St. Paul Catholic Newman Center



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Year B | February 25, 2024

The Newman Center's large impact on my life started with the sense of community that I encountered here. Throughout college, I never found a student organization that offered the type of community I yearned for. By contrast, the incredible people here at the Newman Center created a space where I could fully live out the Christian calling that I wasn't bold enough to let out. Thanks to the weekly staples like Wednesday Night Dinners, Tacos and Theology, Trivia Nights and all of the amazing people who make these events what they are, the Newman Center facilitated the type of fellowship and growth that I sought.

The Newman Center also taught me to pray differently. Growing up, reading the bible was something of a rarity. But attending Bible Study and worship nights here at the parish made me realize that Sunday mass and sporadic recitations of the rosary, which I was so accustomed to, were not nearly enough on their own to sustain a relationship with the Lord.

I desire to learn and to encounter the Lord through His scriptures, and it was the Newman Center that made this more accessible. To be given this wealth has been transformative for my relationship with the Lord.

In all truth, the Newman Center reshaped my perspective of what a healthy parish community looks like. Contrary to what I had perceived growing up, the Catholic Church does have room for young people and indeed requires young people to be brave in caring about their faith. It was only here that I realized just how much my peers and I could achieve. With the right support, we can organize events around the parish. We can feed the hungry. We can lead bible study. We can put on retreats.

More than anything, I would not have learned any of this, or met any of these amazing people, or experienced this level of growth without the Newman Center. I am extremely grateful that I have been able to live this. I wish to thank you all for your warm embrace. We young adults and students truly feel at home here. Thank you for making my experience at the Newman Center some of the happiest and most fulfilling years of my life. And most importantly, thank you for bearing witness to St. John Henry Newman's motto which made all of this possible: <u>Heart Speaks to Heart.</u>

Ricardo Mendoza Parishioner & Recent Grad, Fresno State Kremen School of Ed

Mission Statement

Gifted by God, called by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center is a parish committed to serving the academic community and all those who choose to be part of our parish family. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the transformative power of Christ to the world through word and action.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Wednesday Student Night

Join other students from different campuses as they gather for a meal. This Wednesday, February 28th at 6pm in the Cardinal Newman Hall. After dinner we will be having Communion Service.

Skate Night

Join us for Retro Skate Night, Thursday February 29th! Meet with other college students from 6:30pm-8:30pm at United Skates of America in Clovis. Admission & Skates is \$13!

<u>Student 7pm Mass</u>

As the 7pm Sunday Mass continues to grow as a **student-center celebration** of the Eucharist.

Students are invited to serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, ushers, music team, and more. Email us at **CatholicClub@csufnewman.com** or speak to one of our student service leaders.



Wednesday Student Dinner

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Bible Study

Join our Bible Study gathering Monday, February 26th at 6:00pm in the Student Lounge. We will continue to look at the Gospel of Luke. Come and learn alongside other young adults about how scripture is alive in our daily lives.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY MASS

Welcome to Bishop Brennan and our Black Catholic Ministry members celebrating a Black History Month Mass Sunday, Feb 25, at 9:30 am.

FILIPINO MASS: MAR 10, 2024 AT 2PM

We welcome all Filipinos to join our Filipino Mass at St. Paul Catholic Newman Center. This tradition of celebrating Holy Mass together as Filipinos started more than two years ago in the Rogationists Seminary in Sanger with Fr. Rene Palisigui, RCJ, a Filipino priest. Now, we will continue our Filipino Eucharistic celebration as a way to make the Filipino families more active in the Church and to be able to deepen together our Filipino faith and devotions. So, mark your calendars every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2 PM for the Eucharistic Celebration. Come and please join us in our Filipino Mass!

PRAYERS:

Please pray for those who have requested special intentions and prayers:

Viola Cleo Bradshaw Maryhelen Solorio Rod Mar Dan Dungy Elizabeth Dungy Ralph De La Cerda Mary Yoakum Julio Cesar Guzman Vital Ivan Guzman-Vital Msgr. Raymond C. Dreiling

• And we pray for those who have died recently.

Howard Latimer

If you would like to include the name of someone on this list, please contact the office or visit our website and fill out the form under the "Prayer Requests" tab.

Names of the sick / for special intentions will be published in the bulletin for four weeks, and then removed unless otherwise requested. Names of the deceased are published the week after death.

Vacation Bible School

Families and parishioners, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers ages 6th grade and above!

We have confirmed the dates of June 17-21, 2024 for Vacation Bible School here at our parish! This is

a week filled with music, crafts, skits, friends, and learning about our faith together. We are excited to resurrect this amazing Newman tradition for our children grades kindergarten through 5th grade, and need to build a team of



adult and youth volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Renner

at <u>clergyassistant@csufnewman.com</u>. or access the sign up sheet at the QR code below.

"Heart Speaks To Heart" Stewardship 2024

<u>**Thank you**</u> so much for your participation! By last weekend we had:

- 29% response rate from our registered parishioners
- Over \$56,000 in new/increased annual commitments
- Over \$86,000 pledged/received for Roof/ADA gifts!
- 49 New Families committing to our parish offertory

If you still have not sent in your Commitment Card, please return it or ask at the front desk for a new one!

Questions? Please contact Dan Nickerson at plc@csufnewman.com or (559) 436-3434.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 25- MARCH 2, 2024

| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT Knight's of Columbus Burrito Breakfast | | | |
|--|---|---------|--|
| 7:30am | Mass for Bill Adams and Joanne Thrasher | Chapel | |
| 9:30am | Mass for Ron Dodds | Chapel | |
| 9:30am | RCIA Catechumenate | Library | |
| 11:00am | 1st Year Confirmation Class | CNH | |
| 11:00am | Joy of Love Moms Book Club | CNH 105 | |
| 11:30am | Mass for Needs & Intentions of Parishioners | Chapel | |
| | 2nd Year Confirmation Class | CNH | |
| 3:00pm | Igbo Mass | Chapel | |
| 7:00pm | Mass for Frank Enriquez | Chapel | |

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

| 8:00am | Communion Service | Chapel |
|--------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 8:30am | Men's Morning Scripture Study | Library |
| 6:00pm | Young Adult Bible Study | Student Lounge |

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

| 8:00am | Mass for Laura Leonardo | Chapel |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 10:00am | Marion Movement of Priests | Community Room |
| 6:00pm | College Night | CNH 101 |
| | Marian Movement of Priests C | Cenacle Chapel |
| 6:00pm | Prayer and Life Workshop | Library |
| 7:00pm | RCIA Inquiry | Community Room |

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

LEAP DAY

| Communion Service | Chapel |
|------------------------------|---|
| Lenten Discernment | Library |
| Confessions | Chapel |
| Mass for J. Eugene Wunderlin | Chapel |
| The Life of Jesus | Cafeteria |
| | Lenten Discernment Confessions Mass for J. Eugene Wunderlin |

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

| 8:00am | Mass Janet Fusselman | Chapel |
|--------|--|-------------|
| 8;30am | Sacred Heart Devotion For Families | Chapel |
| 9:00am | First Friday Adoration | Chapel |
| 5:30pm | Fish Fry | CNH 101-102 |
| 5:30pm | Food Recovery Network | Cafeteria |
| 6:00pm | Stations of the Cross | Chapel |
| 6:30pm | Lay Claretian Evangelizers Missionarie | s Library |

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

| Catholic Charities Truck | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|--|
| 3:30pm | Confessions | Chapel | |
| 5:00pm | Mass Blaine Flack | Chapel | |

SUNDAY, MARCH 33RD SUNDAY IN LENTCatholic Charities Truck7:30amNeeds and Intentions for ParishionersChapel9:30amMass for John C. GodburnChapel9:30amRCIA CatechumenateLibrary9:20amPCIA Sirat SerutinyChapel

9:30amRCIA First ScrutinyChapel11:30amMass for Michel, Catherine & Con O'SullivanChapel7:00pmMass for Nick DeBenedettoChapel8:00pm1st Sunday Adoration & ConfessionsChapel

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

| 2023 | | 2024 | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| February 5 | \$21,131.89 | February 4 | \$20,141.22 |
| February 12 | \$16,951.44 | February 11 | \$19,060.31 |
| February 19 | \$13,697.18 | February 18 | \$18,328.71 |
| February 26 | \$12,014.35 | February 25 | |
| FEBRUARY 2023 TOTAL | \$63,794.86 | FEBRUARY 2024 TOTAL | \$57,530.24 |

Ash Wednesday's Special Collection for

Church in Central & East Europe: \$1,651.17

Thank you for your generosity

LENTEN DISCERNMENT GROUP

During Lent, Linda Smith and Jean Nicholson continue to facilitate a discernment group on Thursdays from 9am – 10am. They are making a Spiritual Pilgrimage using the book: "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." by Matthew Kelly.

Director of Family and Life Ministries Position

Looking for a wonderful opportunity to enrich the lives and well-being of the parishioners and families of our Newman Center parish? Contact Dan Nickerson at <u>plc@csufnewman.com</u> for more information or to apply.

Parish Life Coordinator

Have the calling to help shepherd a dynamic parish with wonderful parishioners? Know somebody who would fit into our parish and could help to keep us moving it forward and meeting the mission of the parish? They can see the Diocesan webpage or contact Dan Nickerson at <u>plc@csufnewman.com</u> for more information.

ROOF REPAIRS STARTING

Your donations and gifts will go to work in the coming week as Chapel Roof Repairs start soon! We are beginning repairs to the Metal Roof on the Chapel first with the main building roof repair following in the Summer.

Last Sunday's Special Collection for

Home Missions: \$2,363.11

Thank you for your generosity

FROM FR. BYRON:

Dear Parish Family, may God reward you for supporting Hector, Lupita, Espie, Mateo and Karl to attend the Leadership Institute in Miami this week. I am humbled by your generosity and please know that I will hold you and your intentions in my prayers. Thank you for empowering and supporting our students and our Claretian Youth.

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will celebrate a communal Anointing of the Sick <u>AFTER all the Masses</u> on Laetare Saturday and Sunday: March 9-10 .

Laetare means: "Rejoice!" and expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts, almsgiving and prayers. On Laetare Sunday our priests and deacons wear rose-colored vestments, This change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

Receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (which is NOT Last Rites) is a wonderful way to strengthen our bodies, hearts and souls as we continue our Lenten journey into Holy Week!

Knights of Columbus Burrito Breakfast Breaking the Chains

The Knights of Columbus John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 would like to announce that this weekend, we will be selling our Monthly Breakfast Burritos. We invite you to come out after the 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am mass and enjoy a great breakfast of bacon or sausage breakfast burrito with your choice of coffee or orange juice. The price will be \$7.00.

A portion of the proceeds goes to <u>Breaking the</u> <u>Chains.</u> This local organization works with lawenforcement agencies to provide rescue, relocation, restorative, and residential services to victims of human trafficking. We accept Cash, Checks, Credit Cards, Apple and Google Pay.

Current... Ministry Programs

Welcome to Charles Arokiasamy, who is serving as Interim Family and Life Ministries Director. He can be reached at our new email:

lifeministry@csufnewman.com

Faith, Family & Friends

Faith, Family & Friends is for everyone!

Come join our night of Adult Faith and Youth/ Children's Religious Education! We all gather at 6:00pm in Cardinal Newman Hall. Individual class sessions will begin at 6:15pm and end at 7:15pm.

Adult Topics: This Tuesday: All Adults Session!

On Tuesday, Feb 27, the All Adults Session will focus on small group discussions about how the parish is supporting the faith journey of our families, and how we can better support that faith journey as we continue to move forward with our Heart Speaks to Heart Action Initiatives. All are welcome.

Men's Ministry

Men's Weekly Scripture Reflection and

Discussion Group: meets on Monday mornings, 8:30am-9:15am after morning Mass in the Library.

Family Life

Joy of Love Moms—Rooting Your Teen in the Faith—Moms Book Club

The Moms of Teens book club continues for two more sessions. It is not too late to join! We will meet in the Cardinal Newman Hall small conference room (just inside the main parking lot entrance) from 11:00-12:00 on Sundays February 25, and March 10.

Please join us on February 25th as we dig deeper into **Rooting Your Teen** in the Faith: A Catholic Field Guide for Parents discussing chapters 5 and 6 about freeing our teens. It is not too late to join! Please contact <u>joyoflovemoms@gmail.com</u> for info.

Prayer Ministry

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Community Room, and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the chapel. Please join us at the time most convenient for you!



HELP WITH BISHOP'S BIRTHDAY!

Our beloved **Bishop Joseph Brennan** will celebrate his 70th birthday on March 20th. Parishioners (adults and children alike) are invited to bring a card or letter that may be dropped off at the front desk. We will be mailing a package for cards to arrive in time for his birthday! **Please drop off your cards by Sunday, March 3rd.**

HIKES WITH MARY

Our March rosary hike will begin at Wildwood Native Park on <u>Saturday, March 2nd</u>. We will spend the morning following the Van Buren trail. Everyone is encouraged to meet at the Newman Center east parking lot by 8:10am. Alternatively, if you would like to meet us at the park, our rosary will begin at 8:30am.

This trail is recommended for all hikers, new and experienced. Contact borunda.ryan@gmail.com or Fr. Byron, CMF for more information or to RSVP.

NEW ART FOR THE CHAPEL?

On Sunday, Mar 3 after morning Masses, our parishioner and professional artist, Chris Lessley, will be hosting an Open House to discuss a proposed Art Project for our Chapel.

The proposed project would have paintings of Holy People on the back wall, reflecting the same style as our beautiful stained glass in front.

We ask all parishioners to please stop by and look at Chris's demo exhibits and spend some time talking to him about his ideas and just as importantly; **your ideas!**

PARISHIONERS will have the opportunity to talk directly with Chris and will be given the opportunity to VOTE on whether you support the project or not.

This is a proposed project, and Chris is working to get grant funding to do the project, to train young artists (hopefully from our parish or Fresno State), and to involve parishioners in what the art would be to reflect our chapel's current beauty, our parish mission, and our diversity of parishioners.

Please plan to join us after Masses! If you cannot make the Open House, but would like to talk to Chris about his project, please contact the office and we will put you in touch.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Please take home a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl to use during Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and climate change.

Take a virtual journey with us to Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia! Don't forget to try the meatless recipes each Friday during Lent. More at: https://www.crsricebowl.org/

FIGHT HUNGER WITH CRS:

In addition to supporting CRS through Rice Bowls, would you also like to support CRS by visiting Rep. Jim Costa's Fresno office during the Spring Recess to discuss CRS work, especially as it relates to their efforts to reduce hunger and improve food security and agricultural outcomes globally?

Contact Jim Grant for more Information about CRS (crs.org) or visiting Rep. Costa.

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FISH FRY PRICES

- Fish Taco Basket: \$10 Fish Basket: \$12
- Fries: \$5 Desserts \$1.00 to \$2.00

DESSERT DONATIONS: Last Name Starts with

| G—L: Mar 1 | м—о: | Mar 8 |
|-------------|------|--------|
| P—S: Mar 15 | T—Z: | Mar 22 |

Please Join Us For



Thursday, March 28 7:00PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS ADORATION WILL FOLLOW IN THE COURTYARD

Friday, March 29 3:00PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday, March 30 7:45PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

Sunday, March 31 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM* EASTER SUNDAY MASS

*there will be no 7:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday www.csufnewman.com





Join us in embracing the Len-

ten season as a time of profound spiritual growth, drawing us closer to the heart of Christ and renewing our commitment to the Eucharistic. As a parish community, let's find sustenance in both the provided Lenten companion and Our Daily Bread received in the Eucharist.

To access the weekly reflections and scripture meditations, scan the provided QR code.

Retrouvaille

Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

The next English language weekend in Fresno will be held March 8-10, 2024. For confidential information or to register, please call us at (559) 862-6765.

Bulletin and Parish Media

TO SUBMIT ANNOUNCEMENTS, ARTICLES, OR FLIERS FOR THE BULLETIN, WEBSITE, OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

Email the Newman Communications Team at communications@csufnewman.com

Submissions should be unformatted text, with pictures uploaded separately. They may be subject to editing and are not guaranteed for publication, so consider if the website or social media would be suitable alternatives versus the bulletin proper.

Submissions are accepted no later than 12:00pm on Wednesday of the week prior to publishing. Thank you from your parish staff!

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART ACTION PLAN

We are very excited to provide an update on the progress the Working Group has made, and the next steps for the parish to establish our Parish Pastoral Council!

1) Heart Speaks to Heart Action Plan Working Group (HSH WG) has met twice to discuss how to put the Parish Listening Session 2022-2023 and Parish Advent Discernment main focus areas into action

a) Main Focus Area 1: Re-establish Parish Pastoral Council

b) **Main Focus Area 2**: Establish Committees to help energize parish. Main areas:

1) Social/Fellowship 2) Welcome/Hospitality

3) Social Justice 4) Community Outreach/Community Service

*** COMMITTEE FOCUS AREA WILL FOLLOW AFTER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED ***

Main Focus Area 1: HSH WG summary on Parish Pastoral Council

a) Use process of Parish discernment and engagement to develop and establish Pastoral Council that fits our parish mission and needs

1) March 10 and 17: Educate Parish on what a Parish Pastoral Council is.

a) Provide information on what Pastoral Councils do

b) Explain: Parish Council versus Parish Pastoral Council

1) Traditional Parish Council: Leads Parish Committees/ Ministries

2) Parish Pastoral Council: a) Investigates, listens, identifies needs of parish/community; b) Reflects on and discerns on how to meet needs; c) Recommends and guides actions to meet needs

c) Provide information on Parish Pastoral Council Models

d) Provide information over two weeks in various formats

1) Group Presentation after Masses

2) <u>March 24:</u> Provide process for parishioners to vote on what they want for their Parish Pastoral Council

a) Provide process for parishioners to give input for goals of Parish Pastoral Council for next 1-3 years; Parishioners give their top priority goals for the council

NOTE: This process has been thought out and discussed among a large group of parishioners that have participated in discernment, small group discussions, and finally a working group to help move these actions forward.

Thank you for your continued energy, wisdom, and faith!

If you have questions, please contact Dan Nickerson at PLC@csufnewman.com



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