

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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



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September 27-October 5

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Bernard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Intention
Mon	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thurs	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Fall Faith Series

All are welcome to participate in our fall faith series, which begins on Monday, September 29. It will consist of 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. To ensure that we prepare enough food, please RSVP by clicking [here](#). If you would like to help cook or serve dinner, please contact Lillie Rodgers: lillie@newmancenter.org



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance? ©LPi

Upcoming Events

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

Adoration and Praise Night
Wednesday, October 1, 8-9:00 pm

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

Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer
Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:00 pm

**Catholic Charities of Wyoming
Faith and Advocacy Conference**
October 17-18 in Casper

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering
September 21 donations: **\$10,660.52**
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,066.05**

Alumni Homecoming Brunch
Save the date for our homecoming weekend alumni brunch Sunday, October 5 at 9:30 am. Join us between the Sunday morning Liturgies for food and a chance to reconnect with other alumni. Come plenty hungry, because in addition to brunch, the Newman Center staff will hold a green chili cookoff. We will need your help deciding which chili is the best!



Children's Liturgy of the Word
There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, October 5 due to the alumni brunch. The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 19 during the 8:30 am Liturgy.

ADORATION & PRAISE



Join us for an evening of music and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at our next adoration and praise night on Wednesday, October 1, 8-9:00 pm in the Worship Space.

Martha and Mary

Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Need help making a basket for the Martha and Mary Christmas basket fundraiser? Visit Bishop Newell Hall after each Mass on October 11, 12, 18, and 19 for supplies. To inspire creativity, check the bulletin board in Bishop Newell Hall for basket ideas. Baskets are due on October 25. Please include a basket title and a list of contents.



Family Faith Formation

Join us for an evening of dinner and prayer at our next family faith formation event in Bishop Newell Hall on Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:00 pm. Families with children between the age of three and fifth grade are welcome to attend. Come share a meal and enjoy a chance to pray and socialize with other families in your faith community.

Faith and Advocacy Conference

Catholic Charities of Wyoming invites you to their upcoming Faith and Advocacy Conference October 17-18 at Saint Patrick's Church in Casper. The conference will cover the importance of advocating for issues regarding Catholic social and moral teaching. It will feature guest speakers, panels of current and former elected officials from Wyoming, workshops, and group discussions. To learn more or to register, please click [here](#). Early bird registration runs through October 10.

Liturgical Ministers



Liturgical Minister Formation

Thank you to all who volunteered to be a liturgical minister for the coming year. If you signed up for a ministry that requires training, please plan to attend one of the following trainings in the Worship Space next week:

Lectors:

Sunday, October 5, 1:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 6:00 pm

Hospitality:

Sunday, October 5, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Sunday, October 5, 3:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 pm



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 28, 2025

Woe to the Complacent!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

In traditional societies, a woe is a frightening declaration. It was more than a warning. It was considered performative. This means that as soon as the words were spoken, what it described began to happen. The first verse in today's first reading states the woe; the last verse describes what will happen. And it did happen. Those with wealth and prestige were the first to be exiled from the land. It should be noted that the problem was not that they were wealthy. The Bible does not condemn wealth. The issue is how it was acquired and how it is used. The wealthy are condemned because their wealth made

them complacent, indifferent to the struggles of the poor.

A similar situation is found in the Gospel passage. It tells of two men: one quite prosperous and the other suffering overwhelming indignity. Their fates after death are reversed. One might think that they got their just deserts. But that is not the point of the story. The rich man wants the poor man to comfort him, but it is too late. Then, at least send the poor man to warn the rich man's family. And here is the point of the story: that should be unnecessary. They (and we) have the religious tradition, Moses, and the prophets, who have always taught that we must do what we can for our needy brothers and sisters. If they (or we) do not listen to our religious teachings, we probably will not listen to someone from the dead. Woe to the complacent! †

Sunday Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are complacent in Zion.... They shall be the first to go into exile.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

You, man of God...pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man.... And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus.



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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Am I more like the wealthy man or Lazarus?
- What can I do this week to please God?



The Stress of Yes and No

Elizabeth A. Herzing-Gebhart

At the heart of most stress-filled experiences is a half-baked “yes.” Recall those times you’ve agreed to do something and later regretted it so much that you went to great lengths to crawl your way out of the promise.

According to “The Zoe Report” in *HuffPost*, a common explanation might be, “I am a people pleaser,” but that is an oversimplification. “People-pleasing is not only about repeatedly saying yes, it is also about what we don’t say or do in order to avoid conflict.” The article helped me understand that when we say yes, we are also saying no to alternate possibilities.

It’s important to wrap our minds around this truth, because it can save us from disappointment and turmoil. Whether we tend to say yes or say no, our tendency typically applies to every decision—from simple ones, like whether to contribute to a potluck, to life-changing ones, like whether to change careers.

I recently heard about a woman who said yes when her boyfriend proposed, although her gut told her the relationship had run its course. In praying about the situation, she recognized that her acceptance of the proposal came from her fear of accepting the relationship’s failure, inflicting pain on others, and being alone. Ultimately, saying no would mean she would have to embrace her own internal conflicts, something she had neglected to acknowledge.

After prayer, she overcame her fear and ended the relationship. Later, when she entered the sacrament of marriage with someone else, she did so with a full understanding of the commitment and joy it encompasses. It is important to not overpromise and underdeliver. When you have to make a decision, give yourself and others who are involved the gift of time to assess all aspects of it. Pray about it. If you say yes, know what you’re also saying no to, and vice versa. Maintain a big-picture lens to avoid the stress of finding yourself in a less-than-desirable situation. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Angels: Servants of God, Guardians of the Faithful” by Michael Eisenbath

Perhaps the greatest angelic devotion for Catholics is reserved for Michael, whose feast is celebrated with Gabriel’s and Raphael’s every September 29. Michael is mentioned four times in Scripture: twice in the Book of Daniel, once in the Book of St. Jude, and once in Revelation. From those references, the Church has concluded that he has several key responsibilities, including to battle Satan, take the souls of the faithful departed to heaven, and be a champion of the Church. Angels resemble human beings in that they were created with intelligence and free will. The Church teaches that soon after their creation, the angelic spirits divided into two groups: those that freely submitted to God’s will and those who refused to do so. The evil spirits, led by the angel Lucifer, were driven out of heaven by the obedient angels, led by Michael.

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Loving and faithful God, help us learn the true joy of living together as brothers and sisters with all your children. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

September 29—
October 4

Monday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael:
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab / Jn 1:47–51


Tuesday, St. Jerome:
Zec 8:20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:
Neh 2:1–8 / Lk 9:57–62

Thursday, Holy Guardian Angels:
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12 /
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Friday, Weekday:
Bar 1:15–22 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, St. Francis of Assisi:
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29 / Lk 10:17–24

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