

School of Religion

January Newsletter

A New Year's Blessing

May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope, and bondedness (*Nm 24:15; Jn 20:20*).

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support (*Ps 94:18*).

May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in the new year. May you know "How beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news" (*Rom 10:15*).

May you not be afraid of the questions that press upon your mind and heart. May you welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their answers (*Mt 11:3*).

May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence (*Lk 7:36-50*).

May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth (*Sir 42:15-43:33*).

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within you until you can taste the tears of your brothes and sisters (*2Cor 1:3-7*).

May you awake each morning with thnk you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing (*Ps 138:1*).

May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the new year (*Jn 21:15-19*).

May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's way for you (*Lk 1:26-38*).

May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God.

—Joyce Rupp





January Parking Assignment

January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
No Class	Knight Kompare Kowalczyk Kresal Kummer Kunes Laughlin Lawler	No Class	Lenza Lesauskis Loconte Lona Luebke Mahoney Matthews	McDonald McDoniel McGivern McKee McMahon McNamara McQuillan Meisl

Dates to Remember

- ✓ January 2 ~ No class
- ✓ January 9 ~ Classes resume; 8th gr Confirmation Intensive 7 - 9 p.m.
- ✓ January 10 ~ First Eucharist Parent only Meeting at 7 p.m. in Church
- ✓ January 15 ~ 11 a.m. Family Mass hosted by 6th gr
- ✓ January 16 ~ No class MLK
- ✓ January 23 ~ Class; 8th gr Confirmation Intensive 7 - 9 p.m.
- ✓ January 30 ~ Open House / Bake Sale
6:15 early session 7:45 late session

Open House

Mark your calendars for the School of Religion Open House. Meet your students' teachers and be part of the class! Bring a baked item to for the Bake Sale; purchase a baked goody with proceeds to support Vacation Bible School; see the "Living Saints" roaming our corridors!

GiveCentral

Take a look at another way to pay your tuition. GiveCentral might be a way to stay current with your tuition balance.

SchoolReach

Have you missed an important reminder / message from the SOR? Unless you have notified us, we are currently using your home phone as the primary contact number. If you would rather we call your cell, please let us know so we can update our records.

Search Your Heart.



Women's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Weekend
February 4-5, 2012

Questions or to reserve your space contact:

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Psssst....it's not a secret! Pass it on!

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Pay School of Religion Tuition and Fees Online...

- GiveCentral.org was created as a customized online payment solution.
- GiveCentral.org is a secure online system where families can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.

Benefits For You:

Schedule your fee payments to be paid automatically

Greater accessibility to pay fees online, even at the last minute

Access your payment history 24/7

Pay directly from your bank account, credit card or debit card

Benefits For The School of Religion:

Helps us budget and predict cash flow

Increases options for accepting payments

How to get set-up:

Go to www.givecentral.org and create your own giving profile.

Select a payment schedule for your tuition and fees.

If you have any questions, please contact the School of Religion at 346.8185.

MHR Men's Club

Upcoming Meeting & Event Dates:

The Men's Club holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Friday of the month in Adamich Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. We ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of refreshments and any food we might provide. Half of the \$10 dollars goes towards a "spilt the pot" held at the end of the meetings. For more information please contact Tom Ryan at 704.9876.

Women's Guild

Upcoming Events:

The MHR Women's Guild will provide a Sunday brunch to the families at the Ronald McDonald House near Hope on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal onsite. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Racz at 423.6812 or Julie_Racz@sbcglobal.net

Farewell

The SOR would like to thank Mr. Matt Doyle for his years of service as a 5th grade catechist. Good luck on you new position Matt.

New Year Blessing

God of this new year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring to us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of your walking through the day with us. God of this new year, we praise, you. Amen.

May everyone have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Arlene and Lil

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