

Newman Announcements for September 11, 2022 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week
It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture. ©LPI

Retirement Fund for Religious Sept. 11, 2022

Lighten the load. Today, religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Support to *Retirement Fund for Religious* helps to provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. A gift will be made from our 10% tithe. Additional donations are welcome by noting **Retired Religious** on the memo line of your check.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wed. & Sat. 4:00 p.m.

September 10 - 18

Sat	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's	
Sun	8:30 am	Nancy Facciani	
	11:00 am	Feliberto Sanchez	
	5:00 pm	no intention	
Mon	5:00 pm	Chris Frandsen	
Tues	5:00 pm	For the intention of Leonard & Patrick Taylor	
Wed	5:00 pm	Gayle Webb	
Thurs	5:00 pm	For the intention of Patricia Taylor	
Sat	5:00 pm	Joyce Martinez	
Sun	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's	
	11:00 am	Franklin D. & Franklin G. Taylor	

Martha & Mary Open House

Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women of St. Paul's Newman Center are invited to an Open House on the front lawn of the church.

Our leadership team will be available to share information about our upcoming fall schedule for special interest small groups, monthly meetings and Holiday Basket Fundraiser. Treats and beverages will be served.

Alpha : Exploring your Christian Faith

Each session looks at a question designed to spark conversation. The evening begins with a meal, followed by a short talk and discussion, beginning Monday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Showing of *Procession*

Sunday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Formation Kickoff September 18

Family Faith Formation 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Middle School Ministry 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

High School Ministry 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Alpha: Exploring Christian Faith

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 26

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 20

Family Faith Formation (FFF) kicks-off on Sunday, September 18 (9:45-10:45 a.m. in Bishop Newell Hall). In addition to providing resources for children's home lessons, FFF will gather in-person once a month for activities for the whole family. The dates of these gatherings are: Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 13, and Dec 18.

Email Lillie@newmancenter.org for more information or to register a child!

A Bible Study on the Gospel of John, is open to all adults in the Laramie community. The study will utilize a Catholic resource on the Gospel called *Jesus, the Word Made Flesh* from Threshold Bible Study (Parts 1 & 2 - \$20 total). Meetings will be on Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m., starting September 28. Invite a friend to join you for this time of learning and community-building. No

Bible experience necessary! Email

Lillie@newmancenter.org with questions, or click [here](#) by Fri, Sept 16 (to ensure the on-time arrival of your resource).

Middle and High School Ministry begins Sunday, September 18. Middle Schoolers meet at 3:45 and High Schoolers are invited to Sunday Supper at 6:00 and will then meet at 6:15 p.m. at Emmaus. Come get psyched about your faith! Questions? Contact Brenna at brenna@newmancenter.org.



Procession Screening & Discussion

The Diocese of Cheyenne is offering a private screening of the documentary film, *Procession* at Saint Paul's Newman Center, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 6:30 pm. *Procession*

is a documentary film featuring six men who are survivors of childhood clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and the Diocese of Cheyenne. This drama therapy-inspired experiment is a collaborative filmmaking process that gave these men an opportunity to collectively work through their trauma. The film is rated R, and many of the scenes are difficult to watch. A question/answer period with Bishop Steven and one of the survivors featured in the film, who has named Bishop Hart as his abuser, follows the screening. The intention of this private screening and discussion is for the family of the Catholic Church to process concerns and questions with Bishop Steven, as well as with Ed, who can share his personal story. The focus of this gathering is healing victims/survivors, protecting children, and continuing transparency in the Church, as well as to discuss sexual abuse within the context of the whole society, as a human problem. To protect the privacy of all who attend, this gathering of the Catholic family is closed to all media and may not be recorded.

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Bringing Home the Word

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Sonship Restored

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes at a later hour, receiving the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us towards those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy, should be that of the loving father in today's gospel. The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support,

and understanding. The Father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns ruined by sin.

Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The parent-child relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father in the gospel. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Be prepared to forgive those who have hurt us. Be ready to open our hearts and our arms to embrace those who are seeking our acceptance, our understanding, our love. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

When someone whose heart is synchronized with God's sees the repentance of a person, they rejoice, no matter how serious their mistakes may have been. They do not stay focused on errors, they do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person's good is mine as well!

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Sunday Readings

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses implored the LORD... "Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel..." So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Luke 15:1-32

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- With whom do you most identify in the Gospel story: the sinful son, the jealous brother, or the loving father?
- Explain your selection.

Let God Out of the Box

By Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

Christians believe that God is infinite and eternal, God stands outside the bounds of space and time. God is omnipotent, omnipresent, omnibenevolent, and omniscient. God is, as one of my favorite gospel songs says, “awesome.”

And yet, we often squeeze our infinite God into tiny boxes. I guess it's inevitable. It's pretty tough to visualize something that's beyond our understanding, hard to get a handle on the infinite. And there's nothing wrong with contemplating God in bite-sized portions—it's just that it becomes so easy to deny everything that doesn't fit into our little box.

Some insist God is male and deny any other possibility. The artwork of our Catholic tradition has so often portrayed God as an older white male that artwork portraying God in any other fashion is seen as false. It's very hard to get God out of that little box. The language we use to describe God in our liturgies is masculine, and any attempt to use feminine pronouns is usually met with hostility even though Catholic theology teaches us that to do so is perfectly acceptable (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 370). If God is truly all things, what's wrong with painting God as a young, black female?

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paradise for one reason or another. We build a box out of justice (our definition) and seal it with self-righteousness, imagining it will hinder the flow of God's limitless mercy to those we deem unworthy.

Some even limit God's mercy as it applies to themselves. God loves me whether I believe it or not, but not believing it greatly limits the effect God's love has on my life. Imagine yourself

drowning in the ocean. You've gone under twice; it's dark, and you're scared. Someone throws you a life preserver, but it lands behind you and you don't see it. To you, it doesn't exist. So even though it's only a few feet away, it cannot save your life, and you drown. Just so, if I deny God's mercy, then for all intents and purposes it doesn't exist in my universe.

The same is true if I deny God's love. It cannot help define who I am. It cannot change the opinion I have of myself. It cannot save me from myself. If we imagine that God acts and reasons the same way we do, we fail to see God's love and mercy that surround us. Shall we open ourselves to the wonder and mystery that is God? Shall we let God out of the box?



Merciful God, mindful of how much we are forgiven, please give us the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 12–17

Monday, Weekday:

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33 / Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday, St. John Chrysostom:

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a / Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

Thursday, Our Lady of Sorrows:

1 Cor 15:1–11 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Friday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:

1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Weekday:

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49 / Lk 8:4–15