Nothing
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Confess
Could
Make me
Love You
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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, JANUARY 31
4:30 p.m.  Rosary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
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 2
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary
6:15 p.m.  CORE CTT Seminar
           (students)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
12:00 p.m. Cheap Lunch
3:00 p.m.  CTT Seminar
           (open to everyone)
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary
7:00 p.m.  GYA Faith on Location

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
8:30 a.m.  Centering Prayer
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
5:00 p.m.  Mass
5:30 p.m.  Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
6:00 p.m.  Mardi Gras

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.  Prayer Service
12:00 p.m. Mass
5:00 p.m.  Mass
7:30 p.m.  Mass

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

SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

PRAYER SERVICE
8 A.M.

MASSES
12 P.M. - 5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
SHEIL’S SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
BE A PART OF THE FUN!

• Purchase tickets to the event
• Purchase a Trip Tick to win a FREE vacation

LOTs OF NEW SURPRISEs THIS YEAR

• MARDI GRAS HAS GONE DIGITAL - if you cannot attend the event, you can still bid on silent auction items digitally. For instructions on how to bid digitally, contact Teresa Corcoran at c-corcoran@u.northwestern.edu.

• To view auction items go to the website: sheilcc.ejoinme.org/MardiGras2016

• "YOU PICK" Tickets will be sold at the event. Each ticket is $50. The winner gets to pick ANY live or silent auction item of their choosing! Winner must be present to win.

• The Silent Auction will remain open until the Live Auction closes.

SOME NEW AND EXCITING LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

• 2 VIP tickets to the Late Night Show with Stephen Colbert (package)
• Cooking lesson with Chef Andy Thomas
• Church architectural tour and lunch with Fr. Ken Simpson
• Private Mass & catered dinner with Fr. Kevin (in your home or at Sheil)
• One week stay at a private lake side cottage in Wisconsin
**Elective Seminar**: Buffy the Vampire Slayer and the Theology of Good and Evil (Open to Everyone)

Using clips from the TV series, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, this seminar will explore popular conceptions of good and evil and the nature of good and evil in theological language. Seminar meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45, February 3, 17, 24, March 2. (Gap week is Ash Wednesday)

Non-students pay a seminar fee of $5. Register at [http://tinyurl.com/htcvnlx](http://tinyurl.com/htcvnlx)

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Sheil Community's Evening with Archbishop Cupich

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**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 cheryent@comcast.net
YEAR OF MERCY: OASIS REFLECTIONS
BY JOHN SHEA

“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.

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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.

STUDENT SPRING RETREAT
TEAM LEADERS

Be a leader. Volunteer to be on the student spring retreat planning team so that you can be a part of steering the course of the week end.

The retreat is the week end of April 29 - May 1, 2016. Each retreat is held in a sacred setting with ample time for prayer, reflection and conversation.

Contact Angela Stramaglia for more information or to volunteer.
a-stramaglia@u.northwestern.edu

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.

24 more leaves to reach our goal of 220!
Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 31
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13
or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday, February 1
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday, February 3
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 5
Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6
Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31
11:00 a.m. Vito Brugliera

Tuesday, February 2
5:00 p.m. Marysa Zajaczkowski
(successful surgery)

Wednesday, February 3
5:00 p.m. Marysa Zajaczkowski
(for restored health)

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

What is Young Catholic Professionals? YCP was founded in 2010 to help young professionals connect with one another and maintain their Catholic faith while pursuing demanding careers. Their mission is to encourage young adult professionals to Work in Witness for Christ.

YCP brings young adults together for speaker events, panel discussions, and networking in order to foster Catholic identity, to encourage community, and to inspire a call to action.

With the blessing and endorsement of Archbishop Cupich, the Chicago chapter of Young Catholic Professionals will hold their initial kickoff reception on February 2nd. Please visit their website at http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/ for more information on the organization.

Adult Confirmation Classes
Begin in April
Contact Tim Higgins
for more information
t-higgins@u.northwestern.edu

Adult Confirmation

Young Catholic Professionals
Chicago Chapter
Kick-off Reception
Tuesday, February 2
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.