

Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays: 4:00 pm

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



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September 13-September 21

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat	5:00 pm	The Intention Gabe and Karen Gabriel
Sun	8:30 am	Malgorzata Clennan
	11:00 am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Dolly Brooks
Tues	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thurs	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Jim Polis
	5:00 pm	No Intention



Stewardship of Time and Talent

This weekend, we make our commitments to serve our parish community and grow in our personal faith journeys. Please fill out a Stewardship of Time and Talent form to indicate your commitments. Hard copies are available in the church, or you can fill out an electronic form by clicking [here](#).

Alumni Homecoming Brunch

UW alumni, save the date for our homecoming weekend alumni brunch: Sunday, October 5, 9:30 am. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us? ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Stewardship of Time and Talent Weekend
September 13-14

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
September 13-14

Family Faith Formation Welcome Event
Sunday, September 21, 9:45-10:45

SPNC Dedication Celebration
Monday, September 22, 5:15 pm

Taizé Prayer Night
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study Begins
Wednesday, September 24, 9-10:00 am

Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat
Saturday, September 27 in Casper

Fall Faith Series Begins
Monday, September 29, 6-7:30 pm

UW Alumni Brunch
Sunday, October 5, 9:30 am



Family Faith Formation

Family faith formation begins next Sunday, September 21, 9:45-10:45 am with a welcome event in Bishop Newell Hall. Families with children between age three and fifth grade are welcome to attend.

Come spend time with other families in our community and enjoy faith-based activities for all ages.

SPNC Dedication Celebration

Mark your calendars for the 68th anniversary of Saint Paul's Newman Center's dedication on Monday, September 22. We will celebrate our dedication day with Mass at 5:15 pm, followed by a potluck dinner in Bishop Newell Hall. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.



Adult Bible Study

Adults in our community are invited to join our fall Bible study, which will focus on Matthew's Gospel. Meetings will be on Wednesdays, 9-10:00 am, beginning on September 24 in the fireplace room. To sign up, please click [here](#).

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering

September 7 donations: **\$21,391.00**

Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$2,139.10**

Thank You

to all sponsors, donors, golfers, and volunteers who supported the Fr. Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament! After expenses, we raised \$31,144.82 for campus ministry. This includes a \$10,000 grant match from the Etchepare Family Foundation. Our students' lives will be forever changed by your generosity.



Retirement Fund for Religious

A lifetime of service deserves care in return. Our collection this weekend will support the Retirement Fund for Religious, which provides housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please prayerfully consider giving to this collection as a sign of gratitude for their service. To donate online, please click [here](#).

Taizé Prayer Night

Our next evening of Taizé prayer will be Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 pm in the Worship Space.

Fall Faith Series

All are welcome to participate in our fall faith series, which begins on Monday, September 29. Join us for a book study of John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless*

Elimination of Hurry, along with opportunities for communal prayer and learning the basics of the Catholic faith. Meetings will be every Monday, 6-7:30 pm, and dinner will be served. If you would like to help cook or serve dinner, please contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org



Jubilee Year

Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

The next Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat is Saturday, September 27 at Saint Patrick's Church in Casper, beginning at 9:00 am and concluding with Mass at 5:00 pm. This retreat will focus on hope for peace in the world and migrants, which coincides with *Spes Non Confundit* paragraphs 8 and 13.

Simultaneous translation into Spanish will be available, and lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#) or call 307-638-1530, Ext. 1002. Please RSVP no later than Monday, September 15.





Bringing Home the Word

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025

Embrace the Cross

Paige Byrne Shortal

One of my most privileged moments in the Church year is when I witness the embrace of the cross on Good Friday. Old and young, vigorous and lame, all come forward—young parents with their babies, elders, the successful, and the beaten down. And they kneel or genuflect or kiss or touch or bow to the cross presented to them.

Everyone suffers. Everyone dies. Everyone lives with loss and fear of loss. What makes suffering Christian? What makes it redemptive? What makes the

cross we embrace the cross of Jesus? There were three crosses on Calvary that dark day. There were crosses everywhere in the Roman Empire. It was how the state executed those who posed a threat.

I think the answer has something to do with “embrace.” When we finally say “yes” to our suffering—to the loss, no matter how great—there is room for God to heal and mend and bring back to life.

Our cross becomes one with the cross of Jesus when we can say with him, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). To join our cross with the cross of Jesus, we must forgive whoever it is we blame for our suffering—even if that blame is heaped upon ourselves or on God.

Such forgiveness doesn’t come easily. Perhaps that is why Jesus followed the Spirit out into the desert: to be ready—not for the ordeal of the cross, but for the ordeal of forgiveness. †

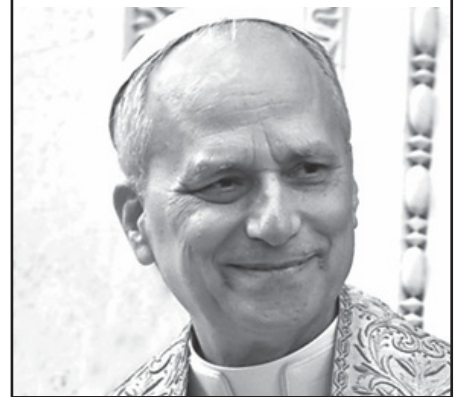


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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV... mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical **Rerum Novarum** addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of her social teaching in response to... challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, ROME, MAY 10, 2025



Sunday Readings

Numbers 21:4b–9

The Lord said to Moses: Make a seraph and mount it on a pole, and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover.

Philippians 2:6–11

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

John 3:13–17

“So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What cross am I bearing today?
- Can I pray for the grace to accept my cross and offer my suffering as prayer?



Mary Magdalene: The Shout of Faith

Sergio Stevan

Finally, the dawn of Sunday came. Mary, dragged down by the events of Friday, aimlessly wanders to the tomb. She is a woman walking ever so slowly. Depressed, she goes toward the dullness of the day with death in her heart and wrapped in a profound sadness. Mary cannot help but go. She cannot do anything less. Love pushes her to the tomb. She goes to repay the Lord for what she has received—liberation from seven demons. She goes looking for a dead body to give it a fitting gesture of attention and to honor her teacher and her Lord. For Mary Magdalene, who loves Jesus more than any other, it is still night. Night! It is the test of faith. In the Gospel of John, we read that when Judas left the room of the Last Supper, it was still night. (See John 13:30.) Mary goes to the tomb while it is still night, not knowing she is heading toward the light of dawn. Having arrived at the tomb, she sees with horror that the stone blocking the tomb has been rolled away, and the body of Jesus is gone. Mary feels faint. She sits on a rock and cries.

The weight that oppressed her heart rolls away like the stone of the tomb.

The angels ask her, “Why are you crying?” And Jesus asks, “Who are you seeking?” Jesus wants what really is in the heart of this woman to emerge. Jesus invites her to escape from the slavery of her past, and he calls her by name: “Mary!” She feels again recognized and loved. Mary’s joy is full. An unforeseen peace, after so much suffering, descends into her soul. The weight that oppressed her heart rolls away like the stone of the tomb. The man who has called her by name approaches her. She, at first not believing her own ears, suddenly falls to her knees and, sobbing with joy, shouts, “Rabbouni!” †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “The Way of the Cross” by Jack Wintz, OFM

We come to walk with you, Jesus, confident that you will lead us into the presence of God. We choose you as the model for our life journey. Your journey to the cross dramatizes what your whole life has been: an offering of praise to God and of loving service to humanity. This is what we want for our lives, too. Like the rest of your life, your passion and death were acts of praise—a response to God’s infinite love for you. We, too, want to praise God in sharing your cross.... Christ Jesus, open our hearts to your amazing love. As we walk with you on this way of the cross, help us respond with praise and grieve over our failure to return your love.

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Merciful God, give us the grace to carry our crosses and unite them with the cross of your Son, Jesus, so that we may offer our suffering as prayer for the world. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 15–20

Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows:

1 Tm 2:1–8 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Tuesday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:

1 Tm 3:1–13 / Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday, Weekday: 1 Tm 3:14–16 / Lk 7:31–35

Thursday, Weekday: 1 Tm 4:12–16 / Lk 7:36–50


Friday, Weekday:

1 Tm 6:2c–12 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and

Companions:

1 Tm 6:13–16 / Lk 8:4–15

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