

# 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 and Saturdays: 4:00 pm

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15, 2026



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### February 14-February 22

#### The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat	5:00 pm	Jimmy Johnson
Sun	8:30 am	Kermit Brown
	11:00 am	Daniel Klein
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's
Mon	5:00 pm	Catholic Extension Society
Tues	5:00 pm	Leanna Peterson
Ash Wednesday	7:00 am	No Intention
	5:15 pm	Robert "Pete" Patton
Thurs	5:00 pm	Lena Patton

#### The First Sunday of Lent

Sat	5:00 pm	Donnie Smith and David Gonzales
Sun	8:30 am	Elly Kozlowski and Benjamin Cramer
	11:00 am	Ronnie Sanchez
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of Saint Paul's

### 2026 Lenten Project

For our Lenten Project this year, we are supporting Ark Regional Services, a Laramie nonprofit that helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities increase their independence and actively participate in and contribute to their communities. They provide residential support services, employment opportunities and support, equestrian services, and educational classes across a variety of subject matters and areas of interest.

*Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week*

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

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## Upcoming Events

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
February 15 and March 1  
during the Sunday 8:30 am Liturgy

**Ash Wednesday**  
February 18

**Stations of the Cross and Simple Meal**  
Begins Friday, February 20, 5:30 pm  
at St. Paul's Newman Center

**Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer**  
Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 pm

**First Eucharist Preparation Begins**  
Monday, March 2, 6:00 pm

**Adoration and Praise**  
Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 pm

**Martha and Mary Lenten Gathering**  
Saturday, March 7, 11:00 am

**Faculty and Staff Evening of Prayer**  
Thursday, March 12, 5:30 pm

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

February 8 donations: **\$18,460.77**  
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$1,846.07**



Please bring your blessed palms from past years to the church to be burned for ashes.

### Ash Wednesday Collection

This year, our Ash Wednesday collection will be given to Catholic Charities of Wyoming. They serve and advocate for those in need by providing immigration services, affordable housing, senior care, and Native American collaboration.

### Ash Wednesday Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical ministers have not been scheduled for Ash Wednesday Liturgies. If you would like to volunteer to serve, please click [here](#) or call the parish office at 307-745-5461.



### First Eucharist Preparation

Formation for children preparing to receive first Eucharist will begin on Monday, March 2 at 6:00 pm.

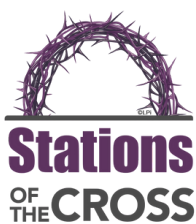
## UNBOUND

SEEKING THE FREEDOM OF GOD'S LOVE

If you are looking for deeper spiritual reflection and connection this Lenten season, join us for *Unbound: Seeking the Freedom of God's Love*, a six-week small group series offered through JustFaith Ministries. Journey through Scripture and discover how Jesus invites us to step into the light and claim life abundant. Small groups will begin meeting this week. We have several different groups that will meet at various times throughout the week, so please join the group that best fits your schedule. There is also an option to engage with the *Unbound* material individually. For more information or to sign up to participate, please click [here](#), contact Lillie Rodgers at [lillie@newmancenter.org](mailto:lillie@newmancenter.org), or call the parish office at 307-745-5461.

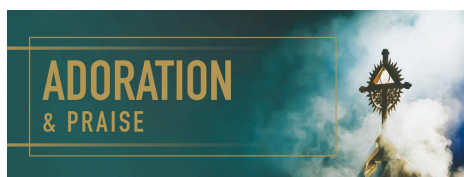
## Stations of the Cross and Simple Meal

On Fridays during Lent, join the Laramie community as we pray the Stations of the Cross. Stations will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by a simple meal. St. Paul's Newman Center will host the first three Fridays in Lent--February 20, 27, and March 6, and St. Laurence O'Toole will host the last three Fridays.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on February 15 and March 1 during the Sunday 8:30 am Liturgy. There will be no meeting on March 15 due to spring break.



Our next evening of adoration and praise will be on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 pm in the Worship Space.

### Martha and Mary Lenten Gathering and Speaker

All women are warmly invited to Martha and Mary's special Lenten gathering on Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 am in Bishop Newell Hall. We are pleased to welcome Sandy Rupp, Coordinator of Service and Outreach at St. Paul's Newman Center, as our guest speaker. Join us for fellowship and light refreshments afterward. Bring a friend!



St. Paul's Newman Center is starting a mom's group for mothers of all ages to grow in fellowship with one another. The group will meet in the evenings about once a month. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lillie Rodgers at [lillie@newmancenter.org](mailto:lillie@newmancenter.org) or click [here](#) to join our mom's group on Flocknote.

## Scholarship Opportunity for Laramie Catholics

The William Hubel Scholarship Fund for students continuing their education after high school was established in 2005 with funds from the William Hubel Foundation. The scholarship is available to students from either St. Paul's Newman Center or St. Laurence O'Toole. If you are interested in applying, please email Emily Mahood at [emily@newmancenter.org](mailto:emily@newmancenter.org) or pick up an application at the parish office. Please submit your application no later than Monday, April 13 either via email to [office@stlaurenceotoole.org](mailto:office@stlaurenceotoole.org),

or by mail to:

Hubel Scholarship  
St. Laurence O'Toole Church  
617 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Laramie, WY 82070

Please note that you are eligible for the scholarship each year you are in school after high school even if you received money in previous years.

### Family Faith Formation Dinner and Prayer

Families with children of all ages are invited to our next evening of dinner and prayer in Bishop Newell Hall on Wednesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm. To sign up, please click [here](#) or contact Brenna Fankell: [brenna@newmancenter.org](mailto:brenna@newmancenter.org). Don't miss this chance to share a meal in fellowship and prayer with other families in your faith community.



### Faculty and Staff Evening of Prayer

Current and retired UW faculty, staff, and spouses are invited to our Evening of Prayer on Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 pm. A reception will follow.

### Knights of Columbus Rifle Raffle

There are still tickets available for the Knights of Columbus rifle raffle. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Ethan McCauley at [1013.ethan@gmail.com](mailto:1013.ethan@gmail.com) or Lester Dumm at 307-421-1144.





# Bringing Home the Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
February 15, 2026

## What's In Your Heart?

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

Our faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine, or what we believe, to spirituality, or how

we live out what we believe as people of faith and recognize where God is in our lives.

There is a greater focus on what is in our hearts. This suggests that while actions are important, where our actions originate and what they say about who we are can also be important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

We pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer are nurturing to the faith of many, we have also discovered forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred Scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be only about reporting the kinds and numbers of sins; it is also about what is in our hearts and how we find ourselves relating to others. We confess both actions and attitudes that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It seems that all of this echoes this week's gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts. †

## Sunday Readings

### Sirach 15:15–20

Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them.

### 1 Corinthians 2:6–10

"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, [is] what God has prepared for those who love him."

### Matthew 5:17–37 or 5:20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37

I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- How is your faith different today than it was ten years ago?
- How would you like it to be different ten years from today?