

Newman News



University Catholic Community
St. Paul's Newman Center
Fall 2016

To connect and inform our Faith Community

Upcoming Events

Christmas Liturgies
December 24 & 25

First Day UW Classes
January 23

Resident SEARCH Retreat
January 27-29

Faculty/Staff/Student Liturgy & Lunch
February 6

Jack Jezreel
February 19-21

Ash Wednesday
March 1

Spring Break
March 13-17

Student SEARCH Retreat
March 31-April 2

Triduum
Holy Thursday—April 13
Good Friday—April 14
Easter Vigil—April 15
Easter Sunday—April 16

Youth Confirmation Celebration
April 26



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Preparing for the Future

by Fr. Rob Spaulding



“It is an exciting time to be a member of St. Paul’s!” This statement by Maureen Boddicker describes the feel of the town hall meeting held in late October. Nearly 100 members of our community gathered to begin planning for the future of St. Paul’s Newman Center. This meeting was the result of a plan put into motion in 1993.

At the town hall meeting, Ken Griesemer, a liturgical design consultant, led us through an exploration of the four pillars of our community: 1) Worship and Prayer, 2) Community Gathering and Formation, 3) Student Campus Ministry, 4) Direct Service to the Laramie Community. These pillars are the priorities that will help us evaluate our current facility and guide our plans as we look into the future.

St. Paul’s was established in 1957 to serve the students, faculty and staff of the University of Wyoming. When the current facility was built, there were many skeptics. It was on the “edge of town” (in 1957), on the site of the old Albany County Fairgrounds. Many wondered if a church with seating for 180 would ever be filled.

In 1993, under the leadership of Fr. Roger Schmit, O.S.B., the worship space of St. Paul’s was renovated to reflect the theology of the Second Vatican Council that the real presence of Christ is also found in the community gathered around the altar. That year also inaugurated a 3 phase plan: 1) renovate the worship space, 2) acquire all the property on the block, 3) begin planning for the next 50 years.

In 2005, the property acquisition was completed and we are now in the process of planning for the future. The next step for our community is to contract with a professional to complete an assessment of our current facilities. Once that is complete, we will gather for another town hall meeting to outline steps and a timeline for moving forward.

Our website will have the most recent information as well as a detailed history of St. Paul’s and thorough notes from the October town hall meeting. I will do my very best to stay in touch with our community because your voice and participation are essential to discern how God’s Spirit is leading our community into the future. It is indeed an exciting time to be a member of St. Paul’s Newman Center.

Ken Griesemer, Liturgical Design Consultant -Myra Belser



How do you go about deciding the next steps for the future facility needs at St. Paul's Newman Center? You call on the professional services of someone who has over 30 years of experience as an architect and whose passion is designing spaces for worship and prayer.

Ken Griesemer has visited St. Paul's Newman Center on two separate weekends. He is helping our community assess our needs and is guiding us in a step-by-step process of how we best can come to a consensus on how to attain those needs.

Ken believes that the space in which we gather for liturgy has the power to transform us as a worshipping community. Explaining his approach, Ken states, "Each project of making sacred space is

an opportunity for spiritual growth and liturgical renewal. The collaborative ministry of the liturgical design consultant is one of pilgrim and partner with the community; one of listener, teacher, facilitator, and designer. To build a holy place, the process must be seen as holy work. The process must be surrounded by prayer and be open to all. Trust in the gifts of the Spirit, and in the collective wisdom of the community are essential. Every building project should proceed in right relationship with our rich past and enthusiasm for what lies ahead on the journey of renewal."

In conjunction with his consulting business, Ken serves as a speaker at numerous parish, diocesan, regional, and national workshops on the worship environment, and the building and renovation process.

We will have more sessions with Ken in the upcoming months. Be sure to join us during this exciting time as we continue on our "journey of renewal."

Welcoming the Stranger...Embracing Our Diversity -Tom Quinlivan

At St. Paul's we have begun the process of incorporating Spanish into the 11:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy. Some of the prayers, hymns, psalms, parts of the homily, and the Eucharistic Prayer are now prayed at least partially in Spanish. The inclusion of Spanish recognizes that our Church is changing and growing in new and exciting ways. Currently, over one third of all adult Catholics in the U.S. are Latino, and in our diocese there are 60,000 people of Latino heritage. This reality provides us both with a challenge and an opportunity: a challenge to see the face of Christ in a different way in our worshipping communities and the opportunity to stretch beyond our comfortable selves into a new experience of Christ in multicultural worship.

Due to Pastoral changes in Laramie, the liturgy in Spanish at St. Laurence O'Toole had to end. We are doing our best at St. Paul's to welcome the Latino community while remaining faithful to our mission of serving the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Wyoming.

This change may be difficult for some of us. We may feel awkward as we stumble over words and struggle

with new musical styles. However, this experience will not divide us, but bring us closer together through experiences of cultural diversity and exchange. If we truly believe that we gather each Sunday as the Body of Christ, we must make sure that our liturgy reflects the diversity of the people of God. We engage in this process in a spirit of love, charity, and patience knowing that the more deeply we enter into the lives of those around us, the more readily and easily we share God's gifts with one another.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession 2015

Introducing the Newest Newman Staff -Myra Belser

Lillie Romeiser originally hails from the Chicagoland area, though she comes to us more recently from the University of Notre Dame, where she completed her Masters of Divinity degree in 2016. She fell in love with the Lord and with ministry through her home parish's high school youth group, where she worked as the Director of Youth Ministry upon graduating from Princeton University in 2007. Lillie also served as the Director of Camp Hope for individuals with developmental disabilities. The priorities for Lillie in ministry are encountering students and lovingly inviting them to authentic relationships with Christ. Lillie is always game for an outdoor adventure or service opportunity; two things she hopes to inspire others to at the Newman Center.



“What excites me most about my ministry is the way this community sings! The most beautiful sound in Catholic music is the voice of the assembly, and the community's voice at St. Paul's is second to none!”

Lynsey Spaeth is the fresh new face in the Administrative Assistant's chair, welcoming those who call or come into the parish office. Lynsey became a member of St. Paul's Newman Center as a graduate student in 2010. She participated in many of the campus ministry activities. “It was through relationships with the community and involvement at the Newman Center my faith-life radically shifted and became the entire focus of my heart and actions.”



Lynsey served with Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, in Bethel, Alaska working with at-risk high school youth. After another year of service in Hood River, Oregon she returned to Laramie.

New to the position of Director of Pastoral Music and Liturgy, **Tom Quinlivan** grew up in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and started singing in the choir at Holy Trinity parish at the age of eight. He has been involved in music ministry ever since. In high school he started playing the piano at church, and in college he was the Music Ministry intern at the Newman Center. One of his passions is working with children. He graduated in May from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.



“I am very excited to join the Newman Center staff. I eagerly look forward to fostering relationships with and among students, staff, and resident parishioners and encouraging people to become more actively involved in their faith. The Newman Center has been a place of discovery for me and I hope to continue that legacy, while working towards building the Kingdom of God here at the Newman Center and in the wider world.”

Gathered and Sent: God's Mission of Love -Myra Belser



What are the greatest needs of the poor in Laramie and how can our faith community respond? Answering these questions will define the 4th pillar of the planning process for St. Paul's Newman Center: *Providing Direct Service to the Laramie Community*. In February, **Jack Jezreel**, the founder of JustFaith Ministries will be here to offer a spiritual meditation on the importance of service as mature Disciples of Christ and to identify concrete ways that we can serve the needs of the Laramie Community.

In Advent of 2014, we were invited to view Jack's presentation, “Gathered and Sent.” In this reflection, Jack challenges us to be imitators of Jesus who gathered disciples together in order to form them and send them back into the world on mission. Jack points out that most Catholic Parishes are very good at gathering but do very little to respond to the command of being sent to become Christ for each other. You can view Jack's presentation here: <http://tinyurl.com/hlblsaf>. Jack will be here, Sunday-Tuesday, February 19-21, helping us to prepare for the season of Lent by preparing to serve our sisters and brothers.



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Christmas Liturgies

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday	December 24	4:30, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 25	Midnight, 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Friday	December 30	5:00 p.m.
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**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Saturday	December 31	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 1	8:30, 11:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	January 7	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 8	8:30, 11:00 a.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Monday	January 9	5:00 p.m.
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