

# Newman News



St. Paul's Newman Center  
University Catholic Community  
Fall 2017

To connect and inform our Faith Community

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## *Upcoming Events*

**Thanksgiving Sunday Supper**  
November 19  
6:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Day Liturgy**  
November 23  
10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Bazaar**  
December 2  
8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception**  
December 8  
5:15 p.m.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
December 12  
6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Liturgies**  
December 24-25

**Southwest Liturgical  
Conference**  
January 16-19  
Cheyenne, WY



**ST. PAUL'S NEWMAN CENTER:**

*building Faith, building Space*

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by Fr. Rob Spaulding

The vision is becoming clearer as the process of listening to God's Holy Spirit bears fruit. For the past several months our community has been studying and praying about our future. We have listened to informative presentations by Ken Griesemer as he has walked us through the past 2000 years of church history; both in architecture and in the way the Eucharist has been celebrated. We will continue this process for the next two months. This time of study and prayer will include more time for sharing and listening to the Holy Spirit through the members of our community. By the second week of December, we will have a written description of who we believe God is calling us to be for the next 50 years.



In addition to study, we have taken some practical steps as well. You will read in this newsletter about the exciting acquisition of the property at 1800 Garfield and the potential this house offers for ministry at St. Paul's. We have also contracted with Matt Newman of GSG Architecture to coordinate local and regional experts to perform an analysis of our current facilities and to represent our community as we select an architect to assist us. That is the next immediate step.



*Facilities Formation with Ken Griesemer*

During the first week in November, an architectural firm will be selected for the purpose of listening to the dreams that our community will present in December. The firm will then take the information about our existing facilities and make recommendations about what could be repurposed or renovated and what might need to be constructed to make these dreams a reality. In February, of 2018, the firm will present their proposal(s) to our community and we will once again gather to pray and to listen to God's Spirit through one another.

Although tiring at times, this journey has been so rewarding for me as your Pastor. Seeing the passion and talent of so many members of our community at work has been humbling and exciting. The next

gathering with Ken Griesemer will be November 6 and 7, both at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to be present as we continue to pray about *building Faith and building Space*.



Parish Facilities Formation

## Knock and the Door Shall Be Opened - Mt. 7: 7

As the ministry of St. Paul's Newman Center continues to grow, so does our need for additional space. This summer, the Newman Center was presented with an opportunity to purchase a well-built, home at the corner of 18th and Garfield Streets. This home was built in the 1950s for John and Patricia Guthrie and has been their family home until last year when Patricia died.

Legacy of Faith funds (earmarked in 1999 by the Diocese of Cheyenne for property expansion at St. Paul's Newman Center) were used for the purchase and minor renovation costs (cleaning, painting and minor repairs/upgrades). For now, the property will be used

as additional campus ministry space. Our university students are especially excited and have been very involved in removing wallpaper (it was everywhere!), pulling carpet and cleaning.

As we "go to press" with this newsletter, we are ready to begin using the main areas of the house. The large rooms on the west side have been painted, floors refinished and carpeted. Next on the agenda is to paint and refinish floors in the three bedrooms and, soon, open those rooms for use, as well.

Watch for details and a date for an Open House.

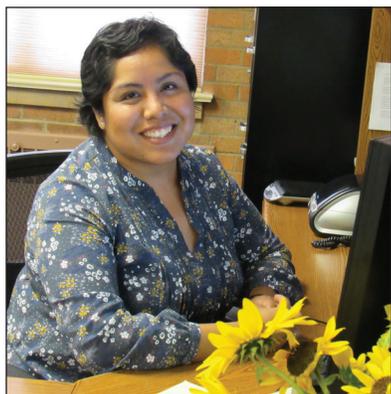


1800 Garfield Front Entrance



Carpeting Work in Sunroom

## ¿En qué puedo servirle?- How may I Help You? Hispanic Ministry - Sandra Loza y Myra Belser



Outreach to our Latino brothers and sisters in our faith community has resulted in increased numbers of Hispanic families actively participating at St. Paul's Newman Center. Over the past two years, parish leadership

has been looking for ways to better minister to Latino students at the University and to engage the entire Hispanic community in Laramie.

St. Paul's has offered various celebrations in Spanish and tried to meet the needs for sacramental preparation. Unfortunately, because Father Rob was the only staff member able to speak Spanish, it was difficult to effectively minister to all the needs being presented.

### Community Charity Garden

It started as the Eagle Scout Project of Matthew Mittelstaedt. Raised beds were constructed, soil with a watering system was incorporated, and seeds were planted. The result was a nice variety of greens, root vegetables, beans, and squash which were donated to the Laramie Soup Kitchen. Thanks to the many hands who tended the garden and harvested the vegetables. We welcome any one with a green thumb to this ministry next spring.



Esther Allen and Anna Rachocki Tending Garden

### 2018 Southwest Liturgical Conference (SWLC) January 16-19

*Awaken The Voice: Sing As One To The Lord"*  
*Despierten la Voz: Cantemos como Uno al Señor"*

Nationally known keynote speakers, workshops, liturgies, music, and more, are all wrapped up into 4 days of formation to spiritually revitalize and inspire the way we celebrate eucharist. An added bonus to this year's conference is that it is being held at Little America in Cheyenne, WY. Detailed information plus registration can be found at the website: [www.swlc.org](http://www.swlc.org)

This summer, Sandra Loza was hired as the Administrative Assistant. Sandra is bilingual and has extensive experience working in Gillette with the Hispanic community. For Sandra, church is family. "It is where I can be myself and surround myself with individuals who believe in the same principles. It is a place where I can ask for help, while also being able to help others. Being a Spanish-speaking parishioner taught me to be open to change. Mother Teresa once said, 'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.' I am forever grateful to St. Paul's Newman Center and Father Rob for giving me the opportunity to 'do small things with great love.'"

As St. Paul's Newman Center's first bilingual Administrative Assistant, Sandra is helping to meet the spiritual, sacramental, and social needs of Hispanic families in our parish. Language plays an important role in the process of faith formation of Hispanic Catholics. Being bilingual is creating trust that facilitates belonging and participation as we celebrate the diversity of our Catholic family.

Leadership at St. Paul's Newman Center has been working hard to provide and use bilingual resources which invite the integration into parish life of Hispanic Catholics of all ages. Awareness related to immigration rights, a topic that is often overlooked, is being addressed. Most importantly, Liturgy of the Eucharist is being prayed in Spanish every Thursday!



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday December 23  
 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 24  
 10:00 a.m.

**\*There is only one morning liturgy on 12/24\***

***Christmas Liturgy Schedule 2017***

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

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

**Holy Family Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

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

**Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Monday January 1  
 10:00 a.m.

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Saturday, January 6  
 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, January 7  
 8:30, 11:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Monday January 8  
 5:00 p.m.

