Beloved God,

perhaps sharing the fish

was the beginning of

sharing the

Good News of your love that

feeds us forever

Patricia Livingston
Welcome to the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University

If this is your first time worshiping with us, we welcome you and invite you to learn more about Sheil and the programs we have to offer, as well as how to register and become involved in our faith community. Call us at 847-328-4648 and visit our website: sheilcatholiccenter.org

Fr. Kevin Feeney & the Sheil Center Staff

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
4:30 p.m.  Rosary  (Come Watch the Super Bowl following the 5 p.m. Mass)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:00 p.m.  Mom & Tot Bible Study
5:30 p.m.  Rosary
7:00 p.m.  Centering Prayer

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary
6:15 p.m.  CORE CTT Seminar (students)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Ash Wednesday
8:00 a.m.  Prayer Service
12:00 p.m.  Mass
3:00 p.m.  CTT Seminar  (open to everyone)
5:00 p.m.  Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
8:30 a.m.  Centering Prayer
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary
6:30 p.m.  Bible Explorers

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary
5:30 p.m.  Fish Fry Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
3:00 p.m.  Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:15 p.m.  Rosary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Ministry Fair following all Masses  Sponsored by Sheil Leadership Council

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:00 p.m.  Taize’ Prayer

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
6:30 p.m.  An Evening with Archbishop Cupich

Lenten Fish Fry Days begin this Friday, February 12 at 5:30 pm in the Lower Level Lounge  Free Will Offering

Fish Fry
Ash Wednesday, February 10

Remember you are dust
and unto dust you shall return

Prayer Service
8 a.m. a.m.

Masses
12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Ashes distruted at all services

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The Sheil Community's
Evening with Archbishop Cupich
Interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith? Consider the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Designed for adults who are not baptized in another faith or baptized in the Catholic church, but with no further religious training or sacraments. RCIA offers a chance to learn more about the Catholic church through scripture, teaching and discovering where God is present in your life. Contact Fr. Kevin Feeney at kevin.feeney@northwestern.edu or 847-328-4648 for information.

"Sheil Day of Mercy and Forgiveness"
Friday, February 26

Last year, we were asked by the archdiocese to be a site for the 24-hour "Festival of Forgiveness", an extended period of time to pray about, reflect on and discuss the need for healing and forgiveness in our lives, as well as an extended opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We were asked again this year; unfortunately the archdiocesan date (March 4) conflicts with our celebration of Confirmation.

Instead, on Friday, February 26, we will have our own "Sheil Day of Mercy and Forgiveness" from noon to midnight. Prayerfully considering taking part. Here are some of the specifics:

**Day of Mercy and Forgiveness**

- Friday, February 26 / 12:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.
- Forgiveness Discussion—3:30 p.m.
- Daily Mass—5:00 p.m.
- Communal Reconciliation—7:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from Noon to Midnight. Lay members of the pastoral staff and others will also be available for conversation & prayer.

22 more leaves to reach our goal of 220!
“In our parishes, communities, associations and movements … everyone should find an oasis of mercy.”

Pope Francis

“Oasis” is a provocative image. Although we are not a desert culture, we have travelled enough, seen enough movies, and read enough books to grasp the meaning. Oasis is a place of rest and resources in the middle of a desert. When we are there, we connect with our spirit before we return to the hardships of the demanding desert.

Without an oasis of mercy, the Pope sees life as: “fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert.” In other words, unless we find mercy the desert will dominate.

Since mercy is so valuable, the Pope does not spare his praise. “[Mercy] is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace … [It is] the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.”

But so much for praise!

What is it about mercy that is so core to our wellbeing and generativity?

The Pope has many insights, and we will ponder them. But basically he points to mercy as a personal path. “We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy.” His hope is that through this exercise of contemplation “the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.”

This is a hard piece of advice. We cannot borrow someone else’s mind and heart about mercy. We must walk the path ourselves and discover the ways of mercy and the life it gives us.

In order to do this, we will have an “oasis reflection” each month. This short reflection will guide our thoughts and feelings and bring us into a world where mercy lifts our minds and hearts and inspires our actions.
**Moms & Tots Bible Study**

Beginning Thursday, February 18, moms with young children are welcome to join us each Thursday at 5:15pm to read and discuss "Imitating Mary: Ten Marian Virtues for the Modern Mom" by Marge Fenelon.

Bring your children to play in the nursery while we meet next to the nursery in the basement lounge. For free copies of the book or for more information, email Andrea at andrea-fowler73011@gmail.com.

**Taize' Prayer**

**Thursday, February 18 at 8 p.m.**

Taize' is a form of contemplative worship that is practiced in intimate darkness illuminated only by candle light.

Short chants, repeated again and again, give Taize' a meditative character. Using just a few words, the chants express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being.

**SoupER BowL Soup DrivE!**

**January 24, 31 & February 7**

Show your game day spirit and help fill the Evanston Food Pantry. The 8th grade Sunday School Class is holding a Souper Bowl Soup Drive January 24,31 and February 7th. Bring a can of soup when you come to Mass. Boxes will be provided in the Commons. Help win the game against hunger and need. Thank you! The 8th grade Sunday School class.

More info? contact Cheryl at chery-ent@comcast.net

**Save the Date**

**Associates' Habitat for Humanity Service Trip**

**May 21 - May 28**

Applications for the Associate's Habitat for Humanity Trip to Tutwiler, MS are now available. Meet your fellow associates, learn basic home construction, and provide meaningful service to an impoverished community in the heart of the Mississippi Delta.

The cost is $340 per person and space is limited. **All applications are due by March 15th**. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Perry at (847)-673-0121 or by email: mfp884@yahoo.com.

**St. Mary Church Jubilee of Mercy Series**

In celebration of the Year of Mercy, St. Mary, Catholic Church in Evanston is hosting a series of presentations.

"Finding the God of Mercy in Our Spirituality"

Monday, March 7
**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday, February 7**  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

**Monday, February 8**  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 9**  
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday, February 10**  
Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Gospel  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 11**  
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 12**  
Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 13**  
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 14**  
First Sunday of Lent  
Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 7**  
11:00 a.m. Marion Kahl

**Sunday, February 14**  
9:30 a.m. Bob McCray  
11:00 a.m. Tom Anderson

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**Adult Confirmation Classes**

*Come Holy Spirit*  
*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

Classes will meet on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m., April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 and 9 at Sheil Catholic Center

The rehearsal is Monday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

Confirmation is Tuesday May 24th at 7 p.m. (plan to arrive between 6:15-6:30 p.m.) at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago.

**Cooks & Servers Needed for Hilda's Place**

Please Consider Feeding the Homeless at Hilda's Place on Sundays.  
Please contact Tim Higgins for cooking, serving and volunteering instructions. t-higgins@u.northwestern.edu.

Due to budget cuts the shelter is not able to house as many people as in the past. However, we still have a Sunday obligation to feed those who are being accommodated by Hilda's Place.
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**LITURGY**

**Sunday Eucharist**  
(Nursery available at morning Masses)  
9:30 & 11 a.m.  
5 & 9 p.m. Masses

**Daily Mass**  
Monday - Friday  
5 p.m.

**Reconciliation**  
By appointment  
847-328-4648 ext. 12  
Fr. Kevin Feeney

**Baptism & Marriage**  
Please call for scheduling

**Business Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Sheil Catholic Center Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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The mission of the Sheil Catholic Center is to prepare Catholic disciples of all ages to lead lives of faith and reason, by together worshiping, learning, growing, and serving the Northwestern University community and beyond.

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