

Saint Paul's Newman Center

Heart Speaks to Heart



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:

Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays & Saturdays: 4:00 pm

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 12, 2025

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October 11-October 19

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Bernard Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Kay Harris and Rita Cash
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	No Intention
Tues	5:00 pm	No Intention
Wed	5:00 pm	Malgorzata Clennan
Thurs	5:00 pm	No Intention

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Michael Ruddy
Sun	8:30 am	No Intention
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
	5:00 pm	No Intention

SPNC Fall Mission

Save the date for our fall mission October 27-28, featuring Jesuit priest Fr. Eric Immel, S.J. as our special guest. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



We will celebrate World mission Sunday next weekend. Please prayerfully consider giving to our collection, which aids mission territories where the Church is young, persecuted, or struggling. To donate online, please click [here](#).

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others." ©LPi

Upcoming Events

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 12, 2:00 pm,
Iverson Mansion Lawn

Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer

Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:00 pm

**Catholic Charities of Wyoming
Faith and Advocacy Conference**
October 17-18 in Casper

World Mission Sunday
October 18-19

Stem Cell Swab Drive
Sunday, October 26, 9:30 am-1:00 pm
and 3-7:00 pm

SPNC Fall Mission
October 27-28

Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat
Saturday, November 8 in Riverton

Altar Server Formation

There will be two opportunities for altar server training this week. If you recently volunteered to serve as an altar server, please plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

Sunday, October 12, 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 pm



Family Faith Formation

Join us for an evening of dinner and prayer at our next family faith formation event. We will gather in Bishop Newell Hall on Tuesday, October 14, 6-7:00 pm. All families with children are welcome to attend. Come share a meal and enjoy a chance to pray and socialize with other families in your faith community. If you would like to attend, please click [here](#) to sign up, or contact Brenna Fankell: brenna@newmancenter.org.

Knights of Columbus Handyman Helpers

If you are in need of a handyman, the Laramie Knights of Columbus can help. They have established a free handyman program to provide for the community. The service includes short-term projects that do not require a building permit or licensed professional, and it is available to those who have a demonstrated need: financial, physical, etc. To request help, please contact KofC.handyman@gmail.com or call 307-745-5461.

Thank You!

Sunday Gift Offering

October 5 donations: **\$16,846.11**

Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,684.62**

Blessing of Animals

In remembrance of Saint Francis' love for all creatures, bring your pets to the Iverson Mansion lawn this Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 pm for a blessing.

Martha and Mary

Christmas Basket Fundraiser

Are you interested in making a raffle basket for Martha and Mary's upcoming fundraiser? You can visit Bishop Newell Hall after each Mass October 11, 12, 18, and 19 for supplies. For inspiration, see the Martha and Mary bulletin board in Bishop Newell Hall. Baskets are due on October 25.



Faith and Advocacy Conference

Catholic Charities of Wyoming invites you to their upcoming Faith and Advocacy Conference October 17-18 at Saint Patrick's Church in Casper. The conference will cover the importance of advocating for issues regarding Catholic social and moral teaching in the public arena. It will feature guest speakers, panels of current and former elected officials from Wyoming, workshops, and group discussions. To learn more or to register, please click [here](#).

Donor Volunteers Needed



Resident parishioner Susie Kidwiler's son Sean is in need of a bone marrow transplant. To help him find a donor, we are hosting an oral swabbing event in Bishop Newell Hall Sunday, October 26, 9:30 am-1:00 pm and 3-7:00 pm. Those who are interested in becoming potential donors can come get their cheeks swabbed to determine if they are a stem cell match for Sean. Donors must be between the age of 18 and 35. For more information, text "TeamSean" to 61474 or contact Sandy Rupp: rupp@newmancenter.org. To sign up for a swabbing, please click [here](#).



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Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat

The final Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Retreat is Saturday, November 8 at Saint Margaret Church in Riverton, beginning at 9:00 am and closing with Mass at 5:30 pm. This retreat focuses on hope for the poor, coinciding with *Spes Non Confundit* paragraph 15. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, please click [here](#) or call 307-638-1530 Ext. 1002. Please RSVP no later than Friday, October 24.





Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

October 12, 2025

They Were Cleansed

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The men in today's passages were considered outside the realm of God's concern. First, they were foreigners. Naaman was from Syria, a frequent enemy of ancient Israel. One of the healed men in the gospel passage was a Samaritan, a descendant of marriage between Israelites and foreign people who were exiled to northern Israel around 722 BC. These men were outsiders, distrusted, even despised because they were not Israelites who believed that only they were "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6).

Besides their foreign affiliation, these men suffered from the dreaded

disease of leprosy. Their affliction might not have been the disease we know by that name today, but perhaps a skin condition such as psoriasis or eczema. Whatever the case, Israel held that any form of skin flare-up rendered the sufferer unclean or unfit to participate in public ritual. Furthermore, contact with lepers threatened the religious status of others. It was for religious, more than hygienic, reasons that lepers were shunned.

It appears that God is not inhibited by human customs, even religious customs. Both men are healed of their ailment, one by the prophet Elisha and the other by Jesus. This alone would make both stories remarkable. But there is more: both returned to express their profound gratitude to the agent of God through whom they had been healed. Naaman was willing to transfer his religious allegiance to the God of Israel, and the Samaritan fell at the knees of Jesus, a hated Jew. Surely, God works in mysterious ways. †

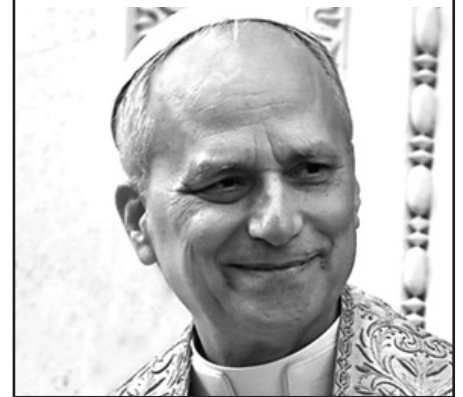


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A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us... "build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together."

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Sunday Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17

[Naaman said,] "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

2 Timothy 2:8-13

The Word of God is not chained.

Luke 17:11-19

[Jesus said,] "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?... Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do I often thank people?
- When I can't say thank you in words, do I express it with a smile, gesture, or act of kindness?



The Holy Hour and Perpetual Adoration of the Eucharist

This eucharistic devotion consists of an hour of prayer in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. As a practice, the custom of the Holy Hour draws its inspiration from Christ's admonition to the apostles in Gethsemane: "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mark 14:37).

The devotion of the Holy Hour was taught to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque when our Lord spoke these words to her in June 1674: "Every week, between Thursday and Friday, I will grant you a share in that mortal sadness which I chose to feel in the Garden of Olives. You shall keep me company in the prayer I then offered to my Father."

This devotion is one of the special practices associated with devotion to the Sacred Heart. Later in the nineteenth century, a French Jesuit founded a confraternity known as the Archconfraternity of the Holy Hour to help foster this devotion. The Holy Hour devotion has spread to many other countries and is quite popular today.

Perpetual adoration is a eucharistic devotion in which people of a particular church, diocese, or religious community practice uninterrupted adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day and night, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, without end. In some cases, perpetual adoration takes place in a small chapel apart from the main church building.

In 1642, Baron de Renty, famous for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, founded an association of women in Paris for perpetual adoration. In 1654, the Benedictine nun Mother Mechtilde founded the first community of Benedictines of the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since then, many religious communities have made eucharistic adoration either the main part or an essential part of their rule of life.

Pope St. John Paul II was a major advocate of eucharistic adoration. He started daily adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Peter's Basilica and erected a perpetual adoration chapel in Rome at the prompting of Mother Teresa. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "21 Days of Self-Care—With Biblical Inspiration" by Paige Byrne Shortal

"Elisha sent [Naaman] the message: 'Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean.' But Naaman went away angry." (2 Kings 5:10–11A). Elisha ordered Naaman the Syrian to wash in the river Jordan to be cured of his leprosy. Naaman's initial reaction was anger at such a simple solution. We may think that to be healed, we need expensive medicines and complicated regimens.

Sometimes, all that is needed is the plain and simple: a restorative nap, deep breaths, a walk, good food, cool water or a warm beverage, and a gentle shower or bath. Good health begins with self-care. If you are beginning a regimen of self-care, you may want to ask for the prayers and support of others.

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Generous and loving God,
source of all blessings,
please give us the grace
of humble gratitude and
unstinting generosity.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 13–18

Monday, Weekday:

Rom 1:1–7 / Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday, Weekday:

Rom 1:16–25 / Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday, St. Teresa of Jesus:

Rom 2:1–11 / Lk 11:42–46

Thursday, Weekday:

Rom 3:21–30 / Lk 11:47–54

Friday, St. Ignatius of Antioch:

Rom 4:1–8 / Lk 12:1–7

Saturday, St. Luke:

2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

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