

## NEWS RELEASE

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# University of Saint Mary Chorale Performs Classical Holiday Concert "Christmas Choral Vespers"

*7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Wrap yourself in the glorious music of the holiday season when the University of Saint Mary Concert Chorale and Vespers Chamber Orchestra present "Christmas Choral Vespers" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12 in Annunciation Chapel. Dr. William Krusemark, chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, will direct the program filled with selections from *Handel's Messiah*, *Vivaldi's Gloria* and *Bach's Tenor Chorale from Cantata #140: "Sleepers Wake."* The performance is free and open to the public. Annunciation Chapel is located on the south side of the main campus at 4100 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Leavenworth.

The Bells of Saint Mary handbell choir, led by assistant professor of music Freda Proctor, will open the evening with a *Medley for Christmas* by Tucker. The concert also includes international carols like *Fum, Fum, Fum*, a Catalan carol, *Wither's Rocking Carole* by Vaughan-Williams, and *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, a German carol with flute soloist Kim Simpson.

The beautiful Annunciation Chapel, built 1914-16, is a splendid example of Italian Renaissance architecture. The chapel is situated between the University buildings and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Mother House. Inside, a sculptured reredos and rose window create a magnificent altar area, and stained glass windows richly decorate the Chapel walls. The peaceful beauty of the Chapel makes it a house of prayer and devotion.

The Vespers program will be immediately followed by a reception in Saint Joseph Dining Hall. Call 913-682-5151 for more information.

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