

Mind the Gap

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are free to be a bit unconventional and adventurous, such as with our monthly Theology on Tap. Once a month, we gather at a local bar for food and drink to discuss interesting and sometimes controversial topics related to theology and Catholic life. Past Topics have included sex and dating, bioethics, why people leave the church, and homosexuality.

Our retreats also feature activities like low ropes challenge courses and canoeing, in addition to prayer and reflection. Bowling, wine tasting, and baseball games are also favorite past times. Our hope is to help people realize that living the catholic life is not limited to an hour on Sunday but forms who we are 24/7 even at bars or night clubs. You don't have to stop having fun and enjoying life; you can actually live life more abundantly!

The graduate students and young professionals group welcomes anyone who is in grad school, graduated from college, or anyone in their 20s and 30s! We have a diverse calendar of events that include a variety of activities ranging from faith sharing groups, retreats, community service projects, sports and recreation, BBQs and more! We are planning to do a service project in New Orleans this spring and have a white-river rafting retreat next summer. There's no membership required, and we love to welcome new people!

For more info or to join the e-mail list, contact Tim Gonzalez at 812-339-5561 x 27
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New Faces at St. Paul New Staff

Sr. Kimberly Mandelkow

Sr. Kimberly Mandelkow entered the Benedictine Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana in 2005. She made her first profession of monastic vows this past April, and joined St. Paul as our new music director in August. Sr. Kim received her bachelor's degree in religion and music from Concordia College in Minnesota, and has served as a youth minister, residential life staff member, tutor, and pastoral and liturgical minister. Welcome, Sr. Kim! We're glad you're here!



Brother Dominic McManus

Brother Dominic McManus grew up near Des Moines, Iowa, where his parents, Pat and Virge, own and operate a gas station and convenience store. He is the youngest of two children.

Brother Dominic graduated from Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines in 2001, and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, in 2004. He entered the Dominicans straight-away and made his first profession of vows on August 13, 2006. He has spent the last two years doing graduate work in theology and philosophy at Aquinas Institute of Theology and St. Louis University, both in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brother Dominic visited Bloomington last year for the Dalai Lama's visit and was impressed with the warmth and hospitality of the community. He is glad to share in the Dominican life of his brothers, here, as well as the wider Christian community at St. Paul's.

Brother Dominic's interests include classical philosophy and Thomism, focusing especially on the metaphysical and epistemological foundations of Christian aesthetics. He is also taken with all things Irish, having done part of his undergrad in Dublin, and loves folklore and storytelling of all kinds.

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