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Our 2007–08 Franciscan Value Focus: Serve one another, society and the Church.

Volunteers for Star of Bethlehem

Money collectors and ticket takers are needed for the Star of Bethlehem planetarium show. Volunteers and a guest can see the show for free. For more information, please contact Tessa Pitts by phone at 434-3255. The times and dates are listed below.

Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 8 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m.
Friday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 15 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m.

Congratulations to the Employees of AVI Food Systems

The Values in Action award winner for December are the employees of AVI Food Systems here on campus. They were recommended for their quality service to the community and their willingness to help make events special. The student group that nominated them noted that AVI donated food, equipment and space to complete a service project. Their service extends not only to the university community but to those invited to our events. Congratulations!

Faculty and Staff Christmas Potluck and Silent Auction

Everyone is invited to the 2007 Faculty and Staff Christmas Potluck and Silent Auction on **Friday, December 14 in Trinity**. The silent auction bidding will begin at **9 a.m. in Trinity dining and end at noon**. The potluck will begin at **11 a.m. in the Social Room** with eating in the South Dining Room. New this year will be an on-line preview of auction items. Details about the website will be e-mailed to faculty and staff on December 10.

Once again proceeds from the silent auction will be shared between the Student Emergency Fund and

Faculty/Staff Emergency Fund. Suggestions for items include but are not limited to themed baskets, crafts, food items or service projects. Auction items should be delivered by December 7 to any one of the following representatives: Carolyn Exner in Achatz, Denise Filler in Doermer, Angie Springer or Kathleen Lotter in PJPII, or Theresa Franck in Trinity.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Pamela Lord by e-mail at plord@sf.edu or Denise Filler at dfiller@sf.edu.

Campus Ministry Schedule

Mass in Saint Francis Chapel in Trinity Hall

Monday	12:05 p.m.
Tuesday	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.
Thursday	5:15 p.m.
Friday	12:05 p.m.
Saturday	12:05 p.m., vigil for Sunday at 5 p.m.
Sunday (Student Liturgy)	7 p.m.

Join the students for student-led prayer every **Wednesday at 9 p.m.** in the USF Chapel and every **Thursday at 4 p.m.** in the Reflection Room on the second floor of the Vann Library. Confession will be available 30 minutes before weekend liturgies or by appointment. Fr. John's office phone number is 434-7431.

Lost and Found

Two flash drives were found in the Campus Ministry dining room. Neither one has a cap; one is a SanDisk and the other is a Relay. If one of them belongs to you, please contact Sister Gayle at grusbasan@sf.edu or by phone at ext. 7728.

Upcoming Events?

Do you have an event or news item you want to see in *University Capsule*? Please send requests to tyler@hpn-marketing.com.

Reminder!

In case you missed them, below are items from previous editions of *Capsule*. These announcements give you all the information you need about upcoming events—don't miss what's going on at USF.

Toys for Tots Drive

Students, staff and faculty will have a chance to support the annual Toys for Tots drive during Christmas at USF events. Barrels will be located at the Bass Mansion during the student and staff/faculty Christmas parties, as well as during the two weekends of Christmas in the Castle, in Pope John Paul II Center, Achatz Hall, and the Rolland Center **now until December 9**.

Bus Trips to Tennessee

Student Government Association will again be sponsoring a charter bus to Savannah, TN should the Cougars be headed to the National Championship Football Game. Further details will be available **today**. See either the SGA website at www.sf.edu/sga or contact Melissa Reesman by e-mail at mreesman@sf.edu if you have any questions.

In addition, Campus Ministry will again sponsor the Old Fogie Fan Bus. This trip includes a night stay in a hotel in Savannah if the Cougars go on to the championship. Please contact Jan Patterson by e-mail at jpatterson@sf.edu or by phone at 434-3260 on Monday.

USF Students to Make Assisi Pilgrimage

Rachel DeKold and Steve Clarke have been selected to make the annual student pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome sponsored by the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU) from December 27, 2007 to January 6, 2008. Both are juniors: Rachel is a Physician Assistant major and Steve is majoring in Social Work.

Their preparation for the pilgrimage includes taking THEO 390 St. Francis: Times and Charism, as well as four monthly meetings with special readings highlighting the spirituality of pilgrimage and the potential personal impact of the pilgrimage as a spiritual experience. As part of the follow-up when they return, Rachel and Steve will be available during second semester to give brief class or small group presentations on their pilgrimage experience.

At the **7 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 9** there will be a sending ritual for Rachel and Steve to offer prayers for safe journeying and to ask that they take our intentions to all the holy places they visit. All are invited to attend this Mass and wish our pilgrims well.

USF participation in the AFCU student pilgrimage is sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life,

and Campus Ministry, with assistance from the Department of Student Life.

Star of Bethlehem 2007 at the Schouweiler Planetarium

Join us under the Mideastern sky of 3 B.C. and follow the star of the Wise Men at the Schouweiler Planetarium for the Star of Bethlehem shows. During the live portion of the show, planetarium staff will guide you to the wonders of this winter's Fort Wayne night sky.

The shows run each weekend until **Sunday, December 16**. Admission is \$1 for USF students with ID, \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and children under 18; a \$14 maximum per family. For more information visit the planetarium website at www.sf.edu/planetarium or phone 434-3255.

New Location for Franciscans at Prayer

Franciscans at Prayer is now taking place in the **Campus Ministry Reflection Room**, located in the southwest corner of the Vann Library on the second floor. Please join us on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 12:05 p.m.** as we take a few minutes out of our day to pray in a Franciscan way.

Franciscans at Prayer is sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life. For more information, contact Sister Anita at ext. 6705, by e-mail at aholzmer@sf.edu or stop in at JPII room 301I.

Contemporary American Craft Exhibition

The Contemporary American Craft Exhibition is now open at the **Weatherhead Gallery**. Presented by the School of Creative Arts, the exhibit will run through **Sunday, January 20, 2008**.

Crafts in a variety of media such as fiber, ceramics, wood, metal, glass, and stone by more than 70 professional artists from across the United States will be on sale. Most of the pieces exhibited will be affordable, serving as a great source for holiday shopping. There is no charge for admission.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 22 through January 1.