

Newman News



University Catholic Community
St. Paul's Newman Center
Fall 2013

To connect and inform our Faith Community

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Matthew 10:8

Upcoming Events

Christmas Liturgies
December 24 & 25

Resident SEARCH Retreat
January 24-26

Parish Faith Festivals
February 9

Lenten Parish Retreat
February 24 - 26

Ash Wednesday
March 5

Student SEARCH Retreat
March 7 - 9

Spring Break
March 17 - 21

Triduum Begins
April 17

**Youth Confirmation
Celebration**
May 8



Stewardship at St. Paul's Newman Center

In the past, our parish has made commitments for Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Financial Resources each fall. This made the beginning of our academic year pretty hectic and sometimes overwhelming. Therefore, we decided to do things differently this year by breaking up our commitments.

Sometimes we are confused about the similarity of time and talent. It seems we can't give of our talent without also giving of our time. But what if we think of giving our time back to God in another way? What if we make a commitment of our time toward spiritual growth through prayer and faith formation? This September, we pledged our Stewardship of Time to grow in faith as individuals and as a parish community. We fulfilled these commitments by participating in one of the many parish faith formation opportunities, through reflection, and prayer. We will continue to have these opportunities this spring. Please take a few minutes to consider the opportunities listed in this newsletter.

We recently completed our annual Financial Stewardship appeal in November. At the printing of this newsletter over 201 parishioners have pledged \$323,029 in support of our ministry. We find ourselves honored and blessed that our faith community has pledged to support us in this way.

In January, we will pledge our commitment of Talent. This will be an opportunity to serve in the many ministries within our parish community. These opportunities, to name a few, will include Liturgical Ministry, Social Ministry, and Formation. As with Time and Financial Stewardship, we will bring our cards to the altar to symbolize our commitment to our great and generous God.

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on all of three of these expressions of Stewardship and to think about how God is calling you to serve our church and our community. God gives so much to us, and we know these are some of the ways we give back to Him.



Director of Pastoral Ministry, Anthony Allen, Leading the Charge in Parish Faith Formation

Anthony Allen recently joined St. Paul's Newman Center Staff as Director of Pastoral Ministry. He has not wasted time in implementing faith formation opportunities and sacramental formation for individuals of all ages. Anthony's gentle approach to teaching and facilitating discussion, as well as his ability to listen, has been instrumental in engaging our community in growing their faith.

"As Director of Pastoral Ministry at St. Paul's Newman Center, I hope to engage the parish community in several ways," explains Allen. "Everything that I do in ministry I want to do as a servant leader. I want to provide opportunities for people of all ages to grow in understanding of our Catholic faith. I want to form lasting, affirming friendships with fellow parishioners. I will strive to be approachable, helpful, and informative to any person who enters through our parish doors. The educational programs will be designed to be instructive, but also geared to building community and



faith sharing. I want to help families grow in their faith and relationship with Christ and their commitment to one another.

I feel very blessed to be a new member of Saint Paul's Newman Center. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to work with such dedicated, knowledgeable and caring people."

Opportunities for Faith Formation

Diving Deep This is a Sunday morning adult study in faith, scripture, and discipleship. We explore a different topic each Sunday. Sessions begin at 9:30 am and end at 10:30 am in Bishop Newell Hall beginning January 5th.

Living the Eucharist Utilizing a small group format, renew your experience of the Eucharist as a mystery to be believed, celebrated and lived. *Living the Eucharist* meets six weeks and begins the first week of Lent. Times and location will be listed in the bulletin.

Adult Confirmation For adults 15 years and older who have not completed initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Formation is on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm beginning January 14, 2014.

Family Faith Formation Every Tuesday, families explore Catholic traditions and faith through prayer, scripture, catechesis and fun activities. Sessions meet for an hour, beginning at 6:00 pm in Bishop Newell hall starting January 7th.

Resident SEARCH Retreat A weekend getaway to experience Christian Community through worship, faith sharing and recreation. Dates for the retreat are January 24 - 26, 2014 at the Vee Bar Ranch in Centennial.



Parish Faith Festival Sunday, February 9, 2014

This event begins with 11:00 am celebration of the Eucharist followed by a potluck lunch, faith activities for children and an adult presentation:

Characteristics of the Catholic Evangelizer

Be sure to reserve this date for an awesome afternoon of faith formation.

All are welcome!

Remodel at Women's House

One of our ministries at St. Paul's Newman Center is providing housing for University of Wyoming Catholic students. The men reside at 1813 Garfield Street and the women live at the 1823 Garfield Street. Blessed with a matching grant from the **Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation**, we were recently able to renovate the 60 year old kitchen at the women's house. A wall dividing two small rooms was removed, providing an improved space for preparing meals and building community.

BEFORE RENOVATION



NEWLY REMODELED KITCHEN

Lenten Parish Discipleship Retreat

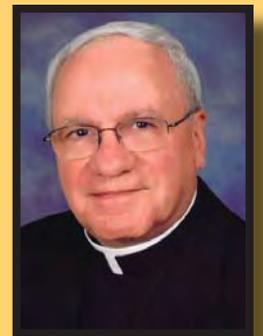
Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP is leading our parish Lenten Retreat February 23-26, 2014. The *Parish Discipleship Retreat* will explore the encounter that each of us has with Christ, how Christ leads us to dimensions of salvation shown in our life of discipleship, and how that discipleship shows itself in the love we show others, particularly those in need.

What outcomes might our parish anticipate from this retreat? These in particular:

- A greater sense of Catholic discipleship among the parishioners
- A common vocabulary about faith and church
- A stronger bonding between parishioners and their leadership

- A greater openness to ministry and service
- An openness to being involved in small group experiences

Fr. DeSiano is the President of the Paulist Evangelization Ministries. He served as a consultant for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization. Fr. DeSiano will introduce the Lenten Retreat at the Sunday Liturgies, beginning on February 22nd.





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Liturgical Celebrations for the Christmas Season



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday,	December 21	4:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Eucharist
Sunday,	December 22	8:30, 11:00 am	Liturgy of the Eucharist

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday,	December 24	4:30 & 6:30 pm	Christmas Liturgy of the Eucharist
Wednesday,	December 25	Midnight	Christmas Liturgy of the Eucharist
		10:00 am	Christmas Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Octave Day of Christmas—Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday,	December 31	5:15 pm	Liturgy of the Eucharist
Wednesday,	January 1	10:00 am	Liturgy of the Eucharist

Solemnity of the Epiphany of Jesus Our Lord

Saturday,	January 4	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Eucharist
Sunday,	January 5	8:30, 11:00 am	Liturgy of the Eucharist

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday,	January 11	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Eucharist
Sunday,	January 12	8:30, 11:00 am	Liturgy of the Eucharist
		5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Eucharist

- No 5:00 pm Liturgy on December 22 & 29 ,and January 5, 2014 •
- No 5:15 pm Liturgy on December 25 and January 1, 2014 •