

Core 9 Faculty

Prof. Angela Elrod-Sadler, Philosophy/Student Services

Prof. John Jezierski, MSN, Nursing

Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S., Religion (Director)

Rev. Timothy McFarland, C.PP.S., Religion

Dr. Roger Olsen, Mathematics

Rev. William Stang, C.PP.S., Biology

Guest Lecturers

Dr. Michael Malone, Philosophy

Dr. John Nichols, Philosophy

Dr. Michael Nichols, Religion

Dr. Thomas Ryan, Education

Dr. Ilicia Sprey, History

Rev. Jerry Stack, C.PP.S.

Required Texts

Core 9 Syllabus

The Gospel According to Luke vol. 3 of the New Collegeville Bible Commentary

Eucharist, by Robert Barron

The Gift of Peace, by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

Faith Among Faiths: Christian Theology and Non-Christian Religions, by James L. Fredericks

Jesus the Christ: Contemporary Perspectives, by Brennan Hill

The Christian Vision of Humanity: Basic Christian Anthropology, by John R. Sachs

Night, by Elie Wiesel

Core 9 Readings

- Barron, Robert. *Eucharist*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 2008.
- Bernardin, Joseph Cardinal. *The Gift of Peace: Personal Reflections by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin*. Chicago: Loyola Press, 1997.
- Begley, Sharon. "The Anatomy of Violence." *Newsweek* April 30, 2007. Vol. 148, Issue 18.
- Byron, William J. "The Building Blocks of Catholic Social Teaching." *America*. 179 October 1998: 9-12.
- Fredericks, James. L. *Faith Among Faiths: Christian Theology and Non-Christian Religions*. New York: Paulist Press, 1999.
- Fuellenbach, John. "Kingdom of God as Principle of Action in the Church." Annual meeting of The Reformed-Roman Catholic Dialogue. Zeninghuis, Oegstgeest, Netherlands. November 20, 1999. May 29 2007.
- Gilkey, Langdon, "Creation and Evil." *Maker of Heaven and Earth*. New edition. University Press of America, 1985. 209-246.
- Hick, John. "There is a Reason Why God Allows Evil." *Philosophy of Religion*. Third edition. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1963. 40-46.
- Hill, Brennan R. *Jesus the Christ: Contemporary Perspectives*. New Edition. Connecticut: Twenty-Third Publications, 2004.
- Holy Bible, The. Containing the Old and New Testaments with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books*. NRSV. New York: Oxford UP, 1977. Print.
- Patella, Michael F., O.S.B. *The Gospel According to Luke*. Collegeville Bible Commentary, New Testament Volume 3. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2005.
- Reuter, R., C.P.P.S. "A Word About Truth." Saint Joseph's College. Rensselaer, IN, May 2008.
- Ruether, Rosemary Radford. "Ecojustice at the Center of the Church's Mission." *Mission Studies* 16, no. 1 (1999): 111-121.
- Sachs, John R. *The Christian Vision of Humanity: Basic Christian Anthropology*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1991.
- Schreiter, Robert, C.P.P.S. "Can We Forgive 9/11?" St. Anthony Messenger Press, September 2006.
- "Universal Declaration of Human Rights." <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>
- Wiesel, Elie. *Night*. Trans. Marion Wiesel. New York: Hill and Wang, 2006.

Core 9 Lectures & Readings 2010

Unit One: In the Presence of Evil

- M August 22 The Challenge of Christian Humanism
Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
Reading: *Syllabus*, pp. ????
- W August 24 A World of Suffering
Lecturer: Dr. Ilicia Sprey
Reading: *Night*, Elie Wiesel
- M August 29 The Problem of Evil
Lecturer: Dr. John Nichols
Reading: *Syllabus*
Gilkey, "Creation and Evil," pp. ????
Hick, "There is a Reason Why God Allows Evil,"
pp. ????
- W August 31 Never Again! The Call for Universal Vision
Lecturer: Prof. Angela Elrod-Sadler
Reading: *Syllabus*
"Universal Declaration of Human Rights," pp. ????
"Parliament of World Religions' Global Ethic,"
pp. ????
- W September 7 The Meaning of Suffering
Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
Reading: *Syllabus*
Begley, "The Anatomy of Violence," pp. ????
Schreiter, "Can We Forgive 9/11?" pp. ????
Book of Job, selections pp. ????

Unit Two: Creation In the Image of God

- M September 12 What Does "Creation" Mean?
Lecturer: Dr. John Nichols
Reading: Sachs, *Christian Vision of Humanity*, pp. 5-25;
"Introduction"
"Creation in God's Image"
Syllabus:
Book of Genesis, selections pp. ????
- W September 14 Freedom and Community
Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
Reading: Sachs, pp. 27-42
"The Gift of Human Freedom"
"The Individual in Community"

- M September 19 The Fully Human Person
Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
Reading: Sachs, pp. 43-58
“Humanity: Male and Female”
“Body and Soul”
- W September 21 Sin and Grace: Undoing and Uplifting
Lecturer: Dr. Michael Malone
Reading: Sachs, pp. 59-74
“Sin”
“Grace: The Gift of God’s Life”
- M September 26 The “Ends” (destiny, meaning, finality) of Human Life
Lecturer: Dr. Thomas Ryan
Reading: Sachs, pp.75-112
“The Mystery of Death”
“Resurrection of the Body”
“Our Final Destiny”

Unit Three: Jesus the Christ

- W September 28 People, Places and Customs in Jesus’ Time
Lecturer: Rev. Jerry Stack, C.PP.S.
Reading: Hill, *Jesus the Christ* pp. 1-23
“Introduction”
“People and Places”
- M October 3 Luke: The Gospel of Universal Salvation
Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
Reading: Gospel of Luke, Chs. 1-12
- W October 5 Luke: The Gospel of Compassion
Lecturer: Dr. John Nichols
Reading: Gospel of Luke, Chs. 13-24
- M October 10 Teacher and Miracle Worker
Lecturer: Rev. William Stang, C.PP.S.
Reading: Hill, pp. 42-87
“Teacher and Prophet” & Worker of Mighty Deeds”
- W October 12 The Birth Stories
Lecturer: Prof. Angela Elrod-Sadler
Reading: Hill, pp. 24-41; 88-100
“Searching for the Historical Jesus”
“The Birth Stories”

- M October 17 Jesus: Death and Resurrection
 Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
 Reading: Hill, pp. 101-139
 “The Passion Stories”
 “Raised from the Dead”
- W October 19 Jesus: Savior and Salvation
 Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
 Reading: Hill, pp. 177-219
 “Savior”
 “Liberator”
- M October 24 Clarifying the Faith
 Lecturer: Dr. John Nichols
 Reading: Hill, pp. 220-238
 “Early Doctrines”
- W October 26 The Green Jesus: Christology and the Environment
 Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
 Reading: *Syllabus*: pp. ????
 “Ecojustice at the Center of the Church’s Mission”
 Hill, pp. 160-176
 “Christology and the Environment”

Unit Four: Jesus and the Kingdom of God

- M October 31 The Kingdom of God and Other Religions
 Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
 Reading: *Syllabus*: pp. ????
 “The Kingdom of God as Principle of Action in the Church”
 Fredericks, *Faith Among Faiths* pp. 1-36
 “Introduction”
 “Before Pluralism”
- W November 2 Many Religions: Critical Thinking
 Lecturer: Dr. Michael Nichols
 Reading: *Syllabus*: “A Word About Truth”, pp. ????
 Fredericks, pp. 37-54; pp. 103-118
 “John Hick’s Copernican Revolution”
 “How Helpful Is Pluralism?”
- M November 7 Solution: Comparative Theology
 Lecturer: Dr. Michael Nichols
 Reading: Fredericks, pp. 139-180
 “Experimenting with Comparison”
 “After Pluralism: Doing Theology Comparatively”
 Syllabus: “Islam at a Glance”, pp. ????

Unit Five: Christian Living

- W November 9 Eucharist: Sharing Our Hunger
Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
Reading: Barron, *Eucharist* pp. 9-61
“Introduction” & “The Eucharist as Sacred Meal”
- M November 14 Eucharist: Giving Thanks, Giving Life
Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
Reading: Barron, pp. 62-94
“The Eucharist as Sacrifice”
- W November 16 Eucharist: “Source and Summit”
Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
Reading: Barron, pp. 95-141
“If It’s Only a Symbol, to Hell with It” & “The Emmaus Supper”
- M November 28 Reconciliation
Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
Reading: Bernardin, *Gift of Peace* pp.vii-41
“Part One: False Accusation”
- W November 30 Our Brother Joseph
Lecturer: PBS DVD
Reading: Bernardin, pp.45-154
“Part Two: Cancer”
“Part Three: A Priest First, A Patient Second”
“Part Four: Befriending Death”
- M December 5 Faith, Reason, Action—The Christian Humanist Synthesis
Lecturer: Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.
Reading: *Syllabus*: pp. ???
“Ten Building Blocks of Catholic Social Teaching”
Syllabus: pp. 10-14
- W December 7 From Nine to Ten: Now What?
Lecturer: Rev. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S.
Reading: None! Merry Christmas!

Core Nine Collegial Agreements

1. Each student will be responsible for a minimum of 25 pages of written work over the semester.
2. One writing assignment common to all sections of Core Nine will be a personal "Christian Manifesto."
3. Since we are working toward a Christian Humanism that is respectful of all human persons, we ask you to try to avoid the use of *exclusive or sexist* language both in your written work and in class discussions.
4. Seating in the lecture hall will be by discussion section.