LENTEN Prayer Opportunities and Events

**Rosary for Peace:** Mondays, March 10th, 24th and 31st; April 7th and 14th; 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays, March 11th and 25th; April 1st, 8th, and 15th; 8:00-9:00 p.m in the Chapel.

**Taizé:** April 3rd; 7:00 p.m. in the back altar space of the Chapel.

**The Way of the Cross:** Friday, March 28th, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. As we pray the Stations of the Cross, please join us as we journey with Jesus during His passion and experience what it might have been like through the eyes of those who were there such as James, Judas, the Chief Priest, a soldier, Mary, Mary Magdala and others. This presentation of the Stations of the Cross was inspired by the scriptural way of the cross that was celebrated in Rome by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday each year.

**Rice Bowl Project:** The Rice Bowl project is intended to encourage the collection of funds that will be given to Catholic Relief Services. Make a sacrifice this year by adding more to your bowl than just a little loose change. Rice bowls will be available in the Chapel throughout the season of Lent. Collected on April 13th.

**Masses During Lent**

**Palm Sunday Mass:**
April 13th, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Chapel.

**Triduum Services**

**Holy Thursday:** April 17th, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

**Good Friday:** April 18th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Family Church, Essex Junction

**Holy Saturday:** April 19th, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Church, Essex Junction

**Easter Sunday:** April 20th, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Chapel (Easter Brunch to follow the 11:00 a.m. Mass - please RSVP to 802-654-2333; email: Lsabens@smcvt.edu) There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered after all 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday liturgies and after the 11:30 a.m. Daily Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout Lent (in the Chapel) or by appointment anytime.

**Daily Lenten Reflections:** Saint Michael's College students, faculty, staff and members of the worshipping community have come together to offer their reflections on the daily Scripture readings and what they are saying to us in our lives today...how they challenge and encourage us to feel God's presence, love, and forgiveness each day during this sacred time. We hope that these reflections inspire and help you grow deeper in your prayer life during the journey of Lent as we prepare for the Resurrection of Christ Jesus! The reflections can be found online at: [http://smclent.blogspot.com](http://smclent.blogspot.com)

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Edmundite Campus Ministry Events (Continued)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Weekend at Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte: April 25th-27th, 2014

Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and not fulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship this spring. Make a WWME weekend and watch your love for each other grow. For more information or to schedule a weekend, call Dave & Jennie Erkson at 1-800-434-4218 or e-mail them at erksonmevt@comcast.net

Saint Francis Xavier School in Winooski is now accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 school year for grades Pre-K through 8. Give your child the gift of an education that combines academic excellence with a faith-filled environment. Email info@sfxvt.org or call 655-2600 for more info or to schedule a tour.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Partners in Ministry is continuing with the 5th Chapter of Dermot Lane’s Stepping Stones to Other Religions and will meet on Thursday, March 13th, 6:00 p.m. in the Vermont Room (2nd Floor, Alliot Hall). Come for some lively theological discussion. Bring a snack to share if you can. Contact Stephanie Noakes for more information at 871-9322 or snoakes@smcvt.edu; all are welcome with or without a snack!!

Pontigny Society: We will continue to discuss The Death of Ivan Ilyich by Leo Tolstoy. We will meet at 12:00 noon on Monday, March 3rd in the Vermont Room, 2nd floor of Alliot; a luncheon will be served. RSVP is required. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Anna Lester at 654.2897.

Pontigny Society Retreat: May 16th-18th, 2014 at Saint Anne’s Shrine. Retreat is open to employees of St. Michael’s College. Teresa Hawes will lead us in contemplative reflection and discussion. Please RSVP to Anna Lester (email: alester@smcvt.edu) or at 654.2897.

Edmundite Campus Ministry will be conducting a 5-Day Silent Retreat in the Ignatian tradition from June 30 to July 4th, 2014 at our new satellite facility at St. Anne’s Shrine. Using the principles of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants will be invited to contemplate scripture passages, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Spiritual Directors are specifically trained for this type of retreat and will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about forty-five minutes. The Spiritual Directors are Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE, Bro. Frank Hagerty, SSE and Elizabeth Mahoney. The retreat begins with dinner on Sunday, June 30th and concludes with lunch on Friday, July 4th. The cost is $415. Applications can be obtained by emailing St. Anne’s Shrine at fstanne@pshift.com. Current students and graduating seniors are eligible for partial/full scholarships by Edmundite Campus Ministry. Space is limited due to single room accommodations.

Retreat Options

BUSY STUDENT PROGRAM: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. These sessions are designed for those with a busy schedule. Participants will sign up for one or two sessions from a selection of over 100 sessions. Due to the limited space, registration is required. Please email Jmoores@smcvt.edu for more information.

ACTIVE PRAYER PROGRAM: 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. This is the least disruptive of the retreat options. Sessions include prayer booklets, chanted meditation, and one hour a day with a spiritual director. Please email Jmoores@smcvt.edu for more information.

QUIET TIME OPTIONS: Participants can sign up for quiet time options. Pray at your own rate and prayer options. Pray at your own rate and on your own schedule. Please email Jmoores@smcvt.edu for more information.