

## NEWS RELEASE

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### University of Saint Mary February Music Events Include Valentine's Day Concert and Student Recital *Noon, Monday, Feb. 14, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Mead Hall Walnut Room*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—On Feb. 14, the University of Saint Mary will celebrate the holiday with “Valentine’s Day in Poetry and Song,” a presentation of music and poems on love by the university’s fine arts faculty and the recently-installed chair holder of the Sister Mary Janet McGilley Endowed Chair in Liberal Studies. The event starts at noon in the Mead Hall Walnut Room on USM’s Leavenworth campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The half-hour event is free and open to the public.

“Valentine’s Day in Poetry and Song” will feature vocal performance by Dr. William Krusemark, chair of the university’s department of fine arts, instrumental accompaniment by Freda Proctor, assistant professor of music, and poetry reading by Sister Susan Rieke, the McGilley Endowed Faculty Chair holder.

The program includes poems by Shakespeare, John Donne, Pablo Neruda, and e.e. cummings, and musical selections by Charles Ives and Irving Berlin.

Also, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, the USM department of fine arts-music will present the annual Winter Student Recital in the Mead Hall Walnut Room. The recital is free and open to the public, and will include both USM and preparatory division singers and pianists.

The repertoire will include selections from Handel’s *Messiah* and Gilbert and Sullivan’s *Mikado*, as well as works by Chopin, Mozart, and Joplin.

University performers will include Leavenworth-area residents Jenna Schwinn, Patrick Peterson, Brian Janas, and Steve Davis.

Preparatory Division student performers will include Pat Boarman of Immaculata High School, Kylie Visocky of Lansing High School, and Emily Harper of Leavenworth High School.

Contact Dr. Krusemark at (913) 682-5151, ext. 6460, or [krusemarkw@stmary.edu](mailto:krusemarkw@stmary.edu) for more information on either event.

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