

Newman Announcements for September 4, 2022 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week
"Stand up straight and don't slouch!" Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother's lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!

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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 3 - 11

Sat	5:00 pm	Jamie Rupp
Sun	8:30 am	no intention
	11:00 am	Connie Morrison
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	no liturgy
Tues	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Wed	5:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs	5:00 pm	Kenneth Kennedy
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

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.

Sacrament of Anointing
Saturday, September 10
6:00 p.m.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Upcoming Events

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 5

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.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 20

Sunday Gift Offerings Aug 28: \$1,972.06

Our 10% tithe totaling \$197.00 will go to assist our brothers and sisters in need.

"...charge them to do good, be rich in good works and generosity, sharing what they have."

1 Timothy 6:18



Blood Drive

ST. PAUL'S NEWMAN CENTER

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

To make an appointment, click [here](#).

WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH

Family Faith Formation (FFF) kicks-off on Sunday, September 18 (9:45-10:45am 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 8:30-9:30am, beginning September 28 and running through April, with holiday breaks. Please consider inviting a friend to join you for this great opportunity for learning and community-building. No Bible experience necessary! Email Lillie@newmancenter.org with questions, or sign-up here by Fri, Sept 16 (to ensure the on-time arrival of your resource).



Come get psyched about your faith! 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 begin at 6:15 p.m. at Emmaus.

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Bringing Home the Word

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A Love of First Preference

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking about his first preference for love. When Jesus says his disciples should “hate,” he means only that we should place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: “In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should, then, love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives

and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them” (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus’ words mean we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first. The first “other” is God himself.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits, or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation.

There are many ways to love God and neighbor. And everyone, regardless of job or title, vocation or station in life, can love. This Labor Day weekend, consider thinking about how you can better love those with whom you spend your workday: employees or supervisors, colleagues and customers, those who serve you and those you serve. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Every injustice inflicted on a person who works tramples on human dignity and the dignity of the one who does this injustice... Today, join with many men and women...who fight for justice in the world of work, for those...who manage their businesses fairly, even if they themselves lose as a result.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- While at work, do I live out my vocation as a disciple of Jesus?
- Am I living and working as I had hoped I would?

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 9:13–18b

Scarcely can we guess the things on earth, and only with difficulty grasp what is at hand; but things in heaven, who can search them out?

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

So if you regard me (Saint Paul) as a partner, welcome (Onesimus) as you would me.

Luke 14:25–33

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Good Housekeeping

By Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

We seek the good. But not all “goods” are equal. Some are more important than others. People are more important and have greater value, and thus are “higher goods,” than, for example, furniture. A starving human being’s life is of greater value than private property. Learning to correctly distinguish between goods of higher and lower value is one part of forming our conscience.

Classical moral theory distinguishes between “true” or “authentic” goods and those that are merely “instrumental.” True goods are those that have value in and of themselves. They are worth seeking and realizing for their own sake: a dignified human life, love, fidelity to our relationships, truth, beauty, integrity, justice, friendship, wisdom, knowledge of God, and happiness. Instrumental goods are useful only as a means for attaining true goods.

Money is an instrumental good. As a medium of exchange, its only moral value lies in what we do with it. It can be sought and attained through good or evil means, and it can be used as a means for good or evil. It should only be used to pursue and attain authentic goods.

Although folk wisdom reminds us that money can’t buy happiness, many people find a kind of pseudo-happiness in attaining and amassing money based on the fantasy of what they can do with it—even if all they do with it is make more money. In being satisfied only



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with possessing and accumulating more money, as if this were a good in itself, they cheat themselves of the opportunity to use their wealth for that which really and authentically satisfies.

Power is also an instrumental good. The pope, the president of the United States, and the father and mother of a family all have power and authority over others. That authority is an instrument that can be used to serve the authentic common good of others...or not. When

power itself is treated as an authentic good, holding onto power becomes a supreme value. This can breed corruption and despotism, disfiguring the moral life of the one who has power and harming those subjected to its use.

It is easy to confuse instrumental and authentic goods. We can treat money, power, and fame as if they were true goods and treat people as if they were instrumental goods. The Christian should never sacrifice authentic goods in the pursuit of lower goods. We should not trade our relationships with people for wealth or power; we should not sacrifice our personal integrity in the pursuit of comfort; we should not endanger the common good in the realization of our own personal desires. Christian moral life is a matter of having our priorities correctly ordered. +



Good and gracious God, encourage us in our work, calm us in our rest, and inspire us in our prayer. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 5–10

Monday, Weekday:

1 Cor 5:1–8 / Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Cor 6:1–11 / Lk 5:12–19

Wednesday, Weekday:

1 Cor 7:25–31 / Lk 6:20–26

Thursday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 / Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or Mt 1:18–23

Friday, St. Peter Claver:

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27 / Lk 6:39–42

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 10:14–22 / Lk 6:43–49