



A Tangible Depiction of the Pain of Christ



The annual production of Living Stations began in 2017 and has always been completely student-led. Photo courtesy of Sadie Pozderac.

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Walsh students gather in the chapel one Friday in Lent, just before Easter break, to witness a live rendition of Stations of the Cross. About 30 students came together under the leadership of Maddie DiSalvatore as actors, musicians, and readers to put on this event. Starting in the front of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, everyone watched as Gabriel del Guidice stood there, sorrowful in the role of Jesus, as the first reflection was read.

Then came the Roman Guards. And Mary, mother of our Savior. And Veronica, to wipe the face of Jesus.

Everyone watched, some tearful, as the depiction moved every soul in the chapel. By the end, when the participating students lit candles during the final song, everyone was shaken, seeing the pain and suffering of the Lord come to life via the hard work of the students.

Then, as the final song ended, they all blew out the candles, leaving the chapel in darkness. Filing out silently, no one knew

whether to move or keep sitting, silent, deeply impacted. It was a beautiful way to transition into the Holy Triduum. Good Friday, the day our Lord died, was the following week, leading up to the Easter Celebrations. This tradition was beautifully carried on, and will continue to occur for years to come as a way for students, faculty, and the community to reflect on the mystery and miracle of the death and resurrection of Christ.



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STUDENT LIFE

Recipient of the Tower of Excellence Award, Skyler Stewart

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Skyler Stewart: Criminal Justice and Government/Foreign Affairs Major, President of BSU, Vice Senate Clerk in WUSG, member of the track team...

And now, the recipient of the 2022 Towers Award.

After an application essay, an interview, and a stressful wait period, a surprise was waiting for her at track practice.

There, surrounded by her teammates and coach, was where Vice President of Student Affairs Bryan Badar came to present her with her award.

She stated that, at first, she had no idea what was happening, but once she heard her name and it dawned on her, she burst into tears. "I literally love this school so much," she said after the announcement. "My whole mission at Walsh has been one led with nothing but love." And this shows in all she does; Skyler is one of the most active students on campus, putting on events through BSU and serving as the voice of the students regarding the betterment of the student body, and campus life in general. She is a dedicated athlete, a dedicated student, and an admirable servant leader. Walsh, and everyone she impacted, has been lucky to know her, as she has touched many lives on this campus, including mine. I am lucky to call Skyler my friend and could not be more proud of all she has accomplished. Congratulations, Skyler! You deserve the world.

Combating Human Trafficking on Walsh's Campus

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Throughout this year, the freshman Blouin Scholars have been working towards combating the issue of human trafficking in the Canton area. To start off the year, they participated in and helped run a protest walk to raise awareness with a local organization, Not For Sale: One Step At A Time. At that event, hundreds of people from the community came to support both the one-mile walk and the awareness seminars beforehand.

Following that event, the cohort has been getting educated on the factors surrounding trafficking, such as lack of education or poverty, as well as how to spot a trafficking victim and assist them. As of 2022, Ohio is ranked fifth in the country for human trafficking cases. North Canton and Canton itself are a hotspot due to the nearby highway and easy access to the airport, roads, and the boat routes up north. While the most common age in Ohio for victims of human trafficking is 13, college students are just as vulnerable to the risks of being trafficked.

Next semester, on September 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, the Blouin Scholars will be assisting Not For Sale once more in hosting a Freedom Summit on Walsh's campus. Throughout the summer and the beginning of the upcoming fall semester, the Blouin Scholars will be assisting with marketing the event at different Welcome Weekend and beginning of the year events around campus. The event is completely free and your support by attending is appreciated. If there are any questions regarding the event, do not hesitate to reach out to the Blouin Scholar Class of 2025.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Colors and Contrast Art Show

BY: AUSTIN KURTZ, STAFF WRITER

Art is very much alive at Walsh; this is evident by the most recent Art Show, Colors and Contrasts: The 11th Annual Student Art Exhibition. The show is viewable in the atrium gallery at The Birk Center for the Arts. On display, you can find a collection of works from students taking Professor Belfiglio's courses, which include Drawing 1, Drawing 2, Visual Order, and the brand new Composition and Color Concepts class. The works were curated and installed by Kylie Gruey and Ashli Snider for another one of Belfiglio's courses, Exhibition Design.

The exhibition opened on April 12th to a reception helmed by Snider herself and introduced a handful of speakers that walked guests through the details and meaning of their works while covering what they learned from class. Kylie Gruey, Dylan Shrock, Anna Kimevski, and Addison Starr all spoke at the event. Gruey has a few pieces in the gallery, including a geometric turtle design and a colorful painting of sunflowers and roses. Shrock showed off his ink drawing of a traditional African mask next to an apple, utilizing a few different techniques at shading that make the image pop. Kimevski has a few works in the show too, including a creatively tiled succulent and a woman holding an anatomical heart, all done in colored pencil. Starr presented her bright depiction of water lilies, and she also happens to be the winner of this year's Lattavo Art Scholarship Award, as well as the president of Walsh's Art Club.

In case you missed the opening, the exhibit will run for another week and will close May 1st. The art pieces, being from a number of different classes, cover a range of genres and techniques used. Bright, colorful pencil drawings from the Drawing courses mix with the geometric designs put together in Visual Order. Subjects vary from portraits, turtles, and masks, to flowers, fruits, and landscapes. Don't let the name fool you, either, as there are plenty of monochrome works to be found if colors aren't your thing.

This exhibit is the 11th student art exhibit to take place at Walsh and follows last year's 10th showcase, Art from the Heart. With over a decade of exhibitions, art has become an important part of Walsh's offerings which you can see for yourself.



To see the full display of art, it will be available to view in the Birk Center for the Arts until May 1st. Photo courtesy of Austin Kurtz.



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On Devotion to St. Joseph

BY: ANONYMOUS, GUEST WRITER

St. Joseph the Betrothed is honestly my favorite saint. I have always seemed to know he was special, even as a toddler. I pray I am close to him - for how could anyone not want to be close to this great saint? Jesus Christ himself took great pleasure in reclining on the bosom of Joseph - Our Lord was literally closer to Joseph than anyone else has been - and He even wished to be this close! Yet, St. Joseph, ever the humble one, is perfectly content being sidelined in the minds of most of the Church militant throughout history. Yet, as we shall see, he is of immense importance and incredible power - and the Church most certainly believes this. If they did not, they would not have bestowed upon Joseph the devotional rank of protodulia, meaning he is first among the saints!

Why should we use any of our time to ask St. Joseph's intercession anyway? For one, H.H. Leo XIII sincerely wished it back in 1889, "We judge it of deep utility for the Christian people, continually to invoke with great piety and trust, together with the Virgin-Mother of God, her chaste Spouse, the Blessed Joseph; and We regard it as most certain that this will be most pleasing to the Virgin herself." A great reason he wished it was in saying souls were losing faith and charity, the youth becoming more morally degraded, and attacks against the Church, both openly and in secret, among other things. Suffer me using the words of this holy pontiff again, "It is of high importance that the devotion to St. Joseph should engraft itself upon the daily pious practices of Catholics, We desire that the Christian people should be urged to it above all by Our words and authority." Thus are irrefutable reasons as to why all should ask the intercession of St. Joseph.

Alright, so this Joseph sounds very cool. But does his intercession have any special place in the sight of God? I mean, God is all-powerful, and there are many saints in Heaven! Why would God listen to St. Joseph's pleas? First and foremost, St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family, meaning Jesus and Our Lady obeyed his every command. Jesus joyfully submitted himself to St. Joseph by placing himself under him as his child - "and was subject unto them". St. Joseph also saved Our Lord from the cruel envy and fear of King Herod. Joseph taught Jesus the Jewish customs he had to observe and also taught him everything else he knew. If he did all of this for Our Lord, what could Christ refuse to him? One could say that Joseph asks nothing of

Christ - since he commanded Jesus on earth, Our Lord is still pleased to be subject to Joseph in Heaven as well.

Okay, I think that makes sense - but have people interceded to St. Joseph before? In other words, is this truly a tradition of the Church? My answer is absolutely! While many of the current devotions to St. Joseph has come in the past couple of centuries, there are devotions going back to the first century! Many of the saints have also had great and confident recourse to blessed Joseph. St. Teresa of Avila, Carmelite reformer and Doctor of the Church said, "I took for my advocate and lord the glorious St. Joseph and earnestly recommended myself to him." St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, founder, and Doctor of the Church wrote, My dear St Joseph, pray to Jesus for me. Certainly He can never refuse thee anything, as He obeyed all thine orders while on earth." St. Francis of Sales, bishop and Doctor of the Church, wrote of St. Joseph: "Nothing will be refused him, neither by Our Lady nor by his glorious son." Many other saints have had great recourse to him as well throughout the history of the Church. In fact, we have a powerful prayer to St. Joseph which was written in the Year of Our Lord 50! Only 17 years after the Ascension of Christ and a most sublime prayer was written asking for Joseph's protection!

In conclusion, if you do not already have a devotion to St. Joseph, I highly recommend it! But do not start a devotion to him simply because I said you should. Look at some of the timeless wisdom of the Church which has been laid out in this string of words. For those who already have a strong devotion to St. Joseph, keep it up! As St. Leonard of Port Maurice said, "Rejoice, devout servants of St. Joseph, for you are close to paradise; the ladder leading up to it has but three rungs, Jesus, Mary and Joseph." I have but one reference left to finish this discourse: in the words of the Egyptian Pharaoh, "Go to Joseph!"

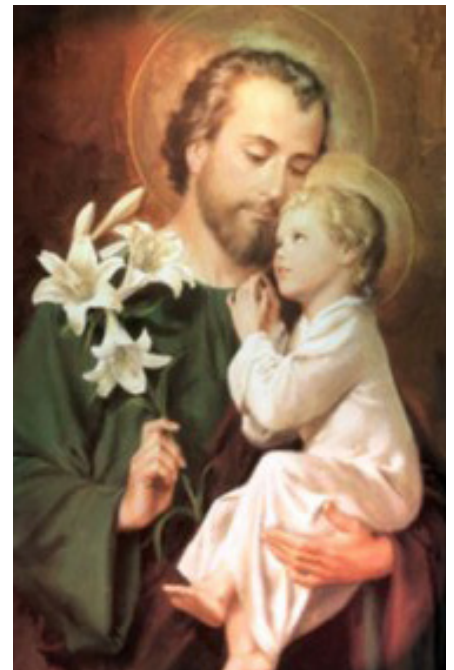


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