An Ash Wednesday service will be held in Ford Chapel in Schauffler Hall on Wednesday, February 18, at noon. This service will be led by Deacon George Newton of St. Mary’s Catholic Church. It is sponsored by Catholics on Campus and the Office of Spiritual Life, and is open to all. Following the service all are invited to join us for a simple vegetarian lunch in the music practice room, Schauffler 117.

Re-Lent, a weekly Lenten lunch series will begin on Thursday, February 26. Inspired by a theme from the United Church of Christ writers’ group, we will use art, music, poetry, and reflection as spiritual practice in this season. Gatherings are Thursdays from 11:30-12:30 in Ford Chapel in Schauffler Hall. A light lunch will be served. Come to one or all of the gatherings; open to all. Sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Life and Catholics on Campus. See flyers for more information.

- Feb. 26: art journals
- Mar. 5: clay work
- Mar. 12: spring break; no gathering
- Mar. 19: word play
- Mar. 26: music
- Apr. 2: Maundy Thursday meal

Habitat for Humanity will hold a brunch in the St. John UCC fellowship hall on Sunday, February 15, beginning at 11:30. The brunch will feature a variety of egg casseroles with traditional sides for a free-will donation. Money raised will support the Habitat spring break trip. All are welcome.

Also this month:

- Catholics on Campus will meet Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 in Serrick 120, to make rosaries and discuss plans for the semester. Contact Brenda Averesch to find out more.
- The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets for Bible study and fellowship; contact Becca Zebrowski for times and places.
- Habitat for Humanity is scheduling work days at the local ReStore and planning for its spring break Collegiate Challenge trip to Morgantown, WV. Genelle Castro, Habitat president, can be reached for more information.
- Faculty/Staff Discussion takes place every Wednesday at noon in Conference Room 120 in Serrick. Bring in your lunch and join in the talk.

Religious Holidays in February

- Feb. 2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple/Candlemas, Christian celebration of Jesus’ presentation in the Temple after his birth; candles for the year are blessed
- Feb. 3 Imbolc, Wiccan celebration of the return of the sun and the lengthening of days
- Feb. 4 Tu B’shevat, Jewish celebration of the coming of spring by preparation of foods native to Israel. It is also known as "New Year for Trees" - a method for determining the age of trees for tithing purposes.
- Feb. 17 Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras marks the final day before the Christian fast of Lent. Often marked by feasting and parties.
- Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in the Western Christian tradition. Lent is the 40-day preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter. Observations may include fasting, acts of service, or spiritual disciplines.
- Feb. 19 Chinese New Year; begins a fifteen day festival for Chinese people of all religions. Family reunions with thanksgiving and remembrance of departed relatives take place. Traditionally a religious ceremony honors Heaven and Earth.