# SMU CATHOLIC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT BRIAN O'DONNELL '18

"Coming into SMU, I wasn't sure how I was going to continue to grow in my faith. knew it was important to me but I figured I would just find a place to go to Mass on Sundays and that would fulfill my needs. Once I stumbled upon SMU Catholic, I found a



place where I could fulfill those needs and so much more. It is a place to go to Daily Mass, Adoration, and Confession—to take part in the beautiful sacraments our Church has to offer. It's a place to pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. I have found answers to every question I might have and support in every struggle I face.

Beyond that, the SMU Catholic community has truly become a second home for me. It brings together a variety of personalities with a common bond of faith. I have met some incredible people and made friendships that will last well beyond my college years. The community challenges me to grow in faith every day and be a witness to Jesus' love to the larger SMU community. The Catholic Center is my favorite place on campus to hang out, do homework, enjoy free food and just be happy. Fr. Arthur, the staff, and the students at SMU Catholic have been a huge gift, and have made my time at SMU better than I ever imagined it would be." —Brian O'Donnell

#### **KEEP A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

Please remember to keep young children with you at all times in Perkins Chapel, so that we may maintain a safe, welcoming community.

#### **CATHOLIC CENTER HOURS**

The Catholic Center will be closed for the Christmas break Tuesday, December 22 through Sunday, January 3. We will resume regular operating hours on Monday, January 4th.

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9 AM Perkins Chapel

Jan 1, The Solemnity of Mary

Various Dallas-Area Catholic Churches

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Friday, January 1 is The Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no SMU Catholic Masses held that day, however various area churches will be celebrating this important feast:

#### CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Vigil (Dec 31) 6:30 PM

Holy Day (Jan 1) 9 AM and 7 PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH 10 AM and Noon

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH 7 AM, 9 AM, 12:10 PM and 6 PM (English) 7:30 PM (Spanish)

#### **THANK YOU**

To all of our SMU Catholic donors, supporters, family, and friends—especially those who assisted our ministry during our Year End Appeal—Thank you. SMU Catholic could not do our important work on this campus without your generous prayers and support.

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS & LECTORS**

This Week's 9 AM EM's and Lectors:

Isabelle Collora Penny Morrow

Denise Dunlap Lezlie Vlasimsky

Kathy Korioth

Full schedule available at smucatholic.org

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Julie Young Hal Badt

Huntly Chapman Madge Minnick

Charlene Collora Mesec Family

Judy Henneberger Hannah Cassedy

Fletcher Ward

#### **SMU CATHOLIC NEEDS & WANTS**

- Lectern covers for Perkins to match alter covers \$1,900
- FOCUS Missionaries support
- Masonry repair above Center door \$900
- Coleman Road Trip LXE Grill \$160
- Professional video to promote ministry \$10,000
- Advanced Digital Catholic library \$1,160
- Plastic white folding table \$50

All donations and inquiries may be directed to Development Director Beverly Mendoza.

#### **KID'S LIT**

"Kid's Lit" is a ministry for our youngest community members. During the homily at the 9 AM Mass, Children grades K-7 are invited to a special liturgy.

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#### **PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS**

Please join our community in prayer for all of our students who are away from campus for the Winter break, and especially those students that will be attending the SLS leadership conference this weekend, that their break may be restful in both mind and spirit, and that they may return for the Spring with a renewed conviction to their studies and their faith.

#### LAST SEMESTER AT SMU CATHOLIC

We had a great fall semester at SMU Catholic!

Pictured below: Our Men's Group on their Backpacking Expedition to Caprock Canyons State Park and our Last Call group for SMU Seniors at their final meeting of the semester!





## **NEXT SEMESTER AT THE "C"**

## **MONDAY JANUARY 4**

Catholic Center resumes regular operating hours

## **FRIDAY JANUARY 15**

First day of classes

## **SATURDAY JANUARY 16**

Dallas Pro-Life March

## **SUNDAY JANUARY 17**

5 PM Mass, Sunday Supper, and 8 PM Mass resume

### **MONDAY JANUARY 18**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Catholic Center closed

## **TUESDAY JANUARY 19**

Daily Mass and Adoration resume



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