

Via Regia

The Royal Road
of the Holy Cross

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a Lenten Reflection Series of guest speakers at the Alumni Service Corps house, located at 405 S. Solomon St. Spouses or guests are welcome. Food and beverage will be provided.

“Obedience to the Gospel of Christ’: Almsgiving as Worship”

Dr. Nathan Eubank

Monday, March 10 — 12:30 p.m.



Among the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it is almsgiving that usually gets the least attention as a Lenten discipline. This first talk in the series helps integrate almsgiving into the self-offering that all Christians are called to make back to the Father in love. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? How can I experience the freedom of giving alms in my particular vocation in life?

Dr. Eubank is a professor in Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary. He received his Ph.D. in New Testament from Duke University. He now lives in Abita Springs with wife and five children.

“Fasting and the Feast of Faith”

Fr. Richard Hermes, S.J.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 — 6:30 p.m.

The talk will offer some reflections on how fasting and other ascetical practices nourish the life of faith, drawing on pointers from the Desert Fathers, Blessed Cardinal Newman, and Pope Benedict.

Fr. Hermes is currently the President of Jesuit High School in Tampa, FL, where he has served since 2008. Formerly, he taught theology and classics at Jesuit New Orleans from 1991-1994 and 2000-2005, serving also as the school Chaplain, Chair of Theology, Pro-Life Club Moderator, and WYD pilgrim leader. He is currently on the Jesuit New Orleans Board of Directors.



“He Lives to Intercede for Us’: Christ’s Prayer and Ours”

Mr. Matthew Baugh, S.J.

Friday, April 11 — 4:00 p.m.



Christian discipleship is about following above all: following the Lord who always goes before us and calls us to himself. We learn how to pray by meditating on how he himself stands before the Father. And our own prayer is possible only because it is entirely contained within His, who lives to intercede for us. In a series of prayer exercises, we will ask the Father for the grace to see the Son at prayer and to sense interiorly how our prayer finds its origin in Him.

Matthew Baugh, S.J., is a scholastic of the New Orleans Province and is currently in regency at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL, where he teaches political science, philosophy, and theology and assists with the spiritual formation of students, staff, and faculty. As a novice, he was missioned to Jesuit High during the fall semester of 2008 for his “high school experiment,” one of the principal formative experiences of the novitiate, for which reason he retains a special affection for the school and its work.

“There is no other way to life and to true
inward peace than the way of the holy cross”

—Thomas A Kempis

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