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University of Saint Mary Takes You Back to the 70s with Broadway Hit Musical *"Godspell"*

7:30 p.m., Oct. 8-10, Xavier Theatre

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary fine arts-theatre department presents *"Godspell,"* the memorable rock musical loosely based on the Gospel of St. Matthew and the parables of Jesus, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, through Saturday, Oct. 10, in Xavier Theatre, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan.

"Godspell," which originally debuted in 1971, is one of the most successful off-Broadway and Broadway productions in history and features a host of recognizable songs, including the well-known hit "Day by Day."

Van Ibsen, director of USM's theatre program, is directing the student production.

"Audiences should expect energy, enthusiasm, and pure entertainment," Ibsen said. "The messages of 'Godspell' are quite appropriate for a Catholic university, and it's a nice way to start our theatre season. Audiences will hopefully feel the production forges a real connection between their spiritual life and their enjoyment of popular culture."

Ibsen said the Saint Mary production represents the culmination of weeks of work by theatre department students and faculty. Outside choreographers were brought in to aid in the production.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the door. This show is suitable for all ages.

Visit www.stmary.edu/tickets, call (913) 758-6152, or email trebusd@stmary.edu for tickets or for more information.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu on the web for more information.

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