

Freshman Guide

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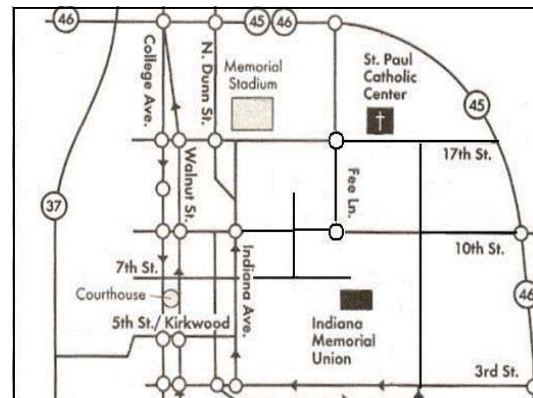


Blazing a Trail to Somewhere

Welcome to IU, but I welcome you even more to the St. Paul Catholic Center! St. Paul is the Catholic parish on campus (see the map to the right). Our members are a wonderful blend of different groups because our mission is to serve as a Catholic presence to higher education [Indiana University]. On average about 1,000 IU students worship at St.

Paul each weekend. St. Paul is home to many faculty and staff members and families of IU and a number of Bloomington resident parishioner families. It's unique!

The novelty of St. Paul does not end here. We welcome questions, and prefer to discuss rather than dictate answers. We work at doing good liturgies, not just proper ones. We provide opportunities to explore spirituality, not just orthodoxy. We engage in social service. We are a step beyond youth ministry. We are delighted to walk with you into your adult formative years. Do it with your peers



and with a skilled and loving staff. It is no surprise that many students have found St. Paul to be one of the exceptional parts of their college experience. Don't wait. Let us come to know you.

Join us for Mass, Sunday, August 26 @ 5:30 pm...and then for the cookout afterward.

Peace,
f. Robert Keller, OP

Connecting by Kim Cullman



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Believe it or not, becoming a freshman was the biggest change of my life. How can you argue with this: (1) moving out from under mom and dad's roof for the first time...to a dorm room, (2) part of a huge campus (39,000 students in a two-square mile campus), (3) moving in with a roommate who was a complete stranger, and different than my family, (4) starting over making friends, (5) a whole new kind of food regimen (not exactly home cooking), and, for me at least, (6) changing allegiance from a Buckeye to a Hoosier (I managed that pretty well).

There was another big difference for me. I had been part of an exciting youth group in my church during my high school years; so many of my friends had been there. They were all gone! And I wondered where I could connect with faith at Indiana University, a secular school.

Lucky for me I discovered St Paul early. It was really close, on 17th Street just a short walk from McNutt. I also attended the Freshman Escape retreat. It was a great start, but it did not stay that way.

I found that I was going to church only occasionally, when my boyfriend came to town. I was homesick for my old church youth group. And I reacted by letting go of my religion

for the time being.

This was not a very good response. I kept feeling that something was missing. It took the gracious invitation of a girlfriend to the Kairos Retreat my sophomore year to help me to reconnect with my faith and with my life. This retreat was awesome!

I am grateful that I have kept my "faith connection" alive. Even though I am super-busy with school, work, and being in a sorority, I make time for Sunday Mass and involvement at St Paul. It is a vital part of my college life. I'll guess it will be for you too...if you stay connected.

-Kim

A "How-To" for College Life by Fr Bob Keller

It happens in early September. It gets me away from campus. It introduces me to friendships. It has games and reflection. And the food is good. What is it?

The Freshman Escape is an awesome introduction to campus life-with-faith. Just when you think, "dump religion because it is boring and outmoded," discover that there is nothing boring about the Catholic faith. This retreat can open your eyes to the adventure and challenges of being a disciple of Jesus.

There is nothing

wimpy about it! What is more, the upper classmen who take time to guide this retreat are impressive. They are not "holier-than-thou" types. There is something authentic about them, even while they struggle and grow in their faith. And you will be affirmed that faith is a journey full of questions and discussions. Get permission to explore! We all need that. And enjoy meeting other freshmen who are at St. Paul Catholic Center.

I don't want you to miss this opportunity. It is a simple but powerful way to launch your college career

at IU. There is so much to learn about this Catholic faith and so much to experience in spirituality, worship, service and, yes, good food & fun.

Freshman Escape:

- **Sept 7-8 (Fri evening thru Sat night**
- **Solsberry farm**
- **Food, fun, bonfire, learning, discussing, laughing!**
- **Register on-line or during the first week of school.**

Kairos: A Special Time by Kim Cullman

I went to a public high school. Most of the time, I loved it but the one thing I regretted was not being able to go on a retreat. My Catholic school friends talked about it for weeks afterwards. I was jealous but I never thought I would get a chance to experience it for myself.

Wrong! St Paul hosts a Kairos retreat every year. I missed it my freshman year mostly because I didn't have a friend to go with me on retreat. This year I mustered up the courage to apply for Kairos, not knowing anyone who would be going.

Deciding to go on

Kairos was one of the best decisions I have ever made. It came right in the middle of a hectic time for me—juggling school, writing for the newspaper, and holding down a job. By giving in to the process, Kairos took me away from my routine and put me in touch with God's time.

"Kairos" basically means 'special time,' God's time. In fact, we put away our watches and lived a different and leisurely pace. Time was 'filled' with sharing life stories and those deep matters that makes life challenging and bold. The student leaders shared about their faith journey in talks

and the small table groups continued this vein of discussion together. It was powerful.

I grew close to so many, and there were nearly 50 of us on retreat! It all happened between Friday afternoon when we left for retreat and Sunday evening when we got off the bus in Bloomington. We all had a different outlook on life. Amazing! Taking time out for God became one of the greatest gifts my sophomore year. But why wait? Plug in; dare yourself and open yourself to the Spirit and to friends with faith.



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Bethlehem Farms—Spring Break Trip by Joe McGrath

Spending Spring Break at Bethlehem Farm in West Virginia was the best decision I ever made. While we were there, we lived a life based on four cornerstones: Simplicity, Prayer, Community, and Service. As part of our service, we helped a man rebuild his house that was lost in a fire, and helped to fix up a homeless shelter.

We spent a lot of time building community among those living in the area. We also shared meals and stories among ourselves every morning and evening. We helped with chores in the morning and with dishes at meals. One evening the Notre Dame spring break

folks visited us and shared dinner. What a blast! The St. Patrick's Day Party was a definite highlight (*St Patrick Church in Hinton hosted the evening, complete with a fish fry and Irish music. Joe showed us some of his light-footedness—he danced the night away! -- Fr Bob*). I can honestly say that some of the people I've met on this trip are my best friends.

Prayer was a big part of our trip and it was possibly the most fulfilling portion of the trip. We began and ended the day with prayer, and we prayed together in a circle before departing for our service projects. We students led

prayer a lot. Community prayer strengthened my prayer life and allowed me to be open and honest with myself. I now pray more often and with a more open heart.

The most important thing that I gained from the trip was the ability to give my heart to God. I discovered that God will help you and guide you if you open your heart to him. Going on this trip gave me a brand new outlook on life. I am a much happier person since going on the spring break trip. My life has been forever changed.



Spring Break 2007—The Crew

August / September

October / November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	21	22 Dorms open	23 Culture Fest	24 SaLT Retreat	25 SaLT Retreat
26 Masses 5:30 pm; 9 pm. Undergrad Cookout	27 Classes begin	28	29	30	31	1
2 Mass 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm	3	4 Bible Study	5	6	7 Freshman Retreat	8 Freshman Retreat
9 Mass 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm	10	11 Bible Study	12	13	14	15 Fr. Parent Weekend
16 Mass 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm	17 Spiritual Education	18 Bible Study	19	20	21 Movie & game nite	22
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	1 Spiritual Education	2 Bible Study	3	4	5 Movie & game nite	6
7 Mass 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm	8	9 Bible Study	10 Spiritual Education	11	12 Kairos 18 Retreat	13 Kairos 18 Retreat
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21 Mass 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm	22	23 Bible Study	24 Spiritual Education	25	26	27
28 Mass 5:30 pm, 9:00 pm	29	30 Bible Study	31	1 All Saints	2 All Souls	3 Parents weekend



Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Ever wonder why we do something?

Or do you have a question about joining the church, religious education or on going spiritual growth?

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