**Weekly Events**

**Monday**
9:00 p.m. • Holy Hour • Main Church

**Tuesday**
9:00 p.m. • Chi Rho Bible Study • LSU Old Kitchen
9:30 p.m. • Rosary Club • Martyrs’ Chapel

**Wednesday**
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room

**Thursday**
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room
12:00-1:00 p.m. • Chi Rho Lunch Fellowship • Warnham Court

**Sunday**
4:00 p.m. • Vespers • Martyrs’ Chapel
8:00-9:00 p.m. • Student Ministry Team • Jack & Ed’s

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**Dead Man Walking: My Journey Continues**
Sr. Helen Prejean, SJC
Monday, 13 November
7:00 p.m. • Lied Center Main Stage

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**Campus Ministry Thanksgiving Feast**
Wednesday, 22 November
4:30-6:00 p.m. • First Presbyterian Church
14th & Fanm.
Transportation is provided. Meet in Begelman Circle.

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**Deepening a Spirituality for Justice Retreat**
Friday-Sunday, 1-3 December
Holy Family Parish

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**Drug Awareness Week**

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**Giving Our All**
Cedora Barnett

With the holiday season quickly approaching, it’s easy to get swept up in the material wealth that surrounds us. But the story of Elijah’s encounter with the starving widow in Zarephath reminds us that we must be generous to those who are in need. The widow prepared some bread for Elijah with the last handful of flour and all that she owned. Only after first making the bread and serving it to Elijah did she make some for herself and her son.

The culture of college life is not exactly one of selflessness. College is a time when students discover who they are. Throughout this journey we are influenced by many things, most telling us what we must eat, what activities we must participate in and what we must wear to be the kind of people that we think we want to be. This is evident when walking down the mall, where at every turn it looks like a page out of a J. Crew catalogue and where designer bags that cost hundreds of dollars are flaunted. 1 Kings reminds us that there are people who are less fortunate than us and we see Christ’s generosity in giving this holiday season.

The same giving of everything can again be seen in the Gospel according to Mark. Jesus observes a widow who puts her last two coins in the treasury. Mark tells us that the poor widow who put in two small coins is in fact giving far more than the wealthy who are putting in more. Jesus tells his disciples that the widow, having donated her last two coins, is left with nothing; the rich, who gave from their surplus, haven’t really given much at all.

Giving our all is essential; we must sacrifice in order to be on the road to salvation. God gave the ultimate sacrifice, His only son, so that we may be saved. When we give everything we are left feeling vulnerable. We don’t want to give everything we have for fear that we may, at noon later, need it. We are reminded that when we put our trust in God we will be rewarded, just as the widow in Zarephath was rewarded with flour and oil for a year. We must put all of our trust in God, because through Him all things are possible.

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**In the final analysis**
Love is not this sentimental something that we talk about. It’s not merely an emotional something. Love is creative, understanding goodwill for all men. It is the refusal to defeat any individual.

When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Faith and Justice: Responding to the Word

Commitment: Chicken or Pig?

Anne Grass

A recent Grey’s Anatomy episode featured a couple whose relationship was compared to that of a chicken and a pig. In a manner of speaking, chicken is only involved by supplying the eggs, but the pig is committed because it gives its life to make the meal possible.

The readings are calling us as followers of Christ to be the pig. As humans, we are tempted to be like the woman involved Christianity serving the Kingdom of God whenever it fits our schedule. However, Christ is calling us to a radical biblical full commitment—we are called to give our whole lives to God.

As a Christian, are you a chicken or a pig? Anne Grass is a junior majoring in English and Spanish with a minor in Chemistry. You can contact her at anegar@creighton.edu

Ask A...Historian?

Q: Thanksgiving seems like a holiday about food and football. Is there a spiritual dimension to it as well?

A: I grew up in west Texas and I have vivid memories of watching the Dallas Cowboys play on Thanksgiving day and being slightly annoyed when my grandmother called us away from the TV for dinner. Of course I didn’t complain about the great food my family shared. I just wanted to eat the feast, get back to the game, and save a little room for dessert.

I know then and I know now that there is far more to Thanksgiving than that. However, there is a lot of mythology that surrounds the story of the first Thanksgiving, celebrated in Plymouth in 1621. We tend to picture black-clad Pilgrims with tall hats and shiny buckles sitting down to a meal of turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie with Indians in spectacular head-dresses. The fact is the Pilgrims did not dress that way (they wore plain but colorful clothing) and neither did the Indians. There was no cranberry sauce, nor was there pumpkin pie (too bad for them).

Nevertheless, for those days that autumn the English settlers and their Wampanoag neighbors did come together to mark the harvest. The English thanked God for the plentiful food that sustained their fragile colony. The Indians likely also recognized the food as a great gift of the spirits. So, although this Thanksgiving myth only emerged in the nineteenth century, there was a spiritual dimension to the harvest festival celebrated during those three days.

The same could be said about my own Thanksgiving table. We always gave thanks to God on our own and together to celebrate the good things in life. Each year at Thanksgiving I continue to be grateful for the many blessings in my life, and my grandmother was one of them. She passed away last year, and on a mild winter day in west Texas I stood by her coffin thinking. I realized that I would never again taste the sweetness of her famous pecan pie at Thanksgiving. I can always be thankful for that many years I did.

—Dr. Tracy Leavell, History Department

If you have a question, we would love to hear from you! E-mail your question to_bleachers@creighton.edu

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 14 November
Spirituality and Seeking God in Grief
11:30 a.m. • Student Center 104
Faith & Pasta: Faith & Addiction
5:30 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom East
Presentation X: Truth, Myths, and Fact About Drug Use
Paul Chang
7:00 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom
Ignatian Family Teach-In/SAIG Vigil
9:00 p.m. • Student Center 105

Thursday, 16 November
Oxfam Fast
Distributes a meal from your meal plan
11:00 a.m. • 2:00 p.m. • Brandeis and Becker Dining Halls

Tuesday, 21 November—Monday, 20 November
Ignatian Family Teach-In/SAIG Vigil
Columbus, GA
Sunday, 10 November
Music Ministry Weekend
Music for Advent
11:30 a.m. • St. John's Music Room
Q&A with the SJ
8:30 p.m. • ODF Floor Admin Building
meet at the “golden elevator”
Wednesday, 22 November—Sunday, 26 November
Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, 23 November
Thanksgiving Alumni Mass
Fr. John Schlegel, SJ, presiding
9:00 a.m. • St. John's Church and Mariah of Omaha Ballroom
Tuesday, 28 November
Christmas at Creighton
5:00 p.m. • Skinner Mall
Friday, 1 December
Intercultural Expo
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom
World AIDS Day
Sponsored by Gay/Straight Alliance
Saturday, 2 December
Alpha Sigma Nu Induction
10:00 a.m. • bigger science 109

This Week...

Drug Awareness Week

What’s Your Anti-Drug?

This week is the second annual Creighton Drug Awareness Week. We have decided that our theme this year is going to be, “What’s your anti-drug?”

As part of our awareness week we are going to have a presentation by Paul Chang. We will be presenting “Presentation X: Truth, Myths, and Fact About Drug Use.” The presentation will be November 14 at 7pm in the Ballroom.

We will also have a “What’s your Anti-Drug?” graffiti board which will allow students the opportunity to write on and design a board about what keeps them drug free. This board will be placed in the Student Center for some time to allow students to view it at their leisure. The hope is that students will be able to see this board and realize that there are so many other things that they can participate in that are not drug related.

Throughout the week we will also have informational flyers and table tents in the Student Center, and all of the residence halls do have doors hang signs on them that outline specific information about Creighton undergraduate marijuana use.

—Capt'n Buck

PEAC Drug Awareness Team Co-Executive

Resources...

If you or anyone you know needs help with a drug issue please contact one of the following places and they will be able to assist you in anything you need.

Creighton Counseling Center
Located on the third floor of Brandao hall
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Phone: (402) 280-2733
Website: http://www2.creighton.edu/studentaffairs/counselingandpsychologicalservices/

Peer Education at Creighton (PEAC)
Located on the first floor of Swanson hall
Phone: (402) 280-5502
Email: peereducation@creighton.edu
Website: http://www2.creighton.edu/peereducation/

Public Safety
Emergency phone: x2011

Drug Abuse Hotline
1-800-662-HCUP

Helpful Websites
www.drgdanger.org
www.freesbie.com

Cardoner Corner
Welcome Life
Matt Reznicek, writing from Limerick, Ireland

This land has known struggle. The very earliest literature recounts invasions. For almost eight hundred years, this land was under the rule of a foreign power. Within this century alone, this place fought for independence from the Crown, just to turn around and fight a civil war that still divides it in two. The scars are all around me today. The division between Northern Ireland and the Republic is part of the stories my friends tell. To study the history of Ireland is to study its struggle for itself. Because of this history of struggle with and for itself, it seems only somewhat natural that the greatest lesson I have learned while spending the semester at the University of Limerick is one of struggling with and for myself.

In James Joyce’s 1916 work A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Stephen Dedalus describes his desire to break free from the ”Church and her coming at Creighton, this fact has not changed. Daily, nets are flung at each of us to keep us back from flight.” Dedalus speaks of language, nationality and religion, today economic status, nationality and political philosophy are only a few of the nets by which one must fly. These nets bar each of us from authentically encountering ourselves and our community. In Ireland, the net of religion can still imprison any sort of community. In Limerick, economic status can assure whole communities in the trap of crime. In Omaha, the net of language can stifle communities against each other. Throughout our country, political nets of every philosophy alienate men and women from neighbors.

Jesus demands the same description from each of us as Stephen Dedalus makes in the last pages of A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man. He demands that we “fly by those nets.” He calls each of us to struggle with and for our own authenticity and to forge a new order of our own. He prays that we may learn to break free from these nets “what the heart is and what it feels.” More importantly, though, He prays that we respond, “Amen. So be it. Welcome, O life!”

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