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### THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

## Halloween – All Saints – All Souls

Three celebrations this week remind us of the Holy Days of Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Ascension. With frost on the half-harvested fields and leaves floating down to the ground, the calendar urges us to re-experience the holy, springtime mysteries as autumn blessings.

**Halloween** takes its name from “All Hallows (All Saints) Eve.” It is an old celebration, with roots stretching back to the Church of the 7th century and to ancient pre-Christian Celtic and Germanic customs. As we get ready for winter in North America, the advancing cold and darkness bring to mind our own eventual deaths. We half-pretend that we are not afraid of the death that will find us all. Halloween is a time to “whistle past the graveyard,” as the expression goes. On this day we are also reminded of the horror of Good Friday and of the deadly persecutions of peoples all over the world. We hope that something sweet can emerge from the times of terror.

**All Saints** originated in the 4th century commemorations of the early Christian martyrs in the Roman Empire. In 609, Pope Boniface consecrated an ancient Roman temple as a Catholic Church. Originally it was a place to honor the “pantheon” of “all the gods.” It was rededicated to St. Mary and all the martyrs. By the mid-9th century, the feast of All Saints was widely celebrated among Western Christians on November 1. After an evening of Halloween darkness, we bask in the light and glory of all the saints. We remember

the Easter celebration and once again sing with St. Paul: “O death, where is your victory, where is your sting?” (1 Cor. 15:55). In our communion with all the Saints they become for us a cloud of witnesses encouraging our faith in the new life of Jesus’ resurrection.



**All Souls** recalls those who have died, especially those who we have loved and now hold in memory. We renew our communion with them through prayers, alms, candle lighting, and graveside visits. The day after All Saints (Nov 2) has been dedicated to this purpose since the 10th century. From the earliest years, Jesus' disciples offered prayers for those who had die, commending them to God's abundant mercy. Excessively literal or individualist attitudes toward prayers for the dead can make it hard for people to mourn the loss of loved ones. When we pray that "thy kingdom come" we look forward to the fullness of salvation for all humanity. All Souls Day especially reminds me of both the splendor and the melancholy of Ascension Day. The Church celebrates the exaltation of the Risen Jesus who takes his place at the right hand of the Father. But the story of the Ascension in the Acts of the Apostles contains the detail that "two men dressed in white" ask the assembled disciples, "why are you standing there looking at the sky?" It was time to move on with their lives and their journey to the fullness of God's kingdom. We are all invited to pour out our lives in love of God and love of neighbor.

It is getting colder outside and the days are getting shorter; but I am happy to continue working in the garden. Though the summer flowers have faded away, I'm full of hope. Faith and love. I'm planting (burying) tulip and daffodil bulbs in the ground, with every confidence that I will see them emerge again, dressed in all their glory next spring.

## Presidential Scholars

After consultation with the Board of Administration, and based on their excellent academic records, I am happy to announce two new Presidential Scholars for 2023-2024.



**Sr. Hilda  
Alonyo LSMIG**



**Sr. Tram Thuy  
Thi Nguyen MSC**

They join the current Presidential Scholars:



**Sr. Francisca  
Aorakaa SON**



**Mr. Ladouceur  
Flarissaint**



**Frt. Engelbertus  
Salmon SVD**

Congratulations to these scholars and thanks for their academic achievements which help to serve all the people of God.



Our annual All Souls Day Mass and reception will be Thursday, November 2. Many friends of Divine Word College will be here for 8 am Mass followed by a reception. Everyone is invited to join our guests for the reception in the dining room.

The All Souls Day Mass is a special way for all who attend to remember a loved one who passed away during the previous year. Remembering a loved one with a Mass can be a very helpful part of the grieving process for many people. With that in mind, we want to make this a very special day for all who attend.

We will need a few students to help us before and after the Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the student bulletin board. Thank you for volunteering your time. In order to save room for our guests, all employees are asked to please park in the spaces on the north side of the gym.

## JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

### Trivia Night!

The Dubuque Colleges Sustainability Coalition, of which Divine Word College is a member, is hosting:

#### Eco Trivia Night at Backpocket Brewery in Dubuque.

This event will take place on Wednesday, November 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Test your climate knowledge and learn new facts with your friends.

Enjoy FREE FOOD and a chance to win prizes!

PANEL DISCUSSION  
*on Laudate Deum*  
Tuesday, Nov. 7 | 12:45 to 1:45 pm  
ROOM 107  
*All are welcome!*

**Panelists**

Four circular portraits of the panelists are arranged horizontally. From left to right: a man with glasses in a red shirt, a woman with dark hair in a green top, a man with a beard in a dark suit, and a man in a light green polo shirt.



## Assessment Bites

from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

### A recap (originally published 10-26/2021):

- Developing realistic and relevant Learning Objectives that reflect your program, institution, and mission
- Checking for and ensuring alignment between the existing curriculum and created objectives
- Developing a realistic and institution-specific Assessment Plan
- Collecting Assessment Data (signature assignments and assessment via faculty evaluators)
- Using the collected data results to create data-driven recommendations that will improve a program
- Routinely reexamining the process, plan, data, and so forth to ensure program effectiveness and assessment plan efficiency.



### VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

*Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD*

### Seeking Your Input for New Formation Strategic Plan (2024-2027)

During the Presidential Forum on October 10, 2023, Fr. Tom Ascherman, SVD outlined the process and timeline for developing DWC's new strategic plan (2024-2027) in four phases:

- Phase 1: Goal Setting (October – December 2023)
- Phase 2: Development of Objectives and Action Steps (January – February 2024)
- Phase 3: Draft Review (March 2024)
- Phase 4: Final Draft Approval (April-May 2024)

As part of Phase 1, we are seeking input from the entire DWC community—including students, faculty, administrators, staff and SVD members. Your ideas and recommendations specifically pertaining to formation and student life at DWC for the upcoming three years are crucial. Kindly send me your recommendations to [Lnguyen@dwci.edu](mailto:Lnguyen@dwci.edu) no later than November 22 or feel free to approach me with your ideas and concerns if you happen to see me in the hallway. Thank you!

## Halloween

On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, the Student Senate will organize a Halloween event in the evening. We will begin with evening prayer in the main chapel at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner in the dining room. During dinner, Fr. Sam Cunningham, SVD, will share with us all about the traditions and history of Halloween. As you may already know, Halloween is one of the traditions that American culture celebrates each year, marking the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Saints' Day. On Halloween day, you will see people, especially children, dressing up in a variety of costumes and going around the neighborhood for trick-or-treating (asking for candy and other sorts of sweets). Feel free to wear a costume for tomorrow evening. We invite you all to join the Student Senate and the Divine Word College community for prayers, dinner, and to learn more about Halloween.

## All Souls Day

On Thursday 2 November 2023 the DWC community will join the Universal Church in commemorating All Souls Day—a sacred time for Christians to reflect and remember our deceased loved ones, as well as acquaintances who have significantly impacted our lives. As a community, it is also a day when we remember our deceased benefactors and friends who have supported our college and our students with their studies and religious formation. Fr. Sonny has put an urn in front of the main chapel's entrance. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper and place it in the urn. Those intentions will be offered during Mass.

In observance of this special day, we will have a large community Mass. Please take note that we are anticipating the presence of our benefactors, friends, and guests to join us for the All Souls Day Mass and the brunch that will follow in the dining room. You are more than welcome to join our guests if you are available. A sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to help with this celebration is posted on the board. Let us extend a warm hospitality to our guests.

Additionally, the Student Senate is organizing a session for praying the rosary in remembrance of all the deceased brothers and sisters in St. Patrick's cemetery. If you are interested and available to join, please meet at the front entrance at 12:30 pm, and walk together to St. Patrick's Cemetery.

## Annual Retreat & Novitiate Visit

This weekend, two of our formation groups, Roman and Colossians, will have their annual retreat in East Troy, beginning on Friday, November 3, 2023, through Sunday, November 5, 2023. We kindly request your prayers for the members of the Roman and Colossian formation group as they use this time to strengthen their faith and cultivate a closer relationship with the Lord.

On the same weekend, the GRATIA formation group is set to visit the Novitiate in Techny, Chicago. This visit offers them a firsthand insight into the life and program at the Novitiate. We kindly request your prayers for their safe travels and a productive and enriching visit with the novitiate community. Thank you!

## Winter Tips for Newcomers

Grief is a pain that accompanies a loss. We need to remember that grief is not only limited to fall is about to end, and winter is already in the air. This might become a significant change for all new to the cold season. Weather changes can be challenging for some of us. This will affect your mood. The end of fall is also the start of the cold and flu season, which could get you more down and depressed. Here are some tips to help you overcome the first winter season.

1. Do some fall cleaning
2. Start dusting off furniture and carpets before you enter the month of November. Dust and dirt can trigger allergies, nasal congestion, or asthma. Having a clean environment will help prevent these respiratory problems.
3. Be ready with your winter jackets, sweaters, boots, and scarves. Get a good one if you haven't done so already.
4. Boost your immune system.
5. Viruses cause colds and flu. However, these viruses transmit faster in the cold. So, paying attention to what your body needs around this time is essential.
6. Eat healthier food such as yogurts, vegetables, and fruits, especially those that will boost you with fiber, antioxidants, and vitamins C and D.
7. Get a flu shot. Many of us have done this in September. Please get in touch with Br. Mike Decker, SVD, for those who still need it.
8. Stay active. It is a temptation to stay inside, to cuddle up in your bed and sleep. You need to do regular activity to help you to elevate your mood and boost your energy.

Remember, these tips are about taking care of yourself. All of us are responsible for our health and well-being.

The Counseling Center is open **five days a week, with appointments on weekends and holidays**. Please reach out to us at [auntarto@dwci.edu](mailto:auntarto@dwci.edu) | Room 220 | Ext. 377 for more information.

*"October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again." — Hal Bourland.*



by  
Sr. Aprilia  
Untarto, SSpS



# Matthew Jacoby Library



## Quick Library Refresher

1. Students can check out up to 25 items at a time for up to 4 months!
2. Faculty and staff can check out up to 50 items at a time for up to 4 months!
3. To check-out items, bring your DWC ID card to the library. Scan the barcode on the back to start the check-out process on the Self-Service Kiosk. You can also check your account, renew items, and check in items at the kiosk.
4. The library's main website is <https://opac.dwci.edu/>. Not only can you search the catalog, but you will also find all the resources the library subscribes to including movie streaming, eBooks, audiobooks, research databases, reference databases, academic journals, and newspapers and links to library service forms, FAQ pages, and more!
5. The library offers three main services: reference and research assistance (anything from finding an item on the shelves to assisting with research process), Interlibrary loan services (getting articles and books from other libraries), and information literacy learning sessions (students, faculty, and staff can request a learning session on the topic of their choice).
6. You are encouraged to submit recommendations to the library. Please submit purchase suggestions through your Koha library account.
  - a. Go to <https://opac.dwci.edu/>
  - b. Log in (ID # is on the back of your DWC ID card)

Log in to your library account

ID Number:

PIN:

Log in

- c. On the left-hand side of the page, click "Purchase suggestions"
- d. Click "+New purchase suggestion"

Your purchase suggestions

Search for:  Go

[+ New purchase suggestion](#)

- e. Fill in the required fields and then click “Submit your suggestion”



Submit your suggestion Cancel

If you have any questions, visit my office in the library or email [ewinter@dwci.edu](mailto:ewinter@dwci.edu).

If you'd like to learn more about the library's policies and procedures, please view the [Library Handbook](#). The link to the Handbook is permanently housed on the OPAC (opac.dwci.edu) in the “About the Library” tab.

## Upcoming Events

### JSTOR 15-Minute Session

The library acquired journal and eBook subscriptions to JSTOR in July 2023. JSTOR has 2,600 top scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences and 120,000 ebooks from [300 renowned scholarly publishers](#). If you haven't tried using JSTOR yet or if you have questions about how to use it, please come to this 15-minute session.



JSTOR

### Final Campus Read Discussion

The final Campus Read discussion is on November 9th at 11:45 AM. We will be discussing the entire book (pages 1-107). All are welcome to attend (even if you didn't attend the previous discussions or finish the book)!