have 4 children. Their oldest daughter, Maria, will be attending MSU and CCM next year! They live in Springfield. Joelle is an RN in the Mercy Mother/Baby unit. Will is a drafter for Sho-Me Power Company.



Chris and Jennifer (Pickar) Leach's Family



Jennifer was at CCM and MSU 1990-1995 and later attended Phillips College in San Antonio, TX and graduated with her Occupational Therapy Degree. While Jenn was in college she often spent many hours at Mother Bev's desk planning her future and dreaming of an amazing family and career. She lived much of that time with her twin sisters, Jacquelyn and Julie. They were all very faithful to Mass and still remember coming to The Nancy McGregor House and attending Mass at the Ball Room on campus and The Ecumenical Center. She met and married Chris in 1996 and they now have 2 beautiful daughters. They live in Carl Junction, MO. Jen is an Occupational Therapist and has been a Youth Director at her parish for many years. When the Lord blessed them with their first daughter, Emma, CCM is the first place they brought her for Mother Bev to hold. Emma is now considering MSU and CCM for her college home.

Kris and Laura (Goldbeck) Walter's Family

Kris (1985-90 and then 92-94 for Masters) and Laura (Goldbeck) Walters (1988 -1992 met at MSU and deepened their relationship through their times at CCM. They were active with retreats, Mass and all of the dances and activities at CCM. Mother Bev was one of the first to know that Kris was going to propose to Laura. They now have 5 children and are currently foster parents to a 3 year old. Their oldest daughter Lydia is graduating from MSU this year and participates in activities and Mass at CCM. Kris now works at Holy Trinity Catholic Church as Director of Youth Ministry for over 20 years and Laura teaches Childbirth Education classes at Shawnee Mission Medical Center is also a birth and postpartum doula.



Some of the CCM graduates have shared with us their immediate plans !



Carissa Kulpa will be moving to San Antonio, TX. She will be teaching preschool and start pre-postulancy with the Daughters of Charity.



Michael Applebaum is moving to D.C in the fall.



Morgan Diffley is student teaching 1st grade in August



Abbie Hebron is continuing her education and completing her Dietetic Internship at the Medical University at South Carolina.



Rachel Essemeyer is remaining in Springfield and accepted a full time position at The Fremont as a Resident Services Director.



Sarah Wessel is going to be a FOCUS Missionary



Katy Schuetz will be working in Springfield and looking for a social media manager position.



Lydia Walters is looking for a position in non- profit.



Alumni Update



Allie (Kabbes) Cox 2010-2014

I married Kennon Cox at CCM in 2016. We have a son, Daniel who is now 6 months old. While at CCM, I was involved in the music for CCM and the Wednesday Night Escape and Unwind events. I played piano and directed the choir at the 11am Mass. I enjoyed playing in several intramural teams including basketball, softball and volleyball. I attended a Mission Trip to Nicaragua. CCM was my home away from home and an amazing place to meet people and always felt like it was a great place to study & pray also. I now have my masters in nursing education and hope to teach.

Ted & Kaitlin (Welker) Alfermann's family

Ted and Kaitlin Alfermann met as freshmen at the CCM Spring 2005 Awakening Retreat. They were married August 2008. They have 4 children. The couple lives in Nashville where Ted works for the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency as a fisheries biologist. Kaitlin works part time doing autism research for Florida State University and homeschools their children. They remain close with many of their CCM friends, some of whom are godparents to their children. Kaitlin shares, "The time we spent in formation as a dating couple at CCM gave us a firm foundation for a marriage centered on Christ and we will forever be grateful."



"You made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are Restless until they rest in You"



These words from St. Augustine formed the basis for this year's Hosea retreat, previously called spring retreat. Discovering how we are all made by God and for God and realizing all that He expects of us and from us was the primary goal of this retreat. In order to bring more uniformity for future retreats, this year brought along a number of changes to the spring retreat besides a name change. Other changes included shortening the length of the retreat from 3 days to 2 days which allowed more students to attend by giving them more of the weekend to work on other commitments, along with having fewer speakers to allow for more reflection, bonding, and personal growth. Despite some doubts about the changes, nothing but positivity and growth came out of this retreat, and we could not have been more thankful for its success. WOW!!

Nick Uxa and Morgan Partlow

Service and Justice Trip



"18 students and 3 staff members from CCM went to Fresno, CA for a mission trip and a family of 21 came back. We went with the expectation of helping the migrant workers in the fields, but what we found was a welcoming, loving, and humble group of people that wanted to be heard. They are people that deserve respect and human dignity. We went trying to help them, but they ended up helping us in more ways than one. Thank you God for an unforgettable experience. I am so grateful for those of you that prayed and donated. Please continue to pray and advocate for migrant workers, immigrants, and people with less. Peace and blessings!"

-Roxana Salas

There is a joke that says if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. I find this so true with my life. I never expected to become involved with the RCIA program at CCM but little did I know God had other plans. Sarah, a good friend of mine, was going through RCIA at CCM and half way through the process, her sponsor had to back out. This led her to ask me to be her new sponsor which was the beginning of my unexpected journey with the RCIA team at CCM.

Every week I would go with Sarah to the RCIA meetings where we would learn about the Catholic faith and what it means to be Catholic. I loved going to these meetings because I got to meet all the other catechumens and candidates, learn their stories, and see them grow together. I also enjoyed being reminded of why I love the Catholic faith so much, and even sometimes learning things I didn't know about the Church. While the meetings were great they couldn't cover everything, so Sarah and I would often meet up and have deeper conversations about any questions, struggles or concerns she might have. These talks are probably my most treasured memories from being her sponsor. Through them I was able to see Sarah growing in her faith and understand more some of the struggles people face when choosing to become Catholic. I enjoyed being involved with RCIA, which is why I was excited when Sister Michelle asked me to continue helping out with the program at CCM. I have been helping out in various roles for 3 years now and it truly has been a blessing. Every class is filled with amazing young men and women and it is a gift being able to see the Holy Spirit working in them as they journey toward Easter Sunday. I never expected to become involved with RCIA but I am so thankful God guided me to it!

-Carly Totsch (Alumni /Volunteer)

My time in RCIA has taught me so many different ways to be disciplined in my journey with God. More importantly it strengthened my relationship with God and assured me of God's plan for me.

Austin Campbell

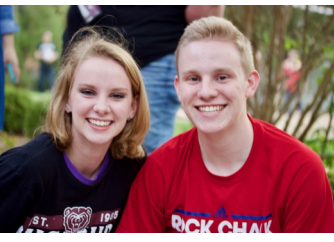


RCIA helped me grow closer to God, and it gave me a better understanding of the Catholic Church. -Will Nelsen/Moulder



What a semester it has been! Students have been growing spiritually, being mentored in faith and mentoring others, and making commitments to Christ through baptism, confirmation, and welcome into the Church. Students have been learning to pray and studying sacred Scripture together in small groups week by week. It has been my joy to journey with them the past year, and I am so grateful to God for the eternal things He is doing in the souls of students at Missouri State, Drury, Ozark Technical College, and Evangel. Please pray with us for a greater spiritual harvest in the years to come – because the harvest is ripe and the workers are few! Your support and prayers are invaluable.

-Jennie Joy, Campus Minister



Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

Three of our students, Justin Orf, Tony Carr, Zachary Mcmeley , and Sr. Michelle traveled to Washington DC for The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering on February. We are so proud of the amazing leaders we have here at CCM!



"The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering was a great way to network with other catholic ministries across the country. We got to see the great work that several other college campuses are doing with their ministry and we hope we can bring what we learned from them back to CCM. It was also an amazing opportunity to learn about and see how united the Catholic Church is on a variety of social issues and how when we all work together we can accomplish amazing things through advocacy."

-Justin Orf