

BUCKET LIST

100+ things all Saints should do before they graduate

Your USF experience should be an adventure. Get out and explore all that USF and the surrounding community has to offer, from campus life to local favorites. We encourage you to get involved, meet new people, and do your best to complete all these “bucket list” items before you graduate! Make the most of your time while at USF.

WHAT WILL YOU CHECK OFF FIRST?

Early days

- Go on an official campus tour.
- Meet a new friend at Welcome Weekend.
- Attend USF Convocation at St. Ray's.
- Dance, eat, and make friends at the BSA Welcome Back BBQ.
- Visit 10 clubs at the Involvement Fair.
- Join a club.
- Take a selfie with President Arvid Johnson.
- Avoid doing laundry for a month.
- Take the shuttle to all three Joliet campuses.
- De-stress in the Sensory Room in the library.
- Take a tour of the famous Old Joliet Prison.
- Spot a squirrel living its best life on the Quad.
- Say a prayer in the Grotto during Finals Week.
- Exclusively use a University of St. Francis branded pen for a week.
- Snap a selfie with LaVerne and Dorothy Brown in the science building.
- Use the same student ID card from orientation to graduation.
- Get caught up by a drawbridge in downtown Joliet.
- Find the brick on the Quad with the Batman logo.
- Cozy up to a fire in Fireside Lounge.
- Get a paper reviewed in the Academic Resource Center (ARC).

Homecoming

- Paint a paw on Taylor Street during Homecoming Week.
- Ignite your school spirit by participating on a Homecoming team.
- Celebrate Homecoming at Joliet Memorial Stadium.
- Snap pics at the Homecoming Tailgate photo booth.
- Strike a pose with Bernie.

Get Involved

- Participate in the Student Alumni Mentoring (SAM) program.
- Create a resume with the Career Success Center.
- Meet an employer at the Career Fair.
- Cheer on your Fighting Saints at least once in every sport.
- Make a splash at the indoor pool at Inwood Athletic Club.
- Feel the burn in a free group exercise class at Inwood.
- Pet a St. Bernard rescue dog on campus.
- Play a game of pool in the Motherhouse or Marian Abbey lounge.
- Keep on your feet during Relay for Life.
- Study abroad or befriend an international student.
- Smile for the camera and get your professional headshot taken during Scrap That Selfie.
- Cast your vote in student government elections.
- Attend a Greek function or philanthropic event.
- Bring your pet to the annual Blessing of the Creatures during Francis and Clare Week, or just stop by to see everyone's pets!
- Dance the night away at Spring Fling.
- See a professional sporting event in Chicago.
- Deactivate your social media for a week, and use your extra time to go on an adventure.
- Take the Metra to Chicago for a weekend excursion. Donate blood at one of the Leach College of Nursing's blood drives.
- No matter what year you are, honor seniors during Senior Celebration in April.
- Take a fun class outside of your major.
- Join in one of University Ministry's prayers at the Peace Pole.
- Shoot a 3-point shot in the Sullivan Center.
- Host a study group in the library.

During the Holidays

- Wear a costume to class on Halloween.
- Get a caramel apple at Dan's Homemade Candies.
- Build a snowman on the Quad.
- Celebrate the holidays by attending USF's Quad Christmas lighting ceremony.
- Welcome in the holidays by joining Bernie in the Light Up the Holidays parade in downtown Joliet.
- Hear the choirs sing at Christmas in the Motherhouse.
- Wear a Santa hat to class.

Enjoy the Great Outdoors

- Take a trip out to USF's Charlotte Codo Prairie.
- Enjoy a bonfire out on the Quad.
- Try slacklining on the Quad with Rec Club.
- Work as a team on the Challenge Course.
- Find a Monarch butterfly in one of campus' bee and butterfly gardens.
- Take a walk through the Cathedral Area and admire the historic homes.
- Take a study break on the Brown Science Hall's rooftop patio.
- Enjoy a picnic on the Quad.
- Eat lunch in the Benoit Commons.
- Convince a professor to hold class outside.

Explore the Arts

- See a concert at a local venue.
- Attend a play on campus.
- Watch an old movie or attend a performance at the Rialto Theatre.
- View an exhibit at the USF Art Gallery in downtown Joliet.
- Attend a free Concert in the Park at Preservation Park next to campus.
- Learn all the words to our fight song and our alma mater.

Give Back

- Reuse a water bottle for a month.
- Give back to the community by serving at Daybreak.
- Volunteer during a USF Day of Service.
- Go out of your way to help a stranger.
- Write a letter to someone who influenced you during your time at USF.
- Apply for a leadership position in a club or on campus.
- Pay it forward and make your senior class gift donation to help future students.

Eat, Eat, Eat!

- Get a cold root beer at Bernie's Pub.
- Eat at a restaurant in downtown Joliet.
- Get a greasy treat at the Snack Shop during a break from class.
- Make dinner with your friends.
- Complete the campus dining marathon - four locations, one day.
- Get fries or onion rings at Joe's Hot Dogs near campus.
- Enjoy a hot dog at Hey! Hot Dog on Ruby Street.
- Have a coffee or tea break at Jitters in downtown Joliet.
- Enjoy chicken chunks and wedges from the original "Chicken 'n Spice" in downtown Joliet.
- Attend the Taste of Joliet.
- Bring your family on campus for dinner.
- Enjoy a garlic-buttery poorboy at Merichka's in Crest Hill, a local favorite.
- Get an ice cream cone from Walt's on a hot day.
- Sample a cherry cake donut from Home Cut Donuts in Joliet (be sure to get extras to share with friends).
- Enjoy a pizza at Cemeno's with fellow classmates.

Get Social

- Use one of USF's GIFs or filters on social media.
- Wear USF apparel on St. Francis Friday and post to social media using #StFrancisFriday.
- Post a picture pretending to be a judge in the mock trial room.
- Snap a pic with Father Terry as he makes his rounds.
- Post a picture of yourself at the Centennial Gateway.

Before You Go

- As a senior, befriend a freshman.
- Say "thank you" to a USF employee who made a difference in your life.
- Decorate your cap for graduation.
- Take a graduation selfie during the ceremony.
- Snap a graduation photo in front of one of the University of St. Francis signs.
- Rub the nose of the St. Bernard statue (in the Centennial Gateway) for good luck - only after you graduate!