

Chapels

Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas

The present Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas was built in 1917. E.L. Masqueray, who also designed the St. Paul Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, was the architect. The university's chapel is an excellent example of the classicized mode of design that emanated from the Ecole des Beaux Arts during the early years of the twentieth century.

The luminous stained glass, designed by Chester Leighton of Minneapolis, and the paintings containing sacred and secular details by Joseph Capocchi and Carl Olson, were installed in the 1940s. The chapel was renovated in 1987.

In 1987, a three-manual 56-rank mechanical action pipe organ, designed and built by Gabriel Kney of London, Ontario, was installed.

St. Mary's Chapel

St. Mary's Chapel of The Saint Paul Seminary was begun in 1901 and consecrated in 1905. Designed by Minnesota architect Clarence H. Johnston in the basilica style, it blends Romanesque and Byzantine architecture. Artist Bancel LaFarge of New Haven, Connecticut, completed the installation of the stained glass and murals in the 1930s.

The chapel was renovated in 1973, and more extensively in 1988. This project was undertaken with the assistance of liturgical consultant Frank Kacmarcik. A new sanctuary area was created in the north end of the chapel allowing the apse area to become the environment of the baptismal font and new access to the chapel.

In the spring of 2000 a two-manual, 27-rank mechanical action pipe organ designed by Noack Organ Company of Georgetown, Massachusetts, was installed.

St. John Vianney Chapel

The university seminary chapel was redesigned in 1998 by the Rev. Peter Christensen, the rector at that time. The theme of the chapel is "The Tree of Life." The chapel, an adjoining Eucharistic chapel, and an adjacent prayer room, replicating a medieval monastic cloister, are open for anyone wishing to use them. The seminary has become a focal point for contemporary religious art, including the iconic triptych in the foyer and the mosaic behind the altar.

A small one-manual Van Daalen organ was moved to the chapel in 2000.

Florance Chapel

The Florance Chapel is the lower chapel in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas. An award-winning design in its renovation, it incorporates modern furnishings in the prairie school style of Frank Lloyd Wright along with some of the oldest sacred sculptural artwork owned by the university.

University Libraries

The University of St. Thomas libraries contain more than 458,000 book volumes, 2,295 periodical subscriptions and provide access to nearly 150 electronic databases.

O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library

The O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library Center is the principal library on the main campus, housing (in addition to the general and reference collections) the university Archives and Special Collections Department. The latter contains the Celtic Collection, one of the most outstanding collections of its type in this country, and a notable collection of Hilaire Belloc and G.K. Chesterton.

Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library

The Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, located on the south campus, is the graduate theological library which primarily serves The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Charles J. Keffer Library

The Charles J. Keffer Library, located in Opus Hall on the Minneapolis campus, is the library for the School of Education, graduate programs in the College of Business, and the Graduate School of Professional Psychology.

CLIC/MINITEX

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC) allows students to obtain books and periodical articles from other CLIC libraries. CLICnet, the computerized public access catalog, serves Augsburg College, Bethel College, Concordia College, Hamline University, Hamline Law School, Macalester College, Northwestern College, the College of St. Catherine, and the University of St. Thomas. Interlibrary loans for materials not owned by the university are available within the CLIC institutions.

Another cooperative venture, MINITEX (The Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange) links the university with more than 200 libraries throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota. Periodical holdings for all MINITEX member libraries are listed in the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS) and are available at the reference desk as well as the necessary request forms.

Library Services

The library staff offers a wide range of services to support coursework and research. Reference librarians provide individual help as well as classroom instruction in the use of library materials. Group study rooms are available throughout the library, and a limited number of individual study carrels are assigned for a semester at a time.

National interlibrary requests are available and further information about this can be obtained from the ILL Office.

Website: www.lib.stthomas.edu.

Computer Labs

The Learning Center, on the lower level of O'Shaughnessy Educational Center, is the central computer lab and media facility at the university. IBM, Macintosh, and Alpha networks are available, plus audio and video playback and editing systems.

Computer labs are available in the Christ Child Building, McNeely Hall, and the Frey Science and Engineering Center. Some departments also have labs for use by their students.

Facilities

The Department of Mathematics and Center for Applied Math have two computer labs which are open to all students enrolled in mathematics courses.

The Luann Dummer Center for Women

The Luann Dummer Center for Women was established in 1993 by a special bequest from the estate of Dr. Luann Dummer, longtime member of the Department of English and founding director of the Women's Studies Program at the university.

The center aims to foster the intellectual, spiritual and personal development of women. The center serves as a meeting place for women to share their expertise and experience and provides opportunities for students to interact with women role models. Although the center is dedicated especially to women, it is committed to the service of the entire campus community within the context of its mission.

The center sponsors a number of grants to support students, faculty and staff. These include a scholarship for a Women's Studies major, research grants for undergraduate and graduate students, professional development grants for staff and faculty, a curriculum development grant, and a leadership award to undergraduate students for participation in programs that will enhance their leadership skills, especially in programs which are directed toward public service.

Science Facilities

The Frey Science and Engineering Center, comprising the O'Shaughnessy Science Hall and the Owens Science Hall, houses the classrooms, instructional and research labs, and faculty/staff offices for the departments of biology, chemistry, engineering, geology, mathematics, Center for Applied Mathematics, physics, and quantitative methods and computer science. It also houses special support facilities such as an attached greenhouse and one-third of the university's computer terminals.

Theater and Auditoriums

Productions by the UST/CSC Joint Department of Theater are presented in Foley Theater.

The O'Shaughnessy Educational Center (OEC) auditorium hosts a number of guest lectures, teleconferences and student assemblies.

The auditorium in the John R. Roach Center (room 126) contains state-of-the-art technology. It is used for course lectures, meetings, conferences and is the site for many student activities including film viewings.

The Baumgaertner Auditorium in Brady Educational Center (BEC) is used for musical performances and community events. Musical concerts are also presented in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel.

The 3M Auditorium, located in the Owens Science Building, is technologically advanced and hosts a number of course lectures, teleconferences and community events.

The Thornton Auditorium, located in the 1000 LaSalle Building at the Minneapolis campus, serves as the site for a number of lectures and presentations.

Athletic Facilities

The athletic facilities at the university provide for student participation in a variety of varsity, intramural and recreational sports.

The 30,000-square-foot Coughlan Field House contains a running track, five volleyball courts, one collegiate-size and four intramural-size basketball courts, four tennis courts and six racquetball courts.

The adjacent Schoenecker Arena accommodates varsity basketball and volleyball and various recreational sports.

Weight-training and aerobic-training facilities are housed in O'Shaughnessy Hall, in addition to a pool, squash courts, wrestling facility, a multi-purpose gymnasium and a fully-equipped training room. An aerobic-training fitness center is located in the Koch Commons.

Outdoor facilities include a 5,000-seat stadium for football, soccer, and track. The track is an eight-lane poured polyurethane surface.

A 400-seat baseball diamond is located on the north field.

Additional recreational facilities are located on the south campus. McCarthy Gymnasium has a gymnasium, pool, and four racquetball courts. Six tennis courts, soccer and softball fields provide additional outdoor facilities.

A telephone hotline is provided to keep students informed of the availability of recreational facilities on a day-to-day basis.

University Bookstores

The St. Paul campus Bookstore is located in the Murray-Herrick Campus Center. The store sells new and used textbooks, tradebooks, school and office supplies, computers and computer supplies, insignia clothing and gifts, candy, jewelry, tapes and CDs, cards, gifts and magazines.

The Minneapolis campus Bookstore, located in the 1000 LaSalle building, sells textbooks for classes taught on that campus. It also carries many of the same items mentioned above.

Call each store for hours of service.

