







# 25 Things to do before you Graduate Purdue (St. Tom's edition)

A few years back the *Purdue Exponent* put out a list of the top 25 things to do before you graduate. Here is a revised list to fit the ministry of St. Tom's so that you won't miss out on a life changing experience!!

Start Here: 

1. **Wednesday Night Mass (9pm)** – Overall the best attended Daily Mass during the week. This is a great opportunity to take a breather mid-week and spend some time with friends in the bounds of the Mass.
2. **Sunday Night Dinner (5:30pm)** – The cheapest meal in town! \$2 for all you can eat. Food and fellowship with 100 of your closest friends. 
3. **Campus RENEW Groups** – Catholic Students coming together once a week to share the Gospel readings, for the upcoming Sunday, in reflection & prayer. Contact Marie Keller or Michael Kaiser for more information: [cmkeller@purdue.edu](mailto:cmkeller@purdue.edu) or [kaiser7@purdue.edu](mailto:kaiser7@purdue.edu)
4. **Blockbuster Weekend (Aug 24-26)** – Comedians, bands, the Parish picnic and finishing off with Mass on the Grass. A jam packed weekend to get you back into St. Tom's after your summer away.
5. **Busy Student Retreat** – An experience of prayer and reflection in the busy-ness of work and study.
6. **Attend a Football game with PCS** – There are several groups that get together for football games. Even if you don't care about the football, enjoy the crisp autumn air huddled up with your fellow Catholics, you may even get to rush the field!! 
7. **Barn Dance** – Join the hoedown as your favorite barnyard animal, become a superhero, or impersonate the Pastor. 
8. **Boiler Awakening (November 9-11)** – A three-day retreat built for you by your peers.
9. **\*Gelato Run** – Some of the best “ice cream” on campus. This is one of Fr. Patrick's favorites, you might even run into him on the way down.
10. **PCS Sports** – The most intense hour of your life, and it happens every Friday. Hit the gridiron, swing for the fences, or bump it on the sand volleyball courts. Rain or shine the sports will go on.
11. **Keggarokee** – Root beer, ice cream, brownies, and Karaoke. Spend time in the basement to get you ready for GRAND PRIX! 
12. **Spring Break Mission Trips** – You could go to \*Florida for Spring Break and worry about coming back with a sunburn, OR you could go to Florida for Spring Break and come back knowing that you helped better someone's life by helping to build their new house. \*(we also send trips to West Virginia, New Orleans, Tennessee, Haiti, and Bolivia)
13. **Mass on the Grass (Aug 26, 7pm)** – Every fall the Purdue Catholic Students take over Memorial Mall. Mass OUTSIDE, sometimes the Bishop even comes!!!
14. **Theology on Tap** – Where else can you have a beer and spend time reflecting on God.
15. **Hunger Hike** – Fighting hunger in the Greater Lafayette Area and getting some exercise at the same time. Everybody wins!! 
16. **Late night studying at St. Tom's** – Some of the best college memories are made at 2am.
17. **\*Den Pop** – A Purdue Tradition. The mass exodus to the Den after Mass, LifeGuides, Evening Prayer, or 4<sup>th</sup> Day is worth the trip even if you don't get a large dose of sugary goodness. 
18. **Purdue / IU Basketball** – ...and any other away sporting events for the BOILERS. Come cheer on the Boilermakers on our HUGE projector screen.
19. **Spring Formal** – Doing the Macarena, Cha Cha, or the Electric Slide; enjoy hors d'oeuvres by candle light, and sit and talk about the year gone by.
20. **Coffee House** – Bottomless coffee cups, live music, and pastries to enjoy. Helping to raise money for mission trips. 
21. **First Friday Adoration (9pm)** – An hour once a month to spend time in reflection with the Lord. 
22. **Triduum** – One of the most beautiful weeks of the church calendar, celebrating the Passion of Christ. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are a truly moving experience.
23. **Music Ministry** – Whether it is 9pm Wednesday Night Mass or the 7pm Sunday Night, lend your voice to the choir. “A person who sings prays twice” ~ St. Augustine
24. **Study** – Don't stay cooped up in your dorm during Finals Week, hang out in the basement of St. Tom's. Free Food, comfy couches, study buddies galore. (Random study breaks available upon request.)
25. **Baccalaureate Mass** – You made it this far, come reflect on your time at Purdue and the wonderful times you have had at St. Tom's with your fellow Purdue Catholic Students!! 